

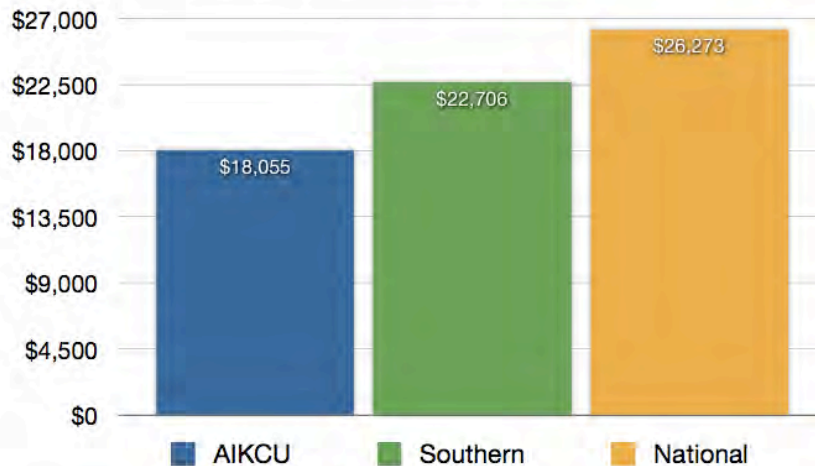


## News from the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities November, 2009

### AIKCU Tuitions remain well under national and regional private college averages

The College Board recently released its annual report on college costs, Trends in College Pricing 2009. The report lists the average tuition and required fees at private, nonprofit four-year colleges and universities across the United States at \$26,273. The average tuition and fees for private colleges in the Southern region is \$22,706. As they have traditionally, Kentucky's average published tuition and fees remain low in comparison to both the national and Southern averages. The average "sticker price" at AIKCU institutions for 2009-10 is \$18,055 (or \$18,959 if Berea is excluded from the calculation)

Average Published Tuition and Fees at Four-Year, Nonprofit Private Colleges, 2009-10



Source: AIKCU average from internal survey. Southern and National averages from the College Board's 2009 Trends in College Pricing ([http://www.trends.collegeboard.com/college\\_pricing/](http://www.trends.collegeboard.com/college_pricing/))

Notes: All figures are published tuition and fees. Few students actually pay this amount after financial aid awards. If Berea College is excluded from calculation, AIKCU average = \$18,959.

(See this and more relevant data visualized in the Graph of the Week on AIKCU.org)

## **AIKCU enrollment continues to grow, now at 31,264**

According to CPE's preliminary fall enrollment report, total enrollment growth (both undergraduate and graduate/professional) in the independent sector was 2.8 percent this fall over fall of 2008. Undergraduate enrollments at AIKCU institutions saw modest growth of 1.3 percent over fall 2008. Graduate enrollment at independent colleges and universities grew by 11 percent, thanks in large part to the addition of new graduate programs at several AIKCU institutions.

## **Congressman Brett Guthrie recognizes Kentucky Wesleyan College in the U.S. House of Representatives for more than 150 years of service**

On October 21, 2009, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 837, recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for its service as an institution of higher learning for over 150 years. The resolution was introduced by Representative Brett Guthrie of Kentucky's 2nd District. See the video at: <http://www.aikcu.org/2009/10/22/congressman-guthrie-recognizes-kentucky-wesleyan-for-over-150-years-of-service/>.

## **University of the Cumberlands announces new 3-year degree program**

University of the Cumberlands has begun a new program that encourages academically strong and committed students to complete their undergraduate degrees in 34 months. The Patriot Scholars Program uses a combination of AP or transfer credits, online classes and summer classes, as well as six regular fall/spring terms to make the effort more manageable.



## **Campbellsville University dedicates new School of Education Building**

Campbellsville University dedicated its new School of Education building in September. The 14,000-square foot facility consists of 21 offices, a conference room and six classrooms.

## **Asbury begins construction on Center for Communications Arts**

Construction is under way on Asbury College's \$12.1 million Center for Communication Arts. The 52,000 square foot facility will unite Communications, Media Communication, Journalism, and Theatre and Cinema Performance students in one place, "mirroring the convergence of these fields in the real world." Asbury anticipates that construction will be completed before the Spring 2011 semester.