



About Governor Steven L. Beshear

Examine what he already has accomplished for Kentucky. When you consider his experience as a businessman, an attorney, a public official, and a civic advocate, it is evident that Steve Beshear's passion and commitment to the betterment of Kentucky has been unflinching throughout his life. As a young state representative in 1974, he took the lead to help fund a desperately needed expansion for the University of Kentucky hospital's neonatal unit. While serving as Attorney General, he worked to curb consumer fraud. When elected Lt. Governor, he created and led the Kentucky Tomorrow Commission, realizing back then how essential it is for state government to think and plan ahead. As a respected attorney, he counseled large and small business enterprises – the backbone of job development. In November 2007, the people elected him as the

Commonwealth's 61st chief executive allowing him to continue his service to Kentuckians that has always been a cornerstone of his career. A native of Dawson Springs, Governor Beshear graduated with honors from the University of Kentucky and its College of Law. He and his wife, Jane, have been married 38 years. They have two sons and one grandson.

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LUNCHEON PROGRAM

21st Century Problems, 21st Century Solutions:
Engaging Postsecondary Education in Kentucky's
Social and Economic Transformation

September 29, 2008

THE OAK AWARD

The OAK Award, inaugurated in 1987 by the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, rewards outstanding alumni from Kentucky's colleges and universities.

2008 Recipients

Harry B. Gray

Arnold O. Beckman Professor of Chemistry, California Institute of Technology and Founding Director of The Beckman Institute Graduate of Western Kentucky University

James C. Klotter

Professor of History at Georgetown College and State Historian of Kentucky Graduate of the University of Kentucky

Johny B. Russell

Retired Nuclear Physicist and Senior Engineer, Boeing Company Graduate of Murray State University

THE ACORN AWARD

The Acorn Award, first given in 1992 by the Kentucky Advocates, goes to outstanding faculty at Kentucky's colleges and universities.

2008 Recipients

Marlisa R. Austin

Associate Professor of English KCTCS Jefferson Community and Technical College

Jerry D. Cook

Professor of Physics and Astronomy Eastern Kentucky University

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction of Governor Beshear

Dan Flanagan
Vice Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

Keynote Address

Steven L. Beshear
Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Luncheon

Presentation of OAK and Acorn Awards

Trey Grayson
Member, Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education and Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Closing Remarks

John Turner
Chair, Council on Postsecondary Education

MENU

Kentucky salad with mixed field greens, julienne country ham, julienne assorted peppers, buffalo mozzarella, grape tomatoes, and black strap molasses vinaigrette

Roasted dijon crusted strip loin and asiago crusted chicken breast

Potato gnocchi

Sauteed baby vegetables

Assorted martini glass desserts