

The Commonwealth Commitment

College and Career Ready

**Resolution Supporting the Role of Postsecondary Education
in Improving College and Career Readiness
by
Kentucky's College and University Presidents**

WHEREAS, education is the cornerstone of a strong economy, and a sustained commitment to educational opportunity and student success can bring about fundamental improvement in the quality of life of all Kentucky citizens; and

WHEREAS, too many students come to postsecondary education underprepared for college-level work; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1, passed in the regular session of the 2009 General Assembly, led to the implementation of several key education initiatives to impact college readiness and completion; and

WHEREAS, included in the legislation was a mandate for Kentucky's postsecondary education system to partner with P-12 leaders to align core academic standards, and to develop a Unified Strategy for College and Career Readiness, a comprehensive plan to improve the success of students with readiness needs; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's postsecondary education system has a clear and significant responsibility to work closely with the P-12 system to ensure that Kentucky's students benefit from high-quality teachers, and engaged and progressive school leaders; and new college readiness strategies; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's colleges and universities are responding to the needs of Kentucky's P-12 system through expanded outreach and collaboration with local schools, increased education research, innovative methods for preparing and supporting teachers and school leaders, effective professional development programs; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's P-12 and postsecondary education systems must work together to help students and families understand that postsecondary education is an attainable and financially viable goal and that the future economic well-being of students is tied to education beyond high school.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kentucky's Advisory Conference of Presidents, comprised of the chief executive officers of Kentucky's public universities, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, pledges to continue and expand efforts to build stronger linkages between Kentucky's P-12 schools and postsecondary education, improve student transitions from high school to college, support an ongoing model of collaboration, and lead the postsecondary system in the successful implementation of Kentucky's Unified Strategy for College and Career Readiness.

Done in the city of Frankfort, Kentucky this first day of September, 2010.