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KCTCS and Berea College Enter Transfer Partnership

KCTCS signed a unique transfer partnership agreement with Berea College on April 6 at the Boone Tavern Hotel of Berea College, where KCTCS President Michael B. McCall and Berea College President Larry D. Shinn held a signing ceremony.

The agreement is informally called “The Double Triple” because of the goal to eventually triple the number of transfers from KCTCS to Berea College and also in reference to the state’s 2020 goal of doubling the number of baccalaureate degrees.

The transfer agreement includes two components. The first is a general agreement which provides a framework for the transfer of courses, as well as support for KCTCS students who receive an associate degree and are accepted for admission to Berea College. The second component is the African-American Transfer Initiative to encourage African-American students to attend KCTCS and receive an associate degree, and then transfer coursework to Berea College.

“I am excited about the possibilities this unique transfer agreement will offer students at both KCTCS and Berea College. At KCTCS, we support improving the ease with which students can transfer to four-year institutions in our state,” said Dr. McCall. “This agreement will provide a structure that will allow KCTCS students to transfer



ABOVE: KCTCS President Michael B. McCall and Berea College President Larry Shinn sign the transfer partnership agreement.

academic credit to Berea College and to successfully continue on their path to a baccalaureate degree.”

The agreement will help both KCTCS and Berea College continue to serve the Commonwealth, and it is part of the public and private institutional partnerships encouraged in HB160, which was approved

by the state legislature on April 1. Representative Carl Rollins, sponsor of HB160, also spoke at the Berea event.

In addition, the African-American Transfer Initiative will begin as a pilot between KCTCS and Berea College for transfer applications for admission in the fall 2010-2011 academic year. The pilot program will begin in



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spring 2010, and will focus on facilitating the transfer of African-American graduates, particularly from central Appalachia, from five KCTCS colleges to Berea College. The five colleges are: Ashland Community and Technical College, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Hazard Community and Technical College, Somerset Community College, and Southeast Community and Technical College. As part of this pilot, Berea will accept African-American students from KCTCS who fulfill the qualifications for the program and admit them to Berea College for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The overall goal of this pilot, contingent upon the success and capacity of Berea College to increase the number of transfers, is to expand the African-American Transfer Initiative to all KCTCS colleges in the fall of 2011.



ABOVE: President McCall speaks with Big Sandy President George Edwards.



LEFT: Nicole McDonald, System Director for Transfer and Retention, and Natalie Gibson, System Director of Cultural Diversity, presented transfer agreement details at the press conference.

In 2008-2009, more than 15,000 KCTCS students transferred to a four-year institution. The partnership with Berea College will help to increase that number.

Community and technical colleges are an excellent value for students, particularly during these difficult economic times, because they provide an affordable and convenient pathway for students to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

The partnership with Berea College will allow KCTCS to continue to provide Kentucky with what it needs right now—real opportunity for real people in real time as KCTCS continues to transform lives and transform Kentucky.

