



ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT KENTUCKY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Alice Lloyd College
Asbury College
Bellarmine University
Berea College
Brescia University
Campbellsville University
Centre College
Georgetown College
Kentucky Christian University
Kentucky Wesleyan College

Lindsey Wilson College
Mid-Continent University
Midway College
Pikeville College
St. Catharine College
Spalding University
Thomas More College
Transylvania University
Union College
University of the Cumberland

A tremendous return on a small state investment

Only about 4 percent of Kentucky's total postsecondary spending goes to students attending Kentucky's independent colleges and universities, all in the form of student aid. In return, these institutions:

- Enroll more than 29,000 students. 75 percent are Kentucky residents
- Produce 22 percent of Kentucky's bachelor's degrees.
- Produce more than 5000 total degrees annually.
- Produce high percentages of bachelor's degrees crucial to Kentucky's future like math and science, education, nursing, and the health sciences.
- Provide access to bachelor's degrees in many underserved parts of the state
- Have a combined annual total economic impact of more than \$1.4 billion on the Kentucky economy - \$705 million through operations and another \$780 million in capital expenditures.

Focused on Kentucky priorities

Committed to working with the public universities and KCTCs to achieve CPE's double the numbers initiative have established aggressive 2020 degree production and enrollment goals.

Committed to help Kentucky boost STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education and achievement. Many specific initiatives in STEM areas.

Developing the graduates that Kentucky employers need by combining liberal arts education with career preparation.

Committed to increasing transfer. Many transfer agreements and collaborative partnerships with KCTCS to increase access to and completion of bachelor's degrees.

Serving growing numbers of adult students through traditional programs as well as through degree completion, flexible scheduling, online, and extended campus offerings.

Affordable

Average tuition is 35 percent lower than national independent college average and 25 percent lower than the southern average.

Virtually all students qualify for some form of financial aid.

- Institutions provide significant financial aid - about \$3 for every \$1 provided by the state.
- Qualifying students may participate in state and federal financial aid programs.

Diverse

Income: Students represent all income levels - 40 percent of all undergraduate students qualify for Pell Grants, the federal program reserved for the most economically at-risk students.

Experience: Large numbers of first-generation college students.

Age: more than 1 in 5 undergraduates is over 25.

Racial/Ethnic: 8.9 percent of students are minorities. 6.4 percent are African-American.

Students come from all 120 Kentucky counties, from states all over the U.S., and 108 countries.

Committed to student success

Small classes, personal attention, study abroad, internships, and experiential programs prepare students for success in life and work.

Offer a great variety of degree programs for traditional undergraduates as well as a number of flexible delivery models for working adults.

Focused on retention and timely degree completion - students are more likely to graduate in less time from an independent college.