EKU Signs ‘2+2’ Transfer Agreements with LCC, CKTC

EKU has recently signed several “2+2 Seamless Education Agreements” with Lexington Community College and Central Kentucky Technical College that will make it easier for graduates from the two Lexington-based institutions to transfer their academic credits into a related four-year program at Eastern.

The agreement with Central Kentucky Technical College (CKTC) allows the transfer of CKTC credits toward a baccalaureate degree in industrial technology at Eastern. The pact targets CKTC students who complete an associate degree in general occupational/technical studies through the machine tool, computer-aided drafting, electronics and industrial maintenance programs.

“This new partnership between Eastern Kentucky University and Central Kentucky Technical College will enhance educational opportunities for CKTC graduates by providing a direct, seamless pathway to a baccalaureate degree program,” said President Glasser. “This agreement is a perfect example of how educational institutions can work collaboratively to provide access to educational programs and address workforce needs.”

“This new 2+2 agreement represents many hours of work by faculty of both institutions,” CKTC President Ron Baugh said. “This first agreement addresses majors in manufacturing-related careers and is designed to provide graduates with the skills and attributes essential for this sector of our economy to grow and remain healthy. Students entering CKTC will have doors of opportunity open to them that did not exist prior to this agreement.”

Four similar new agreements between EKU and Lexington Community College (LCC) also provide a link between associate degree programs at LCC and related baccalaureate degree programs at EKU.

Under one agreement, LCC students who earn associate degrees in nursing, radiography, nuclear medicine, dental hygiene, dental laboratory technology and respiratory care now have direct access to EKU’s four-year programs in health services administration.

Under another agreement, LCC students who complete an associate degree in engineering technology, electronic options, will be eligible to enroll in EKU’s four-year programs in computer electronic networking and industrial technology.

Also, LCC students who complete the two-year architectural technology program are now eligible for advanced study in Eastern’s construction management program.

“We are certainly excited to solidify these agreements with Eastern Kentucky University,” said LCC President Dr. Jim Kerley. “These types of articulation agreements are vital between institutions so that students can continue their postsecondary education.”

Glasser called the agreements “a perfect example of how educational institutions can— and must—work collaboratively. Together, we will continue to provide access to quality educational programs to students throughout Central Kentucky. Together, we will help address the region’s workforce needs, contribute to economic development for this great Commonwealth and enrich the lives of Kentuckians.”

Faculty Respond Positively to TLC

EKU professors strongly believe in the benefits of education—for themselves as well as their students.

Dr. Douglas Robertson has been impressed with the response from Eastern faculty in his first year as director of EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center.

“Here, we are far exceeding that number even without summer program participants.”

Statistics, across the nation, having 10 percent of the faculty participate is considered great,” he added. “While I don’t have the final data, my guess is that about 35 percent of Eastern’s faculty participated in at least one TLC event this year. The commitment and dedication to good teaching is so strong among the EKU faculty that they are responding in a way that is three times great. They need to know that.”

Faculty interest doesn’t seem to be taking a vacation either. The Center’s Summer Institute, “Teaching & Technology,” which has an enrollment deadline of May 10, has already reached near capacity.

Faculty development opportunities offered by TLC include the Center’s regular workshops; events co-sponsored with other campus offices (which have included Crabbe Library, Women’s Studies, Institutional Research, Distance Education, the Graduate School, Information Technology, Honors Program, Multicultural Student Services, Student Success Institute, and the Training Resources Center); new faculty orientation; faculty conference attendance sponsorship; the TLC Breakfast Book Club; the Teaching Consulting Process (TCP); individualized faculty consulting, both for general issues as well as specific problems, and departmental consultations.

EKU established the Teaching and Learning Center in 2000 to serve as the focal point for the ongoing professional development of faculty and innovative teaching and learning strategies.
**Announcements**

**Rainees Receive Hughes Award**
At the Kentucky Political Science Association’s recent convention at Cumberland College, government professors Jane and Glenn Rainee were co-recipients of the David Hughes Award. The award, given for the “Outstanding Faculty Paper” presented at the previous year’s meeting, was awarded for “Representational Issues and Electoral College Reform: Implications of the 2000 Presidential Election.”

**Students Elect New SGA Leaders**
In Student Government Association elections April 16, Lucas Hammons and Mary Hall were chosen as president and executive vice president for the 2002-2003 school year. Correspondent Helen Thomas will address 1,215 members of the student body.

**Camp Offers Jump on Technology**
Participants in “Robot Worlds and Web Program” will have the opportunity to design and program real robots, design and create their own Web site and/or create amazing animations with Flash 5.0 software.

**Progress Wins Regional Award**
The Eastern Progress, the student-produced newspaper at EKU, has been named Best All-Around Campus Newspaper in the Region 5 Mark of Excellence competition (weekly division) sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

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State’s Oldest Football Rivalry Returns in 2003

The state’s oldest football rivalry between EKU and Western Kentucky University will be renewed in the 2003 season, both schools announced recently.

The two schools have met 78 times on the gridiron with the Hilltoppers holding a 42-33-3 edge. Eastern did not play Western last year after WKU left the Ohio Valley Conference to join the Gateway Conference in football only.

“I am pleased that Western Kentucky University returns to our football schedule for the 2003 season,” said President Glasser. “This great rivalry between two great institutions has produced some exciting games and represents the very best of intercollegiate competition. I know that our alumni, and football fans across the Commonwealth, will be pleased to see the EKU-WKU rivalry continue.”

EKU Director of Athletics Chip Smith echoed President Glasser’s thoughts. “This football rivalry draws attention of football fans across the Commonwealth,” Smith said. “We are pleased to resume this series.”

Eastern head football coach Roy Kidd, who begins his 39th season at the helm of the EKU football program this fall, has been involved in 43 of the 78 games between the two schools as a player, student assistant, assistant coach and head coach for the Colonels.

“It’s great to get Western back on the schedule,” said Kidd. “It’s a shame we ever stopped playing them. It is always a good football game where both teams are highly-motivated and ready to play football.”

The two teams are not scheduled to play in the 2002 season, but will renew the rivalry when Eastern travels to Bowling Green for a contest with Western, Sept. 20. Western returns the game at Eastern, Sept. 18, of the 2004 season.

Mock Trial Team Is 3rd in National Competition

Two EKU students were honored at a recent American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) national tournament, where the EKU team finished third overall.

Tara Beth Cornette, a senior psychology major from Lovely, received the Outstanding Attorney Award, and Danielle Mathews, a sophomore political science and English literature major from Stanton, was recognized as Outstanding Witness at the April 12-14 competition, held at Stetson Law School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

“I am particularly proud of this year’s novice students, who competed ably against schools such as Ohio State, UNC, NYU, Amherst and Rice at the national tournament in St. Petersburg,” said Dr. Sara Zeigler, assistant professor of government and director of Eastern’s Mock Trial program.

In addition to Cornette and Mathews, the EKU team included Jessica Newman, an English literature major and Honors Program student from Irvine; Emily Pfetzer, political science, Villa Hills; Stacie Greenlee, political science, Madisonville; Ryan Reed, political science, Honors Program, Covington, and Sarah Darnall, political science, Honors Program, Lexington.

The American Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament is in its first year and was created in response to the rapid growth in the number of schools participating in mock trial programs. More than 400 teams competed in 17 regions last year to win bids to the three national tournaments. Only a third of the registered teams receive bids.

The new tournament focuses on developing novice teams and new programs. While EKU has an established program, the students who competed in St. Petersburg were all novices – each was in the first year of competition.

Members of EKU’s Mock Trial team are, seated, left to right, Ryan Reed, Sarah Darnall, Danielle Mathews, Stacie Greenlee; standing, Jessica Newman, Dr. Sara Zeigler, Tara Beth Cornette and Emily Pfetzer.

New Publication Highlights Scholarship

A new campus publication will showcase the scholarship of EKU faculty, graduate and undergraduate students and professional staff.

A celebration will be held Wednesday, May 8 for the first issue of The Eastern Scholar. Members of the University community are invited to the event, 3-5 p.m. in Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building. Refreshments will be served.

“The mission of The Eastern Scholar is to showcase our scholarship and emphasize the importance of all types of scholarly activity at EKU,” said Dr. Bashole Thompson, dean of graduate studies. “The EKU community is rich in highly productive scholars who are well respected in diverse academic disciplines for their contributions in teaching, research and other types of scholarship. Their accomplishments invigorate Eastern’s academic community.”

Future issues will include articles based on the current research and other scholarly activities of faculty, students and professional staff and will highlight recipients of University Research Committee grant support.

“The campus community is invited to help us celebrate the importance of scholarship at EKU and the publication of the first issue of The Eastern Scholar,” Thompson said. “Those who attend the celebration can learn more about plans for future issues and how they may contribute to the publication. Information also will be available about funding opportunities for research and other scholarly activities through EKU University Research Committee grants.”

Alumni Association Honors Clark, Cantrell

Two EKU faculty members have been recognized by the University’s National Alumni Association for outstanding classroom performance.

Tammy Cantrell, visiting assistant professor and coordinator of EKU’s Interpreter Training Program at the University of Louisville, and Dr. Ross Clark, professor of biology, received the Alumni Association’s Awards for Teaching Excellence at the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet April 27.

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Current Position at EKU: Assistant Director of Continuing Education and Outreach.

Job Description: I am the main contact for Distance Education and work with the coordinators of Interactive Television, KET and Correspondence courses. I also assist the Dean of Continuing Education doing anything we can for the extended campuses. We help get programs, courses and technology to our campuses in Danville, Corbin and Manchester.

How long have you been in this position? A year and five months.

What’s the most rewarding part of your job? When we are able to get a course or program made available to students who would otherwise not be able to take college courses.

If you weren’t doing this job, what would you like to be doing? Probably teaching! I do a little bit of training with the faculty now, and have taught college courses before. I love teaching people.

What did you do before coming to EKU? I was the Administrator of Instructional and Distance Education Technology at Morehead State University.

Tell me about your family. Wife Emilee and two daughters, Abby, 3, and Anna, 3 months.

What are your interests and hobbies? When I have time I like to golf and fish. I also spend time working on my doctorate in Instructional Systems Design. I consider that a pseudo-hobby because it’s something I’m doing that requires a lot of time. And I’m with good company, so I’d have to say that’s my favorite spot.

What is your favorite food? I like southern cuisine such as gumbo and chili. I really enjoy spicy food.

What is your favorite vacation spot? My dad and I co-own a membership at a fishing camp at Kentucky Lake. We go a week or two every year to fish and golf. There’s no phones or televisions. It’s just the lake and us. It is beautiful there and I’m with good company, so I’d have to say that’s my favorite spot.

What is in your CD or tape player at home right now? At the moment it’s probably Blues Guest. However, if it was my choice it would most likely be Jimmy Buffet or Dave Matthews.

What book would you recommend to others? A book called “The Prophet” by Kahlil Gibran. He’s a Middle Eastern man who wrote with great insight about the human spirit. It’s a really neat book. I also like “Following the Equator” by Mark Twain.

Can you recall your most embarrassing moment? My wife and I spent our second date on a boat. In the back of the boat there’s a plug that you stick in the drain hole to keep water from entering the boat. I was so excited about the date that I forgot to do that. We were out for about a half hour before I recognized that the boat was sitting low and filled with water. Luckily we got the pumps going and everything ended OK. It was still embarrassing to know that on our second date I almost sunk the boat.

Can you recall the proudest moment of your life? My two proudest moments were the births of both of my children. It’s not so much pride in myself, as it is proud to be able to witness such an amazing event.

What’s the best advice you’ve ever received? My very first boss told me once that if you don’t make mistakes you’re not trying.

What makes you happy? Playing with my daughters and spending time with my family.

One thing nobody ever knew about you until now is? I’m a certified scuba diver in open water, deep water and search and rescue diving.

Who or what has influenced you the most? My parents. I think it would be impossible if you have good parents not to be influenced by them. They build the foundation of values, morals and direction.

If your secret ambition/fantasy came true, what would it be? Ever since I was a kid I’ve wanted to go in to space. I’d love to have that opportunity.

Your favorite childhood memory is? My grandfather and I used to get up early eat breakfast and go fishing in the summer. He died when I was 13 years old, so those are extremely fond memories because I don’t have a lot of them.

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**Student to Do Summer Research at Harvard**

One of Amanda Brown’s favorite gifts as a youngster was a chemistry set. But her parents may have had second thoughts when young Amanda tried one day to make soap and instead manufactured a soap bomb of sorts that left the kitchen table with a thick white coating that had to be scraped away. Even though those early experiments sometimes went awry, time has proven that the gift was a fortuitous choice. Brown, a senior environmental health science and chemistry major at EKU, is one of 17 college students nationwide selected for the prestigious National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program at Harvard University.

Brown, a 1999 graduate of Christian County High School and the daughter of Kathaleen and David Brown of Herndon, Ky., will spend 12 weeks at Harvard researching carbon cycling to measure the impact that hardwood forests have on greenhouse gases and global warming.

“I’m ecstatic,” Brown said. “Research experiences are really critical, especially because I plan to pursue a doctorate. And Harvard is the epitome of research, so everyone, at least once in their careers, wants to go to Harvard.”

Brown, a transfer from Hopkinsville Community College who boasts a 3.5 GPA, has been assisting EKU chemistry professor Dr. Lori Wilson on a NASA-funded research experiment in protein crystallization. NASA awarded Wilson a $377,000 grant to develop protein solutions that could be carried in a “microgravity test tube” aboard an upcoming space shuttle flight.

“I’ve learned a lot working with Dr. Wilson,” Brown said, “and the environmental health science professors have always been there to guide me and push me, too.”

Brown was selected on the basis of academic record, past research experiences and an essay about how the summer position would affect her career goals.

Each student in an REU program is granted a stipend and works closely with faculty and post-doctoral and graduate students.

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**IN REMEMBRANCE**

Student Regent Nick Bertram speaks at a campuswide Remembrance Service April 25 that honored 26 students and faculty and staff members who had died since November 2000. The event, in the Meditation Chapel, included special music and remarks from President Glasser and other campus officials.