



Newsletter

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President's Thoughts

By Veronica Hazard

Greetings KY AHEAD Members,

The KY AHEAD Conference is coming up soon. This year KY AHEAD will be held on Wednesday, May 23 to Friday, May 25 at [Lake Barkley State Resort Park](#). Please make plans to join us! The conference planning committee has lots of great things prepared for us this year. We would love for you to participate, even if you can only attend for one day. Visit the KY AHEAD website at <http://kyahead.org/> to register.



I am excited to announce that we have one position on the KY AHEAD Executive Board that will be open for nominations: President Elect, which is a 3 year commitment. Nominations for President Elect will be open and voted on during the upcoming conference business meeting. If you are interested in nominating yourself, nominating someone else, or if you want to learn more about this position, please contact me or any of the KY AHEAD Board members. We look forward to hearing from you!

Deadlines for the KY AHEAD scholarship awards have been extended to Friday, April 6th.

More information about applying is presented in an article to follow. Also, start planning now to bring an interesting regional item for Silent Auction. Proceeds from the silent auction fund our two student scholarships and the conference costs for two KY AHEAD members. With budget cuts becoming an ever present obstacle, this is one way we can support professional development activities for our fellow colleagues.

Finally, I want to recognize and welcome our new members. Please know that you are a valuable resource to this association and we look forward to working in partnership with you. You are invited to reach out to the Board, use the listserv to share relevant information or collaborate with individual KY AHEAD members to brainstorm or problem solve. Let's join together and remain focused on supporting and advocating for our students.

It has been a pleasure serving as President! All the best.

2017 KY AHEAD Conference



The Conference Committee is planning a dynamic program around our theme, ***“From Referee to Coach; the Evolving Roles of Disability Service Providers.”*** We will be at [Lake Barkley State Resort Park](#) in Cadiz, Kentucky from Wednesday to Friday, 23 – 25 May, 2018.

Have you noticed that your roles and responsibilities are expanding and getting into new territories? Do you find that the challenges are increasing in your career as a disability services

professional? This conference is a wonderful opportunity to share conversations about these topics with colleagues who can relate, and perhaps offer some direction.

Registration forms are due by Monday, May 7, and participants booking rooms at the lodge must do so by May 5 to ensure that they are able to book at the special KY AHEAD rate of \$67.00 per night plus taxes and fees. Registration is \$210 for the full 3 day conference, or participants may register for individual days of the conference for a prorated amount (Wednesday \$55, Thursday \$100, and Friday \$55).

Registration includes refreshment breaks on Wednesday, the President's Reception Wednesday, lunch on Thursday, and breakfast on Friday.

Our conference features a variety of speakers covering an array of current topics. On Wednesday we will kick off with panel discussions about our roles as disability services professionals and student perspectives about transition to college from high school, followed by a discussion about parents and their roles in students transitioning to college. Thursday we will talk about transition from two year community colleges to four year universities, have a session overviewing mental health issues, followed by an overview of students with ADHD with coaching exercises, and then a discussion about current issues relating to students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Our keynote address will bring it all together on Friday morning. We are proud to



introduce **Jodi Sleeper-Triplett, B.A., MCC, BCC**, who is a coach trainer, master coach, mentor, speaker, and author. Her company, **JST Coaching & Training**, provides training programs to coaches, educators and mental health professionals worldwide. She is the recipient of the 2017 Founders Award from the ADHD Coaches Association (ACO) and a 2016 CHADD Hall of Fame Inductee for 20 years of service to individuals and families with ADHD.



Social Event

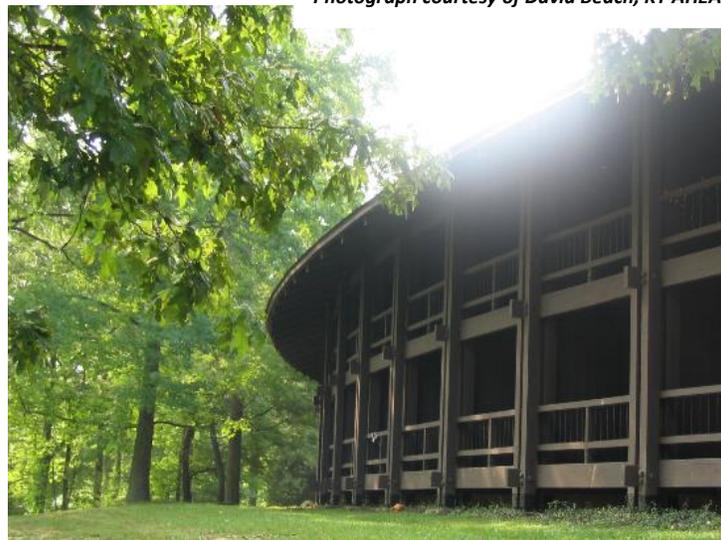
For an additional fee of \$25, we are planning live music and a cookout on Thursday evening. [The Salty Dawgs](#), including [Marty Purdy \(Ronda's husband\)](#), [Mark Walton](#), and [Lee Cable](#), will perform hits from the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Please plan to join us for this fun and memorable evening overlooking the lake! Guests are welcome to purchase tickets for this event as well.

To register for the KY AHEAD conference, visit the [KY AHEAD Events page](#).

To make your reservations with [Lake Barkley State Resort Park](#), call [\(270\) 924-1131](#).



Photograph courtesy of David Beach, KY AHEAD 2015 at Lake Barkley



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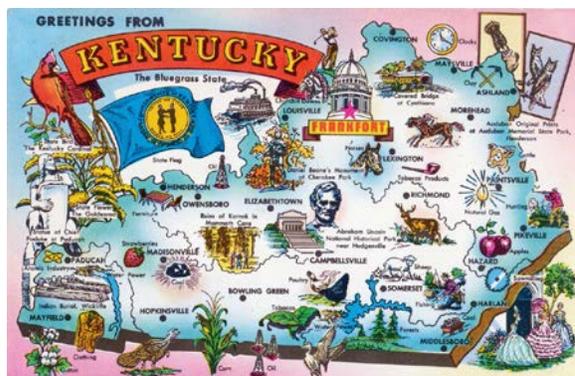
ANNUAL KY AHEAD SILENT AUCTION

KY-AHEAD wants to know what is special about your hometown or current location in Kentucky. Let's celebrate our hometowns, what makes them unique, and all that this State has to offer!

Begin thinking about and preparing your KY AHEAD Silent Auction items now. You can solicit donations such as tickets to local attractions, restaurant gift cards, overnight stays in special historic areas or resort areas. Or create a basket of local chocolates, jams or coffees. Individual Kentucky Proud products or items such as locally made jewelry or quilts are always exciting to bid on. *(Please, no University items such as t-shirts, cups, pencils, etc.).*

Let's do our best to place items on display that will bring in high bidding! Remember all of the proceeds go toward supporting our scholarship fund so don't forget to bring some extra cash or your checkbook with you to the conference!

If you have questions, please contact Veronica Hazard at veronica.hazard@wku.edu. Thanks for your support!



KY AHEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

By Veronica Miller, Chair

KY AHEAD will award four scholarships again this year; two \$500 scholarships to students with a disability enrolled in a Kentucky postsecondary institution and a conference scholarship for two disability services staff members.

The student scholarships will be awarded to two undergraduate or graduate students with a disability who are enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours and have earned at least a 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). In addition to the application and eligibility form, students must submit a personal statement, two letters of support, and transcripts of all postsecondary grades. The criteria for selection are 1) well-articulated goals, 2) academic achievement, and 3) disability related leadership and service.

The conference scholarships will be awarded to two staff members working in the disability services office of a Kentucky postsecondary institution. One will be given to a staff member employed in disability services less than three years and the other to a staff member who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference due to financial need. In these times of budget cuts and tightened spending, this scholarship will allow a staff person to attend who otherwise could not. Each scholarship will cover the cost of registration, meals that are included within the registration fee, and two nights lodging for the 2018 Kentucky AHEAD Conference on May 23-25, 2018 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Recipients of the scholarships will be selected by the Scholarship Committee and must attend the entire conference.

The deadlines for the KY AHEAD scholarship awards have been extended to Friday, April 6th. Applications and information for both scholarships are available on the KY AHEAD web site and all application material must be received by the Scholarship Committee by April 6, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Questions may be directed to Veronica Miller, KY AHEAD Scholarship Committee chair, at veronica.miller@kctcs.edu or 859-246-6535.



Membership Benefits

The Kentucky Association on Higher Education and Disability (KY-AHEAD) professional membership cost is \$20.00 and is included in the conference registration fee. If you are not a member and cannot make it to this year's conference, please consider joining. The membership year is July 1 to June 30, and a form is available online on our website: <http://kyahead.org/application.html>.

Professional associations exist for the benefit of the individuals within that organization. Where do *you* get information about legal obligations, best practices and trends in serving students with disabilities in postsecondary education? By becoming a member of KY-AHEAD, you get these benefits and more. Also, membership provides individuals with a work-related venue in which to gain or demonstrate leadership skills. Support the only professional association in Kentucky that is solely dedicated to promoting full inclusion of students with disabilities in postsecondary education.

For more information please visit our website: <http://kyahead.org> and join us on Facebook.



We will see you in May!