



Newsletter

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President's Thoughts

By Ronda Purdy, MA, CPAT

Greetings KY AHEAD Members,

Spring has finally sprung which means our annual KY AHEAD Conference is quickly approaching. We are very excited to share with you some of the details of the conference this year and to let you know what the board has been up to over the past several months.

First, I would like to say that having the opportunity to be involved on the KY AHEAD board for a second time has been an enriching experience that has allowed me to collaborate with and learn from some incredible Disability Services professionals. I would encourage anyone who is interested in taking a more active role in KY AHEAD to consider running for an office. It is not only a time to help shape the vision of KY AHEAD; it is also an opportunity to collaborate with a group of very knowledgeable and resourceful people.



I am happy to announce that we have two positions on the KY AHEAD Executive Board that will be open for nominations at our conference in May. The positions are for President Elect and Treasurer, both 3-year commitments. A detailed description of these positions can be found on the [KY AHEAD](#) website. We will also be looking for a new conference planning committee for next year, so if you're more interested in event planning, please consider volunteering for this committee. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for either position, please contact me or any of the KY AHEAD Board members.

The 2019 KY AHEAD annual conference will be held on May 22-24 at [Lake Cumberland State Resort Park](#). This year's conference promises to be both informative and relaxing as we explore the theme, **Times They Are a Changin'**. It is crucial for disability services providers to keep up with our ever-evolving field and to connect with other schools to share solutions. Please consider joining us even if your schedule will only allow for one day. Visit the [KY AHEAD](#) website to register.

It is our enduring hope that the KY AHEAD membership will continue to grow. To that end, we have discussed ways to spread the word about KY AHEAD to Disability Services professionals across Kentucky. We are excited to announce that in addition to our annual conference, we will be hosting an **Open House and Information Session** on April 18 **FREE** to all post-secondary Disability Services personnel, hosted by Somerset Community College (on the London Campus). Our Membership Chair and Co-Chair for the conference planning committee, Julie Caudill-Clark, has organized this free event to introduce professionals to KY AHEAD and membership benefits. We will also feature an AHEAD webinar presentation: The Legal Year in Review. This is a great alternative for those who cannot make it to the annual conference because of budget issues or availability. More information can be found on the [KY AHEAD](#) website.

KY AHEAD will continue to award two \$500 scholarships to deserving students and two scholarships for staff persons that cover all costs of the KY AHEAD conference. We hope to continue to fund this through our silent auction proceeds, so please consider this as you peruse the auction items this year at the conference. Also, remember that we will gladly accept cash donations. The application deadline for both scholarships is April 25, 2019. Please get the word out to your students! More information can be found on the [KY AHEAD](#) website.

Once again, this been a very rewarding experience and I want to thank the KY AHEAD Board members and others on Sub-Committees. I am truly excited to see all of you, seasoned professionals and new members, at the KY AHEAD Conference in May. *Times they are a changin'!* Let's get together to support each other in this change and build our knowledge and resources in order to provide consistent and quality services to our students with disabilities.

Sincerely,

Ronda Purdy, MA, CPAT
KY AHEAD President

2019 KY-AHEAD Conference

By Hayley Rigsby

The setting for our conference this year is Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown. Our theme is *Times They Are a Changin'*. The Conference begins on Wednesday, May 22 and will conclude Friday, May 24.



You may register online at

<http://kyahead.org/events.html#conference> until

May 15, or on site we will have a registration table open Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM. The registration fee for this conference is \$210. For those able to attend only one or two days of the three-day conference, registration for individual days is available: for Wednesday, the fee is \$55; for Thursday, the fee is \$100; for Friday, the fee is \$55. A continental breakfast will be available on Thursday morning, along with a lunch during the KY AHEAD Business Meeting. A full breakfast will be provided on Friday morning.

Kicking off the conference Wednesday Robert Unseld from WKU will discuss **notetaking technology**, Teresa Belluscio from IHDI will present on **recruitment**, and Jama Griffie will talk about **dual credit programs**.

On Thursday, Leisa Pickering of UK will present on the **interpretation of psychological evaluations**, and then we will have a panel discussion led by Tabatha Phillips on the **coordination of accommodated testing**. After our Business Lunch, we will have a group discussion on ethical and legal considerations followed by **a year in review** by Brian Bigelow of UofL, regarding the past year's legal issues and trends impacting colleges and universities.

Friday we are honored to have our Keynote Speaker, Jean Ashmore, presenting on program review and evaluation.

Make your reservation early – rooms are guaranteed until May 1st.



Room reservations are open under "KY-AHEAD."

Conference rates are \$72/night for a double Queen suite and \$81/night for a King, plus applicable taxes and fees. Please contact the park directly to make your reservations. Phone: (270) 343 -3111.

Lake Cumberland State Park is located at 5465 State Park Road, Jamestown, Kentucky 42629. Their website <https://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/lake-cumberland/>

Thursday Night Social, Starring Food and Fun!

By Barbara Tipmore

Be sure to attend this year's Thursday Night Social after dinner that features The. Best. Mindless. Game. Ever.... BUNCO!

If you've ever played Bunco before, you'll understand. If you have never played Bunco, you'll be hooked!



Prizes will be given to those with the most Buncos, the most checks, and the last Bunco. Oh, yeah...we can't forget the booby! See you at the Social!!

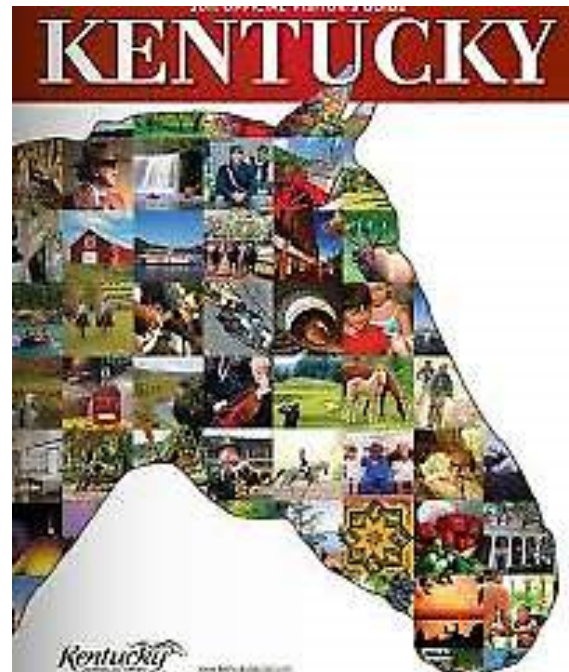
THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

By Matt Davis

Plan to provide items that are unique to your community or county in Kentucky. It can also be items from where you grew up, or have lived previously, etc. These would be items that are different from your usual University items (i.e., t-shirts, hats, flags, etc.).

KY-AHEAD wants to know what is special about your hometown or current location in Kentucky. Let's celebrate our State and all that it has to offer.

Think about tickets to local attractions, restaurant gift cards, overnight stays in special historic areas or resort areas, chocolates, jams, coffees, jewelry, quilts, and other Kentucky Proud products.



Don't forget to bring items that will bring the highest bid!! All of the proceeds go toward the KY-AHEAD Scholarship Fund.

Thanks for your support!!!

Scholarship Committee

The KY AHEAD Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for our 2019 scholarships. As a reminder, we offer both scholarships for students at Kentucky post-secondary institutions *AND* scholarships for professionals to attend the KY AHEAD Conference!

[2019 KY AHEAD Student Scholarship](#)

- Two students at Kentucky post-secondary institutions will be awarded \$500 scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year.

[2019 KY AHEAD Conference Scholarship](#)

- Two professionals will be awarded registration for the [2019 KY AHEAD Conference](#) and two nights of lodging at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park.
 - One conference scholarship is for a professional new to the disability field within the last 3 years.
 - The other conference scholarship is for a professional who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference due to financial constraints.

All application materials must be received by the Scholarship Selection Committee by **April 25, 2019. Incomplete applications *will not* be considered.**

For more information and to apply, visit the [KY AHEAD Scholarships](#) page. Questions may be directed to Matt Davis at matt.davis@wku.edu.



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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.

***Hope to see you soon at
Lake Cumberland
State Resort Park***

