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BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE AWARDED \$4.5 MILLION GRANT



The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded Bluegrass Community and Technical College and sub-awardees UK HealthCare and University of Kentucky Area Health Education Center a \$4.5 million grant to collaborate on “Strengthening Community Colleges & Training Workforce Gateways.” The grant aims to reduce equity gaps in educational and workforce pipelines, while addressing the critical shortage of healthcare professionals. “The DOL grant funding allows us to come alongside and elevate students who may not see themselves successfully transitioning into a professional healthcare career,” said Dr. Connie Lamb, associate dean, director of nursing and project director. “Our goal is to inspire students by providing resources and support early in their educational journey.”

The DOL Strengthening Community Colleges: Closing the Gap grant specifically focuses on improving diversity in the healthcare sector. The grant will offer a multitude of opportunities for high school students, college students and educators.



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\$990,000 BLOOMBERG GRANT AWARDED TO JEFFERSON COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Jefferson Community and Technical College (Jefferson), KentuckianaWorks and Bloomberg Philanthropies recently announced a new initiative to prepare young adults ages 16-24 across the Greater Louisville Region to enter high-demand, high-wage careers after graduation.

“At Jefferson, our number one priority is to open doors to a better life and brighter future,” said Dr. Ty Handy, Jefferson president. “However, we can’t do it alone. We rely on dedicated partners like KentuckianaWorks and numerous like-minded organizations to ensure that everyone, everywhere has the skills, tools and confidence to make it happen.

“With the generous support of Bloomberg Philanthropies, we will be able to expand and extend our work and impact, positioning countless high school students for early success in the classroom, workplace, and community.”

Fueled by \$990,000 in support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the two-year youth apprenticeship program will link young adults with major employers in the area, providing hands-on, paid work experience and school-based instruction that integrates career preparation and credentials within high school curriculums.

Since 2016, Bloomberg Philanthropies has invested \$96 million in career and technical education programs for students.

