



Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities

News highlights

AIKCU members partner to distribute vaccines to students and communities

AIKCU members have joined in the effort to quickly vaccinate Kentuckians. AIKCU was grateful for the opportunity to help facilitate a partnership between AIKCU member institutions and Team Kentucky, University of Kentucky, and Wild Health officials in order to quickly mobilize and implement on-campus vaccine opportunities. As of April 2, five AIKCU members had hosted student vaccination clinics through the partnership (with more planned). Other AIKCU members have partnered with local providers to provide vaccine access to students and their communities, like Transy with Baptist Health and UPIKE with the Pikeville Medical Center, among others.

AIKCU and UPIKE partner to benefit future of healthcare in Kentucky

AIKCU and UPIKE have partnered to provide enhanced access to medical education opportunities for students from AIKCU's 18 member colleges and universities while building Kentucky's healthcare capacity. Learn more at [AIKCU.org](https://aikcu.org).

AIKCU members plan for normal fall semester

AIKCU members are preparing for a much more normal fall 2021 semester, thanks to the success of Kentucky's vaccine rollout and the downward trend in Kentucky's COVID-19 cases. Kentucky's independent colleges and university campuses have all been open during the current academic year, with students living on campus and enjoying varying levels of in-person courses and activities in accordance with CDC, state, and institutional pandemic guidelines. But this fall AIKCU institutions expect to return to operations much closer to what they were like pre-pandemic. More on [AIKCU.org](https://aikcu.org).

AIKCU partners with Kentucky law schools for virtual pre-law event for AIKCU undergraduates

AIKCU and Kentucky's three law schools — NKU Chase, UK Rosenberg, and UofL Brandeis —recently collaborated on an online law school information session for AIKCU undergraduates. This was the first event bringing all three law schools together to specifically address the law school preparation process for AIKCU undergraduates.



A current law student panel (shown above) of alumni from Asbury, Bellarmine, Centre, Thomas More, and Transylvania talked about how their undergraduate experience prepared them for law school, offered advice for the application process, and answered a range of questions during the March 23 event.

Bellarmino SGA President Trey Grevious appointed to Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents, convenes AIKCU student leaders

Bellarmino SGA President Trey Grevious has been appointed to represent AIKCU students on the statutorily-created Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents. Trey recently began working with AIKCU to convene virtual meetings of AIKCU student government presidents. This is the first time that AIKCU student government leaders have had regular, organized contact.





A small sampling of AIKCU member good news from the last few months:

Alice Lloyd College [teaches through, cleans up after floods](#) that ravaged their region.

Asbury University [announces plans for a regular fall semester](#) and [receives approval for provisional NCAA Division III membership](#).

Bellarmine University [creates a Center of Excellence for Veterans Student Success thanks to Department of Education grant](#).

Berea College [student Autumn Harvey has been named a Newman Civic Fellow](#).

Brescia University held a [Construction competition, where participants created scenes utilizing donated can goods, hygiene, and pantry items](#). All items used in Construction were then donated to local nonprofits.

Campbellsville University [named Dr. H. Keith Spears, formerly CU senior vice president, as acting president](#) following the retirement of longtime CU President Michael V. Carter. (See [President Spears's TikTok debut](#) in support of the GEAR UP Kentucky FAFSA completion promotional effort.)

Centre College has been [designated a Voter Friendly Campus](#).

Georgetown College [announces two major renovation projects to improve east campus conference center and student center](#).

Kentucky Christian University had its [SACSCOC accreditation reaffirmed through 2030](#).

Kentucky Wesleyan College [welcomes Andrea Denise Bolden, Coordinator of Equity and Inclusion](#)

Lindsey Wilson College is [launching a new Doctor of Nursing Practice \(DNP\) in Executive Leadership](#).

Continuing their commitment to affordability, **Midway University** has [once again frozen tuition and room and board costs for the upcoming year](#). Midway also recently [announced a new Computer Science degree](#).

Spalding University [named psychology faculty member and racial-trauma therapist and scholar Dr. Steven Kniffley to the role of Chief Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer](#).

Thomas More University's [SACSCOC accreditation has been reaffirmed through 2030](#).

Transylvania University recently [redesigned its religion major and minor program, the "ultimate interdisciplinary field."](#)

Union College has [entered into an educational partnership with Spero Health](#), a healthcare provider with more than 45 clinics in 5 states specializing in outpatient care for individuals with substance abuse disorder.

University of Pikeville [partnered with AIKCU to benefit the future of healthcare in the Commonwealth](#) and provide advantages to AIKCU member graduates interested in medicine and optometry.

University of the Cumberlands [distributed nearly all of the \\$6 million in federal funding it received in the second round of the CARES Act to undergraduate students](#).