Dual Credit Celebration

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Area high school students getting a jump start on college are being celebrated for their dual credit success.

Amy Bingham has more in this week’s View from the Hill.

Free lunch, Chaney’s ice cream and a chance to hang out with friends during the middle of the day. Who wouldn’t want to be recognized for taking dual credit classes? But the benefits go far beyond a field trip.

Dr. Gary Ransdell \ WKU President

Dewayne Neeley \ Program Coordinator, Duel Credit

Rachel Walston \ Full-time Dual Credit Teacher

Mariah Hughes \ Barren County H.S. Sophomore

Students from eight high schools surrounding the WKU Glasgow campus heard from the University President himself about how far ahead they are getting by taking dual credit classes.

Organizers say the dual credit luncheon served two purposes.

“We really wanted to acknowledge them for going above and beyond regular course work and encourage them to come to WKU.”

To graduate from WKU, students must have 120 credit hours but an emphasis on duel credit in high school is giving many of them a head start.

“I’ve seen a lot of my students come into WKU with a full semester, even a full year of credit with AP exams and dual credit classes.”

Rachel Walston is the university’s first full time duel credit teacher who takes her class on the road to South Warren, Warren Central, Barren County and Metcalfe County.

“What I do is travel to the high schools and teach the class there. It’s the same public speaking class they would get on campus.”

Barren County sophomore Mariah Hughes has already had three foreign language classes.

“I plan to minor in Spanish. Once I finish my high school career with it I only have about six hours in college to have my minor.”

The celebratory dual credit luncheon is expected to be an annual event on the Glasgow campus.

“A lot of times students don’t realize that as duel credit students, they are Hilltoppers and they are members of the WKU family.”

Neely says dual credit courses are about eighty percent cheaper than traditional college courses.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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