

AUGUST 2018

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BARREN COUNTY

Western Kentucky University
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BUTLER COUNTY

Adult Education Center
178 Academic Way
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Adult Education Center
100 Park Place, Suite 3
Brownsville, KY 42210
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HART COUNTY

Adult Education Center
240 Interstate Plaza
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LOGAN COUNTY

Adult Education Center
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Russellville, KY 42276
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METCALFE COUNTY

Adult Education Center
103 Ralph Edwards Rd.
Edmonton, KY 42129

MONROE COUNTY

Adult Education Center
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SIMPSON COUNTY

Adult Education Center
175 Davis Drive
Franklin, KY 42134

WARREN COUNTY

Educational Opportunity Centers
Western Kentucky University
Jones Jagers Room 107



⇒ **ASAP** after October 1. Here's why...

- ⇒ **A better chance at more state and school aid**
- ⇒ **Get it out of the way to focus on other things like college applications, college course work, or applying for scholarships.**
- ⇒ **More scholarship eligibility. Some scholarships look at your FAFSA results.**

CALL NOW

schedule your appointment!

WKU Bowling Green (270)745-4441

WKU Glasgow (270) 861-6950

From the Executive Director, WKU TRIO Programs and ISEC



Western Kentucky University is extremely proud of their TRIO Educational Opportunity Centers, staff members, and the success the project has experienced while housed at WKU since 2002. During this time, the WKU EOC project has assisted over 14,000 individuals with over 9,000 of those participants identifying as low-income, first-generation adults.

WKU EOC Counselors assist their program participants with exploring career options, applying for postsecondary institutions, completing financial aid applications, and by providing information on financial literacy and budget management.

The WKU EOC project, which also has an office on the WKU Glasgow campus, looks forward to continuing to work with area residents and encouraging participation in programs of study that can assist in achieving educational and employment goals.

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Year Round Pell Grants Now Available

Year-Round Pell will enable students to receive an additional Pell Grant disbursement so that they can receive grant aid to enroll continuously. The previous limitation to the Pell Grant was that if a student attended class full-time in the fall and spring, there was no aid left over for summer. Year-Round Pell provides students with the flexibility to study at their own pace and graduate earlier.

Beginning the summer of 2018, Pell Grants are available year round!



Home Services Eligibility Links Staff Contact Us

- Allen County
- Barren County
- Butler County
- Edmonson County
- Hart County
- Logan County
- Metcalfe County
- Monroe County
- Warren County

Educational Opportunity Centers, aTRIO Program

The Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) is a TRIO program funded by the US Department of Education. The EOC program provides counseling and information on college admissions to low income and first generation adults age 19 or older who desire to enter, reenter, or continue a program of postsecondary education.

The EOC program also provides services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants. An important objective of the program is to counsel participants on financial aid options, including basic financial planning skills, and to assist in the application process.

The goal of the EOC program is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions.

For any additional questions or to schedule an appointment, contact our main office in Bowling Green at (270) 745-4441.

FAFSA Walk-Ins	
Bowling Green	Glasgow
February 8th & 22nd 9 am - 3 pm	February 22nd 9 am - 3 pm
March 8th & 22nd 9 am - 3 pm	March 8th & 21st 9 am - 3 pm
April 5th 9 am - 3 pm	April 4th 9 am - 3 pm
May 3rd 9 am - 3 pm	May 2nd 9 am - 3 pm

And you can learn more about the EOC and EOC events and programs by visiting our web site at www.wku.edu/eoc

Congratulations



*Nathan Connors, EOC and VUB participant
WKU Graduate*

Thirty-two years ago, when I was just 17 years old, I wanted to join the military. My Mother would not sign the paperwork unless I promised to attend college and get a degree. I promised her that I would but I ended up serving full time in the U.S. Army and the Kentucky National Guard for the next thirty years. I retired from the military in 2016 and my Mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer later that same year. As I took care of her during her illness, she reminded me about the promise I had made all those years ago. Because I had given my Post GI Bill education benefit to my oldest daughter so she could attend college, I thought I would have to pay for my own education but I told my Mom that I would find a way to go to school and keep the promise I made.

My first stop at WKU was the VUB in Jones Jagers Hall just to see if there was any support I could receive as a veteran to help pay for school. Rick Wright was outstanding in helping me by letting me know about Chapter 31 which could help with my education costs because I retired with a 90% disability rating from the VA. He also took me down the hall to the WKU EOC office and handed me over to the staff there to help me file my federal aid paperwork. Because my daughter was also attending WKU, the EOC helped us discover that we both qualified for aid. I would have never known anything about these financial aid programs and what was possible for my family on my own. Michelle Shutt at the EOC and Rick at VUB made it possible for both my daughter and I to go to college.

I am now a WKU graduate with a 3.45 average and will start graduate school at WKU this fall to work on a Masters in Counseling. But the most important thing of all is that I kept my promise to my Mom and I want to thank the EOC and VUB TRiO programs for helping make that promise come true. Nathan (Dad) and Alisha Connors (Daughter)

Here's What's Happening in Glasgow...



On May 10, 2018, WKU Glasgow held its annual “Graduand” ceremony at the TJ Pavilion Community Room in Glasgow. The Graduand is a celebration of WKU Glasgow students at which time they receive the Glasgow Tartan in recognition of the completion of their programs of study. Hayley Bragg of Edmonton, Kentucky, received her Associate of Science in Health Information Management. Hayley has been a participant of EOC since 2015. Hayley’s father Scott Bragg was also an EOC participant. WKU Glasgow EOC coordinator Kathy Fraim presented Hayley with the Glasgow Tartan at the Graduand ceremony. Haley will wear her Tartan in the Western Kentucky University graduation ceremony in Bowling Green to show that she attended the WKU Glasgow campus. Great job Hayley we are proud of you!

EOC Glasgow Office

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**Community Agencies Can Work Together to
Help Adults Go to College
Pam Morgan
Logan County EOC Counselor**

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I have discovered that it takes many people in a community to help adults complete the tasks necessary in order to attend college. For the non-traditional student, it can be challenging to decide on a career goal, navigate through the college application process, learn about college costs, and apply for financial aid. The EOC is the right place for help with these concerns.

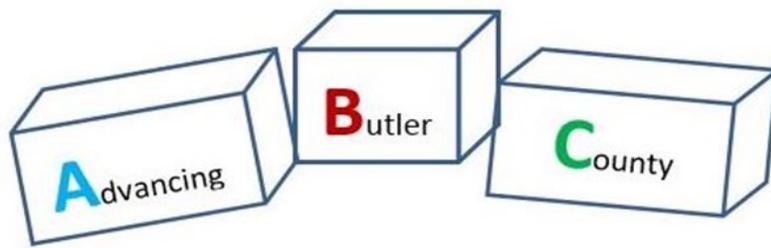
However, family issues, employment issues or other situations may also present challenges which the adult must address. As the Logan County EOC Counselor, I have met with a variety of community agencies to discuss the goals many of their participants expressed regarding education and provided contact information for EOC as a resource. As a result, these community agencies often collaborate with EOC in our annual Logan County Resource Fair. By working together, EOC and other local support agencies can make all the difference in encouraging those they serve to improve their lives through learning new skills.

**EOC Reaches Out to Veterans, Current Military and Their Families
Kathy Fraim, EOC Coordinator, Glasgow**

This year the Educational Opportunity Centers sponsored two Veterans Resource Fairs that brought together representatives from a variety of organizations offering programs for our military and their families. One EOC sponsored fair was held in Barren County and the second was held in Logan County



At the EOC sponsored Fairs, Veterans were able to access a variety of services including health testing provided by the WKU's Institute for Rural Health at the Barren County Fair and information on options available for veterans from Hospirus Health at the Logan County Fair.



Butler Co. Education Resource Fair

The 3rd annual Butler County Education Resource Fair was held, Monday, May 7, 2018 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Approximately 60 vendors and attendees participated in the fair, this year. It was initiated by WKU's Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC,) a federal grant TRiO program. The EOC collaborated with the Butler County Library, Board of Education, and Adult Education to host this community outreach event.



Attendees were given access to resources that assist them with going back to school and information of community services. South Central Community & Technical College, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Brescia were ready to assist with post-secondary education. KHEAA and EOC dispersed information on financial aid. A representative from Veteran's Upward Bound helped veterans who expressed a desire to return to school. In addition, Butler County Adult Education assisted attendees that needed help getting their GED.



The Butler County Extension Office, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education/Family Resources, and Library were other vendors that provided excellent information and resources at this year's fair.

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Money! Money! Money!



Educational Opportunity Centers counselors can help you with two big questions. First, they can help you figure out how much it will cost to go to college. What is the tuition at the school you want to attend? Other costs can include books, fees, parking passes, required meal plans, and childcare. These costs can add quite a bit to the money you will need each semester. EOC counselors will help you take a good look to make sure you are fully aware of what going to college will actual-

ly cost you as you progress toward a degree.

The second question is – how much money is available to help you with the costs of attending college? EOC counselors can help you complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine if you qualify for a Pell Grant and how much that Pell Grant will give you each semester. In addition to Pell Grants, EOC counselors can help make sure you have applied for any grant money the state might provide and any special scholarships – like the Work Ready Kentucky program – that might also be available to help with costs.