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KDE Communications Updates

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United We Learn Updates

- The **Kentucky United We Learn Council** is currently being formed. Its purpose is to give a broad stakeholder voice to the process of learning from the United We Learn KY work underway in the field, then evaluate and recommend strategic practice, policy and investment ideas to state policymakers and the broader Kentucky community.
- We invite you to participate in the United We Learn KY journey, sharing examples of meaningful learning and engagement in your community and schools by using our hashtag **#UnitedWeLearnKY** and following **@UnitedWeLearnKY** on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



United We Learn KY in Action: Collaboration with Our Communities

- Second Street School (Frankfort Independent) took learning into the community when 5th-graders visited business owners and interviewed them for their culminating project right before fall break!



Nominations open for the 2022 Kevin M. Noland-Mary Ann Miller Award

The award acknowledges an executive branch employee for outstanding public service to Kentucky schools and for providing inspiration for education.

The nomination deadline is **Oct. 21**.

The award is named for Noland, who served as KDE's deputy commissioner and general counsel and served as interim commissioner on four occasions, and Miller, who served KDE as a program consultant, staff assistant, policy adviser, director of the Kentucky Board of Education and chief of staff.



The recipient of the 2021 Kevin M. Noland-Mary Ann Miller Award was Reeca Carver.

Crittenden County's Mandy Perez Named 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year

Mandy Perez, a 6th-grade English and language arts teacher at Crittenden County Middle School, was named the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year. She also was named the Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year.

The Kentucky Department of Education and Valvoline, co-sponsors of the award, announced Perez's selection at an in-person ceremony on Sept. 20 at the Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda.

Also recognized were:

- **Kelly Gates, Hopkins County, Elementary School Teacher of the Year;** and
- **Amber Sergent, Woodford County, High School Teacher of the Year.**

Congratulations to these dedicated teachers!



2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Named (Cont.)



The Elementary School Teacher of the Year semifinalists were:

- **Rebecca Brewer**, Norton Commons Elementary School (Jefferson County)
- **Kelly Gates**, Pride Elementary School (Hopkins County)
- **Amber Hays**, Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center (Henderson County)

The Middle School Teacher of the Year semifinalists were:

- **Keva Buckley**, Kentucky School for the Deaf
- **Nathaniel Green**, Newport High School (Newport Independent Schools)
- **Danielle Hicks**, Clinton County Middle School
- **Mandy Perez**, Crittenden County Middle School

The High School Teacher of the Year semifinalists were:

- **Cathy Conley**, Knott County Central High School
- **Robin Kemp**, Highlands High School (Fort Thomas Independent)
- **Lauren Niemann**, Fern Creek High School (Jefferson County)
- **Amber Sergent**, Woodford County High School

Kentucky Schools, Districts Recognized for Best Practices at Continuous Improvement Summit

- The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) recognized nine schools and three school districts for best practices during the 2022 Continuous Improvement Summit at the Central Bank Center in Lexington on Sept. 26-27.
- More than 800 attended the summit.
- Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster presented each Best Practice winner with a \$500 check that can be used toward school improvement.
- Any Kentucky teacher, school or district may submit a best practice to KDE for consideration to be a Best Practice award recipient.



Congratulations to these schools and districts!

KSB Holds 45th Annual Bill Roby Games

Students participated in a variety of races, long jump, softball and shotput events on KSB's campus track. Competitors included students from KSB, Jefferson County Public Schools, the Indiana School for the Blind, the Ohio School for the Blind and the Tennessee School for the Blind. Nearly 300 people were on campus for this event.

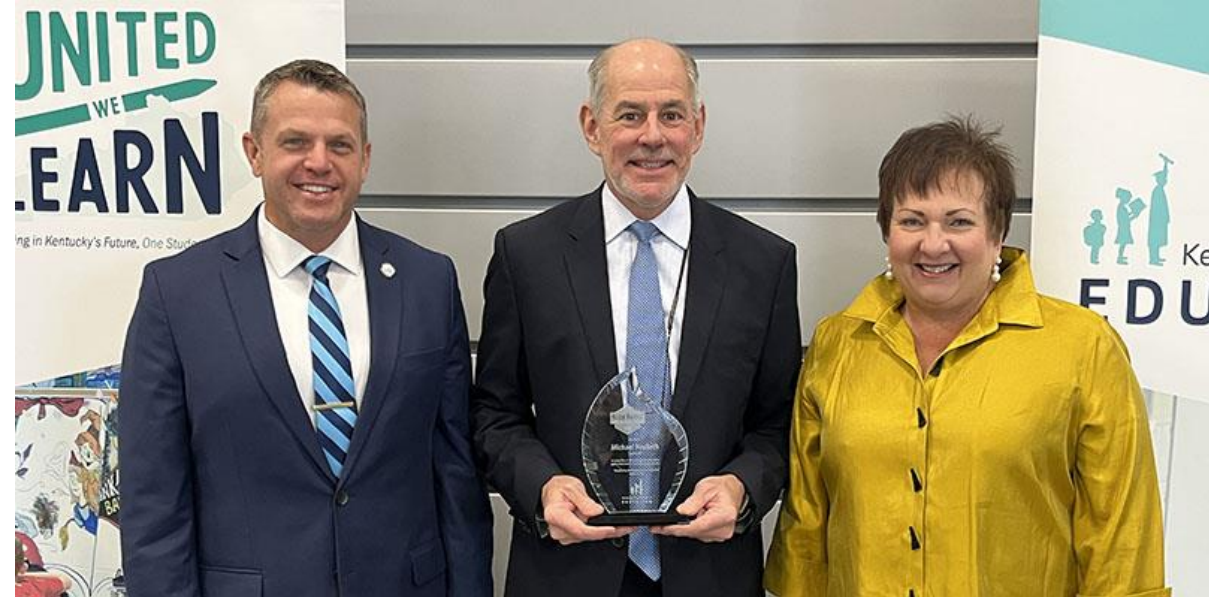
The games are named in honor of former Clifton businessman Bill Roby, who was an original sponsor of the event. Bill's sons were able to attend the event in his honor.

Thank you to all the KSB staff for hosting a great event and giving our guests from other states an engaging and fun-filled afternoon.



KBE Awards Update

- The KBE presented the [2022 Kelly Award for Business and Education Partnerships to Mike Hesketh](#), president and owner of Superb IPC in Shelby County.
- The award is given in the fall of each year to a Kentucky businessperson or business who has partnered with a public school or district to provide outstanding leadership that promotes school improvement and student success.
- Hesketh's involvement with education is one of the three big ideas of [United We Learn](#).



KBE Awards Update (Cont.)

- The KBE also approved the strategic priority and criteria for the 2022 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award, which will be awarded at the February 2023 KBE meeting.
- The 2022 award seeks to recognize a person, group, organization, district, school or postsecondary institution who, through policy and practice, makes it a top priority to champion United We Learn.
- Criteria for the award includes:
 - Significant contributions and/or other efforts to champion United We Learn and its efforts to support the reimagining of learning in Kentucky by co-creating a vision with communities, fostering local innovation and advancing policy recommendations aligned with this work.
- Nominations will open soon. Keep an eye on Kentucky Teacher for the announcement.
- The deadline to submit nominations is Nov. 21.



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Regulations on Public Charter Schools

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KBE Approves Charter School Regulations

The KBE held its two-day meeting on Oct. 11-12 at the Logan County Career and Technical Center (CTC). During the meeting, the board:

- Approved 10 regulations relating to public charter schools in Kentucky.
- This was necessary to conform to the requirements set by House Bill (HB) 9, a bill that modified Kentucky's charter school law and set up a funding mechanism for charter schools.



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School Report Card Data Released

- The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) released today (Oct. 18) annual School Report Card data from the 2021-2022 academic year, as required by statute and under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.
- Assessments were fully administered to more than 383,000 students in grades 3 through 8 and 10 through 11 during the spring of 2022.
- Accountability and federal statuses – such as Comprehensive School Improvement and Targeted School Improvement – are being reported for the first time since 2019.

School Report Card Data Released (Cont.)

- As expected, the COVID-19 pandemic had a profound impact on students and schools as they continue to recover from the interrupted learning over the past two years.
- Kentucky's results are consistent with what other states are experiencing.
- Kentucky has received more than \$2 billion in federal funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act to help accelerate learning and get additional support to districts and students who need it the most.

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KDE Support: Update on Flood-Impacted Districts

- Superintendents of the July flood-impacted districts in eastern Kentucky told KDE leadership at an Oct. 11 meeting that their districts are turning recovery efforts toward helping families and students during the holiday season.
- Some families are still living in state parks and others are trying to get back into their homes or are looking at alternative housing.
- Districts are working to help families through programs such as Thanksgiving meal outreach.
- Toys for children are some of the holiday items needed.



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United We Learn is our vision for the future of public education in Kentucky. This vision builds around three big ideas: creating a more **vibrant experience for every student**, **encouraging innovation in our schools** – especially when it comes to assessment, and creating a bold new future for Kentucky's schools through **collaboration with our communities**.

- **Question 1:** You've been asked to give a breakfast talk at your local Optimist Club. It's a great opportunity to talk about Big Idea #3. What example would you give about how they could get involved in your schools to support learning?
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E4AvAw13FqyjhEGz_FF5fgW_KC8ocsnQ6y-QviviPQw/edit

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