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45 Faculty Members Complete the 2015 Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium Academic Leadership Academy

LEXINGTON, Kentucky – The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium announced that 45 Fellows have completed its second Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy Friday at Centre College, announced co-chairs of the academy Michael Vetter of Transylvania University and David Tudor of Sullivan University.

The Academic Leadership Academy is a presidential initiative, led by the 12 presidents represented in the consortium, to build future academic leaders in the Bluegrass Region. The purpose of the academy is to encourage younger, mid-level faculty to consider leadership career paths and to provide guidance in developing the skills that are requisites for effective institutional leadership to ensure a sound and successful future for the institution and the Bluegrass Region. The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium and the Academic Leadership Academy is managed by Bluegrass Tomorrow.

Faculty from BHEC member schools receiving an Academic Leadership Academy certificates of completion are: Cheryll Crowe, Brian Hull and Helen Rader of Asbury University; Kate Egerton of Berea College; Keith Allen, Joshua Hoekstra, Angie King and Greg Rickert of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College; Genny Ballard, Melissa Burns-Cusato, Judith Pointer Jia, Sarah Lashley, Kerry Paumi and Brett Werner of Centre College;

Ryan Baggett, Lisa Day, Kellie Ellis, Eric Fuchs, Gill Hunter, Evelyn Parrish and Jennifer Wies of Eastern Kentucky University; Tracy Livingston, Andrea Peach, Ben Rawlins, Jennifer Price and Lloyd Allen of Georgetown College; Janice Holland and Philip Short of Midway University; Susan Maxey, Janet Rice McCoy and Angie Meyer of Morehead State University; Annaliese Bratcher, Juanita Carpenter; Jill Ferrari, Brian Rogers, and Kandace Rogers of Sullivan University; Carole Barnsley of Transylvania University; and Christia Spears Brown, Paul Chamberlin, Sarah Kerckmar, Carrie Oser, Kevin Real, Tammy Stephenson, Stephen Testa, and Scarlett Wesley of the University of Kentucky.

“The desired outcome,” said Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium John Roush of Centre College, “is to create a cohort of leaders for Central Kentucky’s 12 institutions of higher education that have the proficiencies to work with their colleagues by effectively employing quality leadership skills and being able to have insight into the overall role of the university so as to strategically lead the next generation of learners in the Bluegrass Region.”

The Academic Leadership Academy also addresses one of the goals the Presidents set in the signing of the charter agreement for the consortium in 2012: “To design professional development/leadership development opportunities for administration, faculty and staff.”

The class experienced two full-day sessions on May 15 at the new Bluegrass Community and Technical College Newtown Campus and September 18 at Centre. Interim reading and on campus interim projects were also completed with faculty working together in teams to work on a project which benefits each participating campus. One of the key objectives of the curriculum is to expand understanding of the environment in which institutional decisions are made in the 21st century.

The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium was chartered in 2012, under the Bluegrass Tomorrow 501c3 umbrella, with the mission of advancing the region both economically and educationally. The 12 participating regionally accredited four-year institutions are: Asbury University, Berea College, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Centre College, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Midway College, Morehead State University, Kentucky State University, Sullivan University, Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky. The Presidents of each institution constitute the executive committee of the board of directors.