

at a community college in western Kentucky last spring. We look forward to further exploring this possibility with them.

Rural Community College Alliance

Setting process at the annual meeting of the Rural Community College Alliance conference later in September. RCCA is the group that hosts the impressive meeting in Washington D.C. each February with high-ranking U.S. Department Secretaries and legislative leaders.

Upcoming Events

Board members are invited and encouraged to attend any of the following upcoming events:

- 09.12.14
9 am-12 pm | Brown County Campus
- 09.16.14
5 pm | Central Campus
- 09.27.14
3 pm | Central Campus
- 10.03-10.04
Central Campus
- 10.10.14
9 am-12 pm | Central Campus
- 10.11.14
1 pm | Central Campus
- 10.13.14
4 pm | Central Campus

President's Activities and Involvement

Since my last report, I have been involved in the following meetings and events:

- Ceremonial Dedication of Brown County Campus
- Opening Day-Fall Semester North, Fayette, Central and Brown Campus Visits
- Hillsboro Rotary Club Board Meeting
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- Governor John Kasich Event
- Follow-up Meeting with Bethel-Tate Superintendent

An agreement is now signed with JER Online to provide a greatly expanded catalog of non-credit professional, career, and workforce development training. Work to integrate the provider into the college website is underway.

North campus is preparing Room 318 (formerly the computer lab) to become an expanded, certified testing and assessment center. The center will be used by SSCC students seeking certifications related to their course of study. In addition, Wilmington College and other educational groups in the area are expected to be clients as well. The center will be offering a robust range of workforce assessments and skill testing. It is expected to be in operation by Spring semester. The assessment center at Central and North will be self-sustaining through fees charged and may have the potential to bring additional revenue.

A second meeting was held August 6 at the Brown County campus with X-Mil, a small business owned and operated by former employees of Milacron. Dr. Ryan McCall and John Joy met to discuss training options for their employees, as well as some other partnership opportunities.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Financial Aid

The financial aid office has implemented the in person student loan counseling for first-time borrowers at Southern State.

Sessions were held on all campuses prior to orientation as well as on-going sessions multiple times a week on the Central campus.

The sessions have been well attended and students are receiving additional financial literacy to increase awareness of student loan debt and the responsibilities of repayment.

