

KAP Information:

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Featured Students

Collin Tomes



Take 10 with Collin

- What is the name of your school?
[Butler County] Middle School
- What grade are you in?
7th
- What is your favorite class/subject?
Touch Math
- What do you like to do for fun?
Swim, & play Train Town on the computer
- What is your favorite food?
Red Apple Juice, popcorn, McDonald's chicken nuggets and French fries
- What is your favorite thing to do at KAP?
Write on dry erase board with an Expo marker and work with Sarah & Holly
- What are you going to be for Halloween?
Junie B. Jones and wear glasses and a bandana
- Do you have any pets?
Yes. Prince Charming-cat and 2 dogs
- What do you want to do when you grow up?
Work in the Fire Department.

Tahir Poroy



Some Time with Tahir

- Where are you from?
Turkey. Tahir is KAP's first international college student. Where do you take your classes?
At the community college.
- What are your future career goals?
I want to be a webpage designer.
- What is your favorite class?
Computer Programming
- How do you like Western?
I really enjoy it here. It's very nice.
- What is your favorite part about college?
Making new friends on campus and being with the KAP staff.
- Upcoming Events:**
- Nov. 10th 6-8pm Swimming Social-all participants
 - Nov. 13th 5:30-7:30pm High School Boys
 - Nov. 14th 6pm Alliance Awards at Kentucky Museum**
 - Nov. 18th 5:30-7:30pm High School Girls
 - Nov. 27th 5:30-7:30 Middle School Boys
 - Dec. 6th Christmas Dinner-all participants
 - Christmas Card Sales-Ask staff about selling participant's cards**

Director's Desk

Written by: Dr. Marty Boman

Time marches on as the leaves are beginning to change color, and we've entered the second half of the semester! Where does the time go?

This has been an interesting semester, trying to keep all the various schedules coordinated, particularly when we are operating within three buildings at WKU: Jones Jagers, the Clinical Education Complex, and the Downing University Center. Within these settings, we are stretched to the limit, but this is all good news as we continue to grow. Thank you to our wonderful staff for coordinating their schedules until we are all together again at the CEC.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank some very important businesses and organizations that have supported KAP throughout the year. First of all, LifeSkills, Inc. presented KAP with a check for \$12,155. from the Sunset Run and Walk this summer. Thank you for considering us in this endeavor; your support is greatly appreciated. Next we will be hosting the Alliance Awards on November 14th at 6:00 at the Kentucky Museum. Please join us as we salute our community partners. Hats off to Linda Kelly who is organizing the evening.

Finally, it's Christmas Card time once again. Please talk to the staff about how you can help KAP make 2006 the best year for sales. Suzanne Vitale is chairing this committee with the help of Dr. Leo Simpson and the SIFE team. Together they have more than doubled the money that we made last year through contributions from the deans, corporations, and individual donors—and we have not even started to sell the cards yet!

KAP is very fortunate to have so much support! Thank you to everyone!

Middle School and High School

Written by: Amanda Jochim

The middle and high school programs are very busy these days. Besides students coming to after school activities, they have had many socials and community service events. A few weeks ago, a couple of the high school girls came over to Krystal and Amanda's apartment for a "girls night." Then the middle school boys went to Lost River Cave. Although the cave was flooded, the boys were still able to hike and mine minerals. This past week, the high school boys went to Southern Lanes for a night of bowling, pool, and video games with their friends. KAP also had a dinner and conversation. The parents and students ate together at RedZone, and then the parents heard our Grad student, Denish speak while the students went to the bowling alley. There are many other activities scheduled, which are listed on the front page.



Girl's Night! Krystal Martin, Jamie Greenwell, Erin Engler, and Amber Morris provide their own salon treatment by giving each other manicures.



Avish Nagpal and Taylor Haney mine for minerals at Lost River Cave.

Post Secondary

Written by: Krystal Martin

The post-secondary students are gearing up for next semester! As the fall semester comes to a close, the students have registered for spring semester's classes. They are experiencing the overload that college students often feel when tests and homework seem to pile up. However, they are putting forth their best effort to continue success with their classes. Some of the students went to Jackson's Orchard after classes, and had an afternoon out. The Warren County Area Technology Center Health Sciences Class, taught by Wanda Sowders hosted a Halloween party for the post-secondary students. Everyone danced, ate lots of food, and had a great time. Marissa King was crowned "Queen." The students are doing a great job of getting involved with the community.

Featured Staff

Amanda Jochim



Amanda is a Senior Exceptional Education major from Evansville, Indiana. She is currently responsible for the Middle and High School Program. She serves as curriculum coordinator and social activity planner for over thirty participants. The students have been very active and successful thus far this semester. Amanda has planned several science experiments, art activities, and social events that the students have really enjoyed. Amanda is doing a great job and we appreciate all of her hard work!

New Staff

Robyn Fine



Robyn Fine is a 21 year old senior from Portland, TN. She is double majoring in Special Education and Spanish. She wants to work with culturally and linguistically diverse children with special needs when she graduates. She loves listening to music, watching foreign films, traveling, and learning new languages. As a new staff member, she will be actively involved with the Middle School and High School Program.

Elementary Program

Written by: Amber Gross

The Kelly Autism Program's elementary school group is going strong. The parents have expressed their appreciation of what KAP is doing for their children. Over the last month they have been working on their listening skills and recognizing emotions. In the coming month they will continue to work on social skill while creating their own play. The play will be short and simple, but all kids will have a speaking part.

Sometime before Thanksgiving, the children will actually perform the play for their parents. Once a date for the play has been finalized, flyers will be sent to their parents.

The elementary students did an experiment with Diet Coke. The students made predictions, and then they went outside to see if their predictions were right.



This is Morgan Douglas. She is showing a happy face.



Cancellations: If participants are unable to attend their scheduled session, please call the KAP office as soon as possible so staff can be notified.

Christmas Cards

Written by: Dinesh Sharma

The Kelly Autism Program again followed its tradition of holistic development of the participants by conducting the Christmas card program. The purpose includes the social development and community involvement of the participants. The cards were designed by the middle and high school students. The cards are published and sold by the Kelly Autism program; some revenues are given back to the students. Then, students adopt families from their schools and buy Christmas gifts for the families.

This year the students have again designed and packaged the Christmas Cards. The Kelly Autism Program is very thankful to the SIFE (Student in Free Enterprise), who helped substantially with selling the cards. This year there are corporate sponsorships and patronage by many deans and faculty at Western Kentucky University. So far this year has been very promising and encouraging thanks to the effort of Suzanne Vitale, the Christmas card chairperson.

Very Special Arts Workshop

Written by: Smit Chauhan

VSA Arts is an international nonprofit organization founded to create a society where all people with disabilities learn, participate in and enjoy the arts. VSA Arts provides the participants with resources and the tools to support arts programming at the Kelly Autism Program. VSA Arts showcases the accomplishments of artists throughout Kentucky. VSA Arts is an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Several of the middle school and high school participants took part in VSA Arts workshops organized at KAP this fall. Their works of art included: paintings on canvases, sculptures, and designs that will be displayed through January 21, 2007 at the Kentucky Museum. This fall has been a great experience for the participants as the VSA artists worked with the KAP participants on a one-on-one basis. The participants cheerfully took part in the sessions and came up with some great art pieces. Thanks to all of the artists and Ginny Miller for organizing this program.

Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.

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