CEC Building Dedication and Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

WKU president Dr. Gary Ransdell and Philip Proctor pose for a picture after the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, where both were featured speakers.

Mr. Leo Govani, director of the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration, stands in front of the recently dedicated Clinical Education Complex building. Mr. Govani recently contributed $500,000 over 5 years and matched a $250,000 endowment by John and Linda Kelly.

Don Vitale, Suzanne Vitale, and Philip Proctor add the center piece of the CEC logo.

Students from Philip Proctor's school came to remember this special occasion with their friend. Broadway the clown came to entertain the children.
Director's Desk
Written by: Dr. Marty Boman
August 24th and 25th were days that will be remembered forever at KAP. First, Suzanne Vitale hosted an evening at her home which spotlighted Mr. Leo Govoni from the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration. Many community and university members were present for this occasion. A generous commitment of $500,000 over ten years was made to complete the necessary space in the Clinical Education Complex to house the Kelly Autism Program. Mr. Govoni also agreed to match a $250,000 donation made by Linda and John Kelly, which provided a total impact of $500,000 for the KAP endowment and will be a permanent source of funding for the program! Words cannot express the gratitude from all the parents, participants, staff, and boards as we have reached our capacity at Jones Jaggers. The following day was the dedication of the CEC with the five directors adding their pieces of the puzzle, followed by Philip Proctor and Don Vitale adding the final touch placing the person connecting the five programs. President Ransdell and Provost Burch spoke about the community and university collaboration. Thank you to everyone involved with the dedication particularly Leo Govoni, Suzanne Vitale, Linda and John Kelly, and Mary Lloyd Moore.
On another note, this has been a busy fall semester as the number of participants is growing in every program. Due to these increases KAP is currently housed at three different sites: Jones Jaggers, CEC, and the Student Success Center in DUC. We truly will appreciate the completed KAP space at the CEC so that we can all be together! The floor plans have been finalized and the bids are being collected. Soon we will be hearing the noise from the contraction. The gratitude from all the parents, participants, staff, and boards as we have reached our capacity at Jones Jaggers.

Elementary School
Written by: Amber Gross and Frank Kersting
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Middle School and High School
Written by: Amanda Jochim
The middle school and high school programs are back in full swing. We have more students attending KAP after school than ever seen before. The number of students is continually increasing as we see new students frequently.

Post Secondary
Written by: Krystal Martin
The postsecondary students have been a busy group of people lately. They have alot of great things going on. The students are going to begin meeting for a family-style dinner once a month with the family of one of the local students. Hopefully, this will help them to feel more at home. Additionally, the students are getting involved on campus and in the community. Twice a month, the students volunteer at the Humane Society. On the opposite two weeks, they go to the Preston Center for recreational activities. The students have also become involved in various campus activities and organizations. The students are being successful, while having a good time and living the college experience! Krystal Martin, a senior in the Exceptional Education department, and Sarah McMaine, a graduate assistant, are coordinating this group.

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Amanda Jochim, a senior in the Exceptional Education department, is currently coordinating the middle and high school after school programs and socials.
Upcoming Events:

Oct. 14 10am-11:30am with lunch following--St. Vincent De Paul
-We will help the staff with different things around the store

Oct. 20/21 6pm-9am High School girls sleep over
-We will supply dinner and breakfast. It will be a night full of girlie things.

Oct. 21 10am-12pm Middle School Boys
-We will go to Lost River Cave on the boat tour and explore around the cave.

Oct. 26 6pm-7:30pm Dinner and Conversation
-Parents will come together to discuss while the students have fun.

Oct. 27 6pm-8pm High School Boys
-We will go to Southern Lanes to bowl, play pool, and have dinner.

Favorite Foods: Pizza, ice cream & candy
Favorite T.V. Show: Reading Rainbow
Favorite Drink: Chocolate Milk
Favorite Movie: Disney’s Cars
Favorite Game: Chess
Likes: Bugs, cars, drawing cars, making drawing books, watching movies, & playing games

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

**New Staff at KAP**

Avish Nagpal, 27, is a medical graduate from India currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Public Health (Education) from Western Kentucky University. Apart from his involvement with the Kelly Autism Project, he also works as an intern in Patient Centered Services at TJ Samson Community Hospital, Glasgow, KY. He is a big soccer enthusiast and likes to travel whenever and wherever he can.

Dinesh Sharma is a medical graduate from India, currently pursuing Masters in Public health. This is his third semester at Western Kentucky University. He is hoping to join a medical residency program next year in the United States. His long term career goal is to pursue clinical work along with the research in neuroscience.

Amber Gross is a psychology graduate student currently pursuing a Master's Degree in School Psychology. Amber Gross, a newlywed, is currently overseeing the elementary 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.

**The Kelly Autism Program**

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