

Cummins named Rogers Scholar

Amanda Kay Cummins, a junior at Rockcastle County High School, has been chosen as a 2001 participant in The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars program.

Rogers Scholars is a unique and exciting learning opportunity for forty-eight rising juniors from forty counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. During the intensive, one-week session in July, students take classes in engineering, computer networking, video production and web page development. They also participate in entrepreneurial training sessions where they are challenged by some of the leading business professionals of the region. In addition, Scholars get the chance to interact with Nobel Prize winners, internationally renowned scientists, and other esteemed individuals through videoconferences with Laureates from the Kilby Awards Foundation.

"We want to reach the young people of Southern and Eastern Kentucky confidence, skills and a deeper commitment to their hometowns and this region," says Hilda Gay Legg, executive director and CEO of The Center.

The heart of The Center for Rural Development's mission is "that no young person will need to leave home to find his or her future." These words, spoken by the program's namesake, Congressman Hal Rogers, frame its goals of encouraging youths to seek job opportunities at home while increasing their marketable

skills in the field of telecommunications.

During the week, Cummins will also take part in exercises designed to build leadership and cooperation. "There will be serious instruction, but it will be presented in a fun, exciting, learning environment," says Youth Programming Coordinator Tamara Norrlett.

"Students will develop bonds and relationships that they can carry throughout their lives." According to Norrlett, one of the most exciting aspects of the program is the individual community action plan. Through brainstorming about the needs in their communities, scholars develop projects that they take home and then implement in their various counties. The Center for Rural Development tracks their progress.

Previous successful projects include opening a teen center, establishing an entrepreneurial library and assisting a community in building its

CenterNet site.

Being chosen for Rogers Scholars involves a highly competitive process. Grade point average, community and extra-curricular involvement, reference letters, and an essay are all used to judge applicants. For more information on the Rogers Scholars program, visit

www.rogersscholars.com
Amanda Kay Cummins is the daughter of Earl and Norma Cummins of Mt. Vernon.

KHEAA, a state agency, will continue mailing notices to students as they apply. KHEAA will also notify students who do not meet eligibility requirements or did not provide sufficient

information to determine their eligibility. Students are urged to carefully review the information contained in the notification and respond immediately to any requests for information.

Holt attends Sullivan

Ashlie Holt, a 2001 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, recently began her collegiate career at Sullivan University in Lexington. Ashlie was the recipient of a Tech Prep scholarship. The Tech Prep scholarship is a combined high school and post-secondary program designed to assist and prepare students for challenging professional and technical careers and was awarded from Rockcastle County High School as part of the articulation agreement with Sullivan University. Ashlie is currently pursuing an Associate degree in Medical Office Management. This program affords graduates a concentrated curriculum that enables students to enter their employment field in less than two years.

Sullivan University, Kentucky's largest private college or university, is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association

of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Bachelors and Masters degree. Sullivan University offers programs in the fields of accounting, office administration, computer science, travel and tourism, business management and marketing and sales. In addition, Sullivan also offers paralegal studies, medical office management, medical and clinical assistant, childcare management and Microsoft engineering program.



Financial Aid available for SCC students

High school graduates and all other prospective students are reminded that they can still apply for financial aid for the Fall semester. Recognizing the lack of money can keep even the most qualified students from continuing their education, Somerset Community College provides financial aid through a comprehensive assistance program of grants, scholarships, low interest education loans, and financial aid. Additionally, Kentucky's graduation high school seniors are eligible to compete for Kentucky Educational Excellence monies which are awarded based on students' high school grades and ACT or SAT scores.

"There is absolutely no reason why

any student cannot attend college," said Joanne Story, SCC's Director of Financial Aid. "Financial aid is available, but students must apply for it."

"In addition, students who attend SCC can live at home, eliminating the most expensive cost of attending college—room and board," she added. "Then they can transfer to any four-year college or university, or enter the workforce."

Call or visit the Financial Aid Counseling Office located in Mece Hall on the Somerset campus to learn more about the various forms of financial assistance. Students are also encouraged to apply online at www.fafsa.edu.gov.

Local students named to EKV Spring Semester President's List

Five Rockcastle Countians are among 510 students at Eastern Kentucky University named to the President's List for the Spring 2001 semester.

The list includes: Diana Bond, Susan DeBord, Jamie Bryant, Nathaniel Bullock and Jonathan Burdette.

"We're delighted that some of Rockcastle County's best and brightest students are studying with us at Eastern," said EKV President Bob Kustra.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement.

It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"All of us at EKV are committed to academic excellence and student success," Dr. Kustra said, "and we are pleased to recognize those students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving about 14,500 students on its 725-acre Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville and Manchester and throughout Kentucky.

KHEAA informs students who qualify for higher grants

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) has begun mailing notices to thousands of Kentucky students regarding their qualification for College Access Program (CAP) Grants and Kentucky Tuition Grants (KTG) for the 2001-02 academic year.

A CAP Grant may be used at an eligible Kentucky public or private college or university, public technical college, or proprietary school. The award amount for the 2001-02 academic year has increased to \$1,260 (\$630 each semester). Eligible part-time college students will receive an amount calculated on \$53 a credit hour. Part-time amounts for CAP recipients attending quarter-hour institutions are calculated according to a schedule provided to the institutions. KTG awards may be used at an

eligible Kentucky private college. The maximum KTG award for a full-time student is \$1,800 for the school year.

"Once again, KHEAA is pleased to offer grant awards to help Kentuckians pay their college education or technical training expenses," said Linda Lewis Wolanin, KHEAA's Chief Operating Officer. "Our goal is to make higher education accessible for Kentuckians. Award amounts have been increased and eligibility expanded to more students. Last year, students whose families were expected to contribute more than \$31,000 toward college expenses, as determined by the federal need analysis process, were not eligible. This year, the limit has been raised to \$3,550 to make education more affordable to a great number of families."

STC to hold "Information and College Advising Night"

Take charge of your future! Attend Somerset Technical College's Information and College Advising Night. Laid-off workers, STC graduates seeking degree options, and the general public are invited to this informative evening. The session will be held Tuesday, July 17 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center building (behind the main office building on the left hand side). STC faculty and staff will assist you with financial aid, scheduling, career assessments and advising.

Think about it...in as little as six to 18 months, you can train for a new career, or even start your own business. You could be making great money as an Airframe/Powerplant mechanic...helping others as a Licensed Practical Nurse...or launching a new career in the computer industry. You can even earn an associate degree!

Somerset Technical College offers 15 different program areas of study: Practical Nursing, Auto Body Repair, Diesel Technology, Graphic Technology, Welding Technology, Electronics Technology, Automotive Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Medical Office Technology, Early Childhood Education, Law Enforcement Technology, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Industrial Main-

tenance Technology and Accounting and Finance Technology.

You already know that the right training is the key to success...and Somerset Technical College has been helping men and women achieve success for over six decades! Somerset Technical College is nationally accredited and proven effective, so you can learn with confidence!

Find out how Somerset Technical College can help you achieve your goals by attending the July 17th "Information and College Advising Night." Stop by and visit our campus or phone (606)677-4049 for more information.

School news deadline is noon Tuesday

Brodhead School "Throw" Available

Anyone interested in purchasing a "throw" with pictures depicting the old Brodhead School, should contact Mrs. Shirley Martin at 606-758-8170 or Blanche Johnson at 606-758-8212



Joshua Lyons of Mt. Vernon was one of more than 1,600 new Eastern Kentucky University freshmen who attended orientation sessions this summer. Activities included small-group tours, informational sessions and displays, lunch and an afternoon advising/registration session, after which the students left with fall schedules in hand.

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