

"Leadership For A Lifetime"

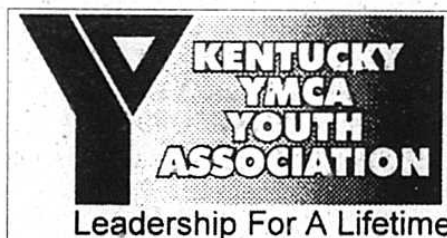
One of the most active organizations at Rockcastle County Middle and High School is the Y-Club. Y Clubs are **student-run** organizations that involve young people in **school and community service** work while teaching them basic **leadership skills**. It is a club dedicated to promoting moral and ethical character and to serving others. Amidst all the meetings, the projects, the conferences...students are urged to keep sight of this.

The first Y Club in Kentucky was formed in 1912; this year, over 5,000 middle and high school students were involved in its various programs in conjunction with the Kentucky YMCA Youth Assembly. Since 1991, nearly 800 students from Rockcastle County have benefitted from their membership in the Y Club. However, there are numerous other benefits of the Y Club such as meeting KERA Service Requirements, promoting school volunteerism, creating a solid student leadership base, and building students' self-esteem.



Rockcastle County Y-Club members participating as officers in the Kentucky Youth Assembly House of Representatives

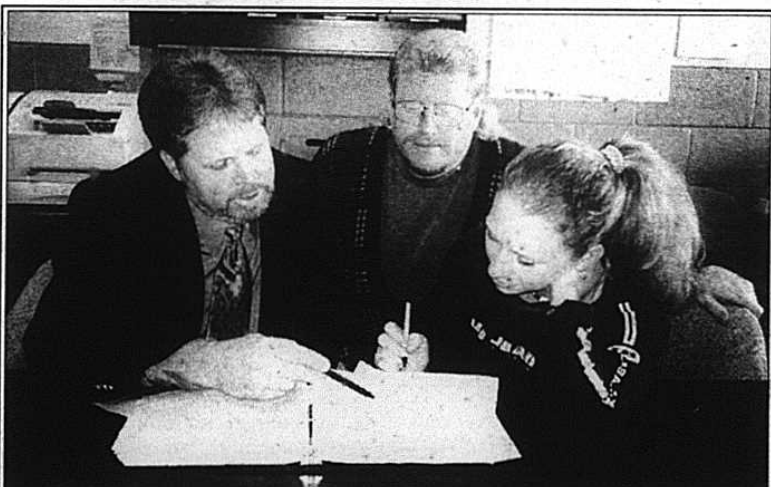
Students are also given the opportunity to showcase their talents through two state competitions per year. The Kentucky Youth Assembly is a hands-on experience in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of Kentucky's government. The Kentucky United Nations Assembly is a first-hand experience in world affairs designed to promote a better life for all mankind. The present Secretary-General of KUNA is RCHS freshman, Jackson Bray. Governor candidates for Senior and Junior KYA 2001 include RCHS junior, Aaron Anderkin and RCMS 8th grader, Ty Bottoms.



Dual Credit Awarded to Students at KY Tech - Rockcastle County Area Technology Center

Dual credit is awarded when a high school and a postsecondary institution (university, college, community college or technical college) give credit to a high school student for the same course. Ky. Tech - Rockcastle County Area Technology Center students have the opportunity to earn dual credit as a high school student in the program areas of Automotive Technology, Electricity, Health Science, Office Technology, and Welding.

A Rockcastle County High School student enrolled in one of the above KY Tech programs and maintains at least a C average will not only earn high school credit toward graduation, they may also automatically earn as many as 24 credits at Laurel Technical College as a postsecondary student. The dual credit transferred as a high school student to Laurel Technical College will apply toward a more advanced certificate, diploma, or associate degree.



Ralph Baker, Career Counselor at KY Tech - Rockcastle Area Technology Center and David Gilliam, Academic Dean at Laurel Technical College, assist Jessica Saylor, senior at RCHS and KY Tech - Rockcastle in completing an application to receive dual credit. Upon high school graduation, Jessica will have completed seven college credits in Office Technology at Laurel Technical College. These same credits counted toward high school graduation requirements.

The objective of dual credit courses is to offer well-prepared high school students an opportunity to take free, high-quality college courses. This dual credit arrangement enables high school students to take college courses for credit and ensures that credit earned through dual enrollment is transferable in the same manner as other college courses. In an effort to provide increased education and training opportunities for local high school students, Laurel Technical College and Rockcastle County Area Technology Center have agreed to cooperate in this dual credit initiative designed to provide a seamless educational path for our students. Specifically, the purpose of dual credit is to allow local high school students to take college-level courses and receive both college and high school credit.

