

RCHS programs worth checking out

BY COURTNEY ALEXANDER

Rockcastle County High School has always strived to provide the most enriching educational experience possible for its students. Most schools try to offer their student body opportunities to "get involved" or to "make a difference" in the community. Not only does RCCHS have an abundance of organizations to get involved with, but this year they've added more.

Here's a rundown of programs here at the Rock that for one reason or another may have gotten lost in the shuffle, but deserve a second look.

JOB QUEST

A program which assists 14-21 year olds in setting educational and career goals. Job Quest strives to find jobs for students as a form of job shadowing, yet they get paid for their services. Coordinator for Job Quest, Kyle Rader, has great faith in this program. Students receive help in leadership, life skills, work and social skills, plus academic assistance.

"I hope to see these students develop skills that will help them in life," commented Mr. Kyle Rader.

Twenty students are currently involved in this program and there's room for several more. At the chance of acquiring skills to help you make more money and improve your way of life, who wouldn't want to be involved?

Certain criteria must be met before admittance to this program. Anyone interested can see Kyle Rader or Rachel Johnson in the library for more information.

All members of RCCHS will benefit from this program. More than likely you'll be interacting with all

these students even if you're not in the program. If you need help finding a job, try Job Quest!

Make-Up Credits

Numerous students don't get to graduate with their class because they fail too many classes, therefore not earning enough credits. But if students should choose to take advantage of this opportunity, they are able to make up missed/failed credits after school.

On Mondays and Tuesday from 3-5 PM students can stay with Miss Dana Singleton to make up the following credits: General Science, Biology, Anatomy/Physiology, World Civ., U.S. History, Algebra I, English, and (coming soon) Global Issues.

Each class is an independent study where students must complete and pass a workbook, plus pass the final exam. The make-up could take a couple of weeks to several months, depending on how hard you work.

According to Miss Dana the class currently averages 10 students and has room for plenty more. This is the same program used by Jefferson Co. and the Rockcastle Alternative School.

One stipulation on this class is that in order to make up a credit, your portfolio must be completed. For example, you can't make up English III without a completed junior portfolio.

If you're interested in getting caught up with credits in order to graduate with your class, take advantage of this opportunity.

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Josh Ramsey talks to a representative from Cumberland College at Somerset Community College's annual college fair. Seniors from across the region were given a chance to visit and talk with admissions officers from every college in Kentucky, learn information about scholarships, and pick up applications.

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Western Kentucky lives up to motto

BY TARA THOMPSON

Located on a hill overlooking the of Bowling Green, Western Kentucky University is acclaimed to be one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation. I never knew how true that statement was until I got the chance to see it myself. To see is to believe. Even in the midst of fall, with the leaves mostly gone, it left me with a feeling of disbelief.

Western offers everything that most colleges offer, but in retrospect, it offers much more: eighty academic majors, and seventy academic minors. There are also a number of professional and pre-professional curricula available for all the future doctors, lawyers, and dentists out there.

Just a little FYI that might be intriguing to know: Western's School of Journalism and Broadcasting is ranked number one in the

nation. Can't get much more bona fide than that.

Prices at Western aren't extremely horrible either, compared to other colleges and universities that I've been checking out like Georgetown, whose tuition for just a semester is a whole whopping \$13,580. Add on the cost of a dorm, food, books, transportation, and personal expenses, and it comes out to over \$20,000. Western will cost you less than \$10,000.

Western's tuition is \$2844.00 per year. This price includes fees for student activities and services, student health and education awareness, and a fee for the Preston Center/Health and Fitness lab.

Books could run almost \$600 per year, and KHEAA's *Getting In* estimates personal expenses to be around \$300-600 per semester, but honestly this amount would hardly

last me a month. So it solely depends on what type of spender you are. Are you a penny pincher, or does money burn holes in your pockets, like me?

Rooms per semester are \$875 for the traditional dorm room, \$925 for the "pampered person" suites, and \$995 for the newly-finished dorm rooms. There are male, female, and co-ed dorm buildings available. So there's something out there for everyone.

Meals could cost anywhere between \$775-\$975 per semester.

Okay, the meal's segment of my article should be the most intriguing because it totally blows my mind away. And anyone who knows me, knows I love food.

Western has numerous eating

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