

## Kentucky Offers a Wealth of Excellent Schools to Ensure Your Personal Growth

Graduation from high school is a time of great joy and a time for important decisions. What you do after you receive your high school diploma will affect the remainder of your life. Your future happiness is at stake.

Higher education is the key to your success. Your determination to graduate is praiseworthy. Now, I strongly recommend the next step, attending a Kentucky school of higher education.

Kentucky offers a wealth of excellent schools that will ensure your personal growth. We have worked diligently to place the proper focus on postsecondary education and the results are impressive.

Investigate the advantages of attending one of our excellent schools. Ask questions. Talk to graduates. And learn about the advantages of studying in Kentucky.

Sincerely,  
**Paul E. Patton**  
 Governor



## In Kentucky, More and More Students are Choosing to Attend College

As a parent and a former classroom teacher, the beginning and end of school always starts my adrenaline pumping. It represents an exciting new chapter in the life of each Kentucky student!

This is a particularly exciting time for high school seniors, who are coming to the end of their public school learning experience. Kentucky's 2002 graduates are now focused on their upcoming transition to adult life and what that transition means – not only to them, but to their families and communities as well.

In Kentucky, more and more high school seniors are choosing to attend colleges and universities, and I encourage them to give full consideration to Kentucky's own outstanding institutions of higher learning.

The state's elementary and secondary public schools are producing young adults with great potential, and Kentucky's colleges and universities can help unlock that potential.

Sincerely,  
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