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## WKU, KCTCS work out transfer partnership

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An agreement between Western Kentucky University and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System will make it easier for KCTCS students to transfer to WKU. WKU President Timothy Caboni (left) and KCTCS President Ryan Quarles at the agreement.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (KT) – Western Kentucky University (WKU) and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) have reaffirmed an agreement that will help more students across Kentucky easily transfer their credits to WKU and earn four-year degrees.

“In 2009, WKU began signing individual agreements with KCTCS partner institutions, each strategically constructed to reduce barriers and make possible a college degree for even more aspirational students,” WKU President Timothy C. Caboni said. “This morning, we celebrate and reaffirm this critical alliance with the entire KCTCS system, a relationship that propels not only students seeking a four-year degree, but one that also strengthens WKU, KCTCS, our community, our state and our region.”

Students from the 16 KCTCS colleges will have access to automatic transfer scholarships up to \$4,000 and numerous support services through the WKU Transfer Center to provide a seamless transfer process.

“In 2021, WKU and SKYCTC began working with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the National Association of System Heads to develop strategies and methods to make the transition from community and technical college to WKU easier than ever before,” President Caboni said. “This work included conducting a comprehensive review of the intricacies of the transfer process and implementing

changes, such as the expansion of our transfer advising program and services, which significantly streamlined the process from admission to class registration.”

KCTCS President Ryan Quarles said, “KCTCS students come from all types of backgrounds and experiences, and we want to provide them with the resources they need to achieve their education goals. We are excited to continue to partner with Western Kentucky University and to expand support services to provide seamless transfer pathways for KCTCS students from across the system. Education opens doors, and increasing access to four-year degrees better prepares our students for employment success.”

The WKU Transfer Center is a one-stop location for students interested in transferring to WKU. The transfer center can assist students with transfer admission, credit evaluation, advising, and much more. “WKU uses academic advisors to advise students on which courses will seamlessly transfer between KCTCS and WKU,” said Dr. Chris Jensen, assistant vice president for student success.

Each year, about 14,000 KCTCS students transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information and to learn about WKU's transfer admission requirements, go to [www.wku.edu/transfer](http://www.wku.edu/transfer).

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