NON-PROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID PERMIT 566 LEXINGTON KY

& Technical College **Bluegrass Community**

~ Lexington KY 40503 director ~ 800.625.6678 859.246.4656 www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/talent educational advisor educational advisor educational advisor 859.246.6574 2659 Regency Road lessica Wigginton **Charles Baldwin Tedd Roseberry Carol Elrod** fax





summer's on the Way!

Online Sites to Know

New ETS Advisor



ETS will be hosting a variety of events again this summer. Some are old favorites we offer every year, and some are brand new. Every student who has attended at least one ETS activity so far this year should have received an application in the mail; if you didn't receive yours, and you'd like to apply for a summer activity, give us a call.

Both middle and high school will have two day-long trips this year. Longer events include Middle School camp in early June, with lots of fun activities and

a little taste of dorm life at UK. New this year is another UK-based event, this time for rising INTHISISSUE juniors and seniors. It's called the Summer Upcoming Events 2 College Experience, and will involve learning, **Spring Break in New York** exploring, and sharing personal college ETS on Facebook selections, applications, and financial aid. Financial Aid Corner 3 We'll share a lot of skills, experience, and College Profile 4 Ivy League Schools information you'll need for a successful College Major 5 college experience, and we'll have a lot of fun Education in the process during those three days in July. **Career Spotlight**

We hope to see you this summer! \star

CORRECTION: Visits for the HS day trip on June 26th were listed incorrectly on the application sent out a few weeks ago. We will be going to Berea College & EKU, as indicated elsewhere.





UPCOMINGEVENTS

Sr Recognition/Family Night 05/15 **BCTC Regency Campus**

> Middle School Camp 06/09-University of Kentucky 06/12

MS trip-UK & KY Horse Park 06/24

HS trip-Berea & EKU 06/26

Jr/Sr College Experience 06/30-University of Kentucky **07/02**

MS trip-Raven Run & BCTC 07/15

HS trip-Georgetown & U of L 07/17

Year End Celebration 07/24 Kings Island

BCTC Talent Search serves 950 middle

- ◆ Excel in school
- Develop awareness of potential
- ◆ Experience positive cultural
- Understand and pursue postsecondary educational opportunities





SPring Break in New York!

Twenty-four students and the ETS staff showed up at 4:00 am in the lobby of Bluegrass Airport to begin a fantastic trip to New York City this spring break. By the time we were standing under the marquee for *Phantom of the Opera* later that night (see photo on front page), many students had become first-time flyers and were already experts on getting around Manhattan

We did a lot of shopping, a lot of sightseeing, and a lot of laughing (well, most of the time). We even managed to visit two colleges along the way, which may outnumber how many public bathrooms we managed to find!

Four days later, it was dark again at Bluegrass Airport when we arrived home late at night, carrying a lot of NYC souvenirs. The trip was great—and the ETS staff really appreciates how well students behaved, and how much they enjoyed themselves. We love you guys! *

ets on Facebook

We never have enough space in The Star News to print all our ETS photos, like the ones below from our New York trip. So we've created our own Facebook group so you can see lots of pictures, find out about upcoming events, and more. You're all invited to join—and nobody else can see our stuff, so no worries about internet safety. Go to www.facebook.com, search for "Bluegrass ETS", and send a request to join the group. It's that easy! *





bluegrass community & technical college

financial aid

Academic Competitiveness Grant

This is a grant that everyone who graduates from a Kentucky high school is eligible for—so don't miss out! The Academic Competitiveness Grant is available to all high school graduates and to second year college students! Like all grants, it does not have to be paid back. It is awarded in addition to the Pell Grant, and you apply just by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online!

Full-time students who are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and who have successfully completed a rigorous high school program (if you graduate from a Kentucky high school you already meet this requirement!) qualify for the Academic Competitiveness Grant. It can provide up to \$750.00 for the first year of undergraduate study and up to \$1,300.00 for the second year. Specific requirements are as follows:

- U.S. citizen
- Federal Pell Grant recipient (by completing the FAFSA)
- **Enrolled full-time in a degree program**
- Enrolled in the first or second academic year at a college or university (both two and four year schools qualify)
- Completed a rigorous high school program of study (four years of English, three years of math, (including Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry), three years of basic lab science, (biology, chemistry, physics), three and one half years of social studies, and two years of the same foreign language other than English)
- If you are a first year student, you cannot have been previously enrolled in an undergraduate program (dual credit courses do not count as being previously enrolled!)
- If you are a second year student, you must have maintained at least a cumulative 3.0 grade point average (on a 4 point scale) for the first academic year

The Academic Competitiveness Grant together with the PELL grant may NOT exceed the cost of attendance!

If you have more questions, go online to: www.studentaid.gov and look under "grants" for the Academic Competitiveness Grant as well as many other financial aid opportunities!



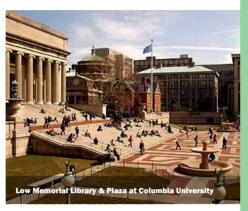
COLLEGEPTOFILE



olumbia University, the fifth-oldest college in the nation and a member of the Ivy League, was one of our stops during the recent ETS trip to New York City. Columbia has amazing resources and opportunities, but the big surprise is how far it—and other Ivy League schools—will go to attract a diverse student body.

Ivy League Aid

Harvard and other Ivies have massive need-based aid programs that pay all costs beyond what the FAFSA says a student can afford. This means that most students receive at least some assistance, and low-income students may not have to pay anything for a prestigious education—if they can get in.



How Do You Get In?

If you want to go to an Ivy League school, it's no surprise that you need fantastic grades, test scores, extracurricular activities, essays, and recommendations. The online resource *College Confidential* goes on to explain that Ivies are "seeking students with unusual accomplishments—not just the same old, familiar high school stuff, however impressive it may be... Applicants are never evaluated in a vacuum, either. That is, admission officials pay close attention to such factors as socioeconomic background and a range of other extenuating circumstances..."

Opportunities Do Exist

Even if you don't have enough money for college, there are colleges with enough money for you, both far and near. But you have to be that special, amazing student whom schools are looking for, and you have to want to attend a school with lots of aid available for your education. Of course, finding the perfect match may mean going outside your comfort zone (or at least your area code), so it's up to you to decide what's right for you.

IVY League SCHOOLS Northeastern US



education

o you want job security, good pay and benefits, plus time off in the summer? That's exactly what many students would like to achieve with their college degree, but surprisingly few ETS kids ask us about majoring in education. An education major involves the practical teacher training you would expect along with studies in educational theory you might not have realized.

Education majors usually require some general courses in various subjects, and some teaching certifications may require a specialization (like in math or science, for example). Typical education courses would include things like educational psychology, education in a multicultural society, education of the exceptional child, instructional technology, philosophy of education, and teaching methods. (And yes, your current teachers did learn all of those things!)

Part of earning an education degree includes real-life learning, such as:

- field observations—watch and participate in classroom teaching, under the supervision of an experienced classroom teacher
- student teaching—work in an assigned classroom under the supervision of the regular classroom teacher and an instructor from your college for several weeks
- teaching as an internship—take on your very own class, with support and supervision

Aside from classroom teaching in various subjects at the middle or high school level, you can have a specialized major or certification like elementary education, early childhood education, art education, library/information science, guidance, or special education.

Although teachers are notoriously underpaid in comparison to other professions requiring similar levels of training, education, and stress, their pay is still pretty good, and teachers are consistently in demand. In fact, scholarships and loan forgiveness programs are sometimes available to recruit new teachers. You already know what kind of person makes a good teacher: patient, well organized, and flexible, with a good sense of

humor. This is a great major for someone who is fascinated by the learning process and who loves to spend time with young people.

collegemajor



Careerspotlight

any people today think of the slick, popular *CSI* series when they think of forensic science. However, the way the popular entertainment portrays the career can be a little misleading. Successful forensic scientists spend most of their time in crime labs—they are scientists first and foremost—though they see work at crime scenes from time to time. If you want to go to the streets to find leads on the latest crime, apprehend suspects, or employ sly interrogation techniques, you should look into being a police officer or detective (though none of them experience in a month what an investigator on *CSI* experiences in one episode). But, if you would like to work with law enforcement to study evidence that will bring criminals to justice or help exonerate the falsely accused, this job may be for you.

Forensic scientists need to be intelligent, precise, and patient. They master subjects like chemistry, physics, biology, and math, and use them in a very practical way: to answer questions of interest to the legal system either to solve crimes or investigate civil disputes. Their work could involve anything from studying fingerprints or tire tracks from a crime scene, to studying the skeletal remains of a long deceased victim, to tracking past weather conditions of a crime scene. Just saying that you are a forensic scientist hardly tells anyone what you do on a day to day basis because there are so many specialties within the field.

Most forensic scientists work for city, state, or federal government. Experienced forensic scientists may eventually earn annual salaries between \$35,000 and \$50,000. Most of these jobs require a bachelor's degree though some require a master's. A degree specifically in forensic science is not necessary to obtain a position with a crime lab, though substantial work in either criminal justice or the natural sciences while in college is expected. Many of the jobs are standard forty hour a week positions, though some overtime might be required depending on where you are employed. Competition for entry level positions in the field can be competitive, but prospects for experienced forensic scientists look promising in coming years.

FORENSIC SCIENTIST





Online Sites to Know

- www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov everything you need, including guides, searches, fact sheets, and more, all provided by the US Department of Education
- www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa4caster.html gives an estimate of aid eligibility
- www.fafsa.ed.gov FAFSA on the Web & school codes
- www.pin.ed.gov PIN & registration info for the FAFSA

Remember... never pay money to get money. Everything you need is freely available online:

- www.collegeanswer.com
- www.collegefund.org (Native American)
- www.college-scholarships.com
- www.fastaid.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.gmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholars)
- www.gohigherkentucky.org
- www.hsf.net (Hispanic)
- www.latinocollegedollars.org
- www.ocanatl.org (Asian American)
- www.salliemaefund.org
- www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org
- www.scholarships.com
- www.srnexpress.com
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.uncf.org (African American)

New ets advisor

Although he's been visiting schools for months, and was with us for the spring break trip, we have not yet formally introduced our newest staff member, Charles Baldwin.

Charles comes to us with lots of experience from Upward Bound, another TRIO program similar to ETS. He is serving Mercer and Scott County schools, along with Bryan Station High, Tates Creek Middle, Tates Creek High, and Winburn Middle. We are excited by the expertise and enthusiasm Charles brings to our program—welcome!

