

# Leadership for Successful Schools

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# Kentucky Principals Academy

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## Welcome!

And...we're off!

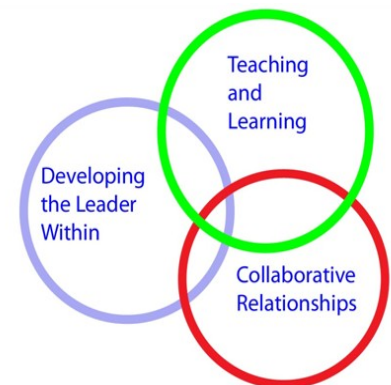
Yes, it's Derby time here in Louisville and like the horses, we are "off to the races" planning your KPA 2010 experience. We are thrilled you have decided to join us this summer for what your colleagues from previous KPAs have deemed some of the best professional development of their careers.

It takes time and effort to personalize a KPA for you and we are busy doing just that but we also know you need information to prepare for the upcoming orientation and the actual summer academy experience.

We have tried to provide the answers to your questions in this newsletter but should you still have questions, feel free to contact us. The best way to do that is to contact

Debbie Powers, the Executive Director via email at [debbie.powers@louisville.edu](mailto:debbie.powers@louisville.edu) or by calling 502-295-7770. You may also check our website for information.

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## KPA Expands in 2010



This is an exciting time for us at KPA. We have expanded from one cohort in Louisville to three cohorts across the state as well as a customized KPA experience for the administrators in Kenton County.

We are conducting our flagship KPA in Louisville,

Kentucky from June 13th though June 16th.

Partnering with both GRREC and WKU, our second KPA will be in Bowling Green from June 16th though June 19th.

The third KPA, June 28th though June 30th, will be in Pikeville, as we partner

with KVEC for that cohort.

Finally, the Kenton County administrators will have their own custom KPA in July!

It's going to be a very busy summer!

## Hotel Information

Our conference hotel for both the orientation in Bowling Green on May 18th and 19th and for the actual summer academy, June 16th—19th will be the Hilton Garden Inn Bowling Green.

The Hilton Garden Inn Bowling Green hotel in Bowling Green, KY is a brand new 100% smoke free hotel featuring 133 guest rooms and is located directly across from the Sloan Convention Center and Crosswinds Golf Course.

All KPA participants will enjoy private rooms, free parking, and breakfast each morning at the hotel. Reservations have already been made for you and the rooms will be paid by KPA. No reimbursements necessary!

The address for the hotel is:

1020 Wilkinson Trace  
Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103  
270-781-6778



## What to bring...what to wear!

The success of your personal academy experience is dependent on your level of engagement. We intend to treat you like the CEO of your building because...you **ARE** the CEO of your building. No brown bag lunches for this crowd! We will feed you well, treat you well, and hopefully provide



that much needed shot of enthusiasm to help you reengage in new and meaningful ways when you return from this experience.

To that end, we encourage you to pack a great attitude! For the May orientation, we will be based at the hotel. We want you to dress comfortably but professionally, so business casual is the rule here.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of a book chapter. Please read this chapter before coming in May so that we can use it as a discussion activity on May 18th.

We'll have everything else you need!

There will be some work you need to do to prepare for the June residency and we will have those supplies for you, as well!

## Looking ahead to June

KPA is not just a "one-hit wonder" for you. You'll be back with us in June for a resident program beginning Wednesday, June 16th at 4:30 PM. We will work through the morning of June 19th. We will begin at the hotel on June 16th and move to GRREC Headquarters on the 17th and 18th and then back to the hotel for the morning of the 19th of June. Dress again is business casual for June.

For planning purposes we do let you off a night so that you can enjoy Bowling Green on your own. Thursday, June 17th we will finish a little early and then you have the entire evening to eat, explore, shop—whatever you would like to do.

We also like to let you see a little of what Bowling Green has to offer while you are with us so plan on a trip to the WKU campus so that you can

learn about some fabulous opportunities there for schools in Kentucky.

Also, plan to bring a laptop with you in June. We'll be working on startup plans for the upcoming year and you'll want to have that available. There will be internet connectivity for you!



## Orientation Schedule: May 18th and 19th

### *Hilton Garden Inn May 18, 2010*

<i>Registration &amp; Hotel Check-In</i>	<i>1:00-1:30 PM</i>	
<i>Opening Session</i>	<i>1:30-2:45 PM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>
<i>Everyday Creativity</i>	<i>2:45-3:30 PM</i>	<i>Debbie Powers</i>
<i>Time Management &amp; LifePlanning Exercise</i>	<i>3:30-4:45 PM</i>	<i>Dr. Haselton</i>
<i>The Big Rocks</i>	<i>4:45-5:30 PM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>
<i>Developing Your Mission</i>	<i>5:30-6:30 PM</i>	<i>Debbie Powers</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>6:30-7:00 PM</i>	
<i>Great Groups Exercise</i>	<i>7:15-8:30 PM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>
<i>ABC for Morning</i>	<i>8:30 PM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>

### *Hilton Garden Inn May 19, 2010*

<i>Breakfast &amp; Hotel Check-out</i>	<i>7:45-8:15 AM</i>	
<i>ABC Wrap-up</i>	<i>8:20-8:30 AM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>
<i>True Colors</i>	<i>8:30 -10:00 AM</i>	<i>Debbie Powers</i>
<i>Break</i>	<i>10:00-10:15 AM</i>	
<i>True Colors</i>	<i>10:15 -11:15 AM</i>	<i>Debbie Powers</i>
<i>Wrap-up and June Plans</i>	<i>11:15-11:45 AM</i>	<i>KPA Team</i>

***Reconvene June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn***

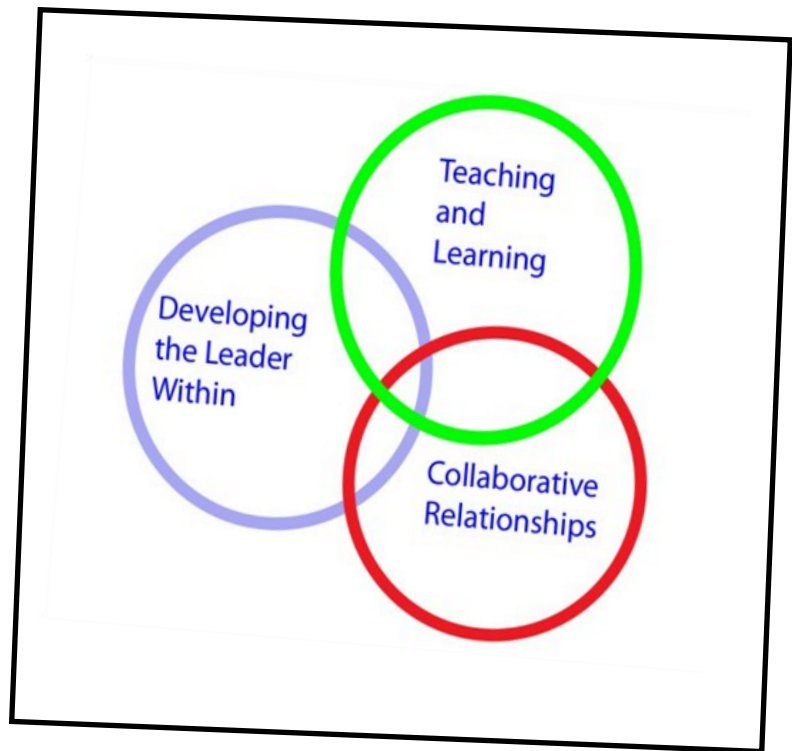
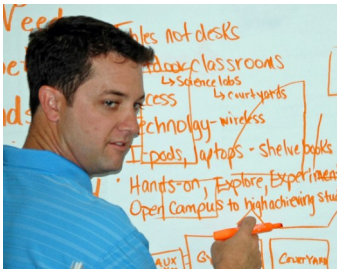
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## From the Director...

You really have no idea how excited we are to be hosting KPA again for the third year. Working with principals from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky has been a phenomenal experience for me personally and I am pleased we are able to continue this work.

Please know we do everything we possibly can to ensure you have a meaningful experience and that you leave with tools that you can employ the moment you return to your buildings. Everything we do is with that in mind and everyone who works with you during this experience feels the same way. It's about your success and your growth as a principal.

Adding to the legacy of KPA are the new partnerships for the 2010 KPAs. We are partnering with KVEC in eastern Kentucky, the Kenton County

School District in northern Kentucky and here in Bowling Green we are partnering with both GRREC and WKU to provide this no-cost, professional development opportunity for principals in this region. Special thanks go out to Dale Brown for helping to make this partnership a reality.

As the host organization, the University of Louisville has been gracious in lending support to KPA in many ways. Special thanks go to Dr. Blake Haselton, the principal investigator on the original KPA grant and a man I consider the founder of KPA. Without his vision, guidance, and support, KPA would not be what it is today.

The past two years have seen 54 principals progress through KPA and this summer alone we will host nearly 150 through the regional KPAs. KPA alumni continue to help mentor and

lead the work across the state supporting their colleagues and helping to build a strong network of committed, educated, responsive school leaders. I am proud to know them and prouder still to be working with you this summer. Welcome to KPA.

Debbie Powers  
Executive Director, KPA

