

KCEE Fundamental\$ Summit
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The Kentucky Economy:
Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

1. Appreciate invitation/opportunity
 - Started teaching Economics in 1974 – UK – all I ever wanted to do was to teach.
 - Thank you for this opportunity to offer some perspectives on Kentucky economy.
2. First – a. U.S. economy
 - 2008-09
 - 10 – 3% GDP
 - 11 – 1.9%
 - 12 – ??

b. KY – lost 120,000; added 70,000
3. Kentucky economy structural view
4. Old Guy –
 - Early/mid-1950's – grew up in Louisville
 - GE – 25,000 (washers/dryers – refrigerators/store/etc.)
 - L&N – Jane, Dad/Granddad
 - Goodrich – Rubbertown (Dad worked)
 - B&W (I worked)

Louisville was a great industrial city / great
Kentucky was a manufacturing state – we were/we are: we are good at making things –
home appliances, industrial equipment, cars
5. In fact, historical – Kentucky – higher %:
But last decade
17% v 11.4%
10 yrs today – Loss of 100,000 manufacturing jobs
 - Manufacturing
 - Non-Durable – cut/sew
 - Durable
 - Coal
 - Mining
 - Agriculture
 - Tobacco

Much has changed – jobs of today different than jobs of yesterday/don't know jobs of tomorrow.
6. But there are Givens; things we do know:
#1 Do know New Economy Knowledge Based Economy

- Great corporations of today – Apple/Microsoft/Google/maybe Facebook didn't exist; built on ideas/creativity;
 - GE – companies reinvent – financial/health care/space
 - So key to economic future - Human Capital – brain power/creativity/innovation – factors of production. In fact:
 - 3 t's – Richard Florida
 - Talent/Technology/Tolerance
- #2 Second, we see a paradigm shift: jobs follow people / old days – recruit a factory – today people can work anywhere – give me an iPad/iPhone
- #3 We know that recent research – Milken Institute – Ross DeVoe
- Research University (talented workforce/new knowledge/quality of life)
- #4 Global economy – just look
- Japan
 - Greece/Spain
 - China
- #5 We know per capita income in Kentucky 80%. And we know the reason?
7. Given these Givens – what is our public policy direction? Education more important than ever – unemployment today. 8.1 v 4%
- Louisville community has two major initiatives:
 - a) Bigger talent base: 55K – 2020 – benchmark cities
 - High School → College → Graduate
(Note: State – “Double the Numbers”)
 - Team sport – high school/college/ business/government
“Talk the talk” but not “walk the walk”
 - b) As we must develop along with talent, we must develop new economic clusters in our community, e.g.
 1. Health Care/Life Sciences
 - a. First – today Health care/Education sector of Kentucky economy larger than manufacturing (couple of years ago) growth sector
History – Humana
You and I demand
 - b. Second – Human Genome – genetic structure change medicine today/UofL School of Medicine
 - c. Third – Success: e.g., Subclusters: Aging – Senior Care. Home to more lifelong wellness and aging companies than anywhere else.
 - Rescare
 - Kindred
 - Humana
 - Athena
 - Almost Family
 - Signature Health Care

- Atria
- Trilogy
- Elmcroft
- PharMerica

2. Logistics – Location/road system/river/but UPS – biolistics.
3. Additive/Advanced Manufacturing – yes, loss of manufacturing jobs, you and I, consumer MEMS/Nano technology, produce faster, stronger, cheaper.

BEAM initiative

4. Business Services
 - Startup/financing/legal ⇒ capital markets
5. Renewable Energy – Kentucky Energy State: Coal
6. Dining/Franchising
 - YUM
 - Papa John's
 - Texas Roadhouse

8. So locally we have a dual strategy to grow economy/job/quality of life; build:
 - Talent pool
 - Develop new clusters of activity

Economic development strategy: clusters –
Key to both: Education, Education, Education, Education

Δ Yet, hard for policy makers – education often do not – investment good – but consumption good – competing with Medicaid/corrections and so we fail to invest in our future.
9. Wrap up – to you
 - a. Educators – thank you
 - b. Economic literacy/understand our economy more important than
10. Don't ever underestimate your role, your impact, your influence

Thank you.