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## AHS, DCHS students ‘Close the Deal’

Apollo and Daviess County high school juniors are prepared to take a significant step toward fulfilling their commitments to preparing for success in life after high school through their participation in special “Close the Deal” events. DCHS juniors will meet from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club, 3415 Buckland Square; and AHS juniors will meet from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the same location. Daviess County Public Schools college and career readiness coordinator Amanda Jerome said the goal of this event is to provide a vision for the future as students enter their senior year and start making plans for a successful transition to adulthood, including college and careers.

Keynote speakers for the DCHS event are Bart Darrell, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College; and Miss Kentucky Katie Bouchard, a graduate of Daviess County High School. AHS keynote speaker is local artist Aaron Kizer.

Students will be engaged in a series of “Table Talk” conversations on topics in four categories – college admissions, financial aid, careers and life readiness – relating to transitioning from high school to college and careers. Post-secondary, business and community leaders will share information about employability skills, interviewing tips, communication skills, choosing the right college or university, applying for financial aid and topics about adult life in general, such as setting up checking and savings accounts, managing a budget, and the importance of learning to cook, wash clothes and other domestic responsibilities.

Students will also visit booths providing information about college and career opportunities. Admissions and financial aid counselors from Brescia University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro Community and Technical College, Western Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky and the University of Southern Indiana will be in attendance, as well as members of the regional business community and local and state elected officials.

Students will “dress for success” on this day as they look ahead at the “next steps” in their lives beyond high school graduation. Lunch will be provided by Ole South Bar-B-Q (DCHS) and Moonlite Bar-B-Q Inn (AHS).

“Close the Day” has been organized by Amanda Jerome, DCPS college and career readiness coordinator; CCR coaches Trey Pippin (DCHS) and Kelly Spaw (AHS); and Ryan Bibb, program director at the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club. The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) provides materials and multiple financial aid counselors for Close the Deal events across Kentucky.

Our media partners are invited to join our high school juniors as they “Close the Deal” from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5-6, at the Boys & Girls Club, 3415 Buckland Square. For more information or to schedule interviews with participants, contact Amanda Jerome at 270-903-0965 or [amanda.jerome@daviess.kyschools.us](mailto:amanda.jerome@daviess.kyschools.us)

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