



***Posters-at-the-Capitol***  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**  
**February 2, 2006**

October 2, 2005

President LNAME FNAME  
Office of the President  
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Dear Dr. LNAME:

This year's Kentucky annual *Posters-at-the-Capitol* is noteworthy as it marks the event's fifth anniversary. I know that earlier this year, you, as president of one of Kentucky's public universities, were asked to respond to a set of "five questions" from the Council on Postsecondary Education. Question four specifically asks "Are college graduates prepared for life and work in Kentucky?" The literature shows that students who participate in research as undergraduates not only graduate from college but pursue advanced degrees in larger numbers than students who have not had this opportunity. Thus, your promotion of undergraduate research on your campus not only helps insure that your university is meeting the goals of the Council on Postsecondary Education; it is helping Kentucky develop the workforce it will need for the future. The Organizing Committee for *Posters-at-the-Capitol* is pleased to help you celebrate your students' success and to help you bring an understanding of the importance of undergraduate research to those in Kentucky responsible for funding higher education.

*Posters-at-the-Capitol* will held be on February 2, 2006. The day's events will open at 10:45 a.m. with remarks by Governor Ernie Fletcher (invited) and CPE President, Dr. Tom Layzell (invited) and will include poster viewing from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., oral presentations from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and a legislative reception from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. We anticipate that over 200 Kentucky undergraduates will present upwards of 120 projects at *Posters-at-the-Capitol* this year. Please plan to attend as many of the day's events as your schedule will allow. Your students will be excited to see you there.

In preparation for this year's event, my office is preparing a program booklet that will be distributed to members of the legislature in early January. I am enclosing a copy of your remarks printed in last year's publication for your review, modification, and resubmission. I would like to remind you that we are marking the fifth anniversary of *Posters-at-the-Capitol*. We would greatly appreciate having your statement reflect on this fact. **Your statement should be submitted to my assistant, Mr. Jody Cofer, at [jody.cofer@murraystate.edu](mailto:jody.cofer@murraystate.edu) by October 28, 2005.** If you or your office staff have any questions regarding the preparations for *Posters-at-the-Capitol*, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

John Mateja, Chair  
*Posters-at-the-Capitol* Organizing Committee

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