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Inviting Applications and Nominations for

President



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*Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC), in Bowling Green, Kentucky, seeks an exceptional leader and experienced candidate for **President of the College**. SKYCTC is a member of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).*



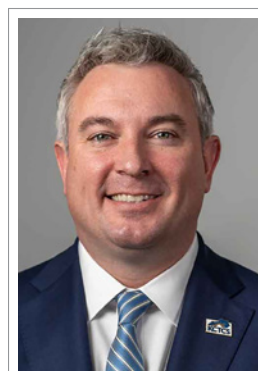
ABOUT KCTCS

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is the largest provider of public higher education in Kentucky.

Established in 1998, KCTCS has 16 colleges and more than 70 campuses across the Commonwealth and is committed to providing affordable, accessible education and workforce training to students and citizens of the state from all backgrounds. With over 20 years of experience and more than 1 million students to date, KCTCS is the number one provider of workforce training in Kentucky and the state's primary source for college and workforce readiness, transfer education, and workforce education.

Dr. Ryan Quarles is the fourth president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the first native Kentuckian to lead the system. He was named president by the KCTCS Board of Regents September 29, 2023, following a national search. Quarles began his position January 1, 2024.

Quarles comes to KCTCS with a long history in statewide public service. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and as Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner. He holds seven college degrees including a doctorate in higher education administration from Vanderbilt University; a master's degree in higher education from Harvard University; and a juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law. Quarles attended Lexington Community College, the forerunner of Bluegrass Community and Technical College and is a ninth-generation Kentucky farmer at Quarles Farms in Scott County.



Dr. Ryan Quarles



ABOUT SKYCTC

For more than 85 years, Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC) has been transforming lives and strengthening communities through education. Founded in 1939 as a small trade school, SKYCTC has grown into a dynamic, future-focused institution with six campuses serving Southcentral Kentucky.

SKYCTC serves a 10-county area and has six locations, with three in Bowling Green, two in Glasgow, and one in Franklin. As part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), SKYCTC offers more than 30 academic programs, including technical degrees and associate degrees in arts and science. These programs equip students with the skills needed to thrive as they graduate and go into high-demand careers or seamlessly transfer to a university to continue their education.

POINTS OF PRIDE FOR SKYCTC

- Named one of the 150 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year community colleges.
- Recognized 11 times by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce as one of the Best Places to Work in Kentucky.
- SKYCTC takes a proactive approach to student achievement, earning national recognition for its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Writing: Where Your Voice Begins. [Click here to read more online.](#)
- SKYCTC ranks number one among all Kentucky higher education institutions in the percentage of graduates who stay and work in Kentucky.

SKYCTC Vision

Inspired by its Culture of Caring, Southcentral Kentucky will transform lives through high-quality education and training.

SKYCTC Mission

SKYCTC will improve South Central Kentucky's economic prosperity through higher education focused on career development, community partnerships, and economic growth.

SKYCTC Values

- Student Focused
- Culture of Caring
- Commitment to Excellence



THE OPPORTUNITY/DUTIES

The president of the college, under the general direction of the KCTCS President, is charged with the general responsibility of the overall administration of the college.

It is the president's function to see that the policies and procedures of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Rules of the Senate are enforced. Along with the college faculty, the president is responsible for the development and implementation of an instructional program commensurate with the purposes of a comprehensive community and technical college including but not limited to the curricula of the college, for the quality of instruction, and the assignment of duties to all persons.

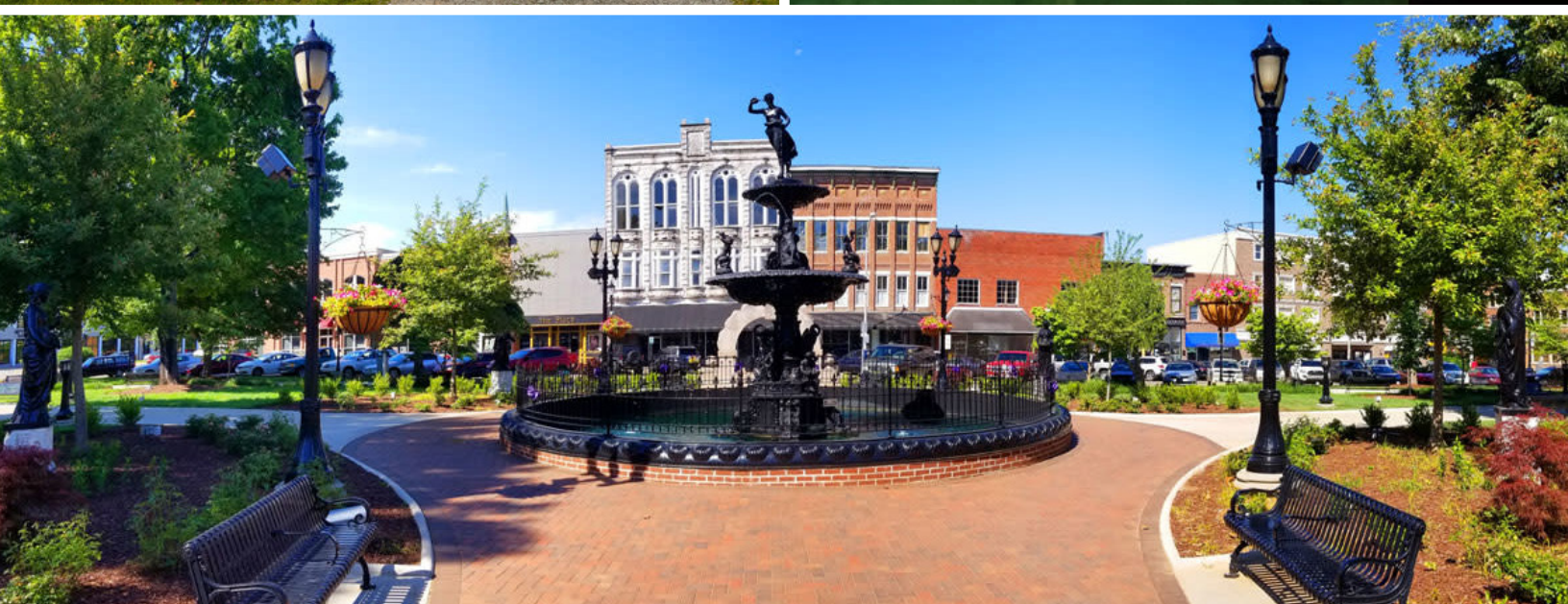
- The president of the college shall review and finalize the performance evaluations recommended by the chief academic officer or other administrative personnel of the college.
- The president shall be responsible for all personnel actions including but not limited to: salary changes, search and appointments, reappointments, terminal appointments, decisions not to reappoint, post-retirement appointments, and promotions.
- Regarding students, the president is charged with administering the requirements and procedures of the college concerning the admission, probation, and dismissal of students.
- The president shall be responsible for the business and financial operation of the college and for the maintenance and operation of the physical plant of the college.

- It is the president's responsibility to promote the college and its programs and students to the community through relationships with the Board of Directors, appropriate use of public information media, and by appropriate relationships with community groups and leaders, elected officials, and business and industry and K-12 partners.
- The president shall always endeavor to further constructive relations between the college and community. The president has ultimate control of the institution's fund-raising activities.

Minimum Qualifications and Credentials

- An earned doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning
- Experience in higher education to include enough years that would provide time to learn and improve upon the leadership skills necessary to lead a college providing general education, technical training, and workforce education to their community
- Proven experience providing quality educational experiences for students at varying levels of college readiness





BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green is Kentucky's third-largest city with a population of 72,294 as of the 2020 census. It is also one of the fastest-growing cities in the state, known for its vibrant economy, rich history, and dynamic community. As the seat of Warren County, Bowling Green blends small-town charm with big-city amenities, making it a great place to live and work.

Known for its charm and heritage, Bowling Green and Warren County have a plethora of things to do. While it may be best known for the National Corvette Museum, the GM Corvette Assembly Plant, and the NCM Motorsports Park, it is also renowned for its other attractions, including:

- **Adventure & Nature:** Mammoth Cave National Park (the world's longest cave system), Lost River Cave, and numerous parks and trails.
- **Family Fun:** Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center, Beech Bend Amusement Park & Splash

Lagoon, Beech Bend Raceway, Chaney's Dairy Barn, and Aviation Heritage Park.

- **History & Museums:** The Historic RailPark & Train Museum, the Kentucky Museum, the African American Museum, and the Downing Museum at the Baker Arboretum.
- **Arts, Entertainment & Shopping:** A thriving downtown with Fountain Square, Circus Square Park, local boutiques, farmers' markets, wineries, breweries, and a diverse restaurant scene.

In the Southcentral Kentucky region, you can enjoy 64 parks, 18 golf courses, hundreds of miles of caves, and 25+ lakes and rivers. Bowling Green is conveniently located just one hour north of Nashville and about two hours south of Louisville.

Take a virtual tour and learn more about the area schools, healthcare, and biggest employers by visiting warrencountyky.gov.

Application & Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.



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Applications

- 1) All application packets must include the following:
 - a) A letter of application that includes the candidate's (1) interest in and qualifications for the position, (2) leadership philosophy, and (3) vision for the academic areas housed in Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College.
 - b) Current curriculum vitae
 - c) Unofficial transcripts of all degrees and certificates earned. (*Official transcripts will be required of finalists*).
 - d) At least four references with full contact information including e-mail (*References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.*)
- 2) Submit application materials (preferably as PDFs) online. Additional information is requested with the submission of materials. **For best consideration, complete applications should be received before April 25, 2025.**

[APPLY HERE](#)

Nominations

Submit nominations with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

[NOMINATE HERE](#)

Consultant

Kentucky Community and Technical College System has retained **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** to assist the Southcentral KCTCS Search Committee for the President in its identification and review of candidates. **Dr. Darrel Colson**, Senior Consultant with Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting, is the lead consultant for this search. **Request a conversation regarding this search at DarrelColson@myersmcr ae.com.**



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