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Transfer agreement between Murray State University, West Kentucky Community and Technical College held on Feb. 25

MURRAY, Ky. — A transfer agreement between Murray State University and West Kentucky Community and Technical College took place on Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. at the Murray State Paducah Regional Campus. The partnership, coordinated between the University's public and community health program and WKCTC's medical information technology program, will provide students pursuing a bachelor's degree with a seamless transfer of credits into Murray State's public and community health program.

In addition to the transfer agreement signing, there was a celebration reception and an interactive health professions fair involving the allied health programs at WKCTC, programs in the School of Nursing and Health Professions at Murray State, and community partners, such as the Living Colon, Lotus, Baptist Health and Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital.

"The event was well attended, with representatives from regional high schools, high school students interested in pursuing careers in the health field, alumni, current students, community members and community partners, such as the Jackson Purchase Medical Center," said Dr. Miranda Terry, chair of the Murray State University Department of Applied Health Sciences and director of the public and community health program. "It was great to feel the energy in the room during this exciting time. It has taken three years to get this transfer agreement in place. To see this amazing opportunity come to fruition for our students and strengthen the collaborations across the region left me and (WKCTC Medical Information Technology Program Coordinator) Jo Ann Knapp speechless and awestruck."

WKCTC Dean of Allied Health and Personal Services Carrie Hopper added, "The event was another excellent opportunity to see two premiere higher educational institutions working together to benefit students in health care," she said. "West Kentucky Community and Technical College and

Murray State University creating this seamless transition for our graduates to pursue a bachelor's degree is exciting, and by the turnout at the event, this is going to be an exciting opportunity for many students. This educational opportunity will provide students the opportunity to receive a top education from two premier institutions in hopes of a high return on their educational investment."

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About Murray State University: Murray State University provides an "Opportunity Afforded" for students through a high-quality education with experiential learning, academic and personal growth and the ability to secure a lifetime of success. Since 1922, the true value of higher education has been found at Murray State University, where our commitment is to afford endless opportunities for developing leaders in the community, the country and the world. The University's main campus is located in Murray, Ky., and includes five regional campuses. For more information about Murray State University, please visit murraystate.edu.

About West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC): West Kentucky Community and Technical College has been recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 10 Community College four times by the Aspen Institute and has twice been named a Finalist With Distinction for providing students with strong job training and continuing higher education opportunity, for achieving high completion and transfer rates, and for providing strong employment results for its graduates. For more information, visit westkentucky.kctcs.edu.

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Photo: Murray State University President Bob Jackson, center left, shakes hands with West Kentucky Community and Technical College President Dr. Anton Reese upon signing a transfer agreement between the two institutions. Pictured from left to right are Murray State University School of Nursing and Health Professions Dean Dr. Marcia Hobbs, Dr. Miranda Terry, chair of the Murray State University Department of Applied Health Sciences and director of the public and community health program, Murray State University Board of Regents Chair Susan Guess, Jackson, Reese, WKCTC Dean of Allied Health and Personal Services Carrie Hopper, WKCTC Medical Information Technology Program Coordinator Jo Ann Knapp and WKCTC Board of Directors Chair Larry Kelley.