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Development & Community Engagement

Kentucky Energy Club

The purpose of the Kentucky Energy Club is to serve as a conduit for all members of the community to engage, educate and excite one another concerning the issue of energy and the future of Kentuckians as active participants on the global energy stage. The first Energy Club was established at the University of Kentucky in the spring of 2011, with other Kentucky universities/colleges following including:

- Eastern Kentucky University
- Madisonville Community College
- Lindsey Wilson College
- Bluegrass Community & Technical College
- UK Paducah Engineering Campus

These clubs encourage broad involvement across relevant disciplines, as well as for those with individual interests in the topics. Students are drawn from engineering, natural sciences, business and economics, law, design, agriculture, and communications. Events and programs include:

- A discussion series featuring prominent speakers covering energy topics.
- A planned two-fold mentoring program that strives to connect current students with alumni working in the energy field and facilitates outreach education with K-12 students.
- A series of tours to energy facilities. These may include surface and underground mines, coal prep plants, power plants, coal combustion by-product plants, solar, hydro, nuclear, etc.
- A session at the Governor's Conference on Energy and Environment which is designed to bring together the statewide student energy community for a conference featuring student research at the P-12, undergraduate, and graduate level; energy design contests; student energy entrepreneurship teams; and other activities to engender excitement in energy education and careers among Kentucky students.
- Planned social events to bring the energy community together. When practical, these are used to promote interaction between the various Kentucky Energy club chapters.
- Community outreach activities that facilitate interaction between the Energy Club and younger students, community members, and environmental stewards through events that promote service and collaboration in the greater Kentucky community.