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### **Berea College Awarded For Volunteer Service**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** -- Gov. Matt Bevin and Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton presented the 21st annual Governor's Service Awards to 21 groups and individuals from across Kentucky for their volunteer and service contributions. Berea College's Partners for Education department received the accolade for the Nonprofit Service Award category.

"You have truly made an impact on your communities in ways that you may never see. Your actions set an example for others and are worthy of this prestigious recognition," Gov. Bevin said. "Congratulations and thank you for representing the very best of who we are as Kentuckians."

Partners for Education at Berea College was nominated for the award by Sandi Curd, the Ppromise Zone coordinator for Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation. Berea College President Lyle Roelofs and First Lady Laurie Roelofs accepted the award on Friday at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort.

"We are honored that Governor Bevin and Lt. Gov. Hampton honored Berea College and its Partners for Education unit with a Governor's Service Award recognizing the great impact Partners for Education has been having in serving school districts in the counties of Eastern Kentucky," said President Roelofs. "The program and the good folks working in it are one of the important avenues through which the College is able to carry out its eighth Great Commitment of service to Appalachia."

Berea College's eighth great commitment is: *"to serve the Appalachian region primarily through education but also by other appropriate services."*

The awards are coordinated by the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS), part of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

For more information and the full list of award recipients, visit:  
<http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/kccvs/govawards.htm>

To see the full list of Berea College's great commitments, visit:  
<https://www.berea.edu/about/mission/>

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