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HCTC hosts Going Pro Signing Day in celebration of student success



Robert Higdon is entering the workforce as a data coordinator at the University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health.



Ricky Bates is entering the workforce as a peer support specialist at Beacons of Hope.

Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) hosted its annual Going Pro Signing Day event on April 25 during its Spring 2025 College-wide Professional Development Day.

Institutions across the Kentucky Community & Technical College System have hosted similar events, recognizing students entering the workforce in critical areas, including advanced manufacturing, business and information technologies, construction, healthcare, and transportation and logistics.

Going Pro Signing Day is an opportunity for HCTC to strengthen connections between the institution and the employers it serves, celebrate student success and demonstrate its commitment to preparing highly qualified graduates equipped with the skills to succeed.

"This event is a powerful example of how HCTC brings together education and industry to celebrate workforce development. Our commitment is to remain responsive to the employment needs of our region," Dr. Jennifer Lindon, HCTC president and chief executive of-

ficer, said. "By hosting events like Going Pro, we're not only recognizing our students' success but also strengthening the bridge between classroom learning and real-world application."

Each student signed commemorative certificates to represent the significance of entering the workforce. These students, recognized individually alongside their employers, include:

Ricky Bates, Beacons of Hope

Robert Higdon, University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health

According to Dr. Keila Miller, the dean of workforce, community and economic development, the event is an opportunity to celebrate the college's contributions to the region.

"Going Pro represents a pivotal moment where education meets opportunity.

It allows us to formally recognize the accomplishments of students who are stepping directly into high-demand careers, many of them right here in our region," Dr. Miller said. "These partnerships with employers are vital to the economic future of east-



Kathy's Korner

By Kathy Bays Alberts

The next entertainer I would like to write about from Kentucky, was not only a pop singer, but, also, an actress, even starring with her famous nephew, George Clooney. Of course, I am talking about Rosemary Clooney. I wasn't aware of Rosemary until she was an older lady. I was pleasantly surprised to see how beautiful she was, when she was young, a very classy looking young lady.




Rosemary Clooney

Rosemary was born on May 23, 1928, in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky, and was one of five children. Her parents were Marie Frances (Guilfoyle) and Andrew Joseph Clooney. Rosemary was raised Catholic. When she was 15, her mother and brother, Nick, moved to California. Rosemary and her sister, Betty, stayed in Maysville, with their father.

Rosemary and Betty became entertainers, whereas, their brother, Nick, became a newspaper and television broadcaster. Some of Rosemary's children, including sons, Miguel Ferrer and Rafael Ferrer, became respected actors and entertainers. Of course, we all know the success of her nephew, George Clooney. Singer, Debbie Boone, was her daughter-in-law.

In 1945, the Clooney Sisters, won a spot on Cincinnati's radio station, WLW, as singers. For much of Rosemary's early career, they sang as a duo. In 1947, Rosemary signed with Columbia Records, and cut her first record with Tony Pastor's Big Band. The single was, "I'm Sorry, I Didn't Say Sorry," backed with, "The Lady From Twenty-Nine Palm's." She cut 14 sides with Tony's band. In mid-1949, she, finally, made her, solo, debut recording with, "Bargain Day," back with, "Cabaret," in 1950-51. She was a regular on the CBS radio and television versions of "Songs for Sale," in 1951, she had a minor hit with, "Beautiful Brown Eyes," but, her recording of, "Come On-a My House," produced by Mitch Miller, became her first big chart hit. She, later, recounted in her memoirs, that she despised the song, and that, artists, back then had no control over the material they were given. She risked being dropped by Columbia Records, had she refused to record it. She recorded several duets with Marlene Dietrich, and, in the early 1950's appeared on Faye Emerson's, "Wonderful Town," series on CBS. She, also, made several appearances on, "The Arthur Godfrey Radio Show," when Lipton Tea sponsored it. She would sing her hits or she, and Arthur, would sing duets, together, with him playing the ukulele. In 1954, she starred, along with Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Vera-Ellen, in the movie, "White Christmas." Next week, I will continue with Rosemary's career, her numerous awards, and her death.

Till next week, stay safe, stay happy, and keep the faith....



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May 2025
Monthly Events:

Agriculture and Natural Resources:

- Sweet Potato Slip orders due by May 10th
- Annual Canoe Trip May 24th, 2025 at 8:00AM
- Controlled Burn Workshop May 17th, 2025 at 8:30AM

Family and Consumer Science:

- Come Sew with Us June 11th from 10:00 -1:30PM
- All About Laundry May 23rd at 1:00PM
- Creat your own recipe box May 23rd at 10:00AM
- Take a hike for health May 9th at 9:30AM (Red River Gorge)
- Strong Bones for Life May 16th at Noon

Food Box Distribution: Limited spots

Sign up on Monday May 19th at 8:00AM 606-666-8812

4-H Youth Development:

- 4-H After School Club May 19th, 2025 at 3:30 - 4:30PM
- 4-H Esports May 22nd, 2025 at 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Nutrition Education Program: