

ACTC employee returns after 16 years to finish degree

ASHLAND (ACTC) Sixteen years after first enrolling at Ashland Community and Technical College, ACTC student records specialist, Betsy Kitts, crossed the commencement stage with an associate in arts degree.

For Kitts, this was a milestone that represented far more than a completion of coursework. It represented the fulfillment of a promise to herself, a brighter future for her family, and proof that it is never too late to finish what you start.

“I wanted to finish what I started nearly 16 years ago when I first attended ACTC right out of high school,” Kitts said. “Walking across the stage was more than just receiving a piece of paper for me. It was proof that my past mistakes don’t define my future, and it was validation for every late night and stressful morning I pushed through.”

Kitts says returning to college while working as a full-time employee presented challenges. In addition to her professional responsibilities, she balanced raising children and managing her own embroidery business, requiring close attention to detail and discipline.

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Kitts says she feels a sense of pride and accomplishment when she looks back on her academic journey. She chose to persevere through a hard season and was determined not to let it be the end of her journey.

For those considering returning to college, Kitts encourages them to not let time or circumstances get in their way.

“Just go for it,” she said. “It may be difficult, but you’ll be glad you did.”

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The public hearing will be held on Aug. 12, 2026 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 1005 Walnut Street, Greenup, Kentucky.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments regarding the proposed property tax rates and the revenue expected to be generated from those rates. All interested people are invited to attend and be heard.

Following the public hearing, the City Council may take action to adopt the property tax rates at a subsequent meeting or as otherwise permitted by law.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (606)473-7331 or ccgreenup@greenupky.net.

City of Greenup, Kentucky

2025 Adopted Tax Rate= .1309, 2025 - Proposed Revenue= \$79,033.99

2026 Proposed Tax Rate= .1337 - Proposed Revenue= \$82,423.70

2026 Compensating Tax Rate= .1286 - 2026 Compensating Tax Revenue = \$79,279.66

2026 New Property = \$303.67 - 2026 Personal Property= \$7,221.53

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