

## KENTUCKY NEWS

## Lt. Gov. Coleman gets jump on race to succeed Beshear

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## FRANKFORT

Standing in front of the Hall of Governors at the Kentucky Historical Society, Democratic Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman announced her 2027 run for governor Monday morning.

The 43-year-old, who is a former teacher, assistant principal and basketball coach, is making public education a cornerstone of her campaign. Coleman was Gov. Andy Beshear's running mate for his 2019 and 2023 elections. She added that her run will focus on putting "people over politics." "If you are looking for somebody to talk less about politicians and more about you, or someone who listens more than they talk, here she is," Coleman said.

Former Democratic Lt. Gov. Crit Luallen, who was appointed to the post by Gov. Steve Beshear to fill a vacancy, introduced Coleman in-person.

Luallen said it was fitting to announce Coleman's campaign in front of the Hall of Governors, which houses portraits of past state leaders.

"There is only one female governor on those walls," Luallen said, referring to the late Gov. Martha Layne Collins, a Democrat. "The words

spoken here today will chart a path to elect the next woman whose portrait will hang in that Hall of Governors."

Coleman also gave a nod to Kentucky's first and only female governor, who too had served as a lieutenant governor and school teacher. Collins often is credited with bringing a Toyota manufacturing plant to Georgetown in Central Kentucky. Coleman said that "much of our economic success was built on the foundation" established by Collins.

Coleman didn't speak to reporters after her announcement. She focused her prepared remarks on education, health care and economics.

She vowed to "not stop until Pre-K is a reality for every Kentucky family." Beshear had attempted to sway the Republican-controlled

General Assembly to fund Pre-K for all Kentucky 4-year-olds in the next Kentucky budget, but was not successful.

Coleman referred to a double mastectomy she had in December 2023, shortly after she took the oath of office for lieutenant governor a second time. Her pathology results later revealed that an area was benign but had malignant potential.

"It was a scary time for me and my family. But I was one

of the lucky ones. Because having health insurance and access to a hospital meant I could be proactive, and even aggressive, with my healthcare decisions," Coleman said. "That's what I want for every Kentuckian — not just access, but autonomy."

At Centre College, Coleman majored in history and secondary education while playing on the basketball team. She later earned a master's degree in political science from the University of Louisville, where she was part of the women's basketball coaching staff.

Her father, Jack Coleman, is a former state representative from Mercer County. She grew up in Harrodsburg.

Beshear is term-limited and cannot seek reelection in 2027. Coleman's announcement makes her the first to formally say she is seeking the office, though she has hinted at a possible run in recent months.

Rocky Adkins, senior adviser to the governor and former Democratic House floor leader, is another rumored candidate for governor. He said via a spokesperson that he has "been humbled by the outpouring of support and encouragement from folks across Kentucky who care deeply about the future of our Commonwealth."

Republicans who have not ruled out a 2027 run are



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Standing in a museum exhibit honor Kentucky's governors, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman announces her 2027 run for governor on Monday.

Secretary of State Michael Adams, U.S. Rep. James Comer and state Senate President Robert Stivers. Comer predicted before the 2025 Fancy Farm Picnic that Democrats would nominate Coleman for governor.

In response to Coleman's news, Adams said on X that

Coleman is a "strong candidate."

"If Republicans don't nominate our best vote-getter, appeal beyond our base and focus on improving Kentuckians' lives, we will have a third term of Andy Beshear," he added.

Adams was the top vote-getter in the 2023 statewide

elections.

Another Republican who reacted to the announcement was Attorney General Russell Coleman.

"A respectful reminder: Jacqueline Coleman isn't my sister. She's not my ex-wife," he said on X. "And she will never be Kentucky's Governor."

## UK's DanceBlue sets new fundraising record

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## LEXINGTON

University of Kentucky students celebrated this year's record-breaking DanceBlue fundraising total of \$2,463,650.24, bringing the total to more than \$27 million raised since it began in 2006.

More than 700 UK students gathered Saturday night on the floor of Rupp Arena standing and dancing for 24

hours in solidarity with the patients and families of the UK Golisano Children's DanceBlue Hematology-Oncology Clinic.

In previous years, the home of the DanceBlue marathon has been Memorial Coliseum on campus. As the organization continues to grow, their hope is to establish Rupp Arena as DanceBlue's new home to allow more students to participate.

"DanceBlue's growth and

its ability to reach more people each year is something that is truly amazing," said Josie Bailey, DanceBlue overall chair. "As we enter a new decade of DanceBlue, we've been especially focused on expanding that impact so even more individuals can experience the hope, joy and love that comes from this event."

Many dancers spent their entire school year fundraising and attending DanceBlue

events to gain spirit points and secure their place in the 24-hour no-sitting, no-sleeping dance marathon.

DanceBlue was founded in 2006 in memory of clinic patient Jarrett Mynear. His final request to his parents was to do something to help the clinic.

"Witnessing the authentic joy that DanceBlue brings to the clinic is an experience that is impossible to describe," said Morgan

David, DanceBlue marketing chair. "The joy seeps through every level of this organization. There are so many other things college students could occupy their time with, yet we have volunteers in the clinic every single day and students willing to dance 24 hours for something bigger than themselves. I've loved getting to surround myself with peers that have

such strong hearts, seeing their impact in the clinic is why I continue to fall in love with DanceBlue every day."

After 21 years of dancing for the kids, DanceBlue continues to spread joy to those fighting, honor the lives lost and celebrate every victory until children no longer have to fight against pediatric cancer.

## Kentuckian charged with making threats to kill president, ICE agents

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## LEXINGTON

A Lexington man has been arrested and is facing federal charges for allegedly threatening to assault and murder President Donald J. Trump and law enforcement officers in online posts on social media.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky says a federal criminal complaint was unsealed at U.S. District Court in Lexington, charging Kadriao Serainity Santiago, 23, with interstate threatening communication.

According to the criminal complaint, FBI received information that Santiago, under the username "kadi skating," had been posting a series of politically violent threats and statements on Instagram between January and late March.

Among other things, Santiago threatened to cut President Donald Trump's face with a razor blade, pull his skin off and feed the skin to stray dogs; threatened to kill the next member of law enforcement who interacted with him; encouraged others to shoot at ICE agents; and threatened to kill ICE agents himself.

The criminal complaint alleges that Santiago began posting the threatening communication in January, writing in part, "I'm filled with political violence."

"Threatening violence against the President and federal law enforcement officers strike at the core of our nation's safety and the rule of law," said Jason Parman, First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. "These actions will not be tolerated and will be met with swift and decisive prosecution."

The FBI is investigating the case.

Olivia Olson, Special Agent

in Charge, FBI, Louisville Field Office, said: "To those who choose to hide behind the anonymity of a screen to unleash threats against the

President of the United States, other government officials and law enforcement, the FBI will find you. It is against the law to post threatening com-

munications online, and the FBI and our partners will use every available resource to identify, locate and arrest those who choose to do so."

## EMPLOYMENT

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAMPBELLVILLE-TAYLOR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Primary Objective: To provide leadership for Team Taylor County in its pursuit to proactively cultivate business development opportunities that lead to job creation and retention, new capital investment attraction and the achievement of a rate of job and per capita income growth greater than the national average. Reports To: Campbellville-Taylor County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors Responsibilities/Activities: With the support and engagement of Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, the selected candidate will build upon and accelerate the economic momentum and potential of Taylor County. The Executive Director must have the ability to perform and manage the following tasks to effectively fulfill the outlined responsibilities: Key Tasks:

1. Planning: Develop a comprehensive economic development strategy, defining long and short term objectives of the organization; set priorities for resources; anticipate challenges and potential outcomes; formulate and adjust policies; revise planning efforts when necessary.

2. Decision Making: Act with self-initiative to evaluate agency matters, including judgments on disputed issues and time-sensitive decisions, keeping the Board of Directors apprised and involved as needed; work independently and in consultation with others when deciding on issues that impact the welfare of others.

3. Marketing: Identify marketing opportunities and develop a comprehensive marketing toolkit that showcases Team Taylor County's value proposition to new and existing industries; create marketing and communications platforms that keep stakeholders informed of economic development successes, initiatives and developments.

4. Relationship Building/Public Relations: Develop and maintain ongoing communication and strong relationships with existing businesses in order to facilitate retention and expansion opportunities; initiate, organize and officiate public ceremonies as needed, speak at community events as appropriate; represent the organization at professional networking and promotional events; establish rapport with new and existing contacts while seeking to expand a network of influence; work closely with the Board on a regular basis and with other agencies as needed, understanding the need to respect and manage busy schedules.

5. Writing/Administration: Write and respond to confidential and time-sensitive requests for information and proposals; prepare binding documents; write correspondence for a public audience to inform and create interest in economic development successes; prepare a public annual report to present to city and county governments; write formal funding requests as opportunities arise; prepare an annual operating budget for the Board of Directors to review and approve; provide administration and accountability of the annual budget.

6. Integrating Information: Research, analyze and compile statistical data, utilizing trusted sources, to generate marketing materials, presentations, and reports, as well as to aid in decision making on behalf of the agency; maintain a sound knowledge of Taylor County's industrial assets, including workforce, available sites and buildings, utility providers and infrastructure, state and local incentive programs, etc.

7. Acting as a Liaison: Serve as a trusted liaison with state and local partner organizations (e.g., the Kentucky Association for Economic Development and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development) to fully maximize development opportunities and work with the Board to keep city and county officials, as well as legislative bodies duly informed of general activities of the Authority.

8. Influencing/Advising: Advise the Board of Directors on policies and activities, offering professional advice and making a verbal and/or written case for action and points of procedures.

9. Evaluating: Assess feasibility of proposed industrial projects; monitor project timelines and progress, adhering to strict schedules; evaluate written reports, numerical data and project costs; identify challenges and potential solutions to enhance project success; use sound logic to evaluate new ideas, assess probability of events, and evaluate alternative methods as needed.

All interested parties should submit a detailed resume and cover letter expressing an interest in obtaining the position of Executive Director of Economic Development Authority aka Team Taylor County. All expressions of interest should be tendered **no later than April 30, 2026**. Submissions can be delivered electronically to [mjohnson@cibtky.com](mailto:mjohnson@cibtky.com) or delivered in person to **Mark Johnson, c/o Citizens Bank & Trust Company at 201 East Main Street, Campbellsville, KY 42718**

Thank you for your interest in the EDA. We look forward to hearing from you. The Campbellsville Taylor County Economic Development Authority is a non-profit organization dedicated to the citizens of this area. The Authority is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. For additional information, please feel free to contact Mark Johnson at (270) 465-8193.



# LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PART 1 - Advertisement for Bids

1.1 PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders may submit bids for project as described in this Document. Submit bids according to the Instructions to Bidders.

B. Project Identification: Taylor County Broadway Campus Roof Repair/ Replacement Project

1. Project Locations: Taylor County Middle School, 300 Ingram Avenue, Campbellsville, KY 42718, Taylor County Primary Center 106 Ingram Avenue, Campbellsville, KY 42718, & Taylor County Intermediate School 1207 E. Broadway, Campbellsville, KY 42718.

Owner: Taylor County Public Schools, 1209 E. Broadway, Campbellsville, KY 42718

C. Architect: Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects, Project Manager: Jennifer Cash (859) 224-1351.

D. Project Description: Scope includes restoration of the roofs on both buildings noted above. Scope includes some locations of removal of existing wet insulation, replacement with new insulation. Removal of existing ballast from EPDM roofing, patch, repair and installation of a foam roof over the existing roof membrane. Unit pricing will be utilized to aid in found conditions that have tectum decking damaged beyond repair. There are multiple types of existing roofing on these buildings and some areas have no work while some are to be restored.

E. Project cost range is anticipated to be under \$1,300,000

F. Construction Contract: Bids will be received for the following Work:

1. General Contract (all trades) to be under one prime contractor.

1.2 BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING

A. Owner will receive sealed lump sum bids until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

1. Bid Date: May 7, 2026

2. Bid Time: 2:00pm Eastern Time

3. Location: Bid Opening to be conducted at the Taylor County Board of Education

B. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

1.3 BID SECURITY

A. Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Any bids not submitted on the proper form shall not be considered.

1.4 PREBID ROOF INSPECTION/ WALK

A. Prior to the bid opening, potential bidders are encouraged to reach out to district personnel and request access to walk the roofs. Contact Taylor Co. Maintenance -Shannon Blair 270-849-4350 and schedule times for access.

1.5 DOCUMENTS

A. Printed Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain by contacting Lynn Imaging. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only; only complete sets of documents will be issued.

1. All documents are available electronically and once the low bidder is awarded then printed documents will be ordered for their use.

B. Viewing Procurement and Contracting Documents: Examine at the locations below:

1. Associate General Contractors, 2924 Foster Creighton Drive, Nashville, TN 37204.

2. Builders Exchange of Louisville, Inc., 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, KY 40218-1372

3. Plans available online at Construct Connect Plan Room <https://www.constructconnect.com>

4. Dodge Data and Analytics Plan Room online at <https://www.construction.com/products/dodge-planroom>

1.6 TIME OF COMPLETION AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

A. Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time. Work is subject to liquidated damages as indicated in Section 006100 - Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

1.7 BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

A. Successful bidders will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds. The bond shall cover the entire base bid cost and any accepted alternates.

B. Prevailing wage rates will not apply to this project.