Participation in the 2015 Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education (KABHE) was beneficial providing an array of professional development sessions that acknowledged disparities and limitations encountered in higher educational settings for persons of color who aspire for institutional advancement. Further offering recommendations and insights that support gaining access toward professional success, we left equipped with new paradigms that reinforce worth and value. Future benefits of participation for EKU is that the direct continuation and advancement of the organization is led by a member of the EKU faculty. It is a notable honor that the 33rd elected President of the State organization is a member of the EKU community. This speaks to the caliber and quality of persons from EKU.

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