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Rice joins KHEAA as South Central Kentucky outreach counselor

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 3, 2022) — Joplin Rice has joined the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority as the outreach counselor for South Central Kentucky.

Rice will provide student aid and college planning information to residents of Casey, Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Owsley, Powell, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

“I am honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve families again in central and eastern Kentucky,” said Rice, who was the outreach counselor for that area for nearly four years during his earlier tenure with KHEAA. “Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for help.”

Rice graduated from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor’s degree in English, then earned a master’s degree in public administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

A native of Powell County, he is a graduate of Powell County High School and was the college coach at his alma mater for two years.

“We welcome Joplin back to the KHEAA Outreach team. He will be a valuable addition because he is familiar with South Central Kentucky and passionate about helping students achieve their educational goals,” KHEAA Director of Outreach Kim Dolan said.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA at P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926.

In addition, KHEAA administers the KY Saves 529 program, which allows families to save for college. For more information about KY Saves 529, visit kysaves.com.

KHEAA also disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, KHESLC. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit advantageeducationloan.com.