

# FREE TIME

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COMMENTARY

## Program inspires teens to go to college



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I'm beginning to think I am the last person to hear anything.

Just recently, a newsletter was passed on to me in which the new program director for Educational Talent Search at Bluegrass Community and Technical College was announced.

Not only did I not know about the new program director, I didn't know about the program.

ETS is a federal program that targets middle school and high school students who might need added nurturing to graduate and then go on to higher education. The target population is students from families with limited incomes and who are the first generation to go to college.

"They have potential," said Carol Mochizuki-Elrod, the new program director. "They have the ability to go through college and be successful, but that is not always reflected in their grades."

Once the target population is served, the program is open to others, she said.

Mochizuki-Elrod said ETS advisors are responsible for programs in 28 middle schools and high schools — nearly every one — in Fayette, Clark, Bourbon, Scott, Mercer, Jessamine and Boyle counties.

Among high school participants, girls outnumber boys almost 2 to 1. At the middle schools, the breakdown is about even. More than 1,000 students are served.

The intervention starts with sixth-graders and continues through graduation. Advisors meet with students for 45 minutes once a month, identifying the type of learner each student is and teaching study skills, how to read a textbook and other topics.

During the summer, middle school students attend a camp at the University of Kentucky for four days, take part in cultural activities and visit other universities.

"We trying to introduce them to new experiences," Mochizuki-Elrod said.

They also want to help the students excel in school and learn of potential careers while exploring new things.

High school students take out-of-state trips. They're going to New York City in April. Those excursions are not a

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## WINDOWS SHOPPING

Best, worst PC games  
PLAYER'S CORNER — D3



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Leslie Deckard and Paul Barlow researched breeds that were compatible with their lifestyle, decided on a Doberman pinscher, then adopted Baron.

MATT GOINS

# PROJECT: PICK A PET

Keys to successful adoption are research, careful selection



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Karie Shradler, adoptions manager at Lexington Humane Society, showed off Dusty, a 6-month-old hound-terrier mix. Dusty was available for adoption late last month.

**By Margaret Buranen**  
Special to the Herald-Leader

Kathryn Graves has made it her business to know just about everything about Boston terriers. She has bred and shown them for nearly 20 years.

The Lexington veterinarian, director of the University of Kentucky's Equine Parentage Testing & Research Lab, also makes sure she gets to know the people who adopt her beloved pets.

"I place them in carefully screened homes," she said. "I want to be sure (to choose) people who are financially capable of taking care of the dog."

She's pretty picky. For example, she'll place an older Boston terrier puppy in a family with children, but not with toddlers.

"Bostons are sensitive," she said. "A young puppy thinks that a toddler banging pans is directing the noise at him."

Graves is among those who urge people considering getting a new pet to do their homework — reading books about various breeds, visiting Web sites such as [www.americankennelclub.org](http://www.americankennelclub.org), and talking to breeders and adoption managers at humane societies.

About 5,000 animals are adopted each year from the Lexington Humane Society alone. That's about 95 percent of the pets available for adoption at the shelter.

Shelters and breeders welcome adoptive families, but they urge families to make decisions carefully.

Leslie Deckard and Paul Barlow of Lexington credit their research for helping them find the perfect pet.

First, they narrowed their search to a few breeds that

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### THE BOTTOM LINE

Every week The Bottom Line's test panel evaluates cosmetics

## Dare to go dark with nail color; everyone seems to like it

**By Donna Kato**  
San Jose Mercury News

Every season, there's an "It" shade of nail polish. Sported by celebrities, it becomes an instant hit, sometimes selling out before mere mortals like us can get our mitts on a bottle. The latest hot hue is a blackish-bluish-purplish-chocolatey shade that's dramatic and playful. We asked three testers to paint their pinkies (and their other digits) and tell us what they think.

#### OPI

Nail Lacquer in Who Are You Wearing? \$8. [www.opi.com](http://www.opi.com).

**Nail it down:** "I love the clever names for the OPI colors as much as I love the daring shades. This one is a dark purple/navy with a high-gloss, metallic sheen."

**Dark digits:** "Wowzers, this is vampire dark with just one coat! A little messy to apply because the

color is so intense, but two layers, a top coat and let's see how it plays."

**Drama mama?** "I can't stop looking at the dark dots at the tip of my pale fingers and surprise! I love it. It feel sexy and dressy but not inappropriate, even for work. It's getting rave notices by friends, too."

#### MAC

Nail Lacquer in Wildfire. \$10. [www.maccosmetics.com](http://www.maccosmetics.com) and Macy's stores

**Nail it down:** "I wear blue. Dark blue. Light blue. Any blue. It makes me happy. Wildfire looks very dark and dreary in the bottle. I wonder if it's selling in Southern California?"

**Dark digits:** "With so much pigment, it's easy to see the mistakes. It took three coats to paint the streaks out."

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OPI's Who Are You Wearing?, left, Mac's Wildfire and Essie's Decadent Diva sometimes take more than one coat for even color.

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