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District Technicians Earn Advanced Apple Technical Certification

Louisville, KY – Seven technologists from Kentucky school districts were recently recognized as Apple Certified Systems Administrators (ACSA). This designation is earned by individuals that demonstrate a high level of knowledge and ability to support Apple computers by completing nearly five weeks of training and passing a series of exams.

The school technologists included Mike Wagner, Elliott County, Tommy Burns, Lawrence County, Dr. Michael Kessinger and Mike Muncy, Martin County, Sam Williams, Menifee County, Jason Grace, Ohio County, and Jill Roaden, Whitley County. These districts have installed about 2,465 computers as part of the Dataseam program. The computers not only support basic writing and Internet activities in the classroom, but schools can use wikis, blogs, remote monitoring and even video conferencing to help teachers enhance classroom learning.

The training program is offered through Dataseam, which donates computers to local schools. In addition to everyday classroom work, computers are also used by researchers at UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer Center to help find potential life saving drugs that fight deadly cancers.

“It has been a great experience for me,” said Dr. Michael Kessinger, Martin County School District Technical Coordinator. Jill Roaden, Whitley County School District Technical Coordinator said, “This helps us take advantage of the latest and greatest technology for our students.”

“People in our state should be very proud of the personal accomplishment by these individuals,” said Dataseam's Chief Executive Officer, Brian Gupton. “Not only does this help teachers and students, but it is a great example of how Kentucky is developing a high-tech workforce reflective of opportunities in a 21st century workplace.”

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