

Computer Specialists Earn Advanced Certification

Louisville, KY- Computer specialists from across the state are now able to offer greater expertise to the district's technology program as a graduate of the Apple Directory Services program. Local technicians obtained this advanced certification in an intense, four-day training class and examination designed for individuals who manage computer networks like those found in school districts.

Robbie Greenwell and Mike Stone of Union County, Lou Brewer of Wolfe County, Casey Waddell of Elliott County, Jonathan Jones of Hazard Independent and Patricia Whitaker of Morehead State University were among the recent graduates.

The Apple Directory Services advance certification is offered by the Dataseam, a unique Kentucky company. Since its inception in 2004, Dataseam has provided more than 15,000 computers to 48 school districts in coal producing counties. The school district computers are linked together into one of the world's largest computing grids to support cutting-edge cancer research at the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center.

"Kentucky school districts are the largest employer in many of Kentucky's 120 counties and the largest consumers of technology," Kentucky Dataseam's CEO Brian Gupton said.

"Technology is vital to preparing students for the jobs of the 21st Century. Dataseam is committed to providing school district technology employees with the training they need to ensure students and teachers get every benefit from the technology in their classrooms."

With his advanced certification, the educators gained additional skills in network configuration and services, file management and back up data, troubleshooting, and connecting peripheral equipment to the district's computer network.

"We have dramatically increased the amount of technology available for our students because it is critical for their success in today's world," one educator said. "This advanced certification will help me bring our students and teachers district-wide access to the best of 21st Century technology."

These individuals are a part of a broader effort by Dataseam to train workers in the ever-expanding field of technology. In the past two years, Dataseam has conducted more than 55 workshops and training sessions for over 1,300 teachers, administrators, and computer technicians across Kentucky. Over 400 advanced certifications have been earned by school district employees. "Dataseam is pleased to bring these world-class training programs to Kentucky so schools can build a truly modern education environment," Gupton said.

As a Gold Level Training Center, Dataseam is one of the largest providers of Apple's advanced computer skills certification programs in the nation. Information on Dataseam's entire training program is available at <http://www.kydataseam.com/aatc.htm>

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