

# THE DIALOGUE

## THE KENTUCKY HUNGER DIALOGUE NEWSLETTER

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### HUNGER HEROES



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kentucky Hunger Dialogue was held at Ashland Community and Technical College's Rocky Adkins Pavilion on Friday October 6, 2023. While the event has previously been held at four-year colleges throughout the state, ACTC was the first community college that volunteered to host the event. The Kentucky Hunger Dialogue was sponsored by the Kentucky Campus Compact ([KyCC](#)), ACTC, and [AmeriCorps](#). KyCC is a consortium of colleges and universities in Kentucky that work together to promote civic engagement and community service.

The purpose of the Kentucky Hunger Dialogue is to bring students, faculty and staff together to discuss ideas to combat on-campus food insecurity. Community partners are always welcome, and this year's dialogue collaborated with multiple local and state community partners to share resources, ideas, and networking opportunities.

Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture [Ryan Quarles](#) served as the keynote speaker. He shared his background, experience growing up on a farm in Kentucky, and the Department of Agriculture's contributions toward combating hunger in Kentucky with the audience.

KHD participants had the opportunity to engage in discussions with professionals in the field, including Mike Halligan, CEO of [God's Pantry](#), Nick Bliven, [Fuel NKU](#) Program Coordinator, Mike Lambert of [Hillcrest Bruce Mission](#), and [Dan Bailey](#), ACTC Ag Professor. These panelists shared their knowledge and experiences of working in the areas of food insecurity and what is being done now to address hunger in the future.

Mindy Wilson, KyCC AmeriCorps Program Manager, said that more than 100 people registered for the event and 43 community organizations contributed to the day's success.

[PICTURES FROM THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KHD](#)

### SPOTLIGHT ON



The Kentucky Food Action Network (KFAN) is a group of individuals and organizations that work together to create accessible, resilient food systems. The goal is to promote health for Kentuckians and the land in the Commonwealth by building up all aspects of the state's food system, from producers to consumers.

KFAN's purpose is to educate, advocate, train, mentor and cooperate with partners across our food system. Through KFAN events and newsletters, individuals, nonprofits, and community partners develop and share their stories for food, farm and hunger advocacy.

KFAN recently hosted the 2023 Network Summit in Louisville, where stakeholders discussed two of their current initiatives, the ["food is medicine" or "Food Rx"](#), and the [2023 Farm Bill](#).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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