

Speaker Bios

These were the three speakers from the 2012 East Kentucky Leadership Conference in Prestonburg, Kentucky.



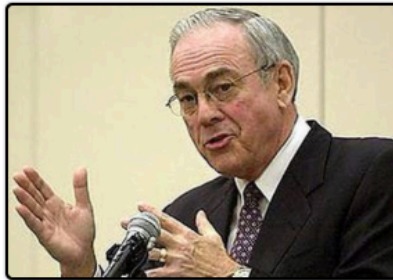
Governor Steve Beshear

Steven L. Beshear was elected governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in November 2007.

An attorney by profession, Gov. Beshear has a long background in public service, having served as a state representative in the Kentucky General Assembly, attorney general and lieutenant governor prior to being elected governor.

As governor, Beshear has helped restore public trust by creating a culture of integrity in state government that has included rooting out cronyism and implementing stronger ethics standards. He has also streamlined spending with a trimming of the state workforce, implemented a more efficient way of designing and building roads and won bipartisan support for a complex reform of the beleaguered public pension system.

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Former Gov. Paul E. Patton

Former Kentucky Gov. Paul E. Patton was named the 19th president of the University of Pikeville in 2009.

Patton was the first Kentucky governor in nearly 200 years to serve two successive terms (1995-2003). A national leader, particularly in education policy, Patton was known as the "higher education governor." He proposed and championed the successful passage of Kentucky's Higher Education Reform Act in 1997, an effort which has been recognized as a model of progressive higher education policy. He also made substantial improvements in Kentucky's pre-school and adult education programs, as well as successfully maintaining the momentum and funding for the Kentucky Education Reform Act. Patton served as chairman of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education from 2009-2011.

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Dr. Daniel Mongiardo

Frank Daniel Mongiardo, an American physician and politician from Kentucky. Mongiardo, a Democrat, was the 54th Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky from 2007 until 2011. He was a member of the Kentucky State Senate from 2001 to 2007. He also ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004, narrowly losing in the general election to Jim Bunning and again in 2010, losing in the primary election to Jack Conway.

Former Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Steve Beshear chose Mongiardo as his running mate for the 2007 gubernatorial election in Kentucky; they won the Democratic primary election on May 22, 2007 with 41 percent of the vote against several tickets. Beshear-Mongiardo were elected over incumbent Republican Governor Ernie Fletcher in November 2007.