As the global pandemic continued to impact everyone’s daily lives, KET’s unparalleled service was there for Kentuckians across the state. Thoughtful and in-depth public affairs programming covered the state’s most relevant issues, educational resources supported teachers and parents, and the beloved arts and cultural programming entertained like no other.

KET’s public affairs team helped keep viewers informed with Kentucky Headlines, Kentucky Tonight, legislative coverage, and special reports and forums like Building Kentucky’s Workforce and Examining Violent Crime.

Our education team supported students and educators in and out of the classroom, with virtual field trips, self-paced professional development options and toolkits focused on students’ social and emotional well-being. KET’s weekly current events program for students News Quiz was consistently in the top 10 most-viewed resources nationally on PBS LearningMedia, and a segment on the Presidential Inauguration, from our new series Social Studies Shorts, was seen in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and multiple countries including Canada, France, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

As the challenging school year drew to a close, we provided families and caregivers a “Summer of Adventure” with online resources including the KET-produced Adventure Series videos, Camp TV and weekly hands-on activities designed for learning beyond the screen. And PBS KIDS was there helping to make learning fun with series like Donkey Hodie, Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood and Wild Kratts.

Throughout the year, Kentuckians enjoyed programs from PBS like All Creatures Great and Small, Antiques Roadshow, Finding Your Roots and Ken Burns’s Hemingway. Other popular programs included Doc Martin, America’s Test Kitchen and Movie Classics. Kentucky audiences were particularly excited to see the awe-inspiring Kentucky Seasons that captured the natural beauty of our commonwealth and River City Drumbeat featuring members of a local Black youth drum corps.

As the commonwealth’s only statewide media, KET’s dedication to serving Kentuckians and commitment to bringing learning to life are stronger than ever!

Sincerely,

Shae Hopkins
KET Executive Director and CEO
Due to learning loss from the extended pause on classroom learning in the spring and over the summer months, KET worked with Family Resource and Youth Service Centers statewide to get 5,000 kits to children Pre-K – 3rd grade and their families. Kits included a booklet of activities, materials to complete the activities and two books.

KET offered 36 workshops and 62 online courses, granting 1,162 early childhood certificates. 2,156 early childhood educators were trained.

IMPACT AND REACH

On air and online, KET provides PBS KIDS programming to every Kentucky child via our 24/7 KET PBS KIDS channel that also streams online and on mobile. PBS stations reach more children ages 2-5, more moms with young children and more children from low-income homes than any other children’s TV network.

Kentucky’s children experience beloved PBS KIDS programs like Sesame Street, Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood and Peg + Cat as well as new favorites like Donkey Hodie from Fred Roger’s Productions.

And yet, KET’s work in advancing early childhood learning and development extends far beyond popular television programming.

With a variety of resources, including family workshops, educator trainings and children’s activities, KET helps address the concerning gap between those children who are ready for kindergarten and those who are not. KET’s Early Childhood team worked through the COVID-19 upheaval to bring the Ready To Learn project to young children ages 2-8 in underserved communities.

Over the course of the five-year grant period, KET and its partners in Louisville and Eastern Kentucky conducted nine out-of-school experiences, like “Sensational Science Camp with Ruff Ruffman,” with 250 kids in attendance, 16 Family Community Learning workshops like “Play and Learn Science” for 217 families and presented 22 Educator Community Learning sessions granting 706 professional development certificates to educators in Ready To Learn communities, funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

KET also provided early learning professionals with KET-produced toolkits of classroom resources and lesson plans — including in-person and virtual workshops to train educators on effectively using the resources — to boost children’s school readiness in science, math, social studies, health and arts.

As the challenging 2020-2021 school year drew to a close, KET’s Education team curated a “Summer of Adventure” webpage featuring the KET-produced Adventure Series videos, Camp TV and weekly hands-on activities for families and caregivers in order inspire and encourage learning beyond the screen.
KET resources are used in Kentucky classrooms every day. Through the thousands of free online resources KET provides at KET.org/education and in PBS LearningMedia, educators can complement classroom instruction with video, virtual learning and other engaging digital learning tools.

To support teachers across the state who were facilitating NTI curriculum, KET's Summer Multimedia PD Event was drastically different than in past years as the one-day event shifted to four days with three virtual trainings daily, for a total of 12 sessions for more than 1,900 attendees.

KET Education believes it's more important than ever to guide students and teachers through their emotions — and to help them walk in other people’s shoes and develop empathy. The focus on social and emotional learning (SEL) extends across content and resource creation and professional development.

KET's educational content team was dedicated to creating social and emotional teacher materials to be used with art works in the Kentucky Virtual Art Museum on PBS LearningMedia. A Social and Emotional Learning sub-collection within the Kentucky Virtual Art Museum now includes 20 artworks each with a special SEL background reading, discussion questions, and activity. Four videos have been segmented from Healing Childhood Trauma: A KET Special Report and will be used as professional development videos in a new Social and Emotional Learning video collection. The videos explain adverse childhood experiences (ACES), racial trauma and the effects of stress on the body.

KET's News Quiz was one of the top-10 resources on PBS LearningMedia nationally, with an average of 160,000 viewers watching each week, a 69% percent increase over last year’s average page views.

The annual Young Writers Contest received more than 590 entries in 2021. KET recognized 33 placing winners, 76 finalists, and 13 honorable mentions from across the Commonwealth.

KET, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education, piloted datacasting technology to help school districts more efficiently and effectively support students who lack home internet access.

And finally, KET was among 12 PBS stations selected to participate in a new federal education project aimed to help young children build the vital skills they need to succeed in school and life: the Learn Together: Connecting Children’s Media and Learning Environments to Build Key Skills for Success initiative.
In FY21, career readiness was the major focus for KET’s adult education products and services. Over 20,700 adults used KET’s highly-effective FastForward GED prep courses. And more than 2,100 adult educators were trained on using instructional technology and the basics of the GED® Tests.

Enhancements were completed for all Workplace Essential Skills modules including updated Job Search and Resume Builder modules in each industry plus Soft Skills. The courses were re-constructed as a product that includes all seven sectors plus the soft skills module for one price.

Following the conclusion of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s grant to update the Workplace Essential Skills courses, research firm Arroyo Research Services offered the following evaluation:

- 95% of participants reported they were engaged in the course
- 84% of participants said they will recommend Workplace Essential Skills to others
- 97% of participants learned new skills from the content
- 85% of participants said the coursework helped them achieve goals

FastForward is proven – 90% of students using FastForward pass the test and earn a GED® credential. That’s well above the national average.
TELLING KENTUCKY’S STORIES

KENTUCKY SEASONS
Kentucky Seasons, funded by the KET Endowment for Kentucky productions, premiered during WinterPledge. Utilizing slow-motion video and drone photography, this video essay presents a never-before-seen look at the state’s most iconic natural wonders as well as seldom-seen locations.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES
KET’s unparallel dedication to the children and families of the Commonwealth showcased important stories and solutions.

Kentucky Tonight devoted several episodes to education issues during the pandemic including a look at higher education, racial disparities in K-12, and an overall look at reopening schools.

Healing Childhood Trauma: A KET Special Report helped raise awareness about the importance of addressing ACES, toxic stress and trauma in the time of COVID-19.

With schools starting up for the fall, Kentucky Tonight looked at issues surrounding remote learning.

KET hosted a virtual screening of WNET’s A Trusted Space, a new film on mitigating the effects of grief and trauma affecting students and teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

KET FORUMS
Building Kentucky’s Workforce: A KET Forum featured Renee Shaw and guests from business, education and policy sectors discussing how to develop the workforce of tomorrow and strengthen labor force participation in Kentucky.

COVID Update: A KET Forum welcomed trusted experts to share new information about COVID-19 and answer viewer questions. Topics included vaccine phases, where and how to register for the vaccine, mask recommendations and virus mutations.

Examining Violent Crime in Louisville: A KET Forum explored new violence intervention efforts to rein in the surge of homicides in the Derby City. A panel of local and national leaders on the frontlines of this issue discussed how law enforcement, community activists, city officials and others are working together to ensure safer neighborhoods through evidence-based strategies proven to reduce crime.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS
KET broadcast over 450 hours of Kentucky General Assembly legislative coverage.

KET provided live coverage of the 2020 presidential election and launched a new election webpage with maps and real-time results.

KET broadcast eight nights of national coverage of the 2020 Democratic and Republican Conventions.

KET produced College Financial Aid 2021: Education Matters, offering help in navigating the all-important college financial aid application process.
ALICIA AND EVERETT MCCORVEY
Director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre

“KET introduces the arts to so many people in so many different ways. It’s great because it opens up a world of possibilities. And people don’t have to leave the comfort of their living room — although, after the year we’ve had, they’re probably ready.”

THACKER-DICKINSON FAMILY
Kendra Thacker and Johnny Dickerson, Jr. with Daijoni, Do’zana, D’maya, D’ondra, Johnathan Dickinson

Kendra Thacker, who works as a financial service representative for Commonwealth Credit Union in Frankfort, said KET’s children’s programs helped plant a love of learning in her five children early on — something that paid dividends when they entered their school years.

“My kids learned so much before they went to kindergarten — they could read books, spell their names and knew all their letters — that gave them such a great start.”

NANA LAMPTON
Chair and CEO of Hardscuffle, Inc. and American Life and Accident Insurance Company of Kentucky

“KET reflects the many diverse parts of our state because KET travels to all the different regions of Kentucky, exploring the people and their stories, it teaches us something about ourselves and our state.”

RANDALL VAUGHN
Architect for Gray Construction

“I like to use the term “lifelong learning.” And it’s such a key part of what KET is all about. The programs are enlightening. People ask me all the time about Kentucky and what it’s like, so it’s exciting to be able to speak with conviction about my home state, because it’s such a great place, and I love to share what I’ve learned.”

KET’S 15 STATEWIDE TRANSMISSION TOWERS HELP CONNECT AND PROTECT.

Public Safety Partners
Advanced Warning and Response Network (AWARN)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Emergency Alert System (EAS)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Kentucky Division of Emergency Management
Kentucky Division of Forestry
Kentucky Emergency Warning System (KEWS)

Kentucky National Guard
Kentucky State Police
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
NOAA/National Weather Service
Secret Service
Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)/PBS WARN
Regional EMS and Sheriffs’ Departments
PUBLIC AFFAIRS WEEKLY SERIES
Comment on Kentucky
Connections with Renee Shaw
Kentucky Health
Kentucky Tonight

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SERIES & SPECIALS
Building Kentucky’s Workforce: A KET Forum
College Financial Aid 2021: Education Matters
COVID Update: A KET Forum
Examining Violent Crime in Louisville: A KET Forum
Governor Andy Beshear: First Year Reflection
Healing Childhood Trauma: A KET Special Report

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COVERAGE
Governor’s 2021 State of the Commonwealth and Budget Address, live coverage
Kentucky Chamber Day 2021, live coverage and highlights
Legislative Update nightly during sessions
Legislative interim meetings, live coverage
Regular Session live coverage

ARTS & CULTURE SERIES & SPECIALS
Kentucky Seasons

OTHER SERIES/SPECIALS
Kentucky Afield: Non-Game Call-in
Kentucky Afield: Fall Hunting Call-In
Kentucky Afield: Spring Fishing Call-In
Severe Weather: Staying Safe Call-In

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES, COURSES AND ONLINE LEARNING
Artsville
Careers in Demand
Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts Toolkit (new supporting materials)
EcoSense for Living
Kentucky Studies
Media Arts Toolkit
Mental Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Muse Moments (new segments)
News Quiz
Sound Field
Work Ready (segments from Workplace Essential Skills)
Workplace Essential Skills
PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND 16 TRANSMITTERS CONNECT OUR COMMUNITIES.

TRANSMITTERS

LEXINGTON
FRANKFORT
LOUISVILLE

KENTUCKY'S ONLY STATEWIDE BROADCAST NETWORK.
During the great upheaval of the global pandemic, audiences turned to KET and PBS for information and entertainment. Online traffic and on-demand viewership skyrocketed as programming provided the latest information about COVID-19’s local and national effects.

Beyond staying informed, KET and PBS viewers also accessed arts and cultural content to inspire and entertain during the stay-home orders and widespread closures. And they enjoyed rich new series like Ken Burns’s *Hemingway* and new episodes of *Finding Your Roots*.

The heartwarming new Masterpiece series *All Creatures Great and Small* quickly became a fan favorite across the country. The magical tale of James Herriot, the world most beloved veterinarian, and his menagerie of heartwarming animal patients quickly climbed the chart of most-streamed KET programs.

As summer approached, Kentucky audiences were particularly excited to see a Louisville-based story in the national spotlight. The critically-acclaimed *River City Drumbeat* told the powerful, immersive story of music, love and legacies, as told by the members of a Black youth drum corps in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky families depend on KET to deliver PBS KIDS – the number one educational media brand for children – through television, digital platforms and community-based programs.

This year, PBS KIDS premiered *Donkey Hodie*, a new series from Fred Roger’s Productions, about Donkey Hodie and her pals who follow their dreams and work together to find creative solutions to everyday problems. The series encourages preschoolers to aim high, embrace challenges and work hard to achieve their goals.

IMPACT AND REACH

KET is Kentucky’s source for PBS programs. Science, history, the arts and more come to life through engaging and thought-provoking content from PBS.

PBS is the 6th most watched network among all broadcast and cable channels.

For the 18th consecutive year, the American public ranked PBS #1 in public trust and an excellent value for tax dollars.
KET ANYWHERE

KET anywhere. That’s our vision, to provide KET and PBS programs on demand, any time, on practically any device:

KET.org

KET video app
for Apple and Android

KET and PBS channels
on YouTube

PBS video app
with PBS and KET programs, for iPhone, iPad and Android

PBS channels
with PBS and KET programs, for Roku, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV and Windows 10

PBS KIDS apps
for iPhone, iPad and Android

KET on iTunes U

Total FY21 page views on KET.org were 7.1 million.

More than 3.56 million videos
were viewed on KET.org and related video platforms.

KET drove more than 3.5 million views of PBS LearningMedia content in FY21: 1.6 million views of resources by Kentucky students and teachers and 1.9 million additional views of KET-produced resources nationally. This is a 24% increase over last fiscal year.
FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING REVENUE

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KENTUCKY’S ONLY STATEWIDE MEDIA

KET’s broadcast and education services originate from the O. Leonard Press Telecommunications Center in Lexington. KET operates a production center at the Capitol in Frankfort and a studio and community outreach office on Main Street in Louisville.

TV CHANNELS

- **KET** – High-definition KET and PBS programming
- **KET2** – How-to, travel and lifelong-learning programs, PBS encores
- **KET KY** – Kentucky issues, heritage, history and culture
- **KET PBS KIDS** – Safe, non-violent, educational PBS KIDS programming
INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Telly Awards (3):
Silver: Kentucky Seasons, Videography
Kentucky Seasons, Sound Design
Bronze: Kentucky Seasons, Editing

2021 OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL EMMY AWARD NOMINATIONS & WINS
Kentucky Life segment “Violins of Hope,” Historical/Cultural Program (win)
Kentucky Life segment “Cycling Capital of Kentucky,” Lifestyle Program (win)
Kentucky Life, Season 25, Episode 10, Magazine Program (win)
Kentucky Seasons, Photographer (win)
Kentucky Seasons, Audio (win)
Kentucky Tonight: State of Unrest, Public Affairs Program (win)

Undiagnosed: The Diabetes Epidemic, Health/Medical Program (win)
Healing Childhood Trauma: A KET Special Report, Societal Concerns Program
Kentucky Life segment “Dafford Murals,” Arts & Entertainment Program
Kentucky Life segment “Remembering Julia,” Historical/Cultural Program
Kentucky Life segment “The Long Walk Home,” Nostalgia Program
Kentucky Seasons, Entertainment Program
Spirit of Kentucky, Image Promotion
Toying with Still Life, Documentary Cultural/Topical
Al Smith, posthumously inducted into the Silver Circle

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

Ashland Regional Training Center
Commerce Lexington
Community Action Council
ConnectKentucky
Council on Postsecondary Education
Eastern KY Child Care Coalition
Eastern Kentucky University
Education Professional Standards Board
FEMA
FRUSC
The Filson Historical Society
First S Lex
Floyd County Public Schools
Floyd Co. Community Early Childhood Council (CECC)
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Frazier History Museum
GED Testing Service®
Governor’s Office of Early Childhood
Greater Louisville, Inc. (GLI)
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Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
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Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Service Centers
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LexArts
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Louisville Cultural Consortium
Louisville Free Public Library
Louisville’s Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Magoffin County Schools
Metro United Way
Morehead State University
Murray State University
My Big Little Adventure
National Center for Families Learning (NCFL)
National Weather Service
Nature Preserves Commission
Oil Springs Cultural Arts and Recreation Center
Operation UNITE
Partners for Education at Berea College
PBS Newshour Student Reporting Labs
Pine Mountain Settlement School
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Ready for K Alliance
SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region)
Spalding University
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University of Kentucky Family and Consumer Sciences Extension
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Western Kentucky University
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EMPOWERING EDUCATORS.

High-quality, trusted educational resources like the ones KET provides to Kentucky educators are invaluable to any classroom, no matter where that classroom is. In this particularly challenging year, educators have turned to KET more than ever.

“KET’s resources are always so easy to find and use, and they’re vetted for actual classroom use, so they make remote learning a lot easier.”
Donnie Piercey
Fifth-Grade Teacher at Stonewall Elementary
2021 Kentucky Teacher of the Year

“We really appreciate the detail that’s layered into the [Music Arts Toolkit]. Having so many trusted resources in one spot is a huge time saver for me and my colleagues, and when I include links for students or parents to use, it takes them straight to the resource without any ads or other interruptions.”
Johnnie Bishop
Music Teacher at Veterans Park Elementary

“Everyone’s pretty stressed adjusting to all the changes, so News Quiz is one of the things that’s kept our class feeling normal. The students look forward to it every week, and it was the first thing they asked about.”
Alexandra Farhadian
Fourth Grade Teacher at Meadowthorpe Elementary

“KET is the go-to place for educational resources. They provide so many great digital materials that offer self-paced learning and interactive activities and quizzes.”
Dee Dee Webb
Technology Integration Specialist
Grayson County School District