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The Daviess County Public Schools district and the Western Kentucky University social work program have developed a partnership that will allow WKU students to gain practical experience while also supporting the work of DCPS Family Resource and Youth Service Centers.

“This opportunity will enable WKU social work students to practice skills learned in the classroom and observe professionals at work,” said DCPS district social worker Christina Dalton. “I believe the partnership between Daviess County Public Schools and Western Kentucky University will greatly benefit the FRYSC staff, students and families we serve.”

Dalton said as the DCPS district works toward a plan to reopen schools in the fall, FRYSC coordinators are mindful that many children have experienced stress and anxiety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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“This partnership will benefit students by adding another layer of support for them,” Dalton said.

The WKU social work program offers bachelor and master degree options, each of which require extensive practicum placements. Students applied for three available positions and underwent an extensive interview and screening process before being accepted for placement in DCPS schools. The program will begin with placements at Audubon, Burns and Highland elementary schools; Burns and College View middle schools; and Apollo and Daviess County high schools.

As the district social worker, Dalton will meet with each of the WKU students on a weekly basis. The students must complete a professional growth plan that outlines specific goals, and complete a project at each school during their internship.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to be able to provide additional support for our students and families while also providing a hands-on learning experience for the WKU social work students,” Dalton said. “We are so excited to be part of this growing learning community.”

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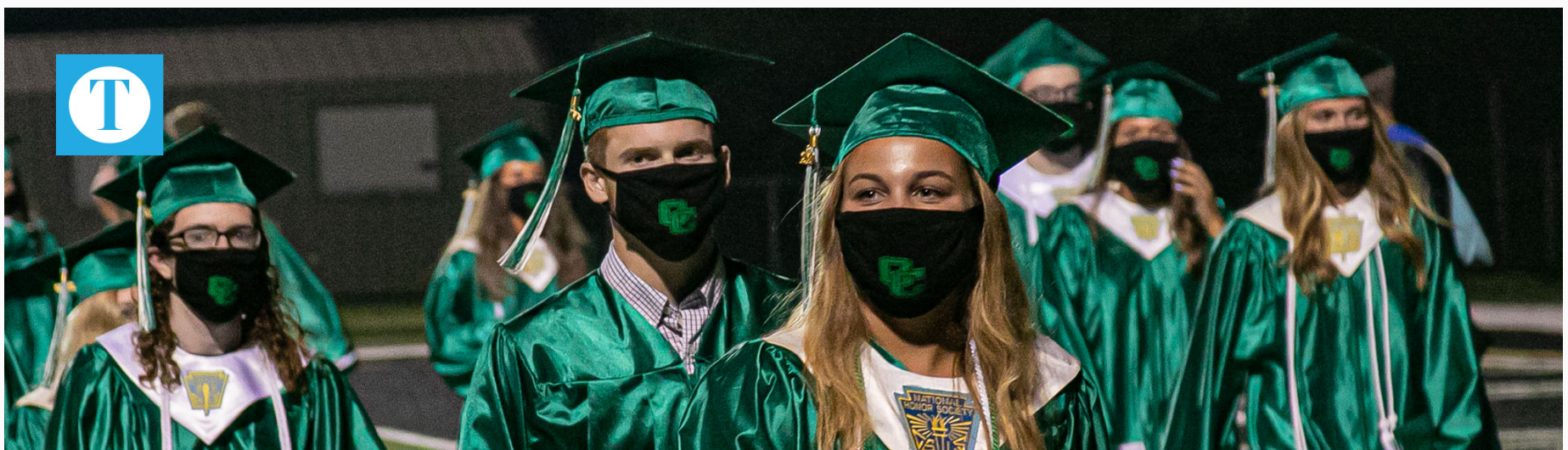
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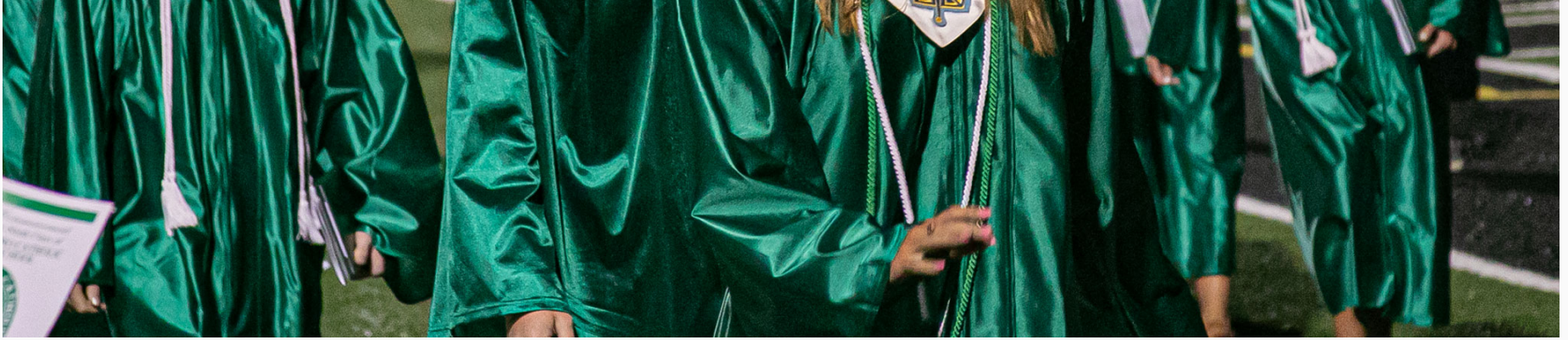
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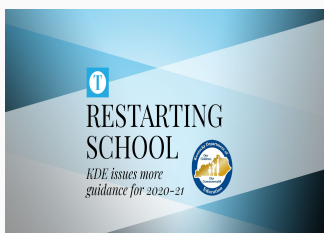
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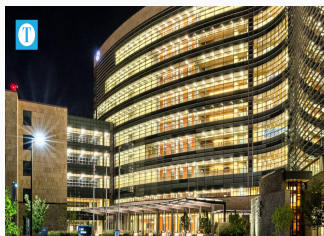


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