

Conner receives humanitarian award

Fayette County Board of Education Chairman Larry Conner has received the Lauren K. Weinberg Humanitarian Award from the Kentucky Conference for Community and Justice.

“I don’t work to get recognized. ... I just do what I do to help all kids in Fayette County,” said Conner, who said it’s still gratifying that people have noticed all the meetings, hours of phone calls and one-on-one conversations on behalf of students.

“It’s good to be recognized for something you love to do.”

The humanitarian award goes to an individual or organization whose life or work affirms the mission of KCCJ – to raise awareness and speak out for the just, fair and equal treatment of all people by promoting respect, understanding and acceptance through advocacy, education and empowerment.

KCCJ presented three awards for 2008: to Conner, the Catholic Action Center and Dr. George W. Privett. The ceremony was April 17 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Conner was nominated by P.G. Peeples, president and CEO of the Lexington Urban League; and schools Superintendent Stu Silberman.

“This award is so well-deserved. Larry is a champion for all people, and they could not have selected a better person,” Silberman said.