



Rowan Claypool

We are pleased to welcome Rowan Claypool as our speaker. Rowan is a Louisville native and has spend the last twelve years developing programs that address the perpetual need to attract more high achieving, ambitious young knowledge workers to Louisville.

He will discuss his innovative teacher recruitment program called Teach Kentucky . In nine years Teach Kentucky has brought over 70 recent college graduates for top-tier national colleges and universities to teach in area schools. The program focuses primarily on Math and Science teachers with outstanding content knowledge. The majority of Teach Kentucky teachers serve in challenge middle school in Jefferson County Public Schools. Teach Kentucky is pleased the vast majority of these new residents remain long-term in the Greater Louisville community.

Rowan has special ties to Rotary as well. He was a Rotary International Graduate Fellow in New Zealand the year (1981) after he graduated from Yale University with a bachelor's degree. He earned a graduate degree in history from the University of Waikato and was hosted by the local Rotary Club in Hamilton, NZ.

He has also been recognized extensively for his other social entrepreneurial efforts. He is the founder of Bulldog Across America, a national summer internship program placing ten percent of Yale undergraduates in summer internship in nine cities. He was given the distinguish Yale Medal in 2005 for this innovative program which he started in Louisville as Bulldog in the Bluegrass .