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CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION GIVES CHRISTMAS GIFT TO TAYLOR COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. – Campbellsville University presented the students at Taylor County Middle School a Christmas gift of school supplies Dec. 17 from the School of Education.

Dr. Brenda Priddy, dean of the School of Education, said, in the spirit of Christmas, faculty and staff members of the School of Education annually donate a Christmas box to an area school in lieu of exchanging their own Christmas gifts.

She said this tradition began years ago with a suggestion by the late Dr. Bill Bennett, a CU faculty member.

“This idea comes from our hearts, and we have carried on this tradition year after year,” Priddy said. She said the faculty and staff choose a different school each year.

Priddy and staff members Sarah Jeffrey, Alice Steele and Gwen Sampson made the presentation to Cherry Harvey, principal, and Tony Jewell, assistant principal at Taylor County Middle School. They were treated to a Christmas meal at the school.

Campbellsville University is a private, comprehensive institution located in South Central Kentucky. Founded in 1906, Campbellsville University is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has an enrollment of 3,006 students who represent 97 Kentucky counties, 30 states and 37 foreign nations. Listed in U.S. News & World Report’s 2010 “America’s Best Colleges,” CU is ranked 23rd in “Best Baccalaureate

Colleges” in the South, tied for fifth in “most international students” and fourth in “up-and-coming” schools in baccalaureate colleges in the South. CU has been ranked 17 consecutive years with *U.S. News & World Report*. The university has also been named to America’s Best Christian Colleges® and to G.I. Jobs magazine as a Military Friendly School. Campbellsville University is located 82 miles southwest of Lexington, Ky., and 80 miles southeast of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Michael V. Carter is in his 11th year as president.