Tir-State Diversity Conference – Diversity Champion Awards

The Tri-State Diversity Conference Diversity Champion Awards recognize the accomplishments of individuals and teams that contribute to diversity and inclusion through exemplary leadership. Recipients should demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion through diversity and multicultural programming, cultural competency, community outreach activities, or other initiatives that are in keeping with the goal of this annual Tri-State Diversity Conference.

Criteria for Selection: Success in leading and enhancing diversity and inclusion efforts can be demonstrated in many ways. Nominations should be based on demonstrated leadership in one or more of the following areas:

- Creates leadership opportunities, teams, and organizations that promote a diverse and inclusive culture
- Sponsors or actively promotes programs, initiatives, or projects in the area of diversity and inclusion.
- Collaborates with others in the creation, sponsorship, and implementation of programs, initiatives, policies, or projects in the area of diversity and inclusion.
- Recognizes and celebrates exemplary individual and team behaviors that promote diversity and inclusion.
- Creates, sustains, or promotes special programs, initiatives, strategies to capitalize on opportunities or respond to challenges tied to diversity, and community support.
- Builds awareness, understanding, and relationships in the name of diversity and inclusion.

If you think you or a team member would be a good fit for this award, click this link to learn how to apply.
Happy November Birthdays!

- November 10th – Diane Sommers
  Program Assistant – Fairfield County

 County Highlights

Starting December 1st, each newsletter will consist of highlights from one of the nine county in the Central region. Each county will get a reminder email the week before it is their turn, and the information is due the Monday of their week. All information is to be sent to James Stiving at Stiving.3@osu.edu

The Schedule is the following:

Franklin: Dec 1
Fairfield: Dec 12
Delaware: Jan 5
Knox: Jan 19
Marion: Feb 2

Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks

The offices of Outreach and Engagement and Diversity and Inclusion, along with COTA and Rosa Parks Day Founder Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, are co-hosting Ohio’s 10th annual Statewide Tribute to Rosa Parks on Thursday (12/4) at COSI. The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. with a panel discussion, “Personal Encounters...Communities (Re)Defining Justice,” at 7 p.m. Panelists include Ohio State professors Sharon Davies and Curtis Austin. The event is free and open to the public.

--> RSVP: rosaparks@cota.com
--> Read more: outreach.osu.edu/events

Boot Camps Schedule 2015

The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

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Message from Keith Smith

I encourage all of you to attend this year’s OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9, 10 and 11 at the Ohio Union. With this year’s 100th anniversary of Extension, and the VP Conversation on the Future of Extension, we need all of you at the conference. You each have contributed to our success and the impact Extension has every day in the lives of Ohioans. You know your community. You have valuable insight into the issues impacting our communities, and the role that Extension can play in the future.

I encourage your entire office staff to participate in this year’s conference. Close to 400 of your colleagues have already taken advantage of the early bird registration fee which is available through November 12th. I encourage you and your office colleagues to do the same.

Go to http://extensionhr.osu.edu/AnnualConf/annualconf.htm to register today.

Call for Buckeye Wellness Innovators… (Source: onCampus)

Help Ohio State become the healthiest university in the world and commit to serve as a Buckeye Wellness Innovator. Now 320 strong, faculty and staff who serve as Buckeye Wellness Innovators volunteer a few hours a month to work with the Buckeye Wellness Team in facilitating wellness initiatives in their colleges and units.

-- > Read more: buckeyewellness.osu.edu

Outreach and Engagement Grant Opportunities… (Source: Mark McCann)

OSU CARES/OSU Extension, the Service-Learning Initiative and the Office of Outreach and Engagement are pleased to offer this year’s OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants, Service-Learning Grants, and Engagement Impact Grants to support scholarly engagement efforts of university faculty and staff.

This year, we have more than $300,000, to support programs that establish and expand innovative, creative, scholarly engagement to address compelling challenges and critical needs in communities.

Information on the grants is available at http://outreachgrants.osu.edu, and on the attached Grant Comparison.

Proposal Deadline is Monday, February 16, 2015

If you would like some additional information, please feel free to contact Mark McCann (mccann.249@osu.edu) and we ask that you share this information with your colleagues.