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Welcome

OkCC would like to welcome OSU/OKC and OSU/Okmulgee as new Campus Compact members! Presidents Jerry D. Carroll and Robert E. Klabenes are to be congratulated for joining the effort to advance service-learning and civic engagement at their institutions.

Ehrlich Award

The 2003 Ehrlich Award was announced some time ago, but we want to recognize Ms. Rita Duncan, faculty member at Tulsa Community College, for being selected as a finalist for the 2003 Ehrlich Award. The award was given to two individuals this year – Dr. Dwight Giles - University of Massachusetts and Dr. Janet Eyler - Vanderbilt University.

2003 Fall/Summer OkCC Activities

- ✓ **Campus Visits** - In an effort to become better acquainted with service-learning efforts in Oklahoma, Gina Wekke and Jennifer Geren visited 8 campuses this summer and fall. During the visits, administrators and faculty are introduced to OkCC staff, programs, and materials. We look forward to visiting your campus.
- ✓ **Course Equivalency Project**- On September 25, 2003 OkCC sponsored a service learning luncheon as part of the annual Course Equivalency Project sponsored by the State Regents. Ms. Jean Dunlap, Rose State College, Dr. Lanny Endicott, Oral Roberts University, and Dr. Charlie Warnken, University of Oklahoma presented examples of how they use service learning on their campuses.

Surveys

- ✓ **National Campus Compact Survey.** Eighteen of 32 OkCC member institutions completed the annual survey, compared to five completed surveys last year. The data collected in this survey will help assess service-learning on OkCC member campuses.
- ✓ **Oklahoma Self-Assessment Survey on the Institutionalization of Service Learning.** The survey is online for Oklahoma Campus Compact members through **February 2, 2004.**

Please complete the survey so we can have a complete picture of where Oklahoma is on the institutionalization of service learning. Information will also be used to develop grant proposals and training for members.

Funds Available

- ✓ The VOICE initiative, with funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts, is pleased to invite student groups and faculty/student collaborations from (OkCC) member institutions to submit applications to the VOICE General Fund. Applicants may petition the Fund for up to \$300 to support campus activities that promote civic engagement. The VOICE Fund has no deadlines for applications. Click here to download an application. http://www.okhighered.org/campus-com/cc-pdfs/VOICE-General_Fund_Application.pdf

OkCC Vocal Oklahoma in Civic Education (VOICE) Update

- ✓ Gina Wekke and Jennifer Geren presented at a student leadership conference at Langston University in September.
- ✓ In September OkCC was awarded an additional \$12,000 toward the VOICE grant. \$4000 will be devoted toward Month of Action sub-grants and \$8000 will be used to extend the grant through January 2005.
- ✓ In November, VOICE provided scholarships for eight students to attend the Oklahoma Partnership for Public Deliberation's Public Policy Institute (PPI). The PPI took place November 7-8, 2003 in Ardmore, OK. Participants were trained to become moderators and recorders for National Issues Forums (NIF) and learned the connection between deliberative dialogues and creating change in public policy. The following students are now registered as trained NIF moderators/recorders and lead forums across the state:
 - Chad Lee - Rose State College;
 - Brandi Martin - Southwestern Oklahoma State University;
 - Sherita Moses - Langston University;
 - Tambra Nowell - University of Central Oklahoma;
 - Erin Means - Saint Gregory's University;
 - Leslie Doolittle - Southeastern Oklahoma State University; and
 - Andrea Fer - University of Oklahoma.

Please contact Jennifer Geren if you need the services of these trained students.

- ✓ **Fall Dialogues.** In October OkCC awarded \$175 grants to eight institutions to hold fall campus dialogues. University of Central Oklahoma, Langston University, Rose State College, Cameron University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and East Central University all held issue based campus dialogues during the month of November.

Campus Spotlight

- ✓ On November 17, 2003 East Central University hosted a campus dialogue entitled *Raise Your Voice: Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention*. Over 90 students participated in a conversation with students from a Social Work II class and with professionals from Pontotoc County on child abuse prevention tactics. Following presentations from the social work

students and Pontotoc County officials, participants divided into two groups and were asked to share their number one solution to local child abuse. Following the dialogue, solutions were compiled and presented to numerous advocacy programs in the area.

Calendar Items

- ✓ ***Month of Action - February 15 - March 20, 2004.*** Recipients of Month of Action grants include the following: Oklahoma City Community College, St. Gregory's University, University of Central Oklahoma, Cameron University, Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Rose State College, Langston University, and Northeastern State University.
- ✓ ***Month of Action*** launch at State Capitol, **Thursday, February 12, 2003.** A reception and forum will be held to launch the Raise Your Voice Month of Action.

2004 - In the Works....

- ✓ Community College workshop on Homeland Security
- ✓ Service Learning Hands-On Workshops
- ✓ Statewide Student Dialog
- ✓ Get out the Vote Activities

Please contact us if you have questions about items in this newsletter or need assistance.

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