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Oklahoma Campus Compact 2012 Award Winners

Community Engagement Professional of the Year

Dr. Pat Fountain, East Central University

Dr. Fountain is a Professor of Business Administration and has been the Service Learning Director at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma for the past 6 years. At his institution Pat wrote the policies, rules, and processes that were established to approve individual courses as service-learning courses. He is a past recipient of the OkCC Service-Learning Incentive grant, and has helped ECU faculty to successfully compete for this grant. He administered an AmeriCorps partial education award program for 15 students. Pat exemplifies the professional who has worked toward the institutionalization of academic service-learning and/or service, created and strived toward a vision of service for his/her campus, promoted higher education as a public good, provided exceptional support to faculty and students, and has been instrumental in forming innovative campus-community partnerships.

Excellence in Community-Based Teaching & Scholarship

Professor Dann May, Oklahoma City University

Dann May serves as the Director of the Vivian Wimberly Center for Ethics and Servant Leadership at Oklahoma City University where, under his leadership every undergraduate student on campus takes at least one service-learning course. Dann teaches 2-3 service-learning courses yearly, and has conducted significant research on the effectiveness of service-learning in the curriculum, which he has presented at state, regional, and national conferences. Dann's hard work bears fruit, with over 80% of the students at OCU reporting that the service-learning experience enhanced their academic experience.

Outstanding Community & Campus Collaboration

Mrs. Rene Hurst and Ms. Lisa McConnell, Oklahoma State University-OKC and Ms. Liz Brandon, Regional Food Bank

Each year OSU-Oklahoma City Business Administration Associate Professor Lisa McConnell partners with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in order to raise awareness of the hunger issue in Oklahoma, and a major initiative she uses with her Business Management students is to direct the on-campus efforts of the fall and spring food drives. Ms. McConnell started this partnership with the Regional Food Bank over 10 years ago, and a total of 50 students per year participate in the endeavor.

Management students at OSU-Oklahoma City work with the Regional Food Bank to design, implement, and conduct the annual food drive. Student learning outcomes in the course are met through establishment of a management plan related to the project. The Regional Food Bank works closely with Ms. McConnell and students to organize the timeline and process, which includes box drop off, collection, loading and weighing all of the food collected. Students also donate time to pack food in boxes on the assembly line. The impact on the community is the provision of more than 8,000 meals since the program's inception.