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Pay It Forward’s Access88: College Access Outreach in Ohio’s 88 Counties

**Purpose**
Access88 is a service outreach program by the Office of Student Life focused on access to higher education in Ohio’s 88 counties. Students and families in Ohio may not be aware of the support and resources available to them to obtain education beyond a high school diploma. Access88 was created in 2011 to serve the Ohio community, spread a college access message to young Ohio students, and educate OSU students about service, access, and leadership.

**Impact**
Through this program, OSU students learn about college access and engage in service by sharing their own experiences with young students, providing them with tools to prepare for the future.

The program has experienced success with several early access initiatives with K-8 students: school visits in 16 Ohio counties, campus tours, pen pal program, and visits to Columbus library branches.

In June 2012, Access88 received the OSU CARES Grant from OSU Extension to support the development of partnerships in the Ohio community to further outreach and collaboration.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
Office of Student Life
Ohio Union, Student Activities
Keith B. Key Center for Student Leadership and Service
Economic Access Initiative
OSU Extension
OSU Alumni Association

**Community Partners Involved**
K-12 School Administrators
Community Leaders
OSU Extension Educators
OSU Alumni

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APTE Summit - Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship

Purpose
The APTE Summit seeks to inspire and empower individuals to use entrepreneurship and innovation to fight poverty both locally and globally. The community we foster connects students, academics, practitioners, policy makers, and community members who have the collective power to truly change the world. APTE 2013’s pilot Social Enterprise Business Plan Competition and Workshop Series focused on the process of getting started and stressed utilizing your resources, networks, and talents to do something that creates meaningful, sustainable change.

Impact
An OSU student-led Signature Event that is entirely free to attend and has showcased speakers from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Acumen Fund, Ashoka, World Bank, Inventure and Poverty Cure, among many other prestigious organizations.

Attracts more than 1000 students, community members and industry professionals annually. In 2013, the online live stream was viewed in 11 different countries and more than 450 locations nationwide.

Five teams were flown in for the pilot, national Business Plan Competition and the top 3 teams pitched live at the summit. The first and second place winners were awarded $5,000 and $2,000, respectively.

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Purpose
For many years, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Student Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association has engaged in community service activities and projects that have impacted thousands of Ohio Citizens.

In addition, while engaging in service, student pharmacists have developed professional, administrative and quality patient care skill sets that augment the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum delivered by the faculty at the College of Pharmacy.

Impact
Through 11 American Pharmacist Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) patient care projects -- including Generation Rx, the Heartburn Awareness Challenge, Operation Diabetes (Education), Operation Diabetes (Screening), Operation Heart, Operation Immunization, Be Poison Smart!/Wise!, Katy’s Kids, Open Airways for Schools, and Prescription for a Smile -- student pharmacists have engaged with a variety of Central Ohio and Ohio Community Partners to deliver quality patient care and health education. All activities are planned and led by students.
Blue Star Healthy Colon Initiative

Purpose
The occurrence of colorectal cancer in Meigs County is 17.6% higher than that for Ohio, and death from colorectal cancer in Meigs County is 35% higher than Ohio. The Blue Star Healthy Colon Initiative will increase knowledge about prevention and early detection of colon cancer among adult residents in Meigs County. This collaborative effort will:

- Raise awareness about the burden of colon cancer
- Provide education on prevention and early detection of colon cancer
- Develop personalized wellness plans for residents at risk for colon cancer
- Encourage participation in classes through OSU Extension to help residents adopt a healthy lifestyle

Impact
Colon cancer screening is recommended for everyone 50 and over. Although, less than 42% of Meigs County residents age 50 and over have been screened for colon cancer in the last five years.

An inflatable walk-through colon (Super Colon) will be exhibited to provide an interactive educational tool at the Meigs County Fair on August 15 and Racine Party in the Park on September 14.

Personalized wellness plans will be provided for at least 100 residents in Meigs County at high-risk for colon cancer including suggestions to help prevent and detect colon cancer.

OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED
Comprehensive Cancer Center
College of Medicine
College of Nursing
School of Communications
Buckeyes without Borders
OSU Extension - Meigs County

COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED
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STEM Initiatives and Breakfast of Science Champions

Purpose
Have you ever wanted to see how the brain works, or how to run a superconductor train? At STEM Initiative’s Breakfast of Science Champions, Columbus middle school students learn these things and more. Students come to OSU for a morning of hands-on exposure to science, technology, engineering, and math programs. They learn about the work conducted by various labs and then participate in activities and experiments reflecting the labs’ work.

Impact
Approximately 650 students participated in the Breakfast of Science Champions events held in November and February. They visited 13 different labs across OSU.

Activities included flying flight simulators at the OSU Airport, using liquid nitrogen-frozen bananas as hammers at the Center for Emergent Materials, and dissecting cow eyes at the College of Optometry.

The first Breakfast of Science Champions event was held in 1998. STEM Initiatives has run the event since 2011 and has seen consistently increasing numbers of attendees.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Arts and Sciences, STEM Initiatives
Center for Cognitive and Behavioral Brain Imaging
Neuroscience
OSU Airport
Biological Sciences Greenhouse
Arachnid Lab
Center for Applied Plant Sciences
Women in Engineering Program
Center for Emergent Materials
College of Optometry
Byrd Polar Research Center
Insect Molecular Genetics
Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center
Ohio 4-H Center

Community Partners Involved
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**Buckeyes Without Borders**

**Purpose**
Buckeyes Without Borders (BWB) is a graduate interdisciplinary global health student organization at The Ohio State University. BWB members represent the disciplines of audiology, dentistry, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, social work, speech language pathology, and veterinary medicine.

BWB strives to foster Global Health awareness and the benefits of an interdisciplinary health care team on positive patient outcomes to its members through outreach and education to the OSU, Central Ohio, and Global communities.

**Impact**
Beginning in 2009, BWB student member Cara Whalen forged partnerships between the Ubumwe Community Center (UCC), The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium’s Partners In Conservation (PIC), and BWB to enable an interdisciplinary team of faculty and students to travel to Gisenyi, Rwanda annually to provide health education and service to the UCC.

Three years of preparation with partners in Rwanda (UCC), Columbus (PIC), and students, faculty, and staff at OSU culminated in five interdisciplinary student members of BWB travelling to the UCC in June 2012. This trip to Rwanda is now the annual international service opportunity for BWB members and an international service-learning course is currently being developed.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Public Health
- Veterinary Medicine
- The Health Sciences Center for Global Health
- Office of International Affairs
- Global Gateways

**Community Partners Involved**
- Ubumwe Community Center (UCC)
- The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium’s Partners In Conservation

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Buck-I-SERV

Purpose
Buck-I-SERV is Ohio State’s alternative breaks program that, with Student Activity Fee funding, coordinates with service agencies on the national and international fronts to create weeklong, substance-free trips centered on community service and civic engagement. Buck-I-SERV’s mission is to provide students with challenging and exciting opportunities to lead and learn through direct service experiences.

Impact
By working in diverse environments that sometimes challenge their comfort zones, students gain new perspectives regarding social justice and civic engagement while learning about the importance and significance of reflection. Students work to meet community needs, build on community assets, and bring their experiences back to campus with them at the closing of their trip.

Through this life-changing experience, students have the opportunity to build new friendships while working together to meet the needs of a community and build on that community’s strengths. Over 65 of these alternative break trips are planned each year.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Office of International Affairs
Multicultural Center
The Ohio State University Alumni Association

*We also involve a variety of other colleges/units across Ohio State’s campus through our trip advisors’ involvement. Each trip departs from Columbus with at least one faculty/staff or graduate student advisor, from a variety of units on campus.

Community Partners Involved
Habitat for Humanity
One Heartland
Guadalupe Center
Food and Friends
Furkids
One World Running
Operation Breakthrough
Gay Men’s Health Crisis
God’s Love We Deliver
Steel Yard
Arc of Baltimore
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Building Intellectual Capacity in Paleoclimatology and Glaciology in China and the Third Pole Region

Purpose
Professor Lonnie Thompson’s research team has worked collaboratively with Chinese scientists, most notably Professor Yao Tandong, for nearly three decades following a trip to encourage scientific exchange between scientists in China and the U.S. The Ohio State team has conducted major ice core drilling programs at multiple sites in China since 1986. Ohio State and Chinese teams have drilled ice cores containing evidence of Earth’s past climate dating back hundreds of thousands of years.

Impact
The impacts of this partnership have resulted in the formation of the Institute for Tibetan Plateau Research (ITPR) with two campuses, the first in Lhasa and a second in Beijing.

Since 2004, a graduate course in paleoclimatology has been taught simultaneously here at OSU and at ITPR using a videoconferencing system provided by the OSU Office of Research.

Professors Yao Tandong, Lonnie Thompson and Volker Mosbrugger of Germany organized the first Third Pole Environment Workshop to bring together organizations studying glaciers and climate change in the Himalayan Mountains.

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### Purpose

Ohio State University Extension brings the knowledge of the university to your door. We fulfill the land-grant mission of The Ohio State University by interpreting knowledge and research developed by the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Ohio State and other land-grant universities, so that Ohioans can use the scientifically based information to better their lives, businesses and communities.

### Impact

Weinland Park, a neighborhood located in the University District, once plagued by drugs, gangs, low-performing schools, high disinvestment of businesses and substandard housing, is now being transformed into a neighborhood of choice, where people want to live, work, worship and attend school!

In Weinland Park, OSU Extension strives to fulfill our mission through the use of Individual Development Accounts (IDA), a savings incentive program designed to empower low-moderate income families to save towards an asset goal of homeownership, post-secondary education or small business ownership. Participants must remain in the program up to one year; make regular monthly deposits into a dedicated savings account; attend an 8 hour Financial Literacy workshop and attend asset specific training (up to 10 hours). Participants who successfully complete the program and save $500 receive a match of $1,000 towards their asset goal. These funds are made available through public and private sources.

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**Purpose**
The Chile Teaching Experience has existed for nearly 20 years. This program allows pre-service teachers opportunities to use teaching skills in diverse settings. The program is situated at the Thomas Jefferson School in Concepción, Chile.

**Impact**
Students live with a host family for one month. The students reflect on what they learned about children, teaching, and how to adapt when an outsider to a culture. Without exception, each student returns with a new understanding of how children in their future classrooms may feel if they are new to American culture or if English is their second language.

Accompanying Ohio State faculty provide professional development for the school’s teachers. These include workshops, classroom visits, and sharing of American school materials. The visiting students share new teaching ideas with their mentor teacher, bringing what they have learned in their teacher education program at Ohio State to the teachers of Thomas Jefferson.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
College of Education and Human Ecology
Department of Teaching and Learning

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Community Day

Purpose
An annual event, Community Day offers free health screenings, evaluations and counseling to the medically underserved throughout Columbus. Screenings offered include: breast and prostate, hearing, dental, vision, glucose, cholesterol, Body Mass Index, lung function, podiatry, and blood pressure. Screenings are provided by doctors, residents, medical students, nursing students and College of Dentistry faculty and students who all donate their time.

Impact
Clinicians see Community Day as a great way of giving back to our community and this event also provides students and residents with hands-on experience and the opportunity to learn from each other.

Participants whose screenings results are outside of the normal range are provided references for follow-up care. A key component of Community Day is an exhibitor tent with health and human service organizations from throughout Columbus.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Wexner Medical Center
College of Medicine
College of Dentistry

Community Partners Involved
Various Health and Human Services organizations throughout Columbus

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Critical Service-Learning Initiatives and Community Engagements

Purpose
This project engages local and national stakeholders in discussions on critical service-learning and community engagement initiatives. It promotes sustainable ways for public schools, universities, and communities to collaborate in centering student learning and pedagogical practices. The project sponsored a national service learning conference, advisory board meetings, research roundtables, and local philanthropy programs. Together, these events highlight the value of addressing student achievement and community needs across K-16 contexts.

Impact
A unique professional development partnership among the Columbus Education Association, Columbus City Schools, NEA, and Ohio State.

Through an Ohio State graduate course, we have trained over 80 CCS K-12 teachers across content areas to create and implement unique service-learning initiatives in classrooms and communities.

Over 6,000 students have participated in service learning experiences, many of whom have presented at national conferences, spoke to local audiences, developed grant writing skills, and engaged in student philanthropy.

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The Dental H.O.M.E. (Health Outreach Mobile Experience) Coach

**Purpose**
Dental care is the #1 unmet health care need in Ohio. The College of Dentistry’s H.O.M.E. Coach is a mobile dental clinic that helps to bridge this gap by providing oral health care and education to underserved children in Columbus and surrounding communities. The Dental H.O.M.E. Coach is an outreach program that strives to meet the oral health needs of Ohioans in key underserved areas. The program focuses on three main goals:

1. To provide underserved children with oral health care that offers them a dental “home.”
2. To expose dental students to an array of hands-on learning experiences that include pediatric dentistry treatments performed under the supervision of OSU faculty members.
3. To positively impact the problem of access to oral health care for Ohio’s families.

The Dental H.O.M.E. Coach brings dentists and dental treatment to children at local schools during regular classroom hours. The Coach is staffed by faculty-supervised senior dental students and dental assistants who provide comprehensive treatment that includes diagnostic and preventive care, restorative dentistry, digital radiography, and minor surgery.

**Impact**
Many children and their families can’t afford dental care. An Ohio Family Health survey found that about 36 percent of working families have no dental insurance. This program serves these families by accepting only public health insurance and no payments are required if patients are uninsured.

Dental care remains the single most common unmet health care need for nearly 157,400 children in Ohio, regardless of family income.

The Dental H.O.M.E. Coach makes an impact on local communities by providing services to approximately 2,000 children in Franklin County annually.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
College of Dentistry
Office of Community Education

**Community Partners Involved**
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
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The Ohio State University
Design Matters: A Service-Learning Course Engaging Urban Youth in Community Rebuilding

**Purpose**
Design Matters is a service-learning course that engages university students with urban teens from TRANSIT ARTS in community design/build projects. Initiated and developed by Assistant Professor Susan Melsop, this course provides experiential learning to OSU students and extends education to an underserved population through collaborative thinking, designing and making. Over the course of the semester, teams of students and urban teens exchange knowledge, share cultural values and collectively build furniture scale artifacts for a new community art center.

**Impact**
Based on a praxis of empathic design pedagogy, the course exposes university students to diverse populations, brings design services to socio-economically challenged neighborhoods and invests in the creative capital of youth in Columbus, Ohio through collaborative design/build course work.

Design Matters is an interdepartmental/interdisciplinary course open to undergraduates and graduate students. In its short history, the course has attracted students from engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, industrial design, visual communications, comparative studies and sociology.

Over a period of three courses, university students and TRANSIT ARTS teens have co-designed and successfully built site-specific permanent installations, ecologically sound furniture, and culturally-inspired landscape elements.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
Department of Design

**Community Partners Involved**
Central Community House
TRANSIT ARTS, an arts-based youth development program

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Developing FleetCalc to Reshape Our Nation’s Vehicle Fleets

Purpose
Fleet owners now have a plethora of fuel options, vehicle types and technologies to choose from. There is a huge amount of information available on these options, some of which is contradictory, hard to compare, misleading or false. This same gauntlet is faced by policy makers who look to formulate strategies to accomplish a particular goal, or who wonder what the implications are of a particular program or initiative.

Complex fleet calculators have been developed, giving fleet owners detailed information on the implications of a particular vehicle option. These fleet calculators require large amounts of data, and their results are complex and difficult to interpret.

Impact
FleetCalc will be the first online tool to provide accurate information on alternatives for Fleet vehicles based on real vehicle performance data and use patterns. Fleetcalc is a computer simulation that uses real vehicle data and sophisticated computer algorithms to provide fleet owners and policymakers with an ability to understand the impact of different technology options, fuel choices, driving styles, vehicle accessories and policy incentives on the cost and performance of various vehicles. Thus far, the team has:

- Completed Comparison Assessment of other fleet calculators
- Evaluated vehicle technologies and options to determine technical inputs to program
- Surveyed and interviewed various stakeholders for needs and wants for program
- Determined input and output structures
- Developed initial economic analysis
- Initiated Discussion on user interface prototype
- Built initial web-based interface prototypes
- Initiated initial fleet owner review
- Developed preliminary framework for education

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
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John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Community Partners Involved
Various vehicle fleet owners

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Dining with Diabetes
Program Development

Purpose
Nearly 1 in 10 Ohioans has been diagnosed with diabetes which, if not managed properly, can increase the risk for serious health problems, from heart disease to eye and foot complications. Diabetes costs Ohio $5.9 billion annually in medical expenses, lost work, and early death.

To address this critical problem, OSU Extension’s Dining with Diabetes (DWD) teaches ways to manage diabetes through menu-planning, carbohydrate-counting, portion control, label-reading, food demonstration and healthy recipe taste-testing.

Impact
The class is taught in three sessions by Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Educators and community partners throughout the state. In 2012, DWD was taught in 19 counties with over 394 participants.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
College of Education and Human Ecology
College of Public Health
OSU Extension
Department of Human Nutrition

Community Partners Involved
19 County Extension Agents
East Asian Studies Center’s Arts Initiative  
Brings Renowned Japanese Artist Migiwa Orimo to Columbus Preparatory Academy

**Project Description**

In Autumn 2012, EASC’s arts initiative continued with a large-scale project which brought renowned Japanese artist Migiwa Orimo to Columbus to work on Japan-themed art projects with school children and to share her work with the larger community through an exhibition at a municipal building. EASC Program Manager Michelle Attias-Goldstein led the project which secured external funding from both the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council.

EASC selected a local charter school, Columbus Preparatory Academy, as its partner school and worked closely with Orimo and art teacher Kristen Pyshora to design the Japan-themed program for the 800+ students. Programming began with elementary school and middle school assemblies at which Orimo presented on her work as an installation artist while contextualizing it through introductions of elements of Japanese culture, such as traditional festivals and the connection with nature. Students then spent the next three weeks working on Japan-themed projects in art class, such as writing their name in Japanese, origami, kirigami, fans, kimono patterns, haiku, brush painting, wish boards, and more. Orimo then returned to the school and used the student projects to construct a large installation in a hallway off of the school lobby. The space was transformed into a personal, reflective space containing the collective contributions of the entire school.

**Impact**

800+ students at Columbus Preparatory Academy were given a presentation by artist Migiwa Orimo, introducing students to a working installation artist and contextualizing common cultural elements of Japan. For four weeks, they participated in a series of Japanese-themed art lessons and produced their own Japanese inspired artifacts. After, Orimo completed a separate installation at the school using the artifacts made by the students. Students were witness to the artist’s process in assembling the materials and transforming the school’s lobby into a gateway to Japanese culture.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units**

East Asian Studies Center  
Office of International Affairs & the College of Arts and Sciences

**Community Partners**

Ohio Arts Council, Greater Columbus Arts Council (Franklin County Neighborhood Arts Program), Columbus Preparatory Academy, Upper Arlington Concourse Gallery and artist Migiwa Orimo.
Energize Ohio: Building Ohio’s Energy Future

Purpose
Energize Ohio is a multidisciplinary program that addresses a wide range of energy education needs including youth education, energy policy, landowner leasing, and sustainable community planning. The curriculum consists of worksheets, presentation materials, workshop materials, bulletins, fact sheets, marketing templates, and evaluation tools. The ultimate goal of Energize Ohio is to enhance community leaders’ and local residents’ knowledge of energy drivers and development in order to promote informed decision-making and best practices.

Impact
In 2012, OSU Extension taught more than 1,000 Ohioans how to prepare for and attract potential renewable energy developments.

In 2012, OSU Extension and the OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC) conducted 149 programs, reaching more than 14,000 people, on shale energy-related topics.

Programming assisted community leaders in the development of three renewable energy projects that will annually pay over $2.9 million to landowners and generate $3.6 million in local taxes.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
OSU Extension - Community Development
OSU Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources
OSU Extension - Family & Consumer Sciences
OSU Extension - 4-H Youth Development
School of Environment and Natural Resources
Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
OSU Subsurface Energy Resource Center (SERC)

Community Partners Involved
Energize Ohio Programs delivered in more than 30 counties across Ohio.

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Engineering Outreach to K12

Purpose
Prof. Betty Lise Anderson leads an outreach program for engineering that is specifically designed to address the shrinking number of students going into the STEM fields and to increase the number of women and minorities in engineering. Along with Ohio State student volunteers, Prof. Anderson visits schools, camps, and after-school organizations to engage kids by teaching them how to build real engineering projects, such as working speakers and motors that they can take home.

Impact
Prof. Anderson and her students have visited a total of 47 different schools, bringing engineering hands-on projects to more than 5,000 students, many of whom may never have thought they could be an engineer, or even had any idea what an engineer does.

Recent projects have emphasized energy, with kids building a DC motor and a Faraday flashlight. Another has students build a finger-tip heart-rate monitor using a potato-chip clip, infrared LED, and some simple circuitry.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Engineering
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Engineering Minority Engineering Program
College of Engineering Women in Engineering Program

Community Partners Involved
47 different schools
4H Club
Vineyard Community Center
Engineering Explorer Post
YMCA Y-Club
Young Scholars Program
Wright Scholars
Ohio Science and Engineering Talent Expansion Program

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Purpose
In 2010, the Hardin County Chamber Business Alliance identified the need to improve collaboration and communication between business and education as one of their primary goals. With a seed grant of $10,000 through OSU CARES, the Chamber partnered with the OSU Alber Enterprise Center and OSU Extension to survey business and educational institutions to identify opportunities that might help orient workers to future jobs in Hardin County.

Fifty-eight businesses employing almost 2,000 people and representing all sectors (including education) responded to an OSU Extension Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) Signature Program survey including one-on-one interviews by the team.

Impact
This resulted in the development of a web based platform to connect resources and communicate opportunities to benefit youth, the unemployed, underemployed and future workforce.

This model creates linkages that focus on creation of a workforce development communications model that can be replicated in other areas.
# Environmental Technology Transfer to Rural China

**Purpose**  
Dr. Mancl's work with China is comprehensive and reflects her faculty position at OSU to include teaching, outreach, research and service. In her work she continues to successfully improve the environment of both rural China and the US through the exchange of environmental technology. To facilitate her efforts she learned Chinese and obtained an MA in East Asian Studies. Now, through her work and advanced study she promotes Chinese language and culture at OSU and beyond.

**Impact**  
**Outreach:** In China: Lectures and writes in Chinese about wastewater treatment. In Ohio: Teaches agricultural & business professionals how to work in rural China.

Research: Develops new, low-cost wastewater treatment technology. Builds demonstration systems in rural China and Ohio.

Service: Faculty advisor to the Chinese Culture Connection at OSU. First STEM faculty member in East Asian Studies grad program.

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**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**  
Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering  
East Asian Languages and Literatures  
East Asian Studies

**Community Partners Involved**  
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Whitewater Processing

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Faith Mission Outreach Eye Clinic

Purpose
To serve a community of need with quality eye care and provide the next generation of optometrists with firsthand experience in not only clinical care, but also in the value of engaging communities to improve society.

Impact
The Eye Clinic has grown tremendously since 2000, serving more than 1,500 patients annually through comprehensive eye exams, ocular disease evaluations, and treatment. Including repeat visits, more than 3,000 patients visit annually.

Students have discovered tumors, swelling of optic nerves, and other diseases in patients and helped them find proper treatment.

Recent survey of optometry alumni found graduates who completed rotation through an outreach clinic as a student donated 94% more professional services to underserved individuals in communities than graduates who did not have outreach experience.

In 2012, 24 senior student externs rotated through for over 3,000 volunteer hours, plus undergraduates contributed another 300 volunteer hours.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Optometry

Community Partners Involved
Faith Mission
Prevent Blindness Ohio
Mount Carmel Outreach
J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization of Inner City Needs)
TB Clinic
Physicians Free Clinic
Breathing Association
Alcon Humanitarian Outreach
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Arthritis is a disease common to older adults and especially Ohio farmers due to high-risk work demands. Arthritis impacts one’s health, quality of life, and economic livelihood. The purpose of our project is to encourage arthritis prevention and management efforts.

Impact
• Arthritis screening tool for farmers developed, revised, and tested over the past three years and shared with Extension agents in six states.
• Training manuals developed and disseminated to OSU Extension educators to replicate project.
• Over 800 Ohio farmers and rural older adults screened. A majority had minimal-moderate risk for arthritis and encouraged to contact local healthcare providers.
• Sixty-one students from OSU and Shawnee State learned about health problems of rural older adults and trained to administer screenings.
• Fifty-five community healthcare professionals received continuing education in arthritis.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED
SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN OHIO MEDICAL CENTER
BERGER HEALTH SYSTEMS

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Fostering International Partnerships on HIV Care and Prevention in Malawi

Purpose
Prevention of HIV infection and unwanted pregnancy is essential for the survival and well-being of women and families throughout the world. In Malawi, a peaceful country in sub-Saharan Africa, there are an estimated one million people living with HIV, one half of whom are women. Our multidisciplinary team of American and Malawian scientists, researchers, students, and practitioners is establishing a longitudinal health program to improve the health and well-being in rural Malawi.

Impact
Dr. Kwiek has worked in Malawi since 1995 and has 14 peer-reviewed publications with his Malawian colleagues.

Dr. Kwiek led a team from OSU Health Sciences Center for Global Health to Malawi to establish research and educational opportunities. 24 OSU medical students have since worked in Malawi.

This summer, Drs. Norris (Epidemiology) and Norris Turner (Medicine), and several OSU graduate/professional students will spend three months in western Malawi conducting a baseline survey of health needs of the community.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Medicine
Department of Microbial Infection and Immunity
Department of Medicine (Infectious Diseases)
College of Public Health (Epidemiology)
Institute for Population Research
Center for Microbial Interface Biology
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Community Partners Involved
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Generation Rx Initiative

Purpose
Unintentional drug poisoning is now the leading cause of accidental death in the country. On average, four people in Ohio and 100 across the U.S. die from these drug overdoses each day. The Generation Rx Initiative was created by the College of Pharmacy in 2007 to address this serious public health problem.

Impact
Partnering with the Cardinal Health Foundation, the program has created educational resources aimed at specific populations that are available to the public for free. These kits provide presentations, handouts, activities, and other related materials.

Its original community-based toolkit has been used in every state in the country. Toolkits have also been developed for youth, teens, college students, and seniors. Nearly half of the 127 Schools of Pharmacy in the U.S. now have an active Generation Rx Program.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Pharmacy
College of Social Work
Counseling and Consultation Services
OSU Extension
Office of Student Wellness

Community Partners Involved
Cardinal Health Foundation
Drug Free Action Alliance
National Council on Patient Information and Education
Ohio Department of Health
Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
American Pharmacists Association
- Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)
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Ghana Sustainable Change Program

Purpose
The Ghana Sustainable Change Program is an interdisciplinary service learning study abroad program managed by City and Regional Planning faculty members Charisma Acey and Jamie Greene.

The purpose of Sustainable Change is to provide culturally sensitive localized, district planning to assist the Offinso North District in meeting the challenges of population growth. The program’s approach focuses on working hand-in-hand with the community. Prior to traveling to Ghana, an interdisciplinary group of undergraduate and graduate OSU students determine a series of projects on which they focus, including housing, mapping and land use planning, water, sanitation, public health, agriculture, and more.

Impact
Upon arriving in Ghana, the OSU students are joined by town planning students from KNUST and work in teams with community members and local government officials to carry out their projects. To date 32 undergraduate and graduate students have traveled to Ghana and 10 more will travel in May 2013.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Engineering
Knowlton School of Architecture
City and Regional Planning
Office of International Affairs
Center for African Studies

Community Partners Involved
Offinso North District
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
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Global Health Mission

Purpose
The 13th College of Nursing Honduras mission took place in March 2013. The project has expanded from a small trip of three people and a community assessment to a full-fledged health care mission to the people of Honduras. The program in Choluteca is divided among six villages and a consortium of five fishing villages for primary care and the Hospital del Sur which is the public hospital in Choluteca.

Impact
In the villages we do urgent care, primary care and well woman care. We have continuity of care using an OSU educated Family Nurse Practitioner and a Honduran physician, so patients get care all year even when we aren’t there.

We see around 1,500 patients during our mission. Students work in the local hospital modeling appropriate nursing care. In addition, our students present in-service education for the hospital staff, including training in CPR and standard infection precautions. A health visitor project has been going on for the last four years where we educate village women in areas of simple first aid, blood pressure monitoring, infection precautions and how to take care of people who have leg or foot ulcers as a result of their diabetes or hypertension.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Nursing
College of Medicine
College of Dentistry
College of Pharmacy

Community Partners Involved
World Gospel Mission
Other non-governmental organizations
Globalization of OSU: Connection to Egypt and Other Middle East and African Countries

Purpose
With OSU playing a lead role, the objective of the program is to promote STEM education and research in Middle Eastern and African countries with a particular emphasis on the role of Muslim women in science. OSU has a MOA with Cairo University which gives the platform to work with other Egyptian institutions and expand to other Arab and African countries. Egypt is a very important center for higher education and research for them.

Impact
Dr. Nahar has a long term connection with Arab countries, especially, with Egypt. She played the key role for the MOA covering Arts and Sciences, and Engineering, and currently for extension to Medicine.

A number of exchange visits, research collaborations, trainings between OSU and Cairo University were funded by OSU Astronomy, Physics, ODI, Middle East Center, and Cairo University. Outside funding proposals are under preparation.

Dr. Nahar has founded the International Society of Muslim Women in Science with enthusiastic members from 23 countries and cofounded the International Society of Arab Women in Science with members from 7 countries.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Astronomy
Department of Physics
Office of International Affairs
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Middle East Studies Center

Community Partners Involved
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Directly Above: The best male Physics student receiving the award with a prize from the Dean of Faculty of Science, Dr. Nahar, and Physics chair of Aligarh Muslim University in India under a STEM program founded by Dr. Nahar.

Bottom Left: The best female Ph.D. graduating student at Cairo University in Egypt is accepting the prize under a STEM program founded by Dr. Nahar.

Bottom Right: Dean of Faculty of Science of Al Azhar University in Egypt is accepting the STEM proposal submitted by Dr. Nahar.
Hydrologic Redistribution and Rhizosphere Microbiology of Shrubs as Resource Islands in Degraded Agro-ecosystems of the Sahel

Purpose
The project is investigating the microbiology and hydrology of shrub-crop rhizospheres to develop sustainable agricultural systems for the ecologically fragile African Sahel.

Impact
This is an extraordinary, cross cultural collaboration of African and U.S. scientists conducting state-of-the-art research. This team discovered 2 local shrubs that perform rhizosphere hydrologic lift (HL) of water and significantly increase crop production in the Sahel. They are investigating beneficial microorganisms, water stress reduction, and nutrient dynamics.

Their work has shown that HL enables rhizosphere microbial communities to function and drive biogeochemical processes over the extended Sahelian dry season; changing the paradigm of how arid ecosystems function. An Advanced Training in Tropical Microbial Ecology for 40 US/African early-career scientists is being conducted. Three post-docs, 4 past and 4 current PhDs, and undergraduates have/are conducting research in Senegal.

Project outcomes are providing a foundation for developing biologically based agricultural systems with intercropped shrubs as nutrient/water reservoirs. These systems capitalize on local resources to increase food security and remediate degraded land which threatens over 37 million Sahelian acres.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
School of Environment and Natural Resources
Department of Plant Pathology
Department of Microbiology
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Community Partners Involved
University of California, Merced
Central State University
USDA-ARS, Oregon
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The Ohio State University
Identifying Social and Cultural Barriers to Food Security in Nicaragua

Purpose
With approximately 1 billion people worldwide suffering from lack of adequate access to food, food insecurity and maternal-child malnutrition remain critical health issues in poor communities around the world. This project aims to address this pressing need in poor communities in Nicaragua (the 2nd poorest country in the Western hemisphere) through an “outreach through research” approach.

Impact
This effort will involve local researchers and community members in a much-needed food security and health study in León, Nicaragua, and in outreach efforts that provide evidence-based feedback to the local communities about these health issues.

The immediate outcome of the project will be the identification of barriers to food security and child health in poor communities in León, Nicaragua. In the long-term, this project will yield invaluable future opportunities for Ohio State students and faculty to engage with local communities in research, learning and service in an international setting, where food insecurity and child malnutrition present serious threats to individuals’ well-being.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
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Purpose
The IMPACT program began in 2004 by instructing teachers in Marion and Newark schools to use the inquiry method in their science classes. Starting in 2008, the work has been with science teachers in Marion City Schools middle and high schools. Inquiry refers to students exploring physical phenomena and reasoning about it. The role of the inquiry teacher is as a “guide on the side” or coach rather than an all-knowing “sage on the stage,” the predominant model of teacher behavior in America.

The project began by making professional (content) development available for teachers during the summer and extensively during the school year. The program also uses the Full Option Science Systems (FOSS) curriculum purchased by the district, incorporating it with the IMPACT approach.

Impact
In both the Ohio Achievement Test and Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT), science scores improved markedly from those achieved prior to the IMPACT program. The 2010-2011 OGT scores from the first group of students with at least one year of IMPACT instruction produced ~8-10% improvement in all categories.
Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative

Purpose
The Ohio State University leads a consortium of U.S. universities training the next generation of food-system scientists, managers, and policymakers in Tanzania. The Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI) aims to develop human and institutional capacity for food security and poverty alleviation in a country where 42% of under-five children are malnourished.

Impact
When the five-year initiative ends in 2016, it will have trained 20 Tanzanian scholars at the Ph.D. level and 100 at the Master’s level, sponsored more than 130 research projects, improved Tanzanian university teaching methods and facilities, and established and nurtured research linkages between the U.S., Tanzania, and other African countries.

In 2012 and 2013, OSU instructors prepared 68 Tanzanians through live video-workshops for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), as a first step towards their study in the U.S. Nineteen research projects have been launched on crop improvement, gender and agricultural productivity, climate change, nutrition, and other food security topics.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
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Community Partners Involved
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The Inside-Out corrections course (SOC 294, now SOC 2211S) includes Ohio State students and incarcerated individuals from the Southeastern Correctional Institute in Lancaster, Ohio. Both “inside” and “outside” students earn credit for the course, which examines various approaches and interdisciplinary modes of inquiry into U.S. models of corrections.

Impact
The class is based on a national initiative that seeks to transform ways of thinking about crime and justice that encourages participants to see crime and justice issues from new perspectives and assists students (free and incarcerated) in seeing themselves as potential agents of social change.

Previous Inside-Out students have coordinated an annual alumni dinner, presented papers at local and national conferences, and been invited guest lecturers at universities across the state of Ohio to discuss their experiences in prison, Inside-Out, and re-entry. Additionally, students have published journal articles about their experiences.
InterACT

**Purpose**
In 2006, Robin Post established a program and service-learning course intended to bring interactive theatre with socially conscious content to the university and the greater Columbus community. The program uses theatre as a vehicle to foster dialogue specific to challenging, controversial, or sensitive issues faced by those in the university community and beyond.

**Impact**
Students enrolled in InterACT receive diversity leadership and conflict resolution training, are introduced to theatre as a means to affect social change; and receive ensemble-building, devising, and interactive improvisational performance skills.

They are also provided with the unique opportunity to research, collaborate with and then perform for community partners. For example, the Institute for Human Services in Columbus trains professionals to work in the service of child-welfare and InterACT students will create and then perform a new theatre piece to be explored during a full day training workshop to upwards of 200 social workers.

**Community Partners Involved**
- WOSU@COSI
- Metro High School
- Youth to Youth at Capital University
- Cardinal Health
- The Institute of Human Services
- The VA
- Linden McKinley High School

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Ohio State and its partners are organizing the “2nd International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface (ICOPHAI): One Health for Sustainable Development”. The goals of the second congress, ICOPHAI 2013, are to bring together a diverse group of scientists from developing and industrialized countries of the world and stimulate interactions using the “One Health” concept; exchange scientific information on risk factors, current technological advances in diagnosis, vaccine development, as well as the limitations and gaps in knowledge on pathogens at the animal-human interface and recommend priority areas for action.

Impact
More than two-thirds of emerging infectious diseases around the globe today are of animal origin.

Diseases transmitted by food, water and of animal origin impose significant burdens and are major concerns worldwide.

ICOPHAI 2013 will take place in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil, August 14-17, 2013.

Community Partners Involved
- VPH-Biotech Global Consortium
- Federal University of Paraiba
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- National Institute of Health
- National Science Foundation
- Int’l Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
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Learning in Fitness and Education through Sports (LiFE Sports)

Purpose
The Learning in Fitness & Education through Sports (LiFE Sports) Initiative is an innovative youth development project developed through a partnership between the Department of Athletics, the College of Social Work, Department of Recreational Sports and other on-campus and community partners. The Initiative aims: “to enhance the quality of youth development, sport, and recreational programs through service and outreach, teaching and learning, and research, thereby increasing positive developmental outcomes for youth.”

Impact
As part of LiFE Sports’ service and outreach focus, youth from economically disadvantaged circumstances (ages 9-15) are offered sport and social skill instruction during a one-month summer camp.

From 2009-2012, LiFE Sports provided a summer camp for 2,130 youth, a youth leadership camp for 127 youth ages 16-18, over 800 health physicals, 18 sports clinics attended by 672 youth participants, and three college/career days.

LiFE Sports provided hands-on experience to 181 OSU students in the field of youth development.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Athletics
College of Social Work
Department of Recreational Sports
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
College of Education and Human Ecology
College of Nursing
College of Dentistry
Physical Activity and Educational Services
Undergraduate Admissions
First Year Experience
Office of Student Life

Community Partners Involved
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The Ohio State University
Million Hearts initiative

**Purpose**
The Ohio State University College of Nursing has led an intensive university-wide effort to be the first educational partner to help the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, American Heart Association, CDC and American Stroke Association Million Hearts™ initiative to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017. The college has launched the Million Hearts interprofessional educational module as part of its National Interprofessional Education and Practice Consortium to Advance Million Hearts.

**Impact**
Screenings include education on the ABCS – appropriate aspirin therapy, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, smoking cessation and stress reduction.

Students from any university or college can learn how to use the interprofessional 4-hour Million Hearts module at Ohio State to help save lives.

Ohio State nursing faculty and students have conducted screenings at the Ohio State Fair, Farm Science Review, and on campus for Valentine’s Day.

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Moms2B

Purpose

The Moms2B mission is to empower pregnant women in high risk neighborhoods to deliver full term healthy babies by providing weekly group sessions focused on education, nutrition, clinical and social support that continues through the baby’s first year of life.

Impact

Moms2B addresses disparities in health and social determinants through weekly group sessions in high risk, low income neighborhoods and builds bridges to prenatal clinics, medical homes and community resources.

Each session includes pregnant and parenting women and a multidisciplinary team of physicians, midwives, nurses, social workers, medical dieticians and lactation consultants. Faculty and students from OSU and Nationwide Children’s Hospital lead and support the groups along with nurses from the Columbus Public Health Caring for 2 programs in collaboration with community partners, student interns and volunteers.

Weekly session locations in Columbus, Ohio:

Near East Side
Various churches on Tuesdays

Weinland Park
at Grace Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesdays
- Includes a parenting group at Godman Guild
- Additional sessions include Moms Time Out and Laundry Day

Far East Side
Christ Memorial Baptist Church on Thursdays

* New proposed Moms2B Clinic Connections: Building Bridges to Medical Homes in process

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved:
- Wexner Medical Center
- Schoenbaum Family Center
- OSU Extension, Weinland Park/University Office of Outreach and Engagement
- College of Social Work
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Public Health
- College of Dentistry
- College of Education and Human Ecology

Additional Supporters:
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital
- The Columbus Foundation
- MEDTAPP
- Kroger
- CareSource Foundation
- Proctor and Gamble
- JP Morgan Chase Foundation
- Columbus Kiwanis
- The Governor’s Office of Community and Faith based initiatives

Community Partners Involved:
- Ohio Better Birth Outcomes (OBBO)
- Columbus Public Health Caring for 2
- Weinland Park Collaborative
- Grace Missionary Baptist Church
- Christ Memorial Baptist Church
- Temple Israel
- Godman Guild
- American Red Cross
- Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- Mount Vernon Town Homes

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Purpose
Fifteen scholarship students in a year-long class are spending two weeks in New Orleans, developing Web sites, conducting and filming interviews, creating videos, and archiving materials for nonprofits preserving the city’s unique culture.

Impact
One group of students interviewed the legendary Mardi Gras Indian chiefs and are creating a film as well as a web site for the Mardi Gras Indian Council.

Five students are archiving jazz funeral obituaries and Mardi Gras Indians suits collected at the Backstreet Cultural Museum, a one-man folk museum.

Other students are creating a Web site for Coastal Communities Consulting, which serves the Vietnamese and Cambodian fishing communities.
Ockerman’s International Book Project

Purpose
The purpose of this project is to send books to international Ohio State alumni for their university libraries. This ongoing initiative has been in existence for approximately 40 years.

Initially shipments went by mail (and braille and large print book still do) but now other shipments go by 20 or 40 foot containers containing approximately 36,000 to 72,000 books (30 to 60 tons) which are shipped twice a year.

Impact
To date books have been shipped to over 350 locations. For example, six container loads have been shipped to different universities in the Philippines. The estimated value of books, based on their last sales price, is in excess of $850 million.

To show their appreciation Prof. Ockerman has received two honorary university degrees and has an international university library named after him, made an honorary, lifetime member of an international university alumni association, and an honorary member of three Rotary clubs in two countries.

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Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
OSU Libraries including Regional Campuses
A variety of departments

Community Partners Involved
Half Price Books
Ohio Libraries
Retired Professors
Community members
Ohio State students
Ohio State faculty
Ohio Local Food Policy Council Network

Purpose
Starting in 2007, Jill Clark served as a researcher for the Ohio Food Policy Advisory Council. She raised the funds to conduct basic research for the Council, established a baseline of rural food access, established experiments to address urban food access, and established measures of demand and capacity of the Ohio food system and produced a baseline survey of Ohio distributors to explore connecting Ohio retailers to Ohio consumers.

The Ohio Local Food Policy Council Network is enabling the food policy community to pool their experiences and information and to speak with one voice on Ohio food policy issues. It is also acting as a hub and a conduit for peer learning and exchange, capacity building and technical assistance.

Impact
Professor Clark has been a leader in fostering the grass-roots food policy movement in Ohio. In 2007, only one local food policy council was in operation in Ohio. There are now 19 established or emerging councils. In 2012, Jill established the Ohio Local Food Policy Council Network, enabling the food policy community to pool their experiences and information and to speak with one voice on Ohio food policy issues. It is also acting as a hub and a conduit for peer learning and exchange, capacity building and technical assistance.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
John Glenn School of Public Affairs
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
OSU Extension

Community Partners Involved
Allen County Food Policy Council
Athens Food Policy Council
Central Ohio Local Food Working Group
Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Food Policy Council
Columbiana/Mahoning/Trumbull Counties
Delaware Local Food Council
Fairfield County Local Food Council
Franklin County Local Food Council
Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council
Knox County Local Food Council
Lake Local Food Initiative
Licking County Local Food Council
Lorain County
Montgomery County Food Policy Coalition (Dayton)
Food Council of Northwest Ohio
Summit County Food Policy Coalition (Akron)
Tuscarawas County
Union County
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Ohio State Marion GoBuck$ Program

Purpose
Ohio State Marion’s GoBuck$ program helps the university better encourage Marion County’s K-12 students to attend college and, eventually, help the community raise its BA attainment rate from approximately 12% to a figure closer to the national average, approximately 30%.

Impact
Small-dollar ($25 and $50) certificates for tuition to Ohio State Marion are awarded quarterly to students who meet attendance and achievement goals in all grades of the Marion City Schools. They are backed by scholarship funds supplied by the George and Dorothy Alber endowment through the Columbus Foundation. The GoBuck$ program is now being introduced into four Marion County school districts.

The certificates perform several functions, including:

- They are immediate rewards for achieving academic and attendance goals in the K-12 years.
- The certificates turn into real scholarship dollars when students present them as they are admitted to Ohio State Marion.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
The Ohio State University at Marion

Community Partners Involved
Marion City Schools
North Central Ohio Educational Service Center
River Valley Local Schools
Ridgedale Local Schools
Elgin Local Schools
Pleasant Local Schools
Marion Catholic Schools
Columbus Foundation
Marion Community Foundation
Lowe Family
Additional individual donors

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Ohio State Summer Youth Work, College and Community Readiness Program

Purpose
Ohio State’s Summer Youth Work, College and Community Readiness Program prepares high school students to be successful in the workplace, post-secondary education and community and civic engagement. Through the Summer S.O.A.R. Hire Program, students participate in a project-based career exploration program 20 hours per week for six weeks and receive a wage for their participation.

The program curriculum includes units on Professional Development, Leadership Development, Financial Literacy, College and Career Exploration, Field Trips, Resume Writing, Writing a Business Plan, Successful response to an RFP, and Community-Based Problem Solving.

Impact
Participants in the program have demonstrated an increase in knowledge of:

- At least two career areas
- Workforce readiness
- Financial literacy
- Leadership, problem-solving and community organizing

Program participants engage with at least two academic departments/programs. This year’s departments include Knowlton School of Architecture-City and Regional Planning, Fisher College of Business and the Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Office of Outreach and Engagement
Knowlton School of Architecture
City and Regional Planning
Fisher College of Business
John Glenn School of Public Policy
Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing

Community Partners Involved
Mayor Michael B. Coleman
The City of Columbus (Department of Technology, Human Resources, Development and Civil Service Commission)
Columbus City Council
Franklin County Commissioners
Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation
St. Stephen’s Community House
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
I Know I Can
Ohio State University Extension
Local Foods Signature Program

Purpose
Ohio State University Extension’s Local Foods Signature Program addresses the critical need for outreach education around the broad topic of local food systems. The subject affects every Ohioan; public interest is high; research needs are great. The Local Foods Signature Program was designed to strategically address this need by building food literacy and skills around four themes: Food Production, Food and Family, Food and Business, and Food and Community.

Impact
Food Production education for new and existing producers in growing food in both urban and rural areas to meet ever-increasing demand and fill gaps in food security.

Food and Family education centered on nutrition, food safety, food preservation, food budgeting, wellness, and developing healthy lifestyle choices.

Food and Business education tied to food processing, distribution, job creation and economic sustainability.

Food and Community education connecting local food to community gardens, farmers markets, food banks and schools.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
• Ohio State University Extension
• Department of Food Science and Technology
• Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and College of Engineering
• Department of Food, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
College of Education and Human Ecology
• Department of Human Sciences
Ohio AgrAbility Program
John Glenn School of Public Affairs
Knowlton School of Architecture

Community Partners Involved
OSU Extension is uniquely positioned with an office and professionals in each of Ohio’s 88 counties.

Americorps/VISTA
Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet)
Godman Guild Association
Innovative Farmers of Ohio
Local Matters
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association
Ohio Farm Bureau
Ohio Farm Market Management Network
Ohio Market Maker
Ohio Rural Action Council of Ohio
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

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Purpose
APhA-ASP Operation Immunization program is a vaccine education campaign designed to increase the public’s knowledge of immunizations while increasing the number of adults receiving vaccinations. We provided student pharmacists an opportunity to collaborate with local practitioners to provide immunizations and education. The 3 primary goals have been to increase public awareness of vaccinations, raise the adult vaccination rate, and reach out to underserved populations.

Impact
Pharmacists can immunize in 50 states. We can serve as vaccine advocates or facilitators by creating partnerships with other health care professionals to have immunizations administered in a pharmacy.

Most student pharmacists are trained and certified to give flu vaccinations under the supervision of a pharmacist.

Our program collaborated with local institutions/pharmacies’ flu shot clinics. We helped vaccinate over 2,000 people this flu season.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
OSU American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)
College of Pharmacy

Community Partners Involved
Safeway, Inc
Giant Eagle Pharmacy
CVS Pharmacy
Wilke Student Health Center
Helping Hands Free Clinic
The Ohio State University Endeavor Center

Purpose
The Ohio State University's Endeavor Center is a vibrant example of how universities and community partners collaborate to make a shared vision a reality and how economically distressed communities in the Appalachian region benefit. The Endeavor Center became a reality in 2005 after 15 years of community commitment and collaboration.

Impact
It has resulted in successes such as:

- More than 800 new high-skill, high-wage, high-tech jobs being created by business partners housed in the center

- In excess of $50 million of direct increased economic impact for the area created by business partners occupying the center

- 14 business partners who have graduated to build facilities of their own or improved the economic vitality of local commercial real estate market by utilizing vacant space outside the center

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Community Partners Involved
U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Organization
United States Department of Agriculture
Governor's Office of Appalachia
Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative
Southern Ohio Agriculture and Community Development Foundation
Shawnee State University
Numerous small and large businesses

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OSU Extension Housing Corps: A Partnership to Support Ohio Homeowners in Financial Distress

Purpose
OSU Extension Housing Corps is a new Ohio-wide collaboration of faculty at the College of Education and Human Ecology and the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, OSU Extension, Ohio Housing Finance Agency, and the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

The goal of this unique partnership is to provide economically vulnerable homeowners in rural Ohio with information and assistance to prevent mortgage default and foreclosure. The partnership launched in autumn 2011 with a “planning year” grant and in summer 2012 with an AmeriCorps of 15 volunteers housed in and serving the rural areas in Ohio.

Impact
Since dispatching the AmeriCorps, over 1,500 rural homeowners have been provided with educational materials, community referrals, and hands-on instructions for applying to mortgage assistance programs.

The community need remains as urgent as ever: The fastest growth in foreclosure rates has been occurring in Ohio’s rural areas.

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OSU Extension

Community Partners Involved
Ohio Housing Finance Agency
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Partnership to Develop Agroecology and Extension Programs in Senegal

Purpose
The objective of the project is to implement state-of-the-art agricultural education and extension programs at the University of Gaston Berger (UGB), focused on enhancing sustainable agriculture in the fragile Sahelien agroecosystems of Africa. The project has established Associate and BS degree programs, and updated laboratories. Another main objective is to establish the land grant model at UGB, incorporating extension and research into the traditional teaching role of the university. This project is an innovative way to export the land grant model to Sub-Saharan Africa and to support sustainable agriculture.

Impact
Thirteen UGB faculty in the new Department of Agricultural Sciences, Aquaculture, and Food Technology are being mentored by CFAES OSU faculty in teaching, research and extension. The first group of 94 associate and BS students have been trained and will graduate in July 2013. Two Ph.D. students are being trained at OSU in agricultural engineering and weed science. The project has implemented a pilot UGB extension program with 144 farmers on newly irrigated land in northern Senegal. Eleven farmers are participating in an on-farm research program. Farmers are requesting that vegetable transplanters, which OSU introduced to Senegal, be imported to Senegal.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
School of Environment and Natural Resources
Office of International Programs in Agriculture
Department of Horticulture and Crop Science
Department of Food, Agriculture, and Biological Engineering
College of Public Health
Food Science and Technology
Department of Animal Sciences
Agricultural and Extension Education
OSU Extension
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Community Partners Involved
The University of Gaston Berger
Green Senegal

Funding
USAID/HED, $1.6 million
Partnership with Ohio School of Phlebotomy

Purpose
Student Health Services partners with the Ohio School of Phlebotomy to provide clinical training for the school’s post-classroom students. Students rotate through the laboratory at the Wilce Student Health Center where they obtain supervised experience performing phlebotomy.

The Ohio School of Phlebotomy was founded in 2009 with the mission of raising the standard of care in our community by providing well-trained and highly skilled ancillary medical professionals such as phlebotomists.

Impact
Students can participate in two laboratory opportunities for clinical experience:

1) sample collection in the routine laboratory at the health center or

2) sample collection during large programs such as tuberculosis screenings where hundreds of blood samples are collected during half-day programs.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Office of Student Life
Student Health Services

Community Partners Involved
Ohio School of Phlebotomy
Pay It Forward Marion

Purpose
This project’s purpose is to promote civic engagement in at least six English courses ranging from beginner to advanced and to improve the local community through skill-based service and philanthropy.

Impact
Beginning writers apply their burgeoning research, writing, and rhetorical skills by examining community needs and developing fundraisers to increase available funds. Their findings and funds are passed along to intermediate writing students, who research and volunteer at local non-profit organizations, respond to the identified community needs, promote the PIFM project, and collect RFPs.

Students in advanced classes receive these materials, analyze proposals, engage in more in-depth research at the non-profits seeking funds, and create multimodal arguments about how to distribute the funds.

Over the two-year grant period, students will allocate over $10,000 in grants to the community.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Ohio State Marion
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College of Arts and Sciences

Community Partners Involved
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**Pills, Potions, and Poisons**

**Purpose**
Fewer university students are successfully completing science degrees, ultimately affecting the workforce talent available for research and technology institutions. Further, there is considerable evidence that students who develop science career aspirations early are more likely than their peers to succeed in earning a science degree.

The research of Dr. Nicole Kwiek has shown that pharmacology (i.e., the study of how drugs work) is an engaging and effective platform through which to teach high school chemistry and biology. Thus, the College of Pharmacy, the Center of Science and Industry, Ohio University, and more than 55 Ohio high schools have partnered in the “Pills, Potions, and Poisons” summer program.

**Impact**
This week-long enrichment program uses drug topics as a context for high school students to collaboratively engage in hands-on science, increase competence in biology and chemistry, and build interest in biomedical science careers.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
College of Pharmacy

**Community Partners Involved**
COSI
Ohio University
Ohio High Schools

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**Power UP and Discover: Re-Energizing the School Lunch Experience**

**Purpose**
Our mission was to build a brand for the Columbus City Schools (CCS) Food Services, and to help them create awareness, brand knowledge, and a positive brand attitude among CCS students. Our recommendations to accomplish this feat included tactics that engaged students in the cafeteria space through art, nutritional signage, and taste testings. We also introduced a partnership with COSI, who agreed to be a promotional partner and a knowledge provider for our tactics.

**Impact**
Consumer Insights:
- Hunger Hinders Performance - When the Staff participates more, Students participate more
- Spending time with friends is important at lunchtime - A cafeteria deserves respect

Key Recommendation: Provide students with nutritional information in the form of aesthetically-pleasing and easy-to-read menus, magnets, semi-annual newsletters, and ‘Brainiac Snack’ posters (with info provided by COSI).

Key Recommendation: Maintain a consistent brand image in the physical cafeteria space through a student art contest, employee name tags, visual resources, and by renaming the cafeteria, ‘Discover Café.’

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
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**Community Partners Involved**
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Food Services
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Public Health Farmers’ Market

Purpose
The College of Public Health partners annually with Columbus Public Health to offer a farmers’ market in downtown Columbus. The market is held one day a week for three weeks at Columbus Public Health. Ohio farmers offer fresh fruits and vegetables, providing nutritious food options to residents of areas known for having limited access to grocery stores.

Impact
Volunteer assistance made it possible to serve 5,691 people in 2012, issue 3,831 WIC vouchers, and provide $3,317 in fresh produce to 229 Ohio Direction Card customers.

33 Ohio State faculty, staff, and student volunteers donated over 140 hours of time to the 2012 farmer’s market.

17 local farms participated in the 2012 farmers market.

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Purpose
Over the past eight years, Real Money. Real World. (RMRW) has connected thousands of teenagers to a practical learning experience from The Ohio State University. And, although youth are the target consumers, entire communities are strengthened by bringing people together to work on a common educational goal.

First developed by OSU Extension in 2005, RMRW is a hands-on experience that gives young people the opportunity to make financial choices similar to those they will make as adults.

Youth explore lifestyle choices, budgeting, and develop vital money management skills. RMRW includes a spending simulation that partners OSU Extension, schools, organizations, and local businesses.

Impact
Since its inception, RMRW has been provided in 221 schools in 54 Ohio counties. In 2012, nearly 14,000 youth ages 12 to 19 participated.

Community Partners Involved
There are currently 49 county based OSU Extension Offices involved.
Robotics and Programming Workshops to Stimulate Children’s Interest in STEM

Purpose
FIRST is an organization that promotes robotics competitions to stimulate children’s interest in math and science. Many teams competing in this program are based in elementary and middle schools and available teachers/mentors often have very limited programming experience, which can result in frustration for both students and mentors. As one of the coaches of a successful robotics team, Dr. Radin helped design an 8-hour interactive programming workshop for elementary and middle school students and mentors.

Impact
Dr. Radin has partnered with community organizations to provide facilities, advertising, registration, and funding so that workshops can be provided without cost to teams.

Dr. Radin’s team has taught these workshops for 4 years, reaching over 1500 elementary and middle school children and their adult mentors. Participants come from Ohio as well as neighboring states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kentucky.

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Community Partners Involved
Starbase - Wright Patterson Air Force Base Outreach
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Purpose
The Center for Slavic and East European Studies co-sponsors two Russian language courses at Columbus International High School. This is part of its mission as a federal Department of Education National Resource Center (Title VI) to expand the knowledge of Eastern Europe and Eurasia in Ohio and the Midwest, and in particular for traditionally underrepresented groups. The high school focuses on teaching students languages and an international curriculum, giving them global competencies.

Impact
22 students enrolled in the courses in the 2012-2013 academic year.

81% of the students at the high school receive free/reduced lunch and 85% are from a minority background.

Russian is the 3rd language that these students are learning.
Purpose
The School of Environment and Natural Resources has initiated an undergraduate research abroad program in cooperation with Guangxi Ecological Engineering Vocational and Technical College and conducts research on the institute’s forest located in northeast Guangxi Province.

Impact
Undergraduate students, along with Dr. Roger Williams, develop and conduct research projects in Eucalyptus, Chinese fir, and Masson pine forests. Students participate in the project development, data collection and analysis, and subsequent write up of the results.

During the spring semester students sign-up for an independent study course in which they learn about the country, region, and forests they are going to work in, and develop research plans to conduct the research. During the May semester session, students travel to Liuzhou, China, where they spend three weeks in the forests and collect research data according to the plans they developed during the spring semester.
Scientists Teach Region about Climate

Purpose
The Ohio State University Climate Change Outreach Team is a multi-departmental initiative within the university to help localize the climate change issue for Ohioans and Great Lakes residents.

Created in 2008, the team works with university faculty to create outreach tools to get climate research information out to the public. Through such tools as a webinar series, informal educational displays, and secondary education curricula, the team collaborates with experts from around the country to teach the public about issues and impacts the region could face with a changing climate.

Impact
The Climate team has educated more than 7,500 people representing 500+ organizations from governmental agencies, academia, non-profits, private industry, and the legislature through its flagship *Global Change, Local Impact* monthly webinar series. The team is considered the go-to organization for Great Lakes climate information.

Agencies such as the National Park Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as well as secondary schools and informal education facilities use the team’s programming as teaching tools for their climate-related programs.

The team will launch an online regional repository funded by NOAA later this year.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Laboratory
OSU Extension
Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics
School of Environment and Natural Resources
OSU Extension Watershed Program
Byrd Polar Research Center
School of Earth Sciences
Carbon, Water, and Climate Program
Department of Geography
Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology

Community Partners Involved
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Board of Health
Ohio Department of Health
Great Lakes Commission
Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative
Great Lakes Regional Water Program
Great Lakes Sea Grant Network
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
NOAA National Sea Grant Program
NOAA Coastal Services Center
NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory
Ohio Coastal Training Program
The Nature Conservancy
University of Wisconsin
University of Michigan
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Shakespeare and Autism

Purpose
The Shakespeare and Autism Project, a longitudinal study, asks the following research questions: Will drama, using Shakespeare, break through the communicative blocks of autism? Can the intervention have long-term benefits?

Impact
This project includes a full, randomized control study of students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Anecdotal evidence indicates that drama-based intervention is a useful tool to improve the core symptoms of ASD in children and adolescents.

Kelly Hunter, former Royal Shakespeare Company actress, and Robin Post, Ohio State’s project director, have trained a team of Ohio State graduate and undergraduate theatre students; they are implementing Hunter’s signature approach, the Hunter Heartbeat Method, which pairs the recitation of Shakespeare’s rhythmic language with physical gesture in a way that is accessible to those with ASD. A service-learning course has been developed at Ohio State to ensure that this work continues into the future.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Theatre
Nisonger Center
College of Arts and Sciences
Wexner Medical Center

Community Partners Involved
Kilbourne Middle School
Nationwide Children’s Autism Treatment Network
Columbus City Schools
Royal Shakespeare Company
Families, children, and care-givers within the Columbus community

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**Simple Suppers: A novel approach to childhood obesity prevention**

**Purpose**
Our long-term research goal is to develop effective community-based, family nutrition interventions to improve the food choices and eating behaviors of young children, and ultimately to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity. Our objective in this engagement partnership is to test feasibility and efficacy of a novel blended nutrition education and cooking program (Simple Suppers) aimed at teaching parents and their preschool children positive eating behaviors.

**Impact**
Our central hypothesis is that children of participating families will: develop and maintain food choices that include nutrient-rich foods, while limiting energy-dense foods and beverages; and achieve a healthy weight gain trajectory. We further hypothesize that participating households will: demonstrate more nutrient-rich foods, and less energy-dense foods and beverages available in the home and served at family meals.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
College of Education and Human Ecology
Department of Human Sciences
College of Medicine
College of Nursing
Department of Statistics
OSU Extension

**Community Partners Involved**
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SparkPE: After School Exercise to Increase Academic Performance

Purpose
ASC 3191: SparkPE is an internship course designed for students to lead weekly exercise classes for schoolchildren enrolled in the After School Adventures Program at Newark City Schools. Research shows that exercise mitigates the symptoms of ADHD and improves academic performance, sometimes dramatically, in all populations. Students in the course are trained in the SPARK After School Curriculum to implement a successful exercise program. This curriculum incorporates exercise classes and games, along with teaching the importance of healthy lifestyles.

Impact
Newark Campus Students use Spark curriculum to get youth engaged in exercise by leading weekly after school classes.

“SparkPE has been one of the most rewarding things that I have done in my time at Ohio State Newark. Getting to know the kids and watching them succeed and grow has been amazing. Hearing them talk about how exciting exercise is has been so satisfying. We had so much fun and I can’t wait to begin working with them again next year.”

-Heidi Smith
Ohio State ’15
**Sports Medicine Community Outreach**

**Purpose**
The OSU Sports Medicine Outreach Program brings sports medicine to the community. The outreach program is a multidisciplinary team of physicians, athletic trainers (ATs), physical therapists, sports psychologists, nutritionists, sports performance coaches, and other health professionals.

**Impact**
A signature of the outreach program is services to Columbus City Schools (CCS). On-site medical care and student mentoring/teaching on the diagnosis and treatment of sport-related problems for CCS student-athletes is provided.

OSU resident physicians and sports med fellows are integrated into the CCS program to enrich their education and help fulfill our commitment of giving back to the Columbus community.

Beyond the CCS program, local outreach includes; Ballet Met through Performing Arts Medicine Program, Columbus State Community College, and Capital University.

**Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved**
- OSU Sports Medicine
- College of Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Orthopaedics
- School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

**Community Partners Involved**
- Columbus City Schools
- Special Olympics
- Columbus State Community College
- Capital University
- Ballet Met/OSU Dance
- Ohio Premier Eagles Soccer
- Community Education

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Purpose
STEMpowerment is a student-empowered learning community. The faculty provides guidance and instruction in the areas of our expertise and within the frame of empowerment of, by, and for youth. Faculty and community leaders work with STEMpowerment students in areas of leadership development, academic insights, understanding, knowledge creation, and advising for academic, research, and community organizing.

Impact
Program developers based their pilot program on the findings of Bob Moses, a noted civil rights activist, and founder of the Algebra Project. His book Radical Equations describes the power of youth movements, and necessity of access to STEM knowledge.

Much of this years’ work is on developing the identity of the Ohio State learning community and the youth connection to the Mansfield community through youth/student voices while maintaining a focus on empowerment access, change, and leadership.

STEMpowerment students shared an overview of innovative STEMpowerment outreach and revealed early survey results of its effectiveness at the Ninth Annual Conference on Sustainability in Hiroshima, Japan.

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Community Partners Involved:
Mansfield City Schools
Stone Lab Hooks Students on Science

**Purpose**
Stone Laboratory, Ohio State University’s Island Campus on Lake Erie, is a living laboratory where students from grades 4 through adults learn about Lake Erie, Ohio’s most valuable natural resource. With hands-on activities, Stone Lab immerses its students in science. From capturing fish on Stone Lab research vessels to examining lake sediments under microscopes, students experience firsthand what it takes to be a scientist and steward of Lake Erie. The program, which is Ohio Sea Grant’s education arm, teaches 20,000 people every year.

**Impact**
In the last 30+ years, Stone Lab’s outreach program and its ODNR-partnered Aquatic Visitors Center have educated over 175,000 island visitors about Lake Erie and environmental issues.

Stone Lab annually offers more than $65,000 of scholarships through its endowments and 20 courses and research opportunities to advanced high school students, teachers, and college students from around the country.

More than 6,000 students from Ohio and the surrounding states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and Illinois come to Stone Lab’s field trip program every year.

**Community Partners Involved**
- 100 schools from 5 states
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Bowling Green State University
- Ohio University
- Miami University
- Kent State University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Heidelberg University
- John Carroll University
- Cleveland State University
- University of Toledo
- Wright State University
- Mount Union College
- Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center
- Lake Erie Islands Chapter of Black Swamp Conservancy
- Lake Erie Islands Historical Society
- National Park Service-Perry’s International Peace Memorial
- Island Transportation
- Miller Boat Line
- The Jet Express
- The Boardwalk
- Friends of Stone Laboratory

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Pay it Forward
Sorority and Fraternity life
Sports and Wellness Scholars
Order of Omega
Adopt-A-School
Honors & Scholars
Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity
The Multicultural Center
Council of Graduate Students

**Purpose**
Stories for Students from Students champions the belief that every student deserves a future filled with learning, success, and knowledge. Getting books into the hands of a student is the first step in establishing a lifelong love of learning that will one day lead to a college degree and a successful life.

The Stories for Students from Students Program seeks to get books into the hands of Columbus Elementary and Middle School students.

**Impact**
The program, from Ohio States’s Office of the Vice President for Student Life, is now in its fourth year.

This year, 2,879 school children in the City of Columbus were able to take home a book of their very own.

This year we partnered with OSU Reads and reached out to over 20 Ohio State student organizations to recruit over 70 student volunteers to help with the program.
Student National Pharmaceutical Association

Purpose
The Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) is devoted to projects and initiatives that aim to enhance community health and awareness concerning many different disease states.

Our ultimate goal is to serve the underserved. As students at the College of Pharmacy, we are being trained as future professionals in the health care world. SNPhA is an outlet for us to apply our knowledge and skills as we learn and foster an attitude of service.

Impact
This past year we served over 1,200 patients and held 30 events. We have events for Generation Rx, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, and this year, we are partnering with Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers to develop a smoking cessation program.

Through our partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Ohio, we have offered kidney health screenings and created an OSU team for the Columbus Kidney Walk held yearly.

Our screenings have greatly increased awareness and empowered people to take charge of their health. We have helped identify patients who are at risk of developing chronic kidney disease that may not have otherwise known.

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College of Pharmacy

Community Partners Involved
National Kidney Foundation
Heart of Ohio Family Health Centers
Central Ohio Diabetes Association (CODA)
Capital Park Family Health Center
Ohio State Student Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity

Purpose
OSU’s SVOSH Chapter exists to provide eye and vision care to individuals around the world with limited to no access to such care. Each year, SVOSH takes optometry students and optometrists to a developing nation to provide free eye exams to people in those countries. We provide free eyeglasses, sunglasses, and medications to those who are in need.

Impact
Each year, OSU’s SVOSH sorts through over 500,000 pairs of donated glasses and selects only the highest quality glasses to give to the individuals we examine.

In 2012, 17 students and 4 doctors travelled to Bolivia, the poorest country in South America and gave free eye exams to over 700 individuals. This was the first time our organization travelled to that country.

Our team took over 2,500 pairs of glasses, 2,500 pairs of sunglasses and 500 hats to give to the individuals that we examined.

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College of Optometry

Community Partners Involved
Lion’s Club
Sustainable Futures for Linden Village:
A Model for Increasing Social Capital and the Quality of Life in an Urban Neighborhood

Purpose
The “Sustainable Futures for Linden Village” project is a partnership between OSU faculty in the Colleges of Engineering, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the Greater Linden Development Corporation (GLDC). It closely relates to a comprehensive local redevelopment initiative, designed to revitalize and improve a target urban area surrounding the Linden McKinley STEM Academy. This initiative integrates urban revitalization, home rehabilitation, energy retrofit, repair and maintenance with sustainable development goals.

Impact
The OSU project team, community partners and involved students have worked to enhance local revitalization efforts by providing technical assistance to the community and increasing the awareness, knowledge, and skills of local community residents, teachers/students, and organizations in sustainable community and housing development.

This project is innovative in that it integrates larger scale healthy community and green infrastructure planning, GIS mapping for urban opportunity, and micro-scale green home renovation and new construction.
The Arts in Ghana with Sustainable Community Development

Purpose
In West Africa, approximately 70% of people live in rural areas, stuck in a “poverty trap” with low agricultural productivity. With no collateral and high interest rates, farmers seem doomed to plant in depleted soils without improved inputs like fertilizers and pesticides.

With the educational mandate “to prepare individuals to be technically competent, self-reliant, and productive citizens in a global society” in mind, two Ohio State ATI faculty members have led 10 tours to Ghana, with the most recent in April 2013.

Impact
Traveling to Ho, participants enjoy a high-quality, applied educational experience. Mornings, they engage in community development outreach with veterinarians and educators to give herd treatments, plant fruit groves, teach in schools, and work with hospitalized children. Afternoons, they focus on the arts, drumming, dancing, and Ewe language lessons. Evenings, development experts lead lecture-discussions on social issues, or storytellers or musicians perform. On recent tours, students have implemented research projects on girls’ education, microfinance, herd health, and dance.

Community Partners Involved
Evangelical Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency, Ho, Ghana
Noble Foundation, Wooster, OH
Paramount Togbe of Ho Village Togbes: Kpenoe, Wegbe, Akrofu, Akoefe, Hodzo, Takla
Central American Medical Outreach, Orrville, OH
Rising Star Academy, Ho, Ghana
VoiceGhana, the voice for the disabled, Ghana
Evangelical Presbyterian University College, Ho, Ghana
Volta Regional Hospital, Ho, Ghana
Mawuko Girls’ High School, Ho, Ghana
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The First United Methodist Men’s Group, Willard, Ohio
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The Bridge: Issue Analysis Process -- Connecting FFA Students with Employers

Purpose
Empowering students to develop analytical skills that are critical for today’s workforce and for fostering economic growth in their communities is the overarching theme of this Alber Enterprise Center project. FFA students will participate in producing the facilitator’s kit for the newly crafted “The Bridge: Issue Analysis Process.” After polishing their facilitation skills, the students will ultimately use The Bridge with Hardin County businesses to analyze workplace issues, determine solutions, and create action plans.

Impact
“The Bridge: Issue Analysis Process” is a uniquely crafted process comprised of five analytical tools that leads to the creation of an implementation plan for a planned change.

FFA students from Ridgemont High School have BETA tested The Bridge, from which they developed several service-learning projects within their school and community.

The Bridge can be used by any group. Once the facilitator’s kit is tested, it will be licensed and introduced to other FFA and 4-H groups, community organizations, and employers.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Alber Enterprise Center
OSU Extension Community Development Educator
OSU Extension Hardin County Educators
Ohio State Marion Academic Advising

Community Partners Involved
Ridgemont High School FFA Advisor (Stephanie Jolliff) and Students
Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance (John Hohn)
The Columbus-Athens Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) at The Ohio State University

Purpose
The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) is improving the health of vulnerable people now and for the future by developing a corps of Leaders in Service—professionals skilled in creating positive change with and in our communities, our health and human service systems, and our world.

Launched in September 2010 and hosted by the OSU College of Medicine, the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program administers and supports 12-month community service Fellowships that are conducted in Columbus and Athens. Participants are students whose fields of study and/or personal interests are relevant to the goals and mission of the program.

Schweitzer Fellows design and carry out projects that provide at least 200 hours of service in partnership with an existing community agency and under the supervision of an academic and community-based mentor. Fellows also attend an orientation retreat and monthly meetings and participate in reflective leadership development programming.

Impact
Since 2010, the Columbus-Athens Schweitzer Fellows Program has selected 44 Fellows to carry out direct service projects with underserved populations in Franklin and Athens Counties.

Thus far, they have contributed more than 5,000 hours of service to local community agencies, schools, and free clinics. They have worked with adults and children from low income families, the elderly, the disabled, Somali immigrants, and other vulnerable populations.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Dentistry
College of Medicine (host)
College of Nursing
College of Optometry
College of Pharmacy
College of Public Health
Fisher College of Business
College of Social Work
College of Veterinary Medicine

Other University Partners Involved
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Corporate Partners Involved
OhioHealth
Nationwide Children’s Hospital

Governance
Columbus-Athens ASF is one of 12 Schweitzer Fellowship sites around the U.S. Each site has a local Advisory Board; educators and community leaders engaged in program support, advocacy, and fund raising. The site is a program of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, located in Boston. As holder of the 501 (c) (3) status, the National Board of Directors has fiduciary responsibility and ultimate authority for policy setting.

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The Ohio State University
The Girls Circle Project

Purpose
The Girls Circle Project is designed to train college women to facilitate Girls Circles in Columbus-area schools and agencies. A Girls Circle, made up of two college women co-facilitators and five to 10 young girls, is meant to both empower young girls and also to foster healthy relationships among them.

Impact
Since 2008, the Girls Circle Project has trained over 100 OSU college women to run approximately 105 Girls Circles and thereby impact approximately 750 girls’ lives in the Columbus area. In 2012 - 2013, The Girls Circle Project partnered with 18 different greater Columbus public, private, and charter schools, as well as agencies, to positively reach numerous girls between the fourth and 12th grades.

The young girls report positive experiences in understanding their own identities, other cultures and more healthy and open peer relations. The facilitators report increased confidence in public speaking and leadership skills; a greater understanding of diversity, social constructs, power, and privilege and how they affect our views and interactions in society, and the realization of how much of a difference they can make in a young girl’s life.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
University Honors & Scholars
The Women’s Place
Office of Student Life
Office of Economic Access
Women’s, Sexuality, and Gender Studies
Education & Human Ecology

Community Partners Involved
Midnimo Cross Cultural Schools
Millennium Community School
KIPP Journey Academy
The Wellington School
Parkmoor Elementary
Arlington Park Elementary
New Albany Middle School
Hilliard Darby Elementary
St. Brendan School
Washington Elementary
Hamilton Local High School

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The Green Building Service-Learning Program

Purpose
The Green Building Service-Learning Program was designed to provide hands-on learning experience to OSU students enrolled in the Green Building and Sustainable Construction course for solving real-world problems. It also aimed to serve the sustainable development needs of local communities by offering research/outreach services, technical assistance, and hands-on field activities.

Impact
Led by the instructor, students enrolled in the course have conducted numerous service learning projects under this program to help local communities with their energy retrofitting, new green home development, and onsite renewable energy projects. Each of these projects was specifically designed and executed to meet the green project requirements, community needs, and learning objectives of this course.

Besides directly contributing to the communities’ sustainable development process and enhancing their project outcomes, the instructor, students and internal/external partners have actively disseminated the knowledge gained through integrated education, research, outreach and service learning activities to a broader audience.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Department of Horticulture and Crop Science
Office of Continuing Education
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Office of Student Life
OSU Extension
CommTech

Community Partners Involved
Columbus Green Building Forum
Universal Design Living Laboratory
Middle West Spirits Distillery
The Summit United Methodist Church
Advanced Civil Design, Inc.
Berardi + Partners
Pod Design
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OSU Office of Continuing Education
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The OHIO Project

Purpose
As part of OSU’s mission of service learning, the College of Dentistry is working to address the number one unmet health need in Ohio - access to dental care. Through the OHIO Project, the College of Dentistry trains excellent, socially aware dental practitioners. Students receive clinical training in a variety of settings, including college-based comprehensive care and specialty clinics, as well as community-based dental clinics.

Nearly 1.2 million working-aged adults (18 - 64 years of age) in Ohio report that they have dental care needs that have not been met. Fifty-one percent of children in Ohio have experienced tooth decay by the third grade.

More than 3.9 million Ohio adults (45 percent) over 18 years of age have no dental insurance - almost three times more than the number of Ohio adults without medical insurance.

Impact
During the senior year of dental education, students spend 50 days providing dental care in community clinics in Ohio under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist who is adjunct faculty and often an alumnus of Ohio State’s College of Dentistry. Students are exposed to multiple dental technologies, observe various practice management models, practice four-handed dentistry, and increase their speed and confidence with an established clinic, all while serving a community in need of affordable care.

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College of Dentistry

Community Partners Involved
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Muskingum-Valley health Centers Dental Center
Columbus Neighborhood Health Centers
Third Street Family Health Services Dental Clinic
Nationwide Children’s Hospital
Cincinnati Health Department
Dental Center of Northwest Ohio
St. Elizabeth Health Center
MetroHealth Medical Center
Department of Veterans Affairs
Medical Center Chillicothe, Ohio
Lima Community Dental
Walnut Hills Evanston Health Center
Mercy Medical Center – Dental Clinic
Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic
The Ohio State University
Law and Leadership Institute

Purpose
The Ohio State University Law and Leadership Institute (LLI) joins with community partners to offer promising students from under-served high schools the skills, knowledge, and encouragement needed to overcome the odds and graduate from college and post-graduate study.

OSU’s Law and Leadership Institute enters a student’s academic life in eighth grade. Those selected attend a five-week, full-day academic program at OSU Moritz College, where the learning atmosphere differs dramatically from that of a regular school.

Impact
A Columbus City School teacher teams up with law students (often with teaching backgrounds) to teach an age-appropriate version of the formal law school class – students come prepared and engage in Socratic dialogue designed to build their analytical and problem-solving abilities.

In addition, the class builds the students’ conflict resolution skills as they engage in a structured dialogue process designed for young people by the Kettering Foundation.

The program continues for all four years of high school: engaging students in Saturday classes in writing and life skills at the Moritz College of Law, mentoring, and appellate-argument-styled debate competitions during the academic year, more classes, internships in law offices, test preparation, college counseling and visits (including sessions for parents) during the summers.

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Middle East Studies Center (MESC) faculty, staff and volunteers are a regular presence at local and national schools. The Center supports in-depth study at the university while also engaging with local, regional and national communities to share knowledge and academic information. We seek to inspire students and young people at OSU and beyond to learn more, and perhaps gain language and cultural expertise focused on North Africa, West and Central Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Impact
Many OSU graduates with high levels of language proficiency and area knowledge are becoming professors - between 1999-2004, 21% of them went into higher education and 13 accepted tenure-track positions.

MESC trains leaders and teachers in the military, at local and national schools and community colleges through classroom visits, workshops and by using video conferencing technologies.

Our comprehensive teacher training program ensures a multiplying effect of knowledge dissemination as we continue to support, build community and facilitate follow-up activities with P-16 teacher participants in our programs.
THE STEAM FACTORY

Who We Are:
Faculty, postdocs and staff from across The Ohio State University

Our Purpose:
To promote interdisciplinary collaboration in the OSU community across Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math.

To disseminate research, technology and pedagogy through public interaction and creative new ways to reach a broader audience.

Research and Collaboration:
• provide a platform for a diverse community of scholars and artists to interact
• foster interdisciplinary collaborative projects with cross-cutting research
• enable the pursuit of creative knowledge advancement
• help members across the university to identify useful resources

Outreach and Engagement:
• assist OSU in removing barriers to knowledge
• interact with high school students to motivate the pursuit of higher education
• help revitalize the Franklinton community and build a strong technology and creative hub
• facilitate tighter bonds between OSU and Columbus, with the help of the OSU Office of Outreach and Engagement

Current Activities:

STEAM Exchange
• Themed events to showcase research, share experiences and transfer skills
• Bring multi-disciplinary perspectives to a single issue
• Inspire and trigger collaborative research projects
• Inform fellow faculty about current research endeavors

Market at 400 W Rich
• Participation in weekend farmers markets and public events to:
  o showcase our research
  o educate the public through creative demonstrations of our research and technology
• Interactions with a broader non-academic community provide insights about the public value of our research
• We are constantly looking for volunteers to present. Visit our website to apply!

Events Coming Up:
• Summer Roundup Event
• More STEAM Exchanges
• More Market presentations
• Symposium to showcase research of STEAM Factory members and invited colleagues

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Purpose
In 2007, members of the Mahoning County Extension staff attended a meeting of the Idora Neighborhood Association (INA). With the help of adult volunteers from the INA, a community 4-H club was established, the Idora Wildcats.

Impact
In 2011, the club formed the Senior Support Project, where they helped the elderly and others in their neighborhood who could not care for their lawns or gardens. They formed a partnership with a traditional 4-H club whose members were enrolled in woodworking projects. Through a type of cultural exchange, the clubs learned from one another as they worked together to build a shed to house garden tools and materials.

In the past five years, the members of the club have remained out of trouble and have continued to positively contribute to their community. This partnership will remain sustainable for many years, as the Idora neighborhood youth continue to make long-lasting impacts in their communities and in their own lives.
Urban Literacy Outreach: Connecting Undergraduates to K-12

Purpose
The Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing launched its first service-learning outreach course spring semester 2013. Dr. Nancy Hill McClary and her team of graduate students connect university undergraduates to K-12 students through onsite literacy workshops. Our outreach to Columbus City Schools is grounded in flexible, unique approaches so we can bring flavor and flair to reading, writing, and speaking.

Impact
Graduate consultants and undergraduate mentor-tutors engage more than 150 elementary, middle, and high school students weekly in literacy-based in-school and after school literacy labs to build writing confidence and motivation.

High school teacher comment: “One of the biggest factors that explain how my students feel about your program. Tuesdays (onsite day) are the days that have the highest attendance rate.”

Our community partnership with the schools has been effective in generating creative writing output that is strongly connected to issues of identity, community, and current/historical people and events.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing
College of Arts and Sciences

Community Partners Involved
Columbus City Schools

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Working Towards Abundant and Sustainable Vegetable Production in the Developing World

Purpose
Improving productivity of vegetable crops in the developing world leads to higher income for farm families and a more healthful and balanced diet for consumers. However, poorly controlled diseases and pests, unsanitary practices and misuse of pesticides threaten efforts to achieve this goal. Working with researchers, outreach specialists and farmers, safe and effective management practices are being developed that benefit farmers and consumers alike.

Impact
Most farmers in the developing world have little or no access to plant health diagnostics, improved vegetable varieties, integrated management tools or up-to-date information.

Increased access to vegetable crop diagnostics and management tools improves vegetable disease and pest management outcomes.

Integrated pest management approaches reduce pesticide misuse, improve disease, pest and weed control, and increase incomes for farm families.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved
Department of Plant Pathology
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine
Office of International Programs in Agriculture

Community Partners Involved
Feed the Future IPM Innovation Lab, Virginia Tech (formerly IPM CRSP)
Feed the Future Horticulture Innovation Lab, UC-Davis
Kenya Agricultural Research Institute
AgroExpertos, Guatemala
Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India
Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute
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The Young Scholars Program (YSP), a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program, enhances the academic, personal, and career development skills of students from low-income families to prepare them for college success. Founded in 1988, YSP identifies academically talented first-generation middle and high school students from Ohio’s nine largest urban school districts: Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lorain, Toledo, and Youngstown.

Impact
YSP has made it possible for nearly 800 students to become first-generation college graduates. With exemplary community engagement for over 25 years, YSP works with superintendents, principals, and counselors to significantly improve student performance and district graduation rates.

YSP works with parents to become more involved in their children’s learning. Hundreds of parents and siblings have earned G.E.D.s and college degrees in the process, contributing to the growth and improvement of their communities.
Purpose
This program is a one week long, intensive and immersive program in creative writing for high school students. It takes place during the summer of the 10th or 11th grade years. The program is free to anyone who is accepted and admissions to the program are based on writing samples. This means that grades, gender, and socioeconomic class play no part in the selection.

Impact
Program Director Michelle Herman works with a staff of Ohio State University faculty, graduate MFA alumni, and current graduate students. There are also sessions with visiting writers, songwriters, playwrights, and journalists.

The students get to attend daily workshops to help improve their craft as well as more specialized workshops in other areas such as writing for TV, play writing, or song writing.

Previously the applications had been limited to just Columbus City School students, but for the upcoming year applications are being accepted from charter schools within the district as well.