

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

March 2023

NEWS



March is dedicated to Women's History. Throughout the month, we highlight the history of women that innovate, make changes, and influence individuals daily.

Learn More About the Origins of Women's History Month Here

Ethel Beck Society Brunch

The Ethel Beck Society (EBS) is devoted to honoring the rich heritage and legacy of African-American women. This year's EBS Brunch will be held on March 25 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Purchase Tickets Here

OCEO Community Engagement Workshops

Equity in Community Engaged Scholarship

March 24 at 10:00 a.m. <u>Register here</u>.

This session will provide an overview of fundamental necessities as it relates to equity and program and/or research designs. Factors to consider before, during, and after a project will be examined. Zoom link will be sent after registration. Questions should be submitted to <u>communityengagement@utk.edu</u>.

Facilitator: Dr. Javiette Samuel, Associate Vice Chancellor & Director of Community Engagement and Outreach

Publishing Community Engaged Scholarship

April 28 at 10:00 a.m. <u>Register here</u>.

There is a wide variety of peer-reviewed multidisciplinary journals to publish community-engaged scholarship. This session will explore publishing outlets. Zoom link will be sent after registration. Questions should be submitted to **communityengagement@utk.edu**.

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Office of Engineering Diversity Programs Named for Hutchins

The Tickle College of Engineering established its **Engineering Diversity Programs** in 1973 to foster inclusion of historically underrepresented populations in engineering. Now, the programs are being named after one of the students they have benefited. The Dwight Hutchins Engineering Diversity Programs recognizes the accomplishments and support of Hutchins, who graduated with a degree in chemical engineering in 1986. For the college, it was a way to honor an alum who has stayed connected with his alma mater over the years.

Community Engagement Summer Intensive

The **UT Office of Community Engagement and Outreach** is pleased to host the second annual Community Engagement Academy (CEA) Summer Intensive for graduate students June 7-8. We welcome students that are interested in the fundamental concepts of community engagement and engaged scholarship, which they can apply to their research, teaching, service, and practice. Through interactive workshops, guided discussions, panel discussions, lighting talks, field trips, and community tours, participants will explore grand challenges related to community engagement. Benefits include individual consultation, access to background literature, strategies for their own successful engagement activities, and valuable tips on publishing community engaged scholarship. Learn more or apply **here**.

Application Link

Etiquette Luncheon



The University of Tennessee, Knoxville <u>Office of Community Engagement and Outreach</u> hosted the <u>Knoxville</u> <u>Area Urban League National Achievers</u>, <u>Girl Talk</u>, <u>Youth Leadership Knoxville</u>, and <u>Emerald Youth</u> <u>Lonsdale</u> high school students at the annual Etiquette Luncheon on February 20. Students were coached on proper dining etiquette, appropriate table talk, handshaking, and treated to a learning fashion show to demonstrate a variety of styles. One hundred twenty participants engaged in an experiential learning process that will prepare them for future formal events, interviews, and professional gatherings that will help them put their best foot forward and shine.

Scholars With Achievable Goals (SWAG) Academy

The **Office of Community Engagement and Outreach.** in partnership with the **Boys and Girl's Club of Tennessee Valley**, held its second annual graduation with 37 participants from 5 area Boys and Girls Clubs. SWAG Academy is a leadership and communication program geared towards middle school students to provide leadership development and foster the idea of post-secondary educational experience through mentorship and service-learning. The guest speaker Steve Hamer, Associate Director of Development/Director of Letterwinner Relations for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Steve shared the importance of perseverance, service, character, and leadership. Participants presented their service projects ranging from neighborhood cleanups to taking time with the elderly. Students graduated from the program with the knowledge that they can help make changes around them if they try.

Latino College Resource Fair

The <u>Office of Community Engagement and Outreach (OCEO)</u> was a presenting sponsor for the 2023 Latino College and Resource Fair, which was on March 2 at Fulton High School. This event is organized by a committee of local institutions and organizations and spearheaded by Centro Hispano, with the goal of increasing post-secondary access for Latino students in Knox County and surrounding areas. All proceeds from sponsorships will go to the Golden Eagle Scholarship which is awarded locally each year. **Dr. Javiette Samuel, Associate Vice Chancellor & Director of Community Engagement and Outreach** presented a session about UTK, the Division of Diversity and Engagement, the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach, and collective initiatives for students of color and **Gabriel Figueroa** spoke on a panel, highlighting his experience as an undergrad at UT.

ETSU Students of Color Symposium



Dr. Javiette Samuel, Associate Vice Chancellor in the Division of Diversity and Engagement and Anthony Prewitt in the **Division of Student Life** presented at the ETSU Students of Color Symposium on February 27. The symposium was designed to strengthen networks of individuals leading work to support students of color and their retention, and work towards building a regional coalition of individuals working in equity and inclusion. Dr. Samuel shared DDE's inclusive excellence framework and collective efforts within the division and across campus. Anthony presented on Multicultural Student Life, and the Division of Student Life. Eight institutions, including ETSU

participated. Both 2-year and 4-year institutions from across Tennessee as well as Wofford College (South Carolina) were represented at the symposium.

Free Top 10 CliftonStrengths Workshop for Student Leaders

The Jones Center for Leadership and Success will be hosting its new workshop titled *Leading with CliftonStrengths* on April 12. This workshop serves as a great opportunity to do a deeper dive into CliftonStrengths and how to leverage them to be a more effective leader on campus. It is open to all students (Undergraduate, Graduate, and Professional).



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The Center of Leadership Development in Built Environment Sustainability

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Graduate Students

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for information and application. Email us with any questions at

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Kyushu University July 16 - August 12, 2023 https://www.tj.kyushu-u.ac.jp/

- Research in Built Environment Sustainability
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Experience Collaborative Learning

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Center for Leadership Development in Built Environment Sustainability Webpage

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

East Tennessee Freedom Schools Paid Internship



Did you know summer learning loss is currently one of the major challenges affecting poor and working-class children? Did you know there was a way for you to help minimize this learning gap for these children while getting **paid** to do so? Please join East Tennessee Freedom Schools this summer for their reading enrichment program. The program is designed to help children fall in love with reading, increase self esteem, and cultivate positive attitudes toward learning. Be a part of the difference and apply today.

Application Link

FUNDING AND AWARDS





<u>Arnold Ventures</u> (AV) is a nonpartisan philanthropy whose core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that maximize opportunity and minimize injustice. It works in four key issue areas: <u>Criminal</u> <u>Justice, Education, Health</u>, and <u>Public Finance</u>. AV's work is guided by <u>Evidence-Based Policy</u>, <u>Research</u>, and <u>Advocacy</u>. The programs below are open for submission on a rolling basis.

Rigorous Impact Evaluations of Student Success Programs and Practices in Higher Education

Randomized Controlled Trials of Criminal Justice Programs and Practices

Demonstrating the Power of Evidence-Based Programs to "Move the Needle" on Major U.S. Social Problems

RCT Opportunity: Evaluating Social Programs Whose Delivery Will Be Funded by Government or Other Entities

Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity

The Brady Education Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

More Information Here

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Opportunity

Healthy Eating Research (HER) is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) committed to building a Culture of Health through identifying effective strategies to improve children's nutrition and weight. HER's mission is to support and disseminate research on policy, systems, and environmental strategies that promote healthy eating among children and advance nutrition security and health equity.



Spencer Foundation Small Research Grant Program

The Small Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived. The program is "field-initiated" in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, or method. The Foundation's goal is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious, and technically sound research. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 5, 2023.



Engagement Scholarship Consortium Proposal Request, Grant, and more

Engagement Scholarship

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE Mobilizing Change through Engaged Scholarship

October 4-5, 2023 Pre-Conference: October 2-3

MICHIGAN STATE

The **Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC)** is seeking proposals for its 2023 annual conference: *Mobilizing Change through Engaged Scholarship*. The conference will be held October 4-5, 2023 (Pre-Conference: October 2-3, 2023) in East Lansing, Michigan. Learn more about this opportunity and more below.

Proposal Submission Link (Submission Deadline: March 31)

Awards for Excellence in Engaged Scholarship Information (Nominations Deadline: March 26)

Emerging Engagement Scholars Workshops (Application Deadline: March 31)

Spencer Foundation - Racial Equity Research Grants

The **<u>Racial Equity Research Grants program</u>** supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and ameliorating racial inequality in education. The Foundation is interested in funding studies that aim to understand and disrupt the reproduction and deepening of inequality in education, and which seek to (re)imagine and make new forms of equitable education. Thus, it is interested in research projects that seek to envision educational

opportunities in a multiplicity of education systems, levels, settings, and developmental ranges and that reach beyond documenting conditions and paradigms that contribute to persistent racial inequalities.

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