

K-State's Engagement E-News

"Connecting K-State to Kansas and Communities Worldwide"

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CECD Launches Engagement E-Newsletter

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We are pleased to present our first issue of our monthly newsletter, *K-State's Engagement E-News*. Since the Center for Engagement and Community Development (CECD) formation last July, so many things have happened that we needed a forum to keep you all updated. This is the purpose of our E-Newsletter. We will send out our newsletter electronically once a month. In our E-

Newsletter, we will let you know of the work of CECD. But also we will write about the wonderful variety of engaged work happening at K-State ranging from Kansas Campus Compact to Civic Leadership Studies to K-State Research and Extension to our campus' many engaged research centers to service learning happening in our classrooms to faculty research exploring ways to make our campus an even more

engaged institution. We would also like to hear from you. If you have ideas or concerns regarding K-State's connection to Kansas and communities worldwide, please contact us.

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CECD Announces Spring 2007 Engagement Grants

After evaluating 25 grant proposals, CECD announces that it has funded four engagement grant projects. "We are very excited about the quality and diversity of the projects we funded," said David Procter, director of the Center for Engagement and Community Development. The four funded projects include:

(1) *Developing a pilot learning community at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community*. This project connects K-State faculty and students with the retirement community, the Manhattan Area

Technical College, K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Association for Homes and Services for the Aging to create a learning center at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.



(2) *Expanding Institutional Markets and Local Food Production in the Kansas River Valley* is a project to engage K-State faculty, local farmers and

ranchers, and local institutional, school system and restaurant buyers to build a sustainable food system.

(3) *Building Bridges with Rural Communities: Building Web Site Templates to Support Rural Communities and Immigrant Populations in the Great Plains*. This project involves K-State faculty working with rural communities and immigrant populations to create useable community web sites.

(4) *The Impact of Citizen Discourse on Citizen Participation*: connects

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ICDD Hosts Public Issues Education and Facilitation Workshop

The Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD) hosted a facilitation workshop from June 11-13. Eighteen community leaders from Kansas, Nebraska, and North Dakota representing university faculty, extension service, local government, and private business attended the workshop. The workshop addressed managing community dialogue on public issues. The workshop was highlighted by a keynote address from Andrew Sachs, founder of the public disputes program at the Dispute Settlement Center, North Carolina. Mr. Sachs spoke of the importance of public issues dialog at this precarious time in our country's social history. Another highlight of the workshop was a public forum held at the Beach Museum of Art on the K-State campus. Thirty community citizens gathered to talk with one another about issues of national security and America's response to outside threats. To read more about the engaged work of ICDD, see www.k-state.edu/icdd.



CECD Spring Engagement Grants, continued...

Kansas communities with the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy (ICDD). The objectives of this project include conducting public forums around the state on the issue of regulating or not regulating smoking in public spaces. The project examines whether or not these public forums increase citizen participation in community politics.

For more information on these CECD grants, see www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/may07/cecdgrants52207.html

CECD Presents Rural Culture and Community Class

CECD partnered with the Huck Boyd Institute and Kansas Pride to present a class in *Understanding Rural Communities* to students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Five Vet Med students were selected to participate in this new educational program in which students agree to practice in rural Kansas once they graduate. These students go through a specialized training program to prepare them for this career move. CECD, Huck Boyd and Kansas Pride brought together rural sociologists,

extension specialists, rural social service providers, rural community leaders, farm families, and rural advocate agencies to talk about life and work in rural Kansas.

CECD's Summer Research Assistant

Jessica McManus is working for CECD this summer as a research assistant. Jessica is an M.A./Ph.D. student in Psychology. She is helping CECD work on the rural grocery store project as well as our technology transfer project with north central Kansas. Welcome Jessica. Jessica can be reached at: jl7@ksu.edu.