



NKU Admitted to President's Community Service Honor Roll

As colleges across the country honor graduates this commencement season, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has honored NKU as a national leader for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

NKU has been admitted to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable community results.

One of the projects that was key to NKU's designation was the Northern Kentucky Forum, a three-year-old collaboration between the university's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and two community partners, Vision 2015 and Legacy.

The Forum has produced 20 events and drawn nearly 2,000 to public dialogues around

a range of topics including science education, anti-smoking regulations, government structure at the county level, urban innovation, economic development and health-care quality. Forum events are free and open to the public.

Two other initiatives at NKU that helped secure this year's designation on the honor roll were the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project and the Center for Environmental Education (CEE). The Mayerson Project began in 1999 and in the years since has distributed over \$566,000 to local nonprofits. It is designed to incorporate the teaching of philanthropy and community stewardship into college courses across disciplines. Through the CEE, NKU undergraduate and graduate students learn to

use "teaching trunks" to teach specialty topics to other colleagues, P-12 students and the community.

The Honor Roll recognition also celebrates NKU's overall commitment to service, including over 100 service-learning classes each academic year that partner with area nonprofits and thousands of NKU students who, during the course of the semester, volunteer in the community.

"Congratulations to NKU and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of CNCS. "We salute all the Honor Roll awardees for embracing their civic mission and providing opportunities for their students to tackle tough national challenges through service."

NKU Earns Best of Kentucky Technology Awards

NKU was honored this spring at the 2011 Best of Kentucky Technology Awards sponsored by the Commonwealth Office of Technology.

NKU received the "Most Innovative Use of Technology" honor for an NKU Center for Applied Informatics (CAI) fire department app and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Gail Wells received the "Visionary Award."

The innovation award is given to individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated a creative, unique and resourceful use of technology in government.

Users of the Fire Department App can view active incidents and current response status of dispatched units and pinpoint those incidents on an interactive map. Users can

choose to be notified of incidents in specific categories and listen in on live emergency radio traffic. The app can also be used by the fire department to notify users who are trained in CPR of a citizen in distress if they are in a public place and can notify them of the nearest location of a portable defibrillator.

The "Visionary Award" is given to a government manager or official who has demonstrated vision, leadership and support of technology initiatives.

Dr. Wells provides leadership across the full breadth of NKU's academic mission, including curriculum, instruction, research and scholarly activity, public engagement, information technology and library services.

Northern Confers First Ed.D. Degrees

NKU conferred its first Doctorate of Education degrees during post-graduate commencement ceremonies May 6.

Northern started its Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership Program in 2008 to enhance leadership skills for school administrators and teachers with five or more years of professional experience.

In addition to attending doctoral classes, the degree recipients had to complete two unique components of the program – a civic engagement project with their cohorts and an individual action-research dissertation.

NKU awarded 2,800 undergraduate, graduate and law degrees in 2010-11, the most in school history.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2006, the Kentucky Center for Mathematics, in partnership with the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Department of Education and the state's public universities, has worked in 110 of Kentucky's 120 counties to increase student achievement in math. The KCM, housed at NKU, provides tools and resources for P-12 teachers and adult educators.