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A monthly newsletter from the Office of Community Engagement & Outreach, a unit of the [Office of Research and Engagement](#)



On October 8-9, the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach within the Office of Research and Engagement and University-Assisted Community Schools in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences convened more than 150 faculty, staff, administrators, and community organizations to discuss collaborations between higher education institutions and local communities.

[Read more about the conference](#)



Karen Sheldon's vision was to [create a sustainable, annual summer program that helps students in rural communities, particularly those of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians \(EBCI\)](#), gain the confidence needed to pursue advanced study in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) by leveraging hands-on research.



Tim Cross, UT Institute of Agriculture was selected as [the 2018 Distinguished Service Ruby Award recipient](#). The award is Epsilon Sigma Phi's (ESP) highest honor. ESP is comprised of Extension professionals at land grant universities. He received the organization's most prestigious accolade at the ESP national meeting Oct. 2 in Manhattan, Kansas.



[EduBOSS \(Big Orange STEM Saturday for Educators\)](#) brought nearly 50 teachers from 30 schools to UT for a half day. The program's purpose is to help teachers adequately and enthusiastically build robust STEM curriculum for their students. The program was funded by mini-grant funding from the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach.

Upcoming Opportunities

Engagement and Service-Learning Proposals Being Accepted

The Gulf-South Summit will be held April 2-5, 2019 in Huntsville, Texas. It is designed to promote service-learning and civic education through higher education. The theme is Community Leadership: Educating the Next Generation. [To submit a proposal click here.](#)

International Journal of Community Research and Engagement

The International Journal of Community Research and Engagement has issued a call for abstracts. [Find more information here.](#)

Conference on Volunteerism & Service-Learning Call for Proposals

A call has been issued for proposals for the Tennessee Conference on Volunteerism & Service Learning which will be held February 10-12, 2019 at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs. [Find more information here.](#)

Funding

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Request for Applications

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) provides opportunities for faculty to disseminate research on the scholarship of engagement, predominantly through a national conference. ESC provides conference opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and community partners to convene, explore, and report on community-engaged scholarship and to maintain true to ESC's regional roots ESC encourages members to host regional conferences. [Member institutions can apply to have their regional meeting sanctioned by the ESC and receive financial support.](#)

East TN STEM Hub Fall Meeting

The fall regional meeting will be held October 16 from 4:30-6:30 at Roane State in Harriman. The meeting brings local community partners and East Tennessee educators free STEM-related resources, information, news, and opportunities. There are opportunities to network and learn about upcoming STEM events in the region.

Learn more and RSVP [here](#).

Alliance for Better Nonprofits Leadership Conference Focuses on Collective Impact

ABN will hold the 2018 leadership conference October 31 from 8:00-4:30 at the Regas Building. The focus is on collective impact.

[Find more information about the conference here.](#)

12th Annual Buggy Buffet

On October 25 from 3:30-5:30 the Department of Entomology & Plant Pathology will host a free insect tasting event. Participants will be able to try a variety of insects.

For more information contact Jerome Grant at jgrant@utk.edu.

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