Regional Stewardship -Murray State University
Projects for 2008-2009

Superintendent Leadership Academy
- Sept. – Dec. held 4 sessions at the West Kentucky Education Coop Office in Eddyville, KY
- 109 Kentucky Superintendent in attendance
- 15 counties represented from 28 districts
- Experts in the field presented various topics of interest

New Principals’ Mentor Program
- Nov. – Feb. held 5 sessions on various topics important to Principals at the WKEC Office in Eddyville, KY
- 60 Participants -31 Mentors, 29 Mentees (two mentors have two mentees)
- 10 Counties & West Kentucky Community and Technical College represented

Math/Science Adjunct Instructors - Madisonville Extended Campus
- 3 senior students graduated in December and are currently teaching in our region
- 7 Junior/Senior status students to graduate in upcoming semesters (Spring 09- Fall 09)
- 1 Adjunct Professor in the fall and 4 Adjunct Instructors in the spring

ACT Tool Kit
- 175 DVD’s were produced by the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement with the assistance of MSU students and staff
- Kit’s mailed on February 13 to 60 high schools public & private
- 3 states (Kentucky, Illinois, Tennessee) and 23 counties involved

STEM Initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Project Lead the Way
  - 6 currently participating high schools
  - Design Competition with each school
- The World We Create Traveling Exhibit- Louisville Science Center, January 19 – February 6
  - 3,344 Middle/High School students in 10 counties signed up to participate
  - However, due to the ice storm only 2753 were able to come to campus during the seven day period it was open.
  - Check out video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z_yZ-mLn3A&feature=channel_page
- Girls in Engineering Day
  - 6th grade girls from Calloway County Middle School and Murray Middle School to participate on Feb. 19 and Graves Co. High School on March 6, 2009
- JETS TEAMS Competition
  - 80 students from regional high schools will be on campus February 28 to participate in this engineering competition
- Women in Chemistry Career Symposium
Center for Entrepreneurship

- 65 teachers representing 20 area schools participated in a one day workshop in October to prepare for the competition scheduled for May 13, 2009.
- A regional entrepreneurial conference was held March 12 on campus. Speakers were: Jennifer Waller, Terry Reeves, and Jeremy Molsberger.
- A Regional Entrepreneurship Competition for Elementary/Middle School Students was held May 13 in the Curris Center. Approximately 200 students from five regional schools participated.
- Drs. Glenn Mangold and Fred Miller will be working on a plan to serve businesses and communities in the region with the Business GIS computer program class starting in June.
- A Business Plan Competition - two plans from MSU were chosen to compete in the state business plan competition.
- Dr. Tim Johnston's class that did three projects for area businesses on market research.

Cultural Awareness Series

- On September 30, Ecuadoran guitarist, Terry Pazmino, traveled to schools to perform for students. He gave a concert on the MSU campus October 1.
- The MSU Concert Choir visited Henderson County High School on October 15 to perform.
- In November, Dr. Staci Stone, Chair of the English Department visited Carlisle Middle School to talk with classes about language arts. She also attended Career Awareness Day at Calloway Co. High School.
- On Tuesday, November 11, 2008 MSU Professor Nicole Hand and two students traveled to Dawson Springs and Madisonville North Hopkins High Schools accompanied by the Drive-ByPress a complete mobile printmaking studio to promote growth of art through printmaking.
- On November 12, Dr. Terry Streiter and Dr. Duane Bolin visited Webster County High School to speak to a U.S. History Honors Class.
- On December 4, Dr. Daugherty, Chair of the Art Department attended a College Fair at Graves County High School.
- On January 27, flautist & composer Gary Schocker gave a recital on the MSU Campus. He was scheduled to present at Carlisle County Elementary School.
- On February 19, Dr. John David Smith, the Charles H. Stone Distinguished Professor of American History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, delivered the Lincoln Bicentennial address at MSU. He and Dr. James Humphreys met with history classes at Paducah Tilghman High School in McCracken County on February 20th.
- Dr. Therese St. Paul and Dr. Cindy Barnett visited Trigg County High School and met with the Spanish Teacher, Guidance Counselor and 40 students March 3rd.
- History Day was held on March 3rd
- Shakespeare Festival was held on March 4-6
- Prof. Todd Hill visited Trigg County High School and gave a jazz band clinic on March 6th.
- Athena Festival -Ruth Elaine Schram composer, March 10-11.
- Dr. Chris Mitchell visited Caldwell County High School and met with two choirs on March 13.
- Prof. Scott Erickson visited Lyon County High School and worked with woodwind players.
- Foreign Language Festival was held on March 26.
- Dr. Ted Belue visited North Elementary School in Calloway County and spoke about Kentucky Frontier life, March 27th.
- Taiko Drummers were hosted on campus April 1 and taken to Marshall Co. HS to perform for 300 students on April 2.
• On April 21 and 23, the Dept. of Government, Law and International Affairs hosted to community forums at the Pennyrile and Purchase Area Development District Offices to discuss the use of art and culture as economic incentives for the region. 25 individuals attended.
• Author, George Ella Lyon gave a poetry workshop for the Purchase Area Writers project, May 7th and met with 2nd and 3rd graders at South Marshal Elementary School on May 8th.
• Dr. Laura Liljequist visited Fulton County High School and met with 3 classes on May 4th.

America the Beautiful
• On Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00pm in Paducah at Maiden Alley Cinemas and Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 in Mason Hall on MSU campus a documentary will be presented by Darryl Roberts on the effect of imaging on America’s youth.

Project Access
• A new 2+2 Ag Technology Program involving 4 courses offered during the Spring of 2009 was taught by Mr. Dwayne Vinson. The was offered as a partnership between Murray State University and Hopkinsville Community College involving 6 local high schools. Mr. Vinson also spent time recruiting in the high schools in the Purchase area.

Picturing America
• 40 high-quality reproductions of notable American art provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities were secured through a grant and will be delivered to 68 middle/ high schools in the region. Dr. Constance Alexander will be traveling the region to make sure the schools received the materials and offering suggestions on ways to incorporate into classes.

Resource Directory
• In the fall, a resource directory was created by a Vista Volunteer to assist the region in housing over 2000 contact names in several categories: Education, Government, Economic Development, Community Services and Non-Profits. The data base is now available online at http://www.murraystate.edu/qacd/cbpa/bber/.
• In December of 2008, the Paducah Area Transit System was selected by the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive Phase II funding for $1.4 million MSAA Grant. This grant not only benefits PATS, but also Fulton County Transit, Murray-Calloway County Transit and Easter Seals of Western Kentucky. This grant encompasses the counties of McCracken, Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Calloway, Fulton, Graves and Marshall. From new GPS systems in vehicles, to state-of-the-art dispatching and routing software, and an expanded communication center which matches passengers with agencies and programs which provide transportation assistance. The communication center would also feature a web portal and interactive telephone system for regional passengers to reserve rides and receive other information pertaining to their transportation. The expanded call center is instrumental in the plans for bringing 2-1-1 service to West Kentucky.

Regional Grant Writer
• On January 1, 2009, Bentley Utgaard joined the staff of the Regional Stewardship Office as a part-time temporary employee to assist in managing grant funds and assisting with research.
Regional Great Kids Summit
• On February 20, 2009 MSU hosted in conjunction with Kentucky Child Now, KnowHow2GoKy, GEAR UP and SOAR an all day workshop for 250 high school kids from 10 counties aimed at preparing them for School, Work and Life. As a result, MSU was notified by the Kentucky Child Now program in Frankfort that west Kentucky will receive $10,000 for additional educational training.

Regional Economic Summit
• On November 20 & 21, 2008 Regional Stewardship helped co-sponsor an event in Evansville, IN involving 32 counties and three states. The two day event hosted experts in the field of economic development and approximately 600 participants.

West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance
• A new initiative spear-headed by Betsy Flynn to unite 13 county chambers into a cohesive alliance. The group is now meeting regularly and has a board structure of two representatives from each county. Their mission is to be a catalyst for uniting regional leadership and resources to advocate with one voice, to improve economic opportunities, to create a climate of sustained growth and success and to build a stronger community.

Transfer of Wealth Study
• Through a grant funded by Kellogg, Don Macke from the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship was contracted to conduct a transfer of wealth study for the 18 counties in west Kentucky. The results of the study will be shared with development professionals in the region through a workshop in conjunction with the National Town & Gown Conference on June 1, 2009. Two additional sessions will be held in Madisonville, June 2 and Paducah, June 3.

Learn and Serve America Grant
• On March 26, 2009 the Office of Regional Stewardship and Outreach submitted a federal grant to a national service organization in hopes of securing additional funding for future regional projects. Grant notification will be in August, 2009.

Disaster Relief to the Region
• During the week of February 2 – 11, 2009, the Office of Regional Stewardship and Outreach provided support to region following a devastating ice storm. The supplies delivered included water, can food, drinks, paper supplies, personal care items, blankets, cleaning supplies, and pet food. The counties covered included Carlisle, Ballard, Hickman, Fulton, Graves, Marshall, Lyon, Livingston, Crittenden, Caldwell, Calloway, Trigg, and Webster.

Summer Environmental Institute
• In June, MSU and WKU faculty will partner to provide instruction for at least 40 K-12 teachers and 19 mentors from the region in a 7-day residential institute at Land Between the Lakes. The Center for Environmental Education, College of Education, Engineering and Technology, Gear Up, West Kentucky Educational Coop, and The Green River Regional Education Cooperative will provide professional development in connecting math and science to problem solving and critical thinking using environmental issues.