THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT!

On February 3, nearly 140 faculty, staff, students, and community partners came together to define the characteristics of exceptional engagement work, consider the potential for collaboration among Purdue health equity initiatives, and discuss the COVID-19 pandemic’s effects on engagement opportunities. Registration for the virtual event was the highest in its seven-year history.

The event kicked off with a fireside chat with Dr. Jerome Adams, Purdue’s executive director of health equity initiatives, Distinguished Professor of Practice, and Presidential Fellow. The former U.S. Surgeon General stressed the importance of fostering sustainable community partnerships. “People have to know you care before they can care about what you know,” Adams said.

The fireside chat was followed by two interactive tracks related to networking and partnership formation and evaluation and assessment practices. A student engagement project showcase concluded the event. Virtual posters and digital stories were created by 16 student teams, with topics ranging from the tracking of gray foxes at Wolf Park to the design of a cable management system for nurses at a cancer research center. To view all student showcase entries from this year’s Engagement and Service-Learning Summit, visit https://www.purdue.edu/engagement/showcase/.

1st Place: “Automated Data Processing: Making Community Indicators Possible for Lafayette, Indiana” by Jace Newell, Eli Coltin, Eric Flaningam, and Dr. Jason Ware

2nd Place: “Untying the Knot: Saving Time, Managing Cables, and Minimizing Damage in a Health Care Environment” by Carl Russell III, Trevor Sheehan, Maya Godbole, Emily Linder, Josephine Schlosser, and Ella McCoy

3rd Place: “Promoting Spanish Culture Through the Arts” by Kayla Vasilko

NOMINATIONS FOR JOANN MILLER AWARD DUE MARCH 18

The JoAnn Miller Exemplary Community Partner Award recognizes local nonprofits, schools, or government units that contribute to the growth of Purdue students by providing volunteer and service-learning opportunities. JoAnn Miller worked diligently to further engagement with the community, and the award was renamed in her memory in 2015. Purdue faculty, students and staff are invited to nominate community partners for this award. It includes a $1,000 cash prize. Nominations must include the following elements:

- Community need(s) addressed by the agency's programs and how the agency addresses the need(s)
- How Purdue students have been involved in the agency’s programs and the benefits they have received from their experience
- Contribution that student involvement brings to the agency and the population it serves, as well as number and level of students engaged with each year
- Why the agency is deserving of the award

Nominations are due no later than March 18. To nominate someone, click HERE.