

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Announces Recipients of Excellence Awards Program

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HARRISONBURG and BLACKBURG, Virginia – The Engagement Scholarship Consortium, the premier resource for higher education institutions and their faculty, staff, students, and community partners focused on promoting excellence in the scholarship and practice of engaged scholarship locally and globally, announces recipients of the 2020 Excellence Awards Program. Nominations were received from 2- and 4-year public and private higher education institutions across the country and evaluated by a distinguished panel of scholars.

2020 ESC Excellence Award Recipients

- Excellence in Faculty Community Engagement Award: **Dickinson College** – *Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring Program*
- Excellence in Faculty Community Engagement Award: **Virginia Tech** – *Building Community Capacity for Integrating Engineering in Rural Middle School Science Classrooms*
- Excellence in Community Partner Engagement Awards: **East Carolina University** – *Training for Life: East Carolina University and Pitt County Schools Partnership*
- Excellence in Community Partner Engagement Awards: **Virginia Cooperative Extension/Virginia Tech** – *Food for a Long Life: Engaging Community Partners to Tackle Food Access*

ESC Board President Samory T. Pruitt, vice president for community affairs at The University of Alabama, underscored the importance of the highly competitive program. These institutions exemplify the best engagement scholarship has to offer and demonstrate innovative and practical solutions to some of the most critical problems facing our nation and world today,” Pruitt said. The ESC Awards Program provides important recognition opportunities for students, faculty, community partners, and higher education institutions and increases opportunities for enhanced peer learning.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Engagement Scholarship Consortium will host a virtual awards webinar on Thursday, October 15, 2020 from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (EST). In addition to being recognized, award recipients will provide an overview of their programs and participate in a question-and-answer session focused on sharing major impacts, challenges, best practices, and lessons learned. Registration information for the Awards Program webinar can be found at: <https://engagementscholarship.org/conference/esc-2020-meeting/esc-2020-awards-panel-presentation>.

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