NKU CINSAM EXPANDS STEM TEACHER TRAINING WITH DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT

Northern Kentucky University’s Center for Integrative Natural Science and Mathematics (CINSAM) received a $75,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to support educating middle school teachers as part of the Next Generation STEM Classroom Project 2.0 (NextGen STEM Project). STEM focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

As part of this project, 20 "NextGen STEM Fellows" from across Northern Kentucky attended CINSAM’s first Summer Institute to develop teacher leaders in STEM. The institute was led by CINSAM’s master teachers, Ella Bowling and Amber Carter.

“The Duke Energy Foundations is pleased to support programs, like the Summer Institute, that enhance our local schools by training teachers to educate other teachers on STEM," said Casey Ruschman, Duke Energy Foundation Manager.

The Summer Institute is a new element in CINSAM’s year-round NextGen STEM Project. CINSAM educators travel to area school districts to provide professional development for teachers in the districts’ own classrooms. The program incorporates best practices in science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the elementary and middle school levels.

“CINSAM has a great platform for modeling what phenomena-based learning looks like in the classroom and how to get our students actively engaged,” said Brittany Leslie, Gray Middle School Teacher.

NKU’s Student Government Association held a vigil on August 14 to express support for University of Virginia students and stand in solidarity with the people of Charlottesville. The campus community signed a large banner with messages of love and support. Interim President Gerry St. Amand’s granddaughters presented the NKU banner to UVA’s Student Body President Sarah Kenny. Sarah said NKU was the only school that has offered them any visible support, and she was very appreciative.

“We held this vigil to show support, drown out the hate and spread a message of love through our campus, our community and beyond,” said Sami Dada, NKU Student Body President. “We have to condemn this type of behavior and acknowledge that this is pure hate. If we do not, we will be providing the fertilizer for the seeds of hate that were planted before us. Now more than ever, we must unite together as one on the side of justice. When we stand together we can confront forces of hate among us.”

ALUMNI NEWS

DEREK FIELDS (’90) FROM REGENTS HALL TO WARNER BROS.

Derek Fields (’90) has come a long way since his days on the court in Regents Hall. The NKU Basketball Hall of Famer is still motivating his team and teaching strategies for success.

Fields now serves as the vice president of sales and retail business development at Warner Bros. Entertainment. There he focuses on strategies to get Warner Bros. brands into the hands of consumers and collaborates with the right people to make it happen.

“I’ve been blessed — to take everything that’s been given to me and give that back to the people I work with,” said Fields. “I’m all about building other people up and creating something dynamic.”


FACULTY FOCUS

Heather Crabbe, assistant dean of students at NKU’s Chase College of Law, is one of just 40 young lawyers the American Bar Association recognized nationally with the “On the Rise — Top 40 Young Lawyers’” award.

The ABA Young Lawyers Division award recognizes achievement, innovation and leadership. Crabbe was recognized for her work as assistant dean at Chase, as a Kentucky public defender and as an entrepreneur in a virtual reality training program she is developing.

Crabbe graduated from Chase in 2007 and worked as a public defender in the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy. She joined the Chase administration as outreach officer in 2014.

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