Call for Papers & Presentations

2009 Best Practices in Building University / City Relations Conference

“Teaming Across Campus and Community”

June 1 – 4, 2009
The Curris Center
Murray State University – Murray, Kentucky

THEME AND OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE

The 2009 Best Practices Conference: “Teaming Across Campus and Community” seeks to highlight projects and programs of Town & Gown Partnerships in Excellence. The objective of the conference is to showcase how cross-jurisdictional communication creates a culture of positive inter-relationships and sustainability between people, programs, and governance. Presenters should focus on how their subject program, research, perspective or policy forges links between these areas in order to advance sustainable outcomes. Presentations may focus on local, regional, national or global issues.

The mission of the 2009 Best Practices Conference is to create an environment of deliberative dialogue between students, faculty, staff, elected officials, decision makers and the public at large, and to empower the creative development and implementation of innovative solutions. Novel papers and presentations that address these themes are invited from municipal and college staff, students, business and industry leaders, faculty researchers, citizen advocates, and professionals with local, national, or international perspectives. Municipal and collegiate administration officials are encouraged to participate in presentations.

The conference theme will have three primary tracks: (1) Teaming Across Campus and Community, (2) Civic Engagement/Service Learning, and (3) College and Community as Economic Engines. Each of these tracks has numerous conceptual themes that can be addressed through various forms of presentation at the conference.

The examples mentioned for each of the following sub-categories are not exclusive of other possible fits. If your content is complementary with the main themes of the conference we encourage your submittal.

Invited Speakers

- Dr. Bill Long, Kellogg Foundation
- Dr. Constantine Curris, President, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
EXAMPLE PRESENTATION THEMES

• **Track One: Teaming Across Campus and Community**
  * Leadership Models – creating models of cross-jurisdictional communication and leadership programs incorporating the diversity of college communities
  * Inter-jurisdictional programs – jointly planned, funded, and operated programs and projects increasing effectiveness, efficiency and economic benefit to direct and indirect beneficiaries. Utilizing collaborative efforts to reduce expenses, raise revenues and increase services for college and community.
  * Communication – development of communication models between students, visitors, citizens, law enforcement and community
  * Housing – off-campus housing programs and efforts integrating students into the community
  * Sports – home-run opportunities and tackling problems

• **Track Two: Civic Engagement/Service Learning**
  * Campus and Community as a living laboratory – student involvement in community
  * Students as Citizens / Citizens as Students – local citizens learning from student life while students learn about community life
  * Student & Faculty Field Research – joint community and college research projects in the field

• **Track Three: College and Community Together as an Economic Engine**
  * Town & Gown Partnerships – creation of economic development programs at a local level benefiting college and community
  * Research as Economic Engines – teaming between higher education, local and/or state governments and private sector to create economic stimulus efforts
  * Legislation – joint programs between town and gown to affect change at the local, state and national legislation.

SCHEDULE

Abstract submission deadline: **January 20, 2009**
Authors notified of selection: **February 10, 2009**
Deadline for submission of final presentation: **May 1, 2009**

CONTRIBUTIONS
Abstracts of 250 words or less are invited for consideration and should include the title of the submission and the name(s), affiliation(s), address(es), contact phone number(s), and email address(es) of the author(s). The primary author should indicate what type of presentation will be utilized for the abstract being submitted; lecture, power point, overheads, group discussion, panel, or other. Authors of selected abstracts for papers are to submit a copy of the final presentation by May 1, 2009. All selected presentations will be given at panel sessions during the conference and all selected presentations will be published on-line with proceedings of the conference.

Panel sessions are scheduled for forty-five minutes of presentation and fifteen minutes for questions and discussion.

Accepted presenters will receive a reduced conference registration rate. Rates, registration and conference information can be found at www.murraystate.edu/town_and_gown/conference/index.htm.

Abstracts – If not submitted via e-mail (preferred), six paper copies should be sent to International Town & Gown Association, attn: Chip Boyles, The James F Martin Inn, Suite 300, 240 Madren Center Drive, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. 29634 or phone (864) 643-4199. cboyles@town-gown.net.

Conference Questions should be directed to Kim Griffio, conference director, Coordinator for Advancement Services, Murray State University, kim.griffio@murraystate.edu or phone (270) 809-4415.

For more information on Murray State University or Murray, Kentucky see www.murraystate.edu.

For more information on the International Town & Gown Association initiatives, see www.town-gown.net.

Creative presentations are encouraged!