

THE OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP/W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION ENGAGEMENT AWARDS, AND THE C. PETER MAGRATH UNIVERSITY/ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD 2011

In the pages that follow, you will find articles chronicling the programs of the four 2011 Outreach Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award winners. 2011 marked the fifth year of the Outreach Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Awards and the C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award, which recognize four-year universities that focus learning, discovery, and engagement functions on signature community-engagement endeavors. The awards are supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and administered by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), a nonprofit association for members of public research universities, land-grant universities, and state university systems. The awards program actually comprises two separate awards: the Outreach Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Awards, and the C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award.

In 2011, the Outreach Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Awards recognized university-community engagement in the Southern, North Eastern, North Central, and Western divisions. The award winners each received a certificate, a \$5,000 cash prize, and an additional \$2,000 to support production of a video about their work and travel. They also delivered invited presentations about their signature outreach and engagement programs at the National Outreach Scholarship Conference (hosted by Michigan State University on October 2-4, 2011 in East Lansing), an annual conference dedicated to presentations related to building strong university-community partnerships that are undergirded by rigorous scholarship, and which are designed to help address the complex needs of communities.

A panel of experienced outreach and engagement leaders judged the presentations. One divisional award winner was selected to receive the C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award (named for C. Peter Magrath, APLU president from 1992 to 2005), which was presented at APLU's annual meeting in November. The 2011 award was presented to Montana

State University's *From Bozeman to Khwisero: Engineers Without Borders* program in Khwisero, Kenya, and included a trophy and \$20,000.

The awards program is shepherded by Mortimer "Mort" Neufville, who served as an APLU executive vice president from 2000 to 2008, and who led the 2011 awards process.

One of the expectations of the awards program is that each recipient will publish an article describing the impact of the award-winning endeavor in the thematic issue of the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, dedicated to that year's National Outreach Scholarship Conference.

The 2011 Outreach Scholarship/W. K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award winners are

- **The Pennsylvania State University's *Regenerative Design in Stressed Communities***, which partners a local community with faculty and students through a community design studio to revitalize neighborhoods in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (Northeastern Region);
- **Michigan State University's *Working Together to Improve the Lives of People Affected by Epilepsy in Zambia***, a collaborative medical research and education project that supports and enriches clinical services and advocacy programs, and makes new findings available to policy makers. (North Central Region);
- **Montana State University's *From Bozeman to Khwisero: Engineers Without Borders***, a international student engagement partnership formed to bring drinking water and clean sanitation facilities to schools and communities. (Western Region, and 2011 C. Peter Magrath University/Community Engagement Award winner); and
- **University of Tennessee, Knoxville's *Ready for the World***, which established a community-based research and service-learning initiative to collaborate with a local Burundian refugee community in addressing the formidable challenges of resettlement. (Southern Region).