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The Community–University Partnership Awards, a program started under the leadership of LaMarr Billups, was reinstated to recognize the work of UW–Madison faculty, staff, and students, and their community partners across the state of Wisconsin, as they address pressing public issues in Madison and the surrounding region.

These awards offer an opportunity to thank our community partners and highlight exemplary partnerships that get to the heart of the Wisconsin Idea—community members and UW–Madison personnel working collaboratively to transform our campus and communities for the public good.

Selected projects are active across the state and uphold the following standards for high-quality community–university partnerships:

- Embody the original spirit of the Wisconsin Idea by contributing to a vibrant, inclusive, participatory democracy.
- Are sustained beyond one event or activity.
- Demonstrate a relationship characterized by respect, equity and engagement in all phases of the partnership.
- Build the capacity of both community and university partners to address the target issue(s).
- Result in measurable community change related to the target issue(s).

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Winning Partnerships

Oneida Nation: Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Partnership

Nominator: Carey Gleason, PhD, Associate Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department
of Medicine, School of Medicine and Public Health

UW/ONEIDA LIAISON

Wesley Martin, Jr., project co-lead, past Chair of Oneida Nation Commission on Aging,
current Chair of the Great Lakes Native American Elders Association (GLNAEA)

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

Sanjay Asthana, MD, Director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC), Professor
of Medicine and Geriatrics Division Chair, School of Medicine and Public Health

Cynthia M. Carlsson, MD, Acting Director, Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute, Associate
Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine and Public Health

Dorothy Edwards, PhD, Leader of the Minority Recruitment Satellite Program of the
Wisconsin ADRC, Professor of Kinesiology, School of Education

Sterling C. Johnson, PhD, Associate Director, Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research
Center, Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine and Public Health

Jane Mahoney, MD, Director, Community-Academic Aging Resource Network
(CAARN), Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine and Public Health

Hector Salazar, Outreach Specialist, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Brieanna Harris, Gleason Program Manager

Jody Krainer, Dementia Diagnostic Network Manager, Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute

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Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA)

Oneida Elder Services

Shirley Barber, CAB

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Daniel Guzman King, ONCOA Business Council Liaison

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Patricia Lassila, CAB and ONCOA Chair

Eli Metoxen, CAB and Elder Services

Debbie Miller, Oneida Dementia Care Specialist; CAB and Elder Services

Florence Petri, ONCOA

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Lois Strong, CAB and Elder Services

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Jennifer Webster, ONCOA Business Council Liaison

ABSTRACT

Although data describing the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) is sparse, recent analyses suggest the disease will disproportionately burden Native Americans. Unfortunately, misconceptions persist in both clinical and community settings. Members of the Oneida Nation Commission on Aging (ONCOA) have partnered with faculty and staff from the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute to expand their community's access to dementia diagnostic services, build awareness of ADRD, support caregivers, and promote participation in ADRD research. Key partners include the Dementia Care Specialist for the Oneida Nation, and Oneida Elder Services. These local efforts align with national priorities and an urgent need for effective prevention strategies to address the suffering and untenable costs associated with ADRD, especially critical for under-served populations disproportionately affected by the disease.

The Compost Project: A Systems Approach to Food Waste Composting for Urban Agriculture

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

Tim Allen, UW-Madison Master's graduate and project staff

Greg Lawless, Food System Development Specialist, University of Wisconsin Extension

Steve Ventura, Professor, Nelson Institute and Department of Soil Science

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Cream City Farms and Compost Crusaders are the two partners nominated.

Donna Genzmer, UW-Milwaukee

David Johnson, Cream City Farms

Mark Kosfeld, UW-Milwaukee

Tim McCollow, City of Milwaukee

Anthony Ross, UW-Milwaukee

Melissa Tashjian, Compost Crusaders

Other project partners include Blue Ribbon Compost, Purple Cow Organics, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Milwaukee County University of Wisconsin-Extension, and Milwaukee Groundworks.

ABSTRACT

"A Systems Approach to Food Waste Composting for Urban Agriculture" (the Compost Project) engages students and researchers at four universities, compost haulers and producers, public agency staff, and urban agriculture farmers and gardeners. We selected two community representatives to represent this broad group of stakeholders:


David Johnson operates an urban farm in Milwaukee where we are conducting compost trials. He helps demonstrate the value of compost to replenish poor soils and divert food waste from landfills. David grows three commercial crops, coordinates soil evaluations, and hosts demonstrations for stakeholders such as other urban farmers, gardeners, and compost entrepreneurs.

Melissa Tashjian represents food waste haulers and compost producers collaborating with UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and Extension to develop a decision framework. This will lead to scaling up food waste composting and increasing the supply of affordable compost in areas of food insecurity in Milwaukee.

CAMP Bayview: College Advancement Mentorship Program at the Bayview Foundation

UW-MADISON PARTNER

Oona-Ifé Olaiya, Research Specialist, School of Human Ecology, -Madison

Dr. Linda Bush, Research Specialist, School of Medicine and Public Health, UW-Madison 

Reuben Sanon, Badger Volunteer Director, Morgridge Center for Public Service

Michelle Tong, graduate student, UW-Madison

Elizabeth Tryon, Assistant Director, CES and staff mentor Wisconsin Idea Fellowship program of the Morgridge Center for Public Service

Dr. Yang Sao Xiong, Assistant Professor, Sociology Work, UW-Madison 

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bayview Community Foundation

Lisa King, Program Director

Alexis London, Executive Director

ABSTRACT

The College/Career Advancement Mentorship Program (CAMP) at the Bayview Foundation provides high school students from under-resourced backgrounds with tools to achieve academic and personal success. The program includes academic and wellness workshops, as well as college field trips and ACT tutoring from Galin Education. Two Wisconsin Idea Fellowship students, Michelle Tong and Oona-Ifé Olaiya, served as initial founders and facilitators for the project. Tong and Olaiya created this equity model partnership program in consultation with teens who were already using the after-school tutoring services at Bayview. CAMP has been so successful that it will continue indefinitely, using a combination of community support, volunteers from the UW Writing Center, and Bayview staff. Students who completed the workshops are now enrolled at Madison College.

Indigenous Sustainabilities: Health, Culture, and Environment in Waaswaaganing Lac du Flambeau, WI)

Nominator: Amber Rose

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

Thomas A. DuBois, Halls-Bascom Professor of Scandinavian Studies, Folklore, and Religious Studies, Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic

B. Marcus Cederström, Community Curator of Nordic-American Folklore, Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic

Colin Gioia Connors, PhD student, Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic, Folklore

Tim Frandy, previously Outreach Specialist at the UW Collaborative Center for Health Equity; (now Assistant Professor of Folk Studies, Western Kentucky University)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Lac du Flambeau Public School

Wayne Minogiizhig Valliere

Carol Amour

Iris Carufel

ABSTRACT

Indigenous Sustainabilities: Health, Culture, and Environment in Waaswaaganing promotes physical health, cultural sustainability, and environmental stewardship among the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. A series of collaborative projects between Ojibwe community leaders and folklorists at the University of Wisconsin-Madison have resulted in higher high school graduation rates, college attendance rates, language revitalization, and the restoration of traditional health systems to address substance abuse and other community health issues. Tangible outcomes include multiple birchbark canoes, a winter lodge, and annual winter games at Lac du Flambeau, with the projects' successes now inspiring similar repatriation and revitalization efforts in Indigenous communities throughout the state and beyond. Led by Ojibwe language and culture instructor Wayne Minogiizhig Valliere and Professor Thomas A. DuBois, the collaboration is now in its sixth year and is still expanding.

“Creators, Collectors, & Communities: Making Ethnic Identity Through Objects” Collaboration between the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society, the Department of Art History, and L&S Learning Support Services

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

Ann Smart Martin, Stanley and Polly Stone (Chipstone) Professor of Art History

Steel Wagstaff, Instructional Technology Consultant, L&S Learning Support Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

Johnna Buysse, Curator of Collections and Education

Destinee Udelhoven, Executive Director

ABSTRACT

Beginning in fall 2015, the Mount Horeb Area Historical Society (MHAHS) has partnered with faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Art History and L&S Learning Support Services to research, interpret, and present material from the Society's collection to the broader public. This partnership culminated in June 2017 with the opening of the Driftless Historium, a newly constructed history center in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. The fruits of this multi-faceted collaboration between the MHAHS's professional staff, community volunteers, and university staff and students include “Creators, Collectors, & Communities: Making Ethnic Identity Through Objects,” a 60-object exhibit examining the evolution of ethnic identity in southwestern Wisconsin that has been seen in person by over 10,000 visitors over the past year; and a free, media-rich catalog and eBook accompaniment featuring photographs, oral histories, and original student research that has been viewed online by thousands.

Wisconsin Women in Government

Nominator: Lisa Hildebrand, Senior University Relations Specialist, La Follette School of Public Affairs

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

Dennis Dresang, Professor Emeritus, La Follette School of Public Affairs

Bridget Pirsch, Senior Outreach Specialist, La Follette School of Public Affairs

Susan Yackee, Professor, La Follette School of Public Affairs

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Wisconsin Women in Government (WWIG)

Rebecca Ballweg, Secretary

Deb Erwin, Vice President

Kara Kratowicz, former WWIG President

Megan Purtell, former WWIG President

Anne Sappenfield, President, WWIG Board of Directors

ABSTRACT

Since 2001, the La Follette School of Public Affairs has collaborated with the Wisconsin Women in Government (WWIG) organization to provide high-impact leadership training for women who work in local, state, or federal government, or who interact with the government through nonprofit or private-sector employment.

Founded in 1987, WWIG is a nonpartisan volunteer organization that recognizes and supports women by providing scholarships as well as educational and networking opportunities. La Follette School Emeritus Professor Dennis Dresang and Professor Susan Yackee lead the seminars.

More than 350 women have participated in the leadership seminar, which provides 20-plus hours of training for early and mid-career women seeking to advance their careers and increase their leadership and management skills. Seminar graduates uniformly point to the training as a critical step forward for their careers, and many have obtained key positions across government and related sectors.

Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP) and Oneida Nation Partnership

UW-MADISON PARTNERS

UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health & NACHP

Dr. Jacquelyn Arbuckle, Former Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery and director of NACHP, Current NACHP Advisory Council Member

Dr. Bret Benally-Thompson, Clinical Associate Professor, Palliative Care & NACHP Advisory Council Member

Lauren Cornelius, Program Specialist, NACHP

Dr. Tracy Downs, Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs & Diversity 

Melissa Metoxen, Community and Academic Support Coordinator, NACHP

Dr. Elizabeth Petty, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 

Danielle Yancey, Director, NACHP

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Oneida Nation Community

Debbie Danforth, Health Director, Oneida Comprehensive Health Division

Artley Skenandore, Principal, Oneida Nation High School

Dr. Ravi Vir, Medical Director, Oneida Community Health Center

Jennifer Webster, Oneida Business Committee member

ABSTRACT

The Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP) was founded in 2012 with the vision to improve the health and well-being of Native American communities through increased representation of Native American health professionals. Wisconsin serves as home to 12 Native Nations, many of whom face the most striking health disparities in the state. This served as an important catalyst to create NACHP, a true embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea to work with Wisconsin's tribal communities to address education access, health equity, and workforce needs in some of the most rural and underserved communities in the state. One of NACHP's most innovative and effective campus-community partnerships is with the Oneida Nation. This partnership established a NACHP office within the Oneida community to work closely with the tribal government, health center, education department, schools and Tsyunhehkwa (joon-hey-kwa), the tribe's agricultural community. These partnerships allow us to provide educational opportunities, tribal clinic rotations, youth outreach, and engage in culturally responsive programming related to traditional foods, health, and well-being.

LaMarr Billups mmunity–University Engagement Award



The LaMarr Billups Community–University Engagement Award recognizes outstanding contributions to campus community partnerships. LaMarr Billups served as a special assistant to two UW chancellors and was director of community relations from 1996 to 2007.

LaMarr was known as a skilled ambassador between the university and city, and was deeply committed to key civic institutions and social causes.

2018 AWARD RECIPIENT

Kaleem Cair

Kaleem Caire is a known national leader in K-12 education reform, economic, and workforce development and community transformation. Since 2014, he has served as founder and CEO of One City Early Learning Centers, a 21st century preschool in Madison specifically aiming to eliminate the racial achievement gap. He is also the founder and CEO of Achieve64, a business and community services firm dedicated to strengthening business by broadening the positive impact they have on children, families, communities and their employees.

Prior to One City, Kaleem challenged Madison to confront its generational challenges with racial inequity while serving as the president and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Madison, among many other leadership positions. He also spent nearly 10 years in Washington, D.C. working tirelessly to improve the education system there and across the country.

Kaleem's advocacy and efforts inspired the creation of UW–Madison's PEOPLE Program and its Information Technology Academy (ITA), Madison Metropolitan School District's Nuestro Mundo Bilingual Charter School, and the Schools of Hope Tutoring Program. He has also assisted with the development of other education reform efforts across states.

Kaleem's writings and comments have appeared in various national newspapers and magazines and he has received numerous awards and recognition for his work in education, workforce, and community development. He was the youngest recipient of the City of Madison's Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award in 2001, one of the first recipients of UW's Forward Under Forty Award in 2008, and was recently selected into the 2018 cohort of the prestigious Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship.

Within our community, Kaleem serves numerous organizations in advisory and board capacities and is exploring a collaboration with University of Wisconsin–Madison on the creation of a comprehensive resource on birth-to-college for first-generation families across the nation.

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