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Summer Education Program Benefits Students and Teachers in Appalachia Ohio

Ohio Partners to Link Students and Teachers with Hands-on Math and Science Training

Columbus – The Ohio Department of Development’s Governor’s Office of Appalachia is partnering with the Appalachian Regional Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory Institute in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to support the 2011 Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute and Summer Camp, which will take place July 11-22 at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This two-week program for middle and high school students, as well as teachers, provides hands-on learning experiences focusing on math, science, and technology.

Under the guidance of research scientists, high school students and teachers will participate in hands-on, multi-research projects in math, science, and technology. Students will spend time in research laboratories and take field trips to nearby industries, universities, and museums. The program is designed for students with an interest in math and science, potentially looking to pursue additional education in these fields.

“Congratulations to the talented and hardworking students and faculty chosen to participate in this year’s Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute training program,” said James A. Leftwich, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. “Ohio students will gain meaningful real-world experience, equipping them with viable skills and in-demand knowledge that will provide new experiences and a better understanding of future career paths.”

The program provides an all-expense paid educational opportunity for selected participants to enhance their knowledge in math, science, and technology. All major expenses, including meals, lodging, and transportation to and from the institute are paid in full for students and teachers chosen to participate.

This year six students and one teacher from Ohio’s Appalachian region will work side-by-side with Oak Ridge National Laboratory research scientists, exploring practical uses of math and science. The recipients include:

Robert Graham of Pickaway Ross Career & Technology Center in Ross County;
Jeremy Graves of Pickaway Ross Career & Technology Center in Ross County;
Clint Lytle of New Richmond High School in Clermont County;
Nala Kirtdoll Colliers of Steubenville High School in Jefferson County;
Bailey Loy of West Branch Middle School in Mahoning County;
Benjamin St. John of West Branch Middle School in Mahoning County;
Brittany Ring of West Branch Middle School in Mahoning County; and
Maggie Miklos, a faculty member of Conotton Valley Junior/Senior High in Harrison County.

*The **Oak Ridge National Laboratory** is one of the largest U.S. Department of Energy research facilities in the United States. It is devoted to multi-purpose research and development and is located approximately 20 miles northwest of Knoxville, Tennessee, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is managed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities, offering a diverse array of complementary, and often unique, science*

education programs.

As an advocate for Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties, the **Governor's Office of Appalachia** works on behalf of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and to support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives. These initiatives contribute to the economic, educational, and community prosperity of the people of Ohio's Appalachian region.

Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.

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