

Center for Educational Outreach and Engagement (CEOE) Network

The CEOE Network, a council comprised of Auburn University faculty engaged in applied projects with K-12 schools, will have its inaugural meeting in the fall of 2016. The purpose of the CEOE Network is to bring together faculty that are currently working on K-12 related projects, or those that wish to collaborate with other engaged faculty. The CEOE Network will focus on interdisciplinary project formation, implementation and development. Collaboration around major grant funding will be a particular emphasis of the CEOE Network in order to further state-wide, national and international initiatives dedicated to K-12 classrooms. The network, led by center director Stacey Nickson, is currently recruiting interested and engaged Auburn faculty.

AU Anatomy Academy

The College of Veterinary Medicine and the Center for Educational Outreach and Engagement (CEOE) collaborated to form the Auburn University Anatomy Academy. The Academy will offer anatomy workshops based on the Alabama Science course of study to area K-12 students at a local school site. The academy was designed by Elaine Coleman, who will work with K-12 teachers to offer hands-on lessons in anatomy using models, manipulatives and other scientific teaching devices. The workshops are scheduled to begin in Spring of 2017.

David Mixson Joins GEDI Staff

David Mixson joined the staff of the Government and Economic Development Institute in July as associate director.

“David brings a wealth of experience in University Outreach,” said executive director Joe Sumners. “He’s well respected on campus and throughout the state through his work with the Auburn Technical Assistance Center. His leadership will make GEDI even stronger as we serve the needs of our clients.” Mixson has over 20 years of economic development management experience including leading Auburn’s Economic Development Administration University Center program and the Alabama Technology Network’s innovation and marketing programs. He serves as vice president of the Educational Association of University Centers and contributes to Alabama’s economic development



community through his innovation assistance to startups using Innovation Engineering and Lean Startup methodologies.

Mixson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and a Master of Business Administration degree from Auburn University and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute.

Spence Completes Year of Service



Christina Spence spent the past year as an AmeriCorps VISTA with the Office of Public Service. She completed her year of service at the end of August. During her term, she has served as advisor for the Campus Kitchens Project at Auburn University. Under her direction, the student organization increased capacity in meal distribution, volunteer recruitment, food recovery, and community partnerships. Spence returned to her home state of North Carolina to complete a second year of national service as a Community impact VISTA at the United Way of Forsyth County in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Megan Sawyer Joins Office of Public Service

Megan Sawyer has joined the Office of Public Service as an AmeriCorps VISTA, or Volunteer in Service to America. She will serve one year with the Office of Public Service. Megan earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in civic engagement and leadership from the University of Alabama. While at the University of Alabama, Megan worked with the Center for Economic Development on their “Books for the Black Belt” project where she collected thousands of book donations for Alabama schools in need.

In addition, Megan worked with UA’s Honors College to create a class centered on civic engagement in the Black Belt. Having gained an appreciation for community involvement and activism, she was inspired to serve with AmeriCorps VISTA to continue her work connecting students and community partners. At the Office of Public Service, Megan will work with local non-profits,

