



AOP-20 Council awarded \$50,000 to enhance Ohio Education Attainment Goal

A \$50,000 grant awarded to the Appalachian Ohio P-20 Council (AOP-20) to collaborate with Zane State College (ZSC) and Muskingum University (MU) is encouraging the development and implementation of strategies to increase enrollment of “stopped out” students as part of the Ohio Attainment Goal 2025 initiative. Fiscal agent for the grant, which is funded by Strive Together, is the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center.

The Appalachian P-20 Council is one of six member organizations of the Ohio Cradle to Career Partnership that received funding for the statewide initiative. Others include the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland, Learn to Earn Dayton, Stark Education Partnership, Strive Together Cincinnati, and Summit Education Initiative. AOP-20 is the only rural southeastern initiative in Ohio.

An advisory team of the Chambers of Commerce, United Way, Ohio Means Jobs, business leaders, and various P-12 and higher education, healthcare and community agencies is providing ideas and feedback to the initiative. Muskingum University and Zane State College are looking to personalize student outreach; provide career exploration, transfer credit process information, registration, and workshop tools for students; develop social media, video tutorials and electronic resources for students. AOP-20 will document the successes at the AOP-20 Council meetings. For more information contact this link <http://new.aop20.org/cradle-to-career-c2c-initiative> or leave a message at MVEESC 740-452 4518.

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