



Great Lakes Leadership Academy June Newsletter

Congratulations to Vicki Pontz 2022 William Milliken Leadership for the Common Good Awardee

The Great Lakes Leadership Academy is proud to honor, Vicki Pontz, former Director of the Great Lakes Leadership Academy, as the 2022 recipient of **William Milliken Leadership for the Common Good Award**.



Vicki Pontz retired from the program in 2017 and was initially appointed Director of GLLA in 2008. After retiring from MSU, she founded *MindFull Strategies*, a business designed to assist companies, organizations, and individuals in the pursuit of their identified values, goals, and intentions.

We appreciate Vicki for her contributions to GLLA and the entire State of Michigan in support of Leadership for the Common Good.

We would like to offer an opportunity for all GLLA alumni and supporters to express congratulations to Vicki the award. Please follow the [link here](#) to a Kudo board that will allow for you to share a written message, video, or photo with Vicki. The link will be active until Friday June 24th.

Previous William Milliken Leader for the Common Good Award Recipients

2009 – Governor William Milliken
2010 – Dr. Gordon Guyer
2012 – Dr. Russell G. Mawby
2015 – William Rustem
2017 – Guy Williams
2019 – Frank Ettawageshik

[Click Here for Vicki's Kudo Board](#)

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For a quick overview of our accomplishments from last year, [click here](#) to download the 2021 GLLA annual report and [click here](#) to view the impact report.

Professional Development

Facilitative Leadership Program in Sault Ste. Marie

July 19-22, 2022
Kewadin Casino
2186 Shunk Rd
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

The [Facilitative Leadership](#) program's overall goal is to provide a thorough overview and understanding of facilitative leadership and the competencies needed to enhance group work.

By the end of the program, participants will:

- Understand the role of a presenter/trainer, learning facilitator and facilitative leader.
- Increase personal skills in leading discussions and balancing participation.
- Recognize the role of verbal skills and nonverbal techniques to help keep a group on track while maximizing participation.
- Effectively use a variety of tools for helping groups to:
 - Generate ideas and options for action.
 - Explore and evaluate ideas and options.
 - Achieve consensus.
 - Plan actions and events.
- Articulate outcome-based and action-oriented objectives for group processes.
- Design a process that combines tools to help a group reach its goals.

This three-day program focuses on creating an inclusive culture of collaborative learning in teams, communities and organizations. It is for both new and experienced leaders, managers, facilitators and graduate students who would like to develop or improve their facilitative leadership skills.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation Train the Trainer Program (Virtual)

Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation is a dialogue based program that helps participants explore the impacts of racial inequities and the opportunities to help create more inclusive change and approaches forward. This program is based on a dialogue to action process, and through participation, participants will learn to facilitate this dialogue program in community settings to help advance understanding and action to address racial disparities and inequities. It is highly recommended that participants in this train the trainer program, attend the Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation, six-week dialogue program before attending this workshop.

Each gathering participants will be given an overview of each session, participate or facilitate in a dialogue session and given an opportunity to reflect on application of learnings or re-learnings to their personal and professional lives. In addition, participants will have the opportunities to ask questions about the content and process of the dialogues and explore opportunities to assist in co-facilitating or supporting these dialogues in local community settings. *This program is part of the national Extension Coming Together for Racial Understanding Program.*

The program will take place virtually on the following dates/times:

Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022: 9 a.m. to noon ET

Friday, Aug. 19, 2022: 9 a.m. to noon ET

Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022: 9 a.m. to noon ET

Friday, Aug. 26, 2022: 9 a.m. to noon ET

Participants are expected to attend all sessions as they build on each other.

[Register](#)

There is no charge for CANR, AgBio Research and MSU Extension staff.

There is a charge of \$100.00 for all others.

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FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP

August 23-25, 2022

**3-DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP
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Career Opportunities

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