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E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

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Dr. Raymond Miller, CLEE Program Director, receives the E. Gordon Gee Spirit of Ohio State Award

The Law Enforcement Foundation's CLEE Program Director, Dr. Raymond Miller, was honored with the E. Gordon Gee Spirit of Ohio State Award at the 2010 annual Alumni Awards for his legacy of inspiration to the university. This award is presented to people who demonstrate devotion to Ohio State and who promote school spirit with integrity and honor.

"At Ohio State, we take tremendous pride in the quality of our agriculture program," remarked President E. Gordon Gee during the ceremony on September 24, "This is an area where Ohio State's innovation and research discoveries continue to help shape the future of agriculture in America." He continued, "Our excellence in agriculture is grounded in the people who have made the program great. One of those people is Ray Miller."

Ray Miller inspired, educated, and mentored generations of agricultural students at Ohio State, first as a counselor and then as a teacher and administrator. He shared his love for the university in big ways and small, in words and in deeds—in wardrobe and in warbling. "When he leads the group in singing 'Carmen Ohio,'" his colleagues wrote, "you can feel the loyalty and love for Ohio State in his voice."

Miller has hit all the right notes in his nearly 50 years at Ohio State, beginning with his participation in campus events as an undergraduate student in the early 1960s. After graduation he was hired by the university as a student counselor. He then became assistant dean for student affairs, a role he held for

20 years. Miller recruited and counseled students, taught agricultural classes, led study-abroad trips to Brazil and the Dominican Republic, and lent his expertise to numerous student and alumni organizations. “Whether it was in a role as a counselor, teacher, or administrator,” said Gee, “Ray shared his passion for Ohio State and for agriculture with thousands of students down through the years.”

Miller began the annual Fallfest alumni gathering for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. He remains the college’s alumni coordinator and organizes gatherings at every football bowl game, where he can always be found dressed in scarlet and gray, handing out homemade buckeye necklaces, and singing with pride. “He is known by essentially every student who graduated from Ohio State in agriculture from 1967 until his retirement in 2002,” colleagues wrote.

Miller previously received the Jo Failer Award for Student Service, the Distinguished Service to Student Development Award, the Alfred J. Wright Award for Outstanding Student Organization Adviser, the Greek Alumni Service Award, and the National Agricultural Alumni and Development Association Distinguished Service Award. He has been inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame.

But, as with any great educator, Miller’s impact on Ohio State and its students cannot be measured in titles and awards. It is alive in his comforting words to the parents of a prospective student, a timely phone call to help secure financial aid, a gentle nudge to encourage a student to get involved on campus, a little help with networking after graduation, and a friendly reminder to look after the next crop of graduates.

Through it all, Miller continues to nurture his and his students’ love for the university—even if it takes a little singing and a lot of enthusiasm. “His spirit is genuine and authentic to the core,” his colleagues wrote. “He invested himself in Ohio State from the very beginning and has never stopped.”



President E. Gordon Gee, The Ohio State University, and President Archie Griffin, The Ohio State University Alumni Association, present Dr. Raymond Miller with the 2010 E. Gordon Gee Spirit of Ohio State Award.



Dr. Raymond Miller accepting the E. Gordon Gee Spirit of Ohio State Award.



Dr. Miller and his wife, Linda, enjoying the award ceremony reception with Coach Jim Tressel.



Dr. Miller and wife, Linda, show their Buckeye pride with Archie Griffin during the OSU vs. Eastern Michigan game on September 25, the day after the awards ceremony. O-H...I-O!

D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) Class 62 Graduation

On October 1, 19 Ohio officers from 18 different agencies successfully completed their D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) and were certified to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum to students throughout Ohio. Patrolman John Chrisopulos of the Brecksville Ohio Police Department and graduate of DOT 62, spoke at the graduation and remarked that the individuals in this class “became one large DOT class by working together with the common goal of becoming the best D.A.R.E. officers we could be.”

Four well-experienced D.A.R.E. officers served as Mentors during the training, teaching these newly trained officers about teaching methods, school law, internet safety, community policing, current youth trends, and narcotics. Chrisopulos also noted that the graduates were “focused by the passions of our mentors, as we prepared to make ourselves ready to enter our schools, with the desire to protect, serve, educate and inspire.”

This intense two-week training also consisted of education in the Elementary and Middle School D.A.R.E. curriculum, mock teaching exercises, and school visitations. Chief Michael Harnishfeger, CLEE, of the Ada Police Department and President of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Executive Committee, congratulated these officers and left them with this thought: “Your position as a DARE Educator is vitally important to hopefully prevent drug abuse before it gets started. We know that we will not save every child, but we also know that we will have an impact on many. Hopefully one day when one of our youth is faced with the choice of using or resisting, they will remember ‘Officer Joe said No’.”



DARE Class #62 Graduating Class- October 1, 2010

Front Row:

Senior Mentor/Facilitator Ken Delfing, Senior Mentor Hyda Slone, Director Kari Parsons, OPOTA Director Bob Fiatal, Mentor Sharon Centner, Mentor Joe Vince

Second Row:

Theresa Hunter, Vienna PD, Sara Shaw, Oregon PD, Wade Boley, Columbiana PD, Shannon Gerber, Doylestown PD, Sandra Murray, Chillicothe PD, Joann Felton, Solon PD, Kristopher Daniels, New Albany PD, Holly Estep, Vandalia PD, Dawn Nelson, Putnam CO SO

Third Row:

Jason Gross, Minerva Park PD, Gregory Johns, Wood CO SO, David Pries, Medina CO SO, Darren Ingham, Bay Village PD, Kat Thompson, Cincinnati PD, John Chrisopulos, Brecksville PD, Jon Van Houton, Lexington PD, Wood CO SO, Joseph Greiner, Lorain CO SO, Marianna Hanson, Strongsville PD

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donna.braxton@oacp.org or 614-761-4630.

Child Abduction Response Team Search and Rescue Training

On September 27, 25 individuals attended the CART Search and Rescue Training at Highbanks Metro Park in Delaware, Ohio. This training consisted of an overview of Search and Rescue that included information on the Incident Command System, Incident Command Post, Information Management, Common Mistakes, Pre-Planning, and Crime Scene Procedures. The training also included information on Canine Search Techniques, and field work that consisted of human and canine search demonstrations.



Deputy Chief Del Robeson presents a child abduction case study.



Search dog demonstration.

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Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips*

Halloween may be a fun holiday for kids, but for parents, trick-or-treat time can be a little tricky. Concerns about children's safety- whether they are out in the neighborhood or back home with bags of goodies- can darken the day more quickly than a black cat. But not to worry! To make Halloween a treat for all, follow these safety tips:

- 👻 Make sure that the costumes are flame retardant so the little ones aren't in danger near burning jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards.
- 👻 Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls, and other bumps in the night.
- 👻 Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and, more importantly, they can obstruct a child's vision- a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.
- 👻 Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.
- 👻 Trick-or-treaters always should be in groups so they aren't a tempting target for a real-life goblin. Parents should accompany young children.
- 👻 Older kids should trick-or-treat with friends. Together, map out a safe route so parents know where they'll be. Tell them to stop only at familiar homes where the outside lights are on.
- 👻 Try to get your kids to trick-or-treat while it's still light out. If it's dark, make sure someone has flashlight and pick well-lighted streets.
- 👻 Make sure kids understand not to enter strange houses or strangers' cars.
- 👻 When inspecting the candy, make sure you're at home in a well-lit area.
- 👻 Only eat unopened candy and other treats. Don't forget to inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.

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