

The Ohio Diversity Council Hosts 2nd Annual Multicultural Leadership Summit



Honorees of the Leadership Excellence Award

“Building a Culture of Leadership” was this year’s theme at the Ohio Diversity Council’s 2nd Annual Multicultural Leadership Summit in Cleveland, OH. The event was held at Cleveland State University Student Center on April 23rd. Approximately 100 students and business professionals were present gain insight on the importance of diversity and inclusion in today’s global society.

Throughout the summit, the participants attended two break-out sessions which consisted of topics focusing on the value of diversity in social, professional, and civic communities. The

topics were “Learn to L.E.A.D. with Passion, Purpose and Power” and “Surpassing Cultural Barriers.”

“The Ohio Multicultural Summit presented an opportunity for business professionals to come together to discuss principles of diversity and leadership with their peers,” Dennis Kennedy said, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

Following the break-out sessions, seven individuals were honored with the Leadership Excellence Award for sustaining a record of accomplishments and contributions to their field of work throughout the scope of

their career.

Barbara Johnson (also an honoree of the Leadership Excellence Award), EVP & COO, Miami Valley Hospital, delivered the keynote speech. Johnson was recently promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Miami Valley Hospital, a member of Premier Health. Prior to her promotion, Johnson was the President of Hospital Operations responsible for managing hospital operations. She also served as Vice President of Operations and Director of Human Resources for Good Samaritan Hospital. Johnson’s insight and experience greatly accentuated this year’s theme.

The Ohio Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors, speakers, and participants for helping make the Ohio Multicultural Leadership Summit a success.