



December 2013

Newsletter

UPDATES:

As 2013 comes to an end.....

The ADVENTURE just begins!

Hello!

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is AshLee Griffin. Pleasure to make your acquaintance! I was hired at the first of December as the new Drug Free Communities Program Coordinator. I am beyond excited to hit the ground running!

The Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition was awarded the DFC grant in September, with East Central University being the fiscal agent. Holli Witherington is the new Program Director and is also Director over the Brandon Whitten Institute here on campus. Holli and I attended a New Grantee Meeting in Washington DC. the second week of December.

We had the privilege to meet our Project Officer and get clarity on several questions we had, emphasis on "several"! We also sat in on a number of success stories and received good ideas from DFC year 6 grantees. The "Above the Influence" presentation was excellent as well as a very informative discussion on the controversial issue concerning the legalization of marijuana. All in all, it was a great trip!

My new home is in the BWI office on the 1st floor of the Horace Mann building. Feel free to come in and find out more information on how you can get involved in our community and start making a difference!

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PCDFC & DFC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- DFC Coordinator began COMET online training
- DFC Staff attended PCDFC monthly meeting.
- DFC Staff attended PCDFC Media Committee Meeting.
- DFC Staff attended New Grantee Meeting in Washington DC, Dec. 11-13, 2013.
- DFC Coordinator met fellow ECU Faculty and Staff.
- PCDFC continued Media Advocacy Efforts with SCORE Broadcasting, Ada News & ECU Journal
- PCDFC began Strategic Planning process for January Meeting
- DFC Director hosted RBSS training Dec. 3



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 6: ECU Staff offices Open.
- Jan. 7: PCDFC meeting 11:30 PC Health Department.
- Jan 16: Strategic Planning Meeting