

Announcing Pat Eva Crisci Scholarship Winner: Brenda McKenzie

The HIED Program is proud to announce that Brenda McKenzie is the winner of the Pat Eva Crisci Scholarship for 2014! The Award is issued annually to a Ph.D. student in either PreK-12 Educational Administration (EDAD) or Higher Education Administration & Student Personnel (HIED). The recipient will receive a plaque reflecting receipt of the award as well as a \$1,000 monetary scholarship, and have his or her name added to a larger plaque (Ohio map) located prominently outside the EDAD/Foundation, Leadership, and Administration offices.



Three EDAD and HIED faculty serve on the committee. This year's committee included Drs. Stephen Thomas (chair), Tracy Lara, and Rosemary Gornik. Criteria used in the selection process include the following: intent to seek full-time employment in a college or university upon graduation or soon thereafter (i.e., within two years) as either an EDAD or HIED faculty member; academic preparation for the professorate--advanced courses, minors, course concentrations, certificates, licensure; record of publication, research, and scholarship; national, regional, and state conference presentations; success in acquiring grants; Prior higher education teaching and service; and most importantly, potential to achieve excellence and prominence as a professor.

This is Brenda's second year in the Ph.D. program and she has brought a wealth of previous experience to the program. She worked for more than 15 years in the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) here on the Kent Campus. Brenda has served as Interim Director, Assistant Director, and Associate Director in CSI. She did her Master's in Higher Education at Kent and then went to work at Marietta College in residence life and orientation. She was later employed at the University of Texas at Austin in orientation before returning to Kent State. Over the last year, Brenda has served as an instructor of three undergraduate courses: Career Construction, Career and Life Planning, and Careers in Higher Education. She is also currently teaching the Leadership in Education Organizations class for students in our program. Brenda embodies the spirit of the award with her excellence in teaching. The committee is confident that she will one day be an exceptional faculty member. Congratulations, Brenda!