

ATD WV CHAPTER

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A Word From Our President

Autumn is an exciting time for the ATD WV chapter. Our state conference is less than a month away, and our upcoming Lunch N' Learn features the Innovation Scholars from the University of Charleston. Young adults bring new perspectives and energy that provide momentum for years to come in organizations like ATD. We are thrilled to host these scholars and look forward to meeting other college students from across the state! Check out www.atdvw.org to learn more about what our chapter is up to.

- Travis Kahle, ATD WV Chapter President

Upcoming Events

Lunch N' Learn Workshop:

Friday, October 18th

Austin Davis, Innovation Scholar
University of Charleston
Innovation Center



Community Spotlight

Innovation Scholar Program
University of Charleston

The Community Spotlight highlights distinguished West Virginia professionals and organizations that strive to contribute to the talent development community in our state. For the Fall 2019 Issue of ATD WV's quarterly newsletter, we are spotlighting the Innovation Scholar program at the University of Charleston.



Innovation Scholars Class of 2020

Talent development often requires innovative solutions to be successful, whether it's coaching, improving teaching strategies and methods, change management, or using technology to improve learning and performance. These are just a few of the areas of interest the Association for Talent Development shares with the Innovation Scholars, a group of highly accomplished students at the University of Charleston in Charleston, WV.

The Innovation Scholars' mission is to facilitate the movement of the knowledge of innovation into the community, faculty, student body, and the world. Many are familiar with their affiliated organization, the International Association of Innovation Professionals (IAOIP), a global community that strives to deliver innovation tools and collaboration across communities.

The Innovation Scholars' work takes many forms, including the design and delivery of workshops on various topics, partnering with members of the community to collaborate on key initiatives, marketing and outreach, and more. The scholars also benefit from real-world preparation and professional development in the form of coaching and mentoring, regular meetings, project collaboration with fellow scholars, and support toward earning a Certified Professional Innovator (CPI) certification.

What's The Buzz?

Gearing Up for the ATD WV State Conference on November 7, 2019, at the University of Charleston's Erma Byrd Gallery

Grow Together: Coaching as a Roadmap to Success is all about professional coaching that creates a direct, positive impact on organizational success. Experienced coaches report that a sure sign of successful coaching is the mutual growth of all involved—both the coach and coachee grow together. Join us to hear from industry leaders and learn how they achieve this mutual growth, plus enjoy an opportunity to network with this professional community and make new connections. Register at www.eventbrite.com

Would you like to see a stronger ATD WV presence in your area? You could be the person to make that happen!

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Some notable community partnerships and events include the Innovation Boot Camp, the University of Charleston School of Business and Leadership's Leadership Camp, West Virginia University, the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), the Student Activity Board (SAB), the Manna Meal program, and the littleBits circuitry and programming teaching initiative for K-12 students, among others.

The Innovation Scholarship program has hosted a variety of interesting visitors at its Innovation Center, including the inventor of the medical heart stent, the CEO of BB&T Bank, the head of the research division at Ohio University, and Virginia's former lieutenant governor.

It's not easy to become an Innovation Scholar. As each Innovation Scholar is given a leadership position with a number of responsibilities in their respective areas of influence, a competition is held to bring in only the most qualified individuals. Becoming an Innovation Scholar also earns each student a scholarship worth \$80,000.

"We envision a pretty close partnership with ATD in the future," said Eric Constant, president of the Innovation Scholars and University of Charleston senior student. "ATD is so well-known that if you go across the country and talk about ATD, people recognize what it is. There are lots of networking opportunities with professionals in all different fields, and it presents opportunities, like presentation opportunities, that we wouldn't otherwise have access to."

The Innovation Scholars are interested in starting a student Special Interest Group (SIG) as a part of the statewide ATD WV chapter. The student SIG will initially be managed by University of Charleston students, but will be open to all college students interested in getting involved. College students across West Virginia should stay tuned for opportunities to attend meetings, network with peers and members of the professional community, and even pitch in as SIG organizers and presenters.

"It's a great way to get established with a professional community at the student level, then after graduating, graduates can smoothly transition into a more professional level of membership they can continue to build on throughout their careers," said Constant.

ATD's West Virginia professionals will have a chance to get to know the Innovation Scholars better in person at the ATD WV 2019 State Conference, where some of the scholars will present alongside Assistant Director of Innovation, Dr. Terry Cyfers.

For more information about the Innovation Scholars program, visit www.ucwv.edu/innovation/innovation-scholar-program/