



Jim Host won the Bluegrass Legacy Award at the Vision Awards Breakfast in November. Also pictured, ECU President Michael Benson (r) and Rob Rumpke of Bluegrass Tomorrow

## Annual E—News Report: Bluegrass Tomorrow Rolls Up Its Sleeves in 2015

by Rob Rumpke, President CEO

As we head into the Bluegrass Tomorrow 27th Annual meeting on February 24, its time to reflect on a successful 2015. In many ways, 2015 was a year in which board members, staff and volunteers rolled up their sleeves to ensure many successful initiatives and projects for the organization. All focusing on our mission, Making the Bluegrass Region a Better Place to Live and Work.

**The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium**, under the leadership of Presidents John Roush of Centre College and Michael Benson of Eastern Kentucky University, graduated its second class of 45 Fellows in the highly successful Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy. Faculty and staff from the 12 member institutions participated. Sessions took place at the BCTC Newtown Campus and Centre College.

**Pictured to Right:** 45 Fellows Complete 2015 Academic Leadership Academy

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New this year, Fellows collaborated with other class members and ALA campus liaisons from their institution to implement projects that benefited their campuses. This is a program that will be continued for years to come.

BHEC also hosted its 4th Annual Presidents' Conference in November which was a rollout event for Idea Festival Bluegrass in 2016.

Innovations and great ideas on each of the college campuses were presented.



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