Welcome to 2020! Another cohort is graduating in May, and we are actively recruiting for the Fall semester. By focusing on recruitment, retention, and relationships with our prospective, current, and alums, we will continue to grow our program and invest in our stakeholders (you!). As you read through the newsletter, I hope these stories bring a smile to your face as you celebrate the accomplishments and milestones of your classmates. We would love to hear from you, so please reach out and send updates to be shared in upcoming newsletters! Best wishes for a productive year!

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

Dr. Cassie Barlow (Colonel, USAF Retired, and LDR Adjunct) was recently named President of Southern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE).

Check out Dr. Seemiller’s new Student Leadership Competencies database where you can search for associated leadership competencies for every accredited academic program in higher education. After analyzing more than 36,000 learning outcomes across 605 academic programs in 83 accrediting agencies to uncover leadership competencies embedded in those outcomes, she mapped every program to every competency. It took nearly 20 hours a week for a whole year! She then worked with a developer to build a searchable database with information to help educators/trainers design intentional and measurable leadership, programs, courses, experiences, and trainings. Find out more at www.studentleadershipcompetencies.com/database.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Denise Anderson, MSLD 2019 and WSU Student Success Project Manager, is the most recent graduate to publish her capstone project. Denise’s article entitled, Mindfulness and authenticity in a toxic environment, will be in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Leadership and Management* (co-authored with Dr. Heilmann). Denise (center) is pictured with Dr. Heilmann (Left) and Dr. Barry Milligan (Interim Dean of the Graduate School), as she was recognized with the 2019 MSLD Graduate Student Excellence award.

Joan Hendricks, MSLD 2019, is the co-chair for We Serve U, an organization committed to serving others. Since its beginning in 2011, We Serve U volunteers have donated thousands of needed items and volunteer hours to local schools, Hospice, Ronald McDonald House, Blue Star Mothers, Food Banks and many more. In the photo, Joan is volunteering at Ronald McDonald House as part of her service requirements for the Teaming, Communication, and Collaborating course. Check out http://www.wright.edu/we-serve-u to learn how you can help!

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Colleen Hayden, MSLD 2011, recently earned her Doctorate in Organizational Studies (Ed.D.) in December, 2019.

Kurt Holden, MSLD 2014, was recently promoted to lieutenant at WSU University Police Department and was named “40 under 40” by the Dayton Business Journal.