

NLSD recognized for innovation/social impact in Appalachian region

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Northern Local School District, through its partnership with the Ohio Appalachian Collaborative (OAC), is proud to announce that the OAC has received the first Social Innovation Awards for its social impact in the Appalachian region.

The Innovation Awards, given by Ohio University and TechGROWTH Ohio, is a regional celebration of entrepreneurship and creative innovation. On March 12, the OAC and Battelle for Kids along with seven other individuals were honored for their advances in business and technology. The criteria for the award is demonstrated social impact for the Appalachian region and beyond through a unique, innovative product or service that fulfills a need and/or solves a problem.

Competition for the award included some of the region's most well recognized social impact organizations focused on the environment, poverty, and education. Forty-six individuals from across southeastern Ohio were finalists for the Innovation Awards, were nominated anonymously and were judged by panels of external reviewers.

"This is a very significant recognition of the innovative, transformative work of the OAC and its impact on education in the region," said Brad Mitchell, Senior Director at Battelle for Kids.

Northern Local has been a proud member of the OAC since 2010 because we recognized the importance and potential impact of this collaborative.

- About the OAC

The OAC is made up of 21 Appalachian school districts, serving more than 34,000 students, working to strengthen teaching and ensure all students graduate ready for college and careers. To learn more, visit www.BattelleforKids.org/ohio/oac.

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