

2020 RAYMOND A. SCHINDLER EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION AWARD

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Joe Lucente is an Associate Professor and Extension Educator in Community Development with the Ohio Sea Grant College Program. He is responsible for research, education, outreach, and technology transfer of information concerning Lake Erie and the Great Lakes. Major responsibilities include developing and conducting outreach education programs on leadership development and

capacity building, business retention and expansion, and related issues designed to improve the economic and environmental climate of the Lake Erie watershed. Clientele include economic development professionals, community development organizations, local governments, business associations, and individual businesses.

Excellence in Creative and Scholarly Work:

- In his almost 20 years with Extension, he has reached thousands of Ohioans and individuals nationally in his specialization areas and has co-authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and over 17 peer-reviewed bulletins, technical reports, and fact sheets.
- Joe has also been the recipient of almost 30 formal recognition awards, and most recently his "Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Project" earned NACDEP honors in Educational Technology 2020.
- Joe has been PI or Co-PI on over 25 grants and awards totaling over \$1.1 million to support economic development and leadership and capacity development research and outreach since 2001.

Excellence in Teaching:

- Joe has organized and taught at the Lucas County Leadership Academy for 20 years. With the success of the Lucas County Leadership Academy, new ones were created in Hancock and Mahoning counties as well.
- Joe's expertise in conducting business retention and expansion programs is noteworthy. He has conducted countless surveys to many communities in Ohio. He has also taught the BRE curriculum to Extension Educators at Purdue University and the University of Florida.

Service to the Profession and Community:

- Joe has been an active participant in a wide variety of service positions ranging from local chamber of commerce committees, to President of Ohio's Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), to being an appointed member of several national committees.

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Although COVID altered many of our teaching opportunities in 2020, it did not stop Joe from connecting with his clientele. For example:

- He upheld his commitment to present at the Ohio Township Association's Summer Leadership Academy.
- He continued his work with the Toledo Chamber of Commerce to deliver the 2020 Lucas County Leadership Academy.
- With the onset of COVID-19 in March, Joe quickly partnered with a private economic development consultant and conducted a business survey of three northwest communities (the cities of Northwood, Archbold, and Perrysburg). The purpose of the survey was to quickly ascertain the economic impact of business closures and future business obstacles due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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