In lieu of the annual WestStar Reunion, TACL served as an event to network with not only WestStar Alumni, but alumni from leadership programs across the state. There were over 100 people in attendance at the dinner, and WestStar was able to display the camaraderie WestStar alumni have for each other. It was a special night.

As with every WestStar Reunion, there were awards to be given. The Class of 2010 won the 2013 Loving Cup Award. The Loving Cup Award is given to a class that had the highest percentage of alumni dues paying members over the past year. Those in attendance to accept the award were Charley Deal, Tom Payne, Barbara Virgin, and Virginia Grimes. Congratulations to both Weakley county alumni and the Class of 2010!

RisingStar Leadership Summit

The deadline for registrations for the RisingStar Leadership Summit is November 8, 2013. The cost is $120 per person, and that includes hotel stay and all meals during the Summit. If you know of a student that might be interested, please go to our website and fill out the registration forms. We are accepting children/grandchildren of WestStar alumni. Contact the WestStar office or email weststar@utm.edu for more information.

County Meetings

WestStar County meetings are essential to the framework of the WestStar network. Many counties over the past two months have conducted a county meeting where they meet to discuss current events in their communities and events happening in WestStar. The fall meetings also help pinpoint new potential applicants for next year’s program. Below are pictures of a few meetings that took place throughout October and the end of September.

Alumni Updates

Dr. Bill Duffy, ’01 – Inaugurated as the 21st President of The Upper Iowa University.
Linda Jones, ’12 – Selected as a Fayette Cares board member.
Dr. Tom Payne, ’05 – Named the recipient of the T. Eugene Spragens, III, President’s Award from the Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking.

New Spotlight on a Leader…who might it be?!

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