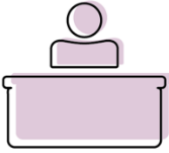


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – APRIL 2023



“I have heard it said that winter, too, will pass, that spring is a sign that summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on.” – Maya Angelou. It appears we have finally transitioned into Spring, with new green growth in the sea of brown branches and colorful splashes of blooms all over our region. With the season of life and growth comes renewed energy within the CCTST as we work on our vision for our future and the future of science. We also have a couple of exciting highlights we would like to share with you. The Community Engagement Core completed the **14th Annual [Community Leaders Institute \(CLI\)](#)** on March 24th. The CLI is a leadership development training program offered over five consecutive weeks in February–March. The goal is to build research and leadership skills that the individual can use to improve or develop a health program. Training sessions are designed to build leadership and research/program evaluation skills. Congratulations to the CLI Class of 2023!

On April 4th, we helped host/support the **5th annual Health Equity Day**. This is an amazing opportunity for our clinicians, scientists, community partners and stakeholders to come together and focus on one important mission, health equity. The theme for this year was *Family-Centered, Community-Connected Advocacy* and our keynote was delivered by Tamela Milan-Alexander, MPPA, community engagement director at Everthrive Illinois.

Don't miss our **CCTST April Grand Rounds on Friday, April 21st**: Heather Krause, PStat, Founder of [We All Count Project for Data Equity](#) will be presenting “**We All Count: Data Equity Primer.**” Presentation information and registration can be found [here](#).

Do not forget that our **Pilot Translational Research and Innovative Core applications are due May 12**. For program details, please [click here](#).