



**PRESS RELEASE**

December 2, 2010

Contact: Matt Mayer, 614-224-4422

**BUCKEYE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES PRESTIGIOUS NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR OHIO COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**COLUMBUS** – In honor of William A. Diehl, former President of Defiance Milk Products/Diehl Inc., the Diehl Family Foundation has partnered with the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions to create a year-long fellowship program designed to expose college students to the leaders and readings that can provide insight into making Ohio prosperous again. The Buckeye Institute will use a competitive process to identify up to 25 of Ohio's best students annually for this program.

The application period for the 2011 class runs from December 2, 2010, to January 31, 2011. The first class will occur in March 2011. Each class will begin at 6:00pm on a Thursday with an informal dinner and the viewing of a thematic movie. On Friday, the fellows will discuss the assigned readings and their relevance to Ohio, listen to an Ohio business leader share his or her experience, and tour a company to get a hands-on appreciation for how business works. The Buckeye Institute will provide all reading materials and will cover all hotel and food costs.

The topics include American exceptionalism, freedom & the rule of law, basic economics, the power of government, transparency & corruption, economic freedom & competitiveness, entrepreneurship, building a business, the regulatory world, the power of innovation, understanding politics, and overcoming big obstacles.

To graduate, each fellow must write a report on an economic issue facing Ohio and a proposed solution. A panel of experts will judge the reports, and the top three will receive cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000.

Matt A. Mayer, President of the Buckeye Institute, stated, "If we want tomorrow's leaders to carry the heavy weight of rebuilding our great state, they will need a practical and conceptual understanding of our nation's founding, its economic system, and the relationship between business and government. William Diehl fundamentally understood the critical link between a vibrant and prosperous private sector and limited, but effective government."

Details about the Diehl Fellows Program and the Application can be viewed at [www.buckeyeinstitute.org/diehl](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/diehl) or obtained by calling 614-224-4422.