

FOCUS Mini Grant Abstracts

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The Digital Divide describes the notion that the world can be divided into *people who do* and *people who do not* have access to or the capabilities to use modern information technology such as the internet. Thus some people cannot take advantage of the opportunities through such technologies. This project supports Master's level students in assessing and developing informed recommendations toward closing the digital divide in McLean County. The impact on students will be increased awareness, greater thought-provoking policy recommendations towards examining the issues, and enhanced practical research and business skills. The community will benefit from the consulting as they will have a greater understanding of the issues and how to proceed in closing the divide.