



Table Toppers Brought OHIO IT to the Students!



Dills, Scott

Campus Engagement Specialist I

2 min read

Amidst the clamor of Welcome Week chatter, a refreshment cart cleverly disguised as a table, (complete with OHIO IT Cutler Green tablecloth), was rolled next to a long line of students at OHIO's Eastern Campus. **Zach Swope** and **Eszti Major-Rohrer** wheeled the "trolley" carrying snacks, stickers, fidget toys, and Go OHIO swag to eagerly awaiting students.

They were attending one of several first annual *OHIO IT Table Toppers* tabling events.

Though people most likely think of tabling as staying in one location, Zach and Eszti realized they could enhance their engagement by turning a wheeled cart into a mobile display. The "mobile table" created an opportunity to engage students who may have otherwise been too distracted, busy, or even shy to approach our table.

This is one of many examples of how this year's *Table Topper* participants creatively brought awareness and demonstrated OHIO IT's value to *all* Ohio University campuses.

A significant part of this year's tabling included a friendly contest among our participants. Engagements were self-reported via an *Engagement Tracker* - the purpose being to enhance interactions and gain feedback from students, faculty, and staff. We would like to express our gratitude and congratulations to the following participants.

Our Contest Winners!

Rachel Stotts, Jeff Finlay, and Eszti Major-Rohrer were our top 3 winners of the OHIO IT Table Topper competition and will be enjoying \$10 in Bobcat cash and a coffee cake for their efforts.

In addition to our official winners, we had several table toppers who demonstrated exemplary engagement. Some notable accolades, as nominated by their peers, include:

- **Logistical Wizard:** Bill Harris coordinated space to store the giveaway swag between events.
- **Mobile Engagement Guru:** Zach Swope and Eszti Major-Rohrer devised a mobile table to bring OHIO IT to the people.
- **Our Biggest Fan:** Josh Thomas brought a (much talked about) fan to help tablists stay cool on those blistering outside summer days.
- **Student Whisperer:** Joy Cobb helped nervous students feel comfortable.
- **Technology Tamer:** Katie Huntsberger slayed a student's three-year battle with an eduroam dragon.

A Big Thank You!

We would also like to thank **Brian Bowe, Mike Dombroski, Paula Dombroski, Cortney Hill, Abel Jarrahi, Joel Porter, Toni Marinucci, Sarah Riddlebarger, Renee Stickel, Lindsey Ward, Melissa Weaver**, the regional campuses, and all OHIO IT Table Topper support for making this year's tabling activities a resounding success!

Would you like to be involved? It's a lot of fun! Next year, we'll be making the call for volunteers. Be thinking about how YOU can make a difference with our OHIO students.



Katie Huntsberger & Cortney Hill at
Chillicothe

