

## 4-H Inspires Youth in Leading the Way



4-H, in partnership with Project Lead the Way (PLTW), the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Madison Metropolitan School District, is co-sponsoring Gateway to Engineering summer camp for the 4th year this summer. This unique day camp, part of PLTW's national initiative to create one million new scientists, is a project-based, hands-on problem-solving approach to Science, Technology and Engineering (STEM) learning. It is designed to nurture kids' imaginations, inspire creativity and develop self confidence. Middle school aged boys and girls will sample disciplines such as robotics, aeronautics and computer design in small group learning environments. The Gateway Academy dates for this summer are July 11-14th at Madison Memorial High School, July 18-21st (girls only) at Memorial, and July 25-28th at Madison East High School.

For more information check out the link at <https://sites.google.com/site/engineeringcamps3/> or email Lesly Scott at [scott.lesly@countyofdane.com](mailto:scott.lesly@countyofdane.com)

## Kazoua Moua Recognized as an UW Outstanding Woman of Color



On March 26th the University of Wisconsin System recognized Kazoua Moua's contributions to her campus, her community, and support of women of color on their educational journey at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Outstanding Women of Color in Education Awards ceremony. Kazoua is a Nutrition Educator with the UW Extension Nutrition Education Program in Dane County. She is a remarkable woman who devotes herself to helping Hmong women acquire the education and services they need to raise their families and participate in their communities. Kazoua was one of 16 women recognized for serving to improve the status and climate for women, particularly women of color.

## Retain the Rain Program a Big Success

Controlling storm water runoff into lakes and streams is a priority in Dane County. The Retain the Rain program held on Saturday, April 9 attracted over 40 participants seeking information on rain barrels, rain gardens, drip irrigation and the Plant Dane rain garden plant cost-share program. The program was hosted by Lisa Johnson of Dane County UWEX and Marcia Hartwig of Dane County Lakes & Watersheds and the My Fair Lakes program. Jim Guither of Sustain Dane spoke about how to set up rain barrels, followed by a trip outside to a rain barrel demonstration in the Dane County UWEX Teaching Garden. Participants learned about drip irrigation from Capitol Lawn Sprinkler, Inc. who brought along system parts and publications on the technology. Sarina Lotlikar of Agrecol explained how to construct rain gardens, where to locate them for maximum effectiveness, and what kinds of plants to put in them.



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