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JENNIFER ROLLER SELECTED AS ONE OF 10 FELLOWS

Roller eager to bring new knowledge back to the Mahoning Valley

Jennifer Roller, a program officer for The Raymond John Wean Foundation, is one of 10 professionals selected for a national leadership development program.

Roller, who has been with The Raymond John Wean Foundation since 2007, will be participating in a year-long program operated by the Association of Black Foundation Executives.

The Fellowship program seeks to promote the professional mobility and visibility of mid-career black executives who are working in philanthropy.

Roller will have the opportunity to focus on her professional development, explore key issues in the black community and best practices in philanthropy. She will also put her leadership skills into practice through a community-based learning project where she will be working closely with a local organization to help it expand its capacity.

Roller, who helped develop and now oversees Neighborhood SUCCESS, a program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, said she is excited about the opportunity.

“I believe that this project will encourage me to expand – my comfort level, networks, and knowledge of current issues and philanthropy,” Roller said.

The yearlong experience, which includes monthly gatherings as well as special multi-day workshops, begins with the Leadership Summit in January.

Roller, who is married to Jason, has a son Trey and lives in Youngstown.

Roller is the only Ohioan admitted to the 2012 Leaders Fellowship Class. Other fellows are from North Carolina, Indiana, California, Michigan, Illinois and Alabama.