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Friends,

This morning I co-presented a session on Family Life Education Methodology at the FCS national conference where we underscored the importance of our focused content and our tested methodology for designing, implementing, evaluating, and reassessing our programs. At the end of our presentation, we put out a “Call to Action” to everyone in attendance. I’m drastically paraphrasing here but it went something like this:

• Identify yourself
• Use Planning
• Invite lifelong learning
• Keep advocating

As I was reflecting on this call to action, I thought about how important it is to do these same things as an organization, as well as a program area. I would ask you to consider if you are:

1) Consistently identifying yourself as an Extension professional within the college of FAES, so others know who you are and how you are connected to one of the most amazing systems in the world--- the land grant system?
2) Planning effectively and often to ensure that your efforts are initiated with the outcome in mind and that you can capture the impact of your work?
3) Inviting others to learn about Extension and the resources available through OSU and our partners nationally?
4) Advocating for designing, implementing, and reassessing value-rich programs that change lives?

What we do is so incredibly important. How have you helped others know you, know the true value of what we do, and know the specific impacts (qualitatively and quantitatively) of what you do? Let’s tell the story and continue to make magic!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Congratulations . . .

to our 4-H colleagues who last week participated in the NAE4-HA Conference held in Portland, OR. As usual, Ohio was well represented. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Presentation –

• Youth in Governance: Empowering Youth & Adults – Robin Stone (Cuyahoga), Jenna Hoyt (Ashtabula) and YIG Task Force
Posters –
- *Equine Body Condition Scoring - We Have an App for That!* – Lisa Bradley (Guernsey)
- Indoor vs. Outdoor: Activities to Get Kids Outside – Jenny Strickler (Coshocton), Tim Tanner (Harrison), Kelly Sedlak (Carroll), Janice Hanna (Mahoning)
- Effectively Engaging Teen Leaders in the County Program – Alisha Faudie (Geauga), Kiersten Heckel (Trumbull)

Congratulations to our award recipients . . .
Ohio Award Recipients –
- Greg Yost (Cuyahoga) and colleagues – Education Piece, Team Communicator Award
- Robin Stone (Cuyahoga) - Excellence in Healthy Living
- Morgan Domokos (Medina) – First Timer Scholarship

*achievement in Service Award – Jenny Strickler, (Coshocton), Jenna Hoyt (Ashtabula),*  
*meritorious Service Award – Greg Yost (Cuyahoga)*

Greg Yost Memorial Youth in Leadership Award – Robin Stone (Cuyahoga)

Last but not least, congratulations to Ohio who was chosen to host the 2018 NAE4-HA Conference! The dates for the conference will be October 7-11, 2018 at the Hyatt in downtown Columbus. Conference co-chairs will be Lisa McCutcheon and Sally McClaskey.

Ohio Strong – 67 in attendance

Position Announcements . . .
Program Assistant, SNAP-Ed
Geauga County, Burton, OH
1.0 FTE
JR# 413098
Post Date: October 31, 2015
Deadline Date: November 15, 2015
To Apply
County Highlights Are Due Friday . . .

This is a reminder that your county highlights are due to Jackie at wilkins.201@osu.edu by Friday, Nov. 6. Please email these to Jackie, she will review, make notations (if needed) and email a confirmation back to you. You will then be responsible for making any necessary changes and putting the final file in the BuckeyeBox “Incoming to Marketing and Communications” folder.

Important Dates:
- Nov. 3 - Nutrition Education Calculations from Pat Bebo are available in Box
- **Nov. 6** – County Highlights to be emailed to Region Director
- Nov. 20 – Deadline for Region Director to return feedback to CED
- Nov. 25 – CEDs place final file in “Incoming to Marketing and Communications Folder

Reminder – Ed Tech First Friday Coffee Break . . . (Source: Jamie Seger and Danae Wolfe)

Join us **November 6th** via Carmen Connect between 10:00am – 11:00am to ask your ed tech questions, get real-time feedback, or network with fellow tech-minded Extension colleagues.

During our October coffee break, we shared Periscope and discussed live streaming, as well as answered questions on Box and Box Sync.

More information can be found on the OSU Extension Ed Tech blog.

The 2018/2019 Farm Bill: An Early Assessment . . .
The Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics is hosting “The 2018/2019 Farm Bill: An Early Assessment” as part of its Autumn 2015 Applied Economics Seminar Series on **Friday (11/6)** with a presentation from Carl Zulaf, AEDE Professor Emeritus. The seminar, 10:30 a.m.-noon in 105 Agricultural Administration Building, is open to the Ohio State community.

-- > Read more: aede.osu.edu/about-us/events

Save-the-Dates - RiV Fest (Help Sessions) . . .
The Northeast Region Office has scheduled two RiV Fests (Writing Help Sessions). These sessions will not have a formal structured agenda but will be used to help each other with writing. If you are seeking promotion or getting started in the RiV system, or just need some help, **please let Vicki know you are interested by Friday, November 6th** by sending her an email at myers.26@osu.edu. If you are also very comfortable in the RiV system and would like to share your expertise, please let Vicki know this as well.
Please save-the-dates of:
Friday, November 20th  
Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Location: Carroll County Extension Office, 613 N. High Street, Carrollton, OH 44615  

Wednesday, December 2nd  
Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Location: OARDC Fisher Auditorium, Conference Room 111, 1680 Madison Ave., Wooster, OH 44691

Business Office Update . . .
Be sure to read the latest issue of the Business Office Update found at: http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/News/Business%20Office%20Update%20October%202015.pdf. You will find very important information on Travel Policy Changes.

Other items include:
- Yes, we do still exist!
- Amazon.com purchases with the University PCard
- Purchasing at OSU – including explanation of Stores vs. eStores and Promotional items purchasing tips

Dean’s November & December Webinars . . .
The following schedule changes are being made for the November and December webinars:
- November – cancelled
- December – rescheduled to Friday, December 4th at 1:00pm

New – CFAES Human Resource Blog - Reminder Regarding Political Activity . . . (Source: Amy Burns)  
The local, state, and national political season is underway, and Ohio State fully encourages its employees to vote and be involved in political activities. However, as employees of a public institution there are guidelines the university has established and individual employees are expected to follow. Please click here to read the guidelines provided by the Office of Legal Affairs. If you have any questions, contact Jan Allen Neiger, Associate General Counsel by phone: 614-292-011; or email: neiger.4@osu.edu.

Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Program Registration . . . (Source: Elayne Siegfried)  
In accordance with the Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy 1.50 (see policy 1.50 in the General category) that was adopted in January of 2013; the CFAES Human Resources Office would like to remind everyone that all new, current, or currently unregistered programs with minor participants need to be registered on an annual basis. The 2016 annual registration period is now open.

A summary of the Registration Guidelines under the Activities and Programs with Minor Participants Policy 1.50 are as follows:

Units operating activities and programs with minors must register each activity or program with the Office of Human Resources at www.hrtech.osu.edu/minors.
1. Registration for ongoing and pre-established activities and programs with minors must be completed annually prior to the beginning of the university academic year.
2. Registration for other activities and programs with minors should be completed 60 days in advance when possible, but must be completed before an activity or program with minors begins.

As was mutually determined last year, the Extension Assistant Directors will register all programs that fall within their program areas; 4-H, A&R, CD and FCS. Extension Assistant Directors will follow the same procedure for registration utilized last year by registering the program (i.e, Carteens or 4-H camps), and then indicate which counties are participating in that program. County Extension Educators who have questions regarding the programs in their counties should contact their Assistant Directors directly.
Please register your ongoing or pre-established program by the deadline of Friday November 20, 2015. All other programs must be registered 60 days before the event takes place.

If you have any questions about the registration process please contact Kaylee Buzard at buzard.19@osu.edu or (330)263-3932.

Planning for Your Ph.D.? . . .
If you are planning to pursue your Ph.D., you might be interested in a session that will be offered on December 1 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Union County Extension Office. This program is free and open to all Extension personnel. Topics to be covered include:

- Benefits of a Doctoral Degree
- Nuts and Bolts (How To)
- Managing Work and Family Demands While Going to School

Resource people will be Dr. Ken Martin, Dr. Scott Sheer, Dr. Jeff McCutcheon and Dr. Brian Raison. To register, send an email to Carol Bottoms at bottoms.6@osu.edu. This program is being sponsored by the OSU Extension Region Directors.

Grants Available . . . (Source: Karen Bruns)
OSU CARES GRANTS AND CONNECT AND COLLABORATE GRANTS AVAILABLE!!

OSU CARES grants, up to $25,000 each, are available to help you partner across Ohio State to enhance your community programs. Proposals are due February 3. Go to http://osucares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm for the RFP. You can learn more about the OSU CARES and other grants by attending one of the Connect and Collaborate Grants information sessions on November 12th (11 to noon) or December 8 (9 to 10) in Hale Hall. If you would like to brainstorm ideas for grants, come see the OSU CARES poster at Extension Annual Conference, or contact Karen Bruns at bruns.1@osu.edu.

The OSU CARES grants are part of more than $675,000 of funding available through the University’s Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants from OSU CARES, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Office of Research, International Affairs and Service-Learning, provide funding opportunities to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research aligned with the Discovery Themes and, in a broader context, the Discovery Themes Focus Areas. The grants seek to leverage university teams aligned with public/private sector and international partners to address compelling 21st-century challenges with the goal of enhanced impact through transformational change.

To learn more about all of the grants and to apply see https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html.

Silent Auction at Annual Conference . . .
Please consider participating in this year’s Silent Auction at Annual Conference – an opportunity for a good cause. Chi Epsilon Sigma (professional association for support staff) sponsors this auction as a fundraiser to honor their best via awards such as the Extension Support Staff Excellence Award.

Whether you are a county office, region or campus, etc. consider this an opportunity for a team project and donate a themed basket or OSU items for the Silent Auction. If there is something unique about your county, consider that as a theme for your basket. If you need suggestions on themes for a basket, please do not hesitate to contact me. Any price range is welcome and we are looking for baskets for both men and women.

We will have a new section at the auction this year – “Recycled Treasures”. If you have a wedding gift that you have never taken out of the box or an old lamp that you have no use for, please consider donating it! Someone may be looking for that item and give it a good home while raising money for CES!

We are working on adding another feature to reward those making a donation. More details to follow!
Please email me at young.1414@osu.edu with the theme and/or picture of your donation before November 20th so we can start advertising the Baskets and “Recycled Treasures” items. Emails will be sent to advertise baskets prior to the Annual Conference.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at young.1414@osu.edu or 513-785-6655.

2016 Calendar Planning . . .
We know that this is the time of year when most everyone is in the process of planning meetings for 2016. If you have information you would like added to the Region website Events Section, please contact Vicki (myers.26@osu.edu).

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