Dear Friends,

Do you have an excellent newsletter? Have you taught on a dynamic team recently? Do you have a curriculum that deserves to be recognized? Do you have peers that you would like to see appreciated for their leadership contributions to Extension? Then take some time this week to submit nominations for JCEP awards. The deadline is October 1st. Don't go another year wishing you'd made time to apply!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Director’s Drop-In . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

The most pressing issues and opportunities of today and the future require leadership and the ability to proactively collaborate with others. We are typically in the middle of such collaborations, and in many instances, play a critically vital role. As such, we take our leadership responsibilities very seriously.

To hone our skills requires making time to learn and practice both formally and informally. One such formal opportunity that has been supported by OSU Extension for some time now is the North Central NELD (National Extension Leadership Development) program. NELD is currently managed by Extension leadership specialists at the University of Minnesota, and the program accepts up to 36 participants from throughout the 12-state North Central Region.

The program is organized into four face-to-face sessions held throughout the year and aims to help Extension professionals:

1. Learn, apply and reflect on new effective leadership, organizational collaboration and change concepts and strategies;
2. Develop a better understanding of self and enhance personal effectiveness;
3. Strengthen competence in decision-making, build leadership capacity, improve effectiveness of Extension programming and promote lifelong learning;
4. Broaden your understanding of Extension on a local, state, national and international level; and
5. Build a more robust national Extension network.

We are very pleased to announce our 2017 North Central NELD nominees: Kara Colvin, Nicole Debose, Jamil Dellifield, Heather Gottke, and Jared Morrison. Congratulations!
CFAES Backdrops...
Director Rennekamp purchased a CFAES backdrop for each of the EERAs. This backdrop and stand can be borrowed for your use. Please contact the Region Office at 330.263.3831 if you would like to borrow it.

JCEP Awards and Nominations Deadline is Approaching Quickly . . . (Source: Cassie Anderson)
We are 6.5 short days away from this year’s Oct 1st deadline for award submissions and nominations. You do great work and so do your peers – help JCEP with recognizing this! Below are all of the categories and opportunities for 2016, the Excellence in Extension Nomination process has been streamlined, do not let paperwork stand in the way of Excellence being recognized! Have great volunteers or supporters – check out the Friend of Extension. ESP is part of JCEP – a very short and friendly nomination form is all that is needed to nominate deserving co-workers. Team Teaching – is a fillable document this year. Have questions on different awards watch the Carmen Training. Let’s make all of the selection committee’s jobs tough this year!

Now is the time to nominate your peers, community partner(s), and/or yourself for Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professionals Awards! For some of the awards, any employee can nominate someone, so PLEASE READ ON! Mark your calendars to turn in applications by October 1st!!

To assist you the Scholarship, Grant, and Recognition Committee for JCEP hosted a Carmen Connect Q&A session on Wednesday August 24th. A recording of the session and the handout is now posted on the JCEP website. There was a brief presentation and then the floor was opened for your questions for the award entry and nomination process. We visited the JCEP website, talk about the specific awards, any changes, and what is helpful to know when applying or nominating. You do good work, learn how to submit it for recognition that is beneficial to your yearly reviews and promotion process.

The link is: http://extension.osu.edu/about/ohio-joint-council-extension-professionals/ohio-jcep-committees/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grant-1

Award Categories:

- **Team Teaching** – single-program area or multi-disciplinary teams, and categories specifically for teams with non-Extension Collaborators! At least 50% of the team must be JCEP/ESP members.

- **Creative Works** – Do you have a great newsletter, website, TV program curriculum package, fact sheet, media production or other educational or marketing item you or your team created? This is the category to get those works recognized. All Extension Professionals (including non-faculty and non-ESP members) are eligible to enter their work in this competition.

- **Friend of Extension** – think volunteers, business leaders, organizations, elected officials and more . . . up to 3 recipients will be recognized, with one being selected to represent Ohio through the National ESP award nomination process.

- **Excellence in Extension** - annual award recognizing a superior Extension educator; based on excellence in teaching, research and service. This is Ohio Extension’s highest honor! Any Extension employee who is a current member of Epsilon Sigma Phi is eligible. The award can be received one time only. The award includes a cash award of $1,000 plus the addition of $1,000 to the base salary.

- **ESP Special Chapter Awards** – Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. A complete list of previous ESP Award Winners is available on the site with the applications. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a Regional/National Award Application in January. Award nominations require a 60 word or less abstract about the nominee. Categories are listed below. See application for details on each award.
  
  o **National DSA Ruby Award** – Must be an OJCEP member
  o **Administrative Leadership Award** (must have 10 or more years of service)
  o **Diversity Multicultural Recognition** (Individual) – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  o **Diversity/Multicultural Recognition** (Team) – At least 50% of team members must be current OJCEP members
  o **International Service Recognition** – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  o **Visionary Leadership Recognition** – (Must be an OJCEP member)
  o **Continued Excellence Recognition** - Must be an OJCEP member. Eligible for nomination five years after receiving chapter DSA. Minimum of 20 years in Extension)
  o **Meritorious Support Staff Service Recognition** for support staff who have demonstrated excellence in supporting Extension programs.
  o **Retiree Service Recognition** given to a current OJCEP/ESP member who is an OSU Extension Retiree.
ALL applications are available at the site below. Applications are due (to the individual listed on each application) no later than midnight, October 1st! (*Creative Works must be mailed hard-copy and post-marked no later than Oct. 1.)*

FOLLOW THIS LINK: [http://go.osu.edu/ojcepawards](http://go.osu.edu/ojcepawards)

**18th Annual ACE Women’s Network Conference . . . (Source: Kathy Lechman)**

Please see the information below for a professional development opportunity. OSU is a member of the ACE Women’s Network. Several colleagues participated last year. Registration is very reasonable at $125 for faculty and staff and $50 for graduate students. This is a great opportunity to network and enhance your skills. The Office of Equity and Inclusion can provide a limited number of scholarships (5) to defray the costs of attending. Please contact Kathy Lechman (lechman.1@osu.edu) with your interest by October 7.

The American Council on Education’s Women’s Network - Ohio (ACE WNO) invites you to participate in its 18th annual conference at Ohio Dominican University (near Columbus, OH).

WNO chose the theme, *Stepping Up: Promoting and Supporting Women's Leadership*, in recognition of the network’s goals to help women who work in higher education reach their career goals and become effective leaders in their organizations. ACE WNO seeks to support all women, including those who aspire to become presidents and chief academic officers, in reaching their professional goals. The ACE WNO annual conference offers women the opportunity to reflect and focus on their talents, experiences, and goals while networking with women professionals from across the state.

For more information, and to register for the conference, visit: [2016 Conference schedule, agenda and registration link.](http://go.osu.edu/acewomensconference)

**Chi Epsilon Sigma Annual Membership Drive . . .**

It is time for the annual CES membership drive for the 2016-2017 year! Chi Epsilon Sigma is Extension’s professional organization for support staff. Membership is open to all support staff that have at least a 45 percent appointment with Extension.

Annual CES membership dues are $25. Dues may be paid from county/department budgets with unit director approval. To encourage staff to join that may not be able to because of budget constraints, six membership scholarships will be available. You can request an application by checking the appropriate box on the membership form. Membership information and the application are attached. Please let me know if you have any trouble opening the attachments.

The 2016 CES Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 6, at the Ohio Union in partnership with the OSU Extension Annual Conference. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. A $100 scholarship will be awarded to a CES member to assist with expenses to attend the Annual Meeting and Conference. Criteria will be based on restricted financial funding, and an application will be sent if you check the box on the membership form.

Now is the time to consider membership in CES – the Extension support staff professional organization. Experience the many benefits of CES membership. In order to eligible for fall awards and/or to be a part of the Chi Epsilon Sigma Board, you must send in your forms and payment no later than October 15.

**2016-17 Membership Information and Forms**

for returning members, new members, and new or continuing emeriti

- CES Membership Application (Active & Emeriti Form)
- [2016 Secret Friend application packet](http://go.osu.edu/cesmembership)
October 20 Professional Development Opportunity . . . (Source: Kathy Lechman)
I am pleased that our college is partnering with the College of Social Work to bring Dr. Caprice Hollins to OSU. On October 20 Dr. Hollins will present Cultural Competence: Addressing Race Relations in the 21st Century as a keynote session open to all. We will be streaming the keynote that will take place from 11:00 to 12:30 in the Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater. This first session is open to all. Connection information will be sent closer to the October 20 date.

There is also a workshop, Understanding Racial Privilege from 1:00-2:30 with box lunches available at 12:30. Due to the interactive nature of the workshop this will not be streamed or recorded. This session has a limit of 40 participants from CFAES and 40 from the College of Social Work. If you are interested in attending the afternoon session you must register. To read full descriptions of both sessions click here.

CES Contests & Awards . . .
Please take a moment to consider your participation in the following (regarding CES members):

Newsletter, Brochure & Website Contest
This is your opportunity as a CES member to be recognized for your hard work and creative skills. Have you already created a newsletter or brochure this year? Send it in!
Regardless of your placing, you will receive feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Submit up to three issues of a newsletter, flyer/brochure or web page you have developed. Entries may be educational, informational or promotional; typeset/typewritten; photocopied/offset printed. Entries will be evaluated for layout placement, treatment of graphics, printing, and use of color. Webpages will have additional criteria.

See the attachment for the official 2016 application. Application deadline: October 31, 2016.

Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award
Established by founding member of Chi Epsilon Sigma, Dorothy Rex. Dorothy remains involved with CES as an emeriti. She was Ohio's first president of CES and played a key role in developing the Alpha Chapter of our support staff organization.

Nominations can be made via email to Kathy Gamble at gamble.2@osu.edu and must include the nominee’s name and a brief explanation of how that member has been an inspiration to you and others. The nomination deadline is October 31, 2016.

Call for Nominations - Schindler Excellence in CD Award - November 1 Deadline . . . (Source: Greg Davis)
Please accept this invitation to nominate one or more of your deserving CD colleagues for the Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award. Ray was one of the first Extension regional CD specialists who helped shape the Extension CD profession we know today. His contributions, from the earliest stages of the program area (early 1960s) to the present day as faculty emeritus, have been far reaching and impactful.

This $1,000 cash award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career.

Submission deadline for nominations is November 1. The award will be presented during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.

The nomination form is attached and/or you can read complete information about the award, including past recipients and download the nomination form here.

Please direct any questions to davis.1081@osu.edu.
Information on Open Enrollment and 2017 Benefits . . . (Source: onCampus Today)

It’s time to start learning about your benefit options for the 2017 plan year. The Office of Human Resources encourages faculty and staff to learn about what’s new for 2017. The Open Enrollment website offers the latest information about medical plan changes, enhancements to the Premier Vision Plan, updated rates and a new approach for providing wellness incentives through a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). Open Enrollment for 2017 plan year is Nov. 1-15, 2016.

Read more

Blog Links . . .

CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
Community Development – http://u.osu.edu/extensioncd/
OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/

National Meeting Information . . .

Hotel Reservations – Opens May 2 - $229.00 per night
Late Registration – August 12 (@ 9:01 PM Pacific) – September 30 - $550.00

Hotel Reservations -
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1508250964&key=DEDCA86

• The site of the 2016 meeting is The Grand Hotel of Cape May.
• Conference Brochure:
• October 24-27, 2016 in beautiful Cape May, New Jersey

Important Dates and Deadlines . . .
If there are dates that apply to many that you would like to see included in this section of the newsletter, please send them to Vicki at myers.26@osu.edu.

OCTOBER:
2-8 – National 4-H Week
4-5 – Community Development Retreat
9-13 – NAE4-HA Conference, New Orleans
17 – JCEP Meeting, Ag. Admin. Auditorium
18-19 – National TERSSA Conference (Support Staff), Columbus
23-27 – ESP National Conference, Cape May, NJ
26-27 – All FCS Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin

NOVEMBER:
1 – 4-H Professional’s Update, 4-H Center, Columbus
2 – Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-service, 4-H Center, Columbus

DECEMBER:
6-7 – Extension Annual Conference, Ohio Union

SEPTEMBER:
28 – Northeast Region All Program Conference,
R.G. Drage Career Technical Center, Massillon