Dear Friends,

Let’s have a good representation of the many impacts and returns on investment from the Northeast Region. Be sure to submit your Request for Proposal for the OSU Extension Annual Conference by October 19th.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Congratulations!...

to our FCS colleagues who participated in the NEAFCS Conference held in Big Sky, Montana, September 12-15, 2016. We had a good showing, as always! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Awards –

- Continued Excellence – Kate Shumaker, Pat Holmes
- Early Child Care Training - 1st Nat'l, 1st Central Region – Melinda Hill, Carol Chandler
- Communications: Curriculum Package - 1st Nat'l, 1st Central Region – Jamie Seger, Terri Worthington, Jim Bates, Carmen Irving, Lisa Miller
- Communications: Educational Pub - 2nd Central Region – Carmen Irving, Lisa Miller, Pat Bebo, Carol Smathers, Kathy Green, Carolyn Gunther, Irene Hatsu, Karin Vanderhoof, Patrice Powers-Barker, Pat Holmes
- Communications: Educational Pub - 3rd Central Region – Carmen Irving, Patrice Powers-Barker, Katie LaPlant, Jackie Wilkins
- Communications: TV/Video - 3rd Central Region – Terri Worthington, Shannon Carter, Joanna Fifner, Kathy Michelich

Concurrent Sessions (Ohio had 9.5% of total presentations)

Showcase of Excellence (Ohio had 12.3% of the total)

- Early Childhood Childcare Training Award: SMART START with Money, Teaching Preschoolers about Money – Melinda Hill & Carol Chandler
- Smarter Lunchroom Interventions – Marie Economos & Beth Stefura

Participation –

- Member Resources
  - Exhibits Committee – Kate Shumaker (Past Chair), Joanna Fifner, Melinda Hill (Members)
First Friday Coffee Break . . .
How might we use technology to improve our leadership skills, programming and impact?
Join Brian Raison, Leadership Field Specialist, and the OSU Extension Ed Tech Team to discuss leadership and technology. Learn about the new national leadership network. And share your ideas on innovative approaches to discovering intersections of leadership and technology.

First Friday Coffee Break – Leadership and Technology
Friday, October 7 at 10 a.m.
Click here to join Coffee Break
To join by phone, dial 1.408.638.0968 or 1.646.558.8656, Meeting ID 620 577 110
This webinar will use the Zoom platform. Participants will automatically be joined into the webinar with webcam video (if applicable) and audio.

Research Grants/Contracts - PI Portal Training . . . (Source: Ken Martin)

Navigating the PI Portal
Join us to learn tips on how to use the PI Portal system to manage financial aspects of a project, verify remaining balances, reconcile outstanding expenditures, monitor cost share activity, and review commitments and personnel appointments. We will also review project deadlines, uploaded documents, invoices/payments, expenditure allocation, important alerts from the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and how to use the Portal to close Purchase Orders. The training will be conducted by Angie LeMaster, CFAES Finance.

*This is a basic/novice course, ideal for new investigators/grant awardees. A more advanced session will be held at a later date.

Two sessions will be held:
Wooster Campus
October 10, 2016, 9:30 am-11:00 am
Fisher North

Columbus Campus
October 13, 2016, 9:30 am-11:00 am
333 Kottman Hall

2016 OSU Extension Annual Conference Request for Proposals . . . (Source: Roger Rennekamp)

Time, money, knowledge, research, and care – all things you can invest in people, your work, and your goals. As CFAES professionals in Extension, we invest much work every day toward a common goal: to positively impact the lives and communities with which we engage. That’s why this year’s theme is --- Investing for Impact!

No matter your role, what you do is essential to our Extension mission. Your work makes a difference in programming, applied research, relationships, operations, and outreach; and your daily investments can be very informative for fellow colleagues.
The request for conference presentations and posters is now open. **Proposals are due by October 19.** Four major focus areas have been identified this year, and more information is available on the attached RFP. How does your work enhance: partnerships? programming? practices? people? What can YOU do to build upon the investments of your Extension colleagues to ensure we make the greatest impact possible? Now is the time to share the passion you put into your work, new resources or ideas that have revitalized your programs, and inspiring ways you create or strengthen relationships and collaborations throughout Ohio and the country.

**There are three proposal types:** conduct a 60-minute presentation, submit one of four categories of posters, or the new opportunity to deliver a 5-minute Ignite session. See the attached RFP or visit [http://go.osu.edu/2016EAC](http://go.osu.edu/2016EAC) for more information. Then visit [http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2016RFP](http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2016RFP) to submit a proposal. Selection notices will be sent in early November. Contact one of the Concurrent Sessions and Posters Subcommittee co-chairs if you have questions: Lisa Barlage @ barlage.7@osu.edu, Patty House @ house.18@osu.edu, Debby Lewis @ lewis.205@osu.edu

**October Mental Health Tip . . . (Source: OnCampus Today)**
Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and behave, along with how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy lifestyle choices. Ohio State Chief Wellness Officer Bernadette Melnyk reminds us professional help is available if stress, anxiety and depression are interfering with your life. Ohio State has an on-line program called "Beating the Blues" that you can access by contacting the employee assistance program.

→ [Employee Assistance Program](http://go.osu.edu/EA)
→ Contact: 800-678-6269

**Northeast Ohio Regional Farm to School Workshop . . . (Source: Heather Neikirk)**
Please find attached an informational flyer for the upcoming Northeast Ohio Regional Farm to School Workshop scheduled for Thursday, October 13 at the RG Drage Career Technical Center in Stark County (Massillon). Also, included is a link to a CFAES News Release on Ohio Farm to School Regional Workshops around the state celebrating October as Ohio Farm to School Month.[http://cfaes.osu.edu/news/articles/ohio-farm-school-workshops-set-for-october-november](http://cfaes.osu.edu/news/articles/ohio-farm-school-workshops-set-for-october-november).

The planning team would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing the flyer and appropriate details to clientele in your counties who would be interested in participating (producers, food service, teachers, curriculum, administrators, distributors, community members, etc.). This is a FREE event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or co-organizers Jacqueline Kowalski, OSU Extension Summit County and Elizabeth Roche, OSU Extension Cuyahoga County.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide!

Heather Neikirk on behalf of the Northeast Ohio Regional Farm to School Workshop Planning Team

**New Faculty Information System Coming April 2017 . . . (Source: CFAES Weekly News Digest)**
As you may be aware, we were informed last year by Thomson Reuters that our Faculty Information System, Research in View (RiV), is being retired. Over the course of the last year, the Office of Distance Education and eLearning (ODEE) along with a committee of 27 faculty and staff members evaluated tools to replace RiV. This committee evaluated all options in the marketplace and chose Vita, a new tool powered by Symplectic Elements, as the best fit for The Ohio State University.

ODEE is now in the process of migrating our Faculty Information System from Research in View to Vita. The new Vita tool will be available starting in April 2017, and the timeline for this project will impact faculty members completing the promotion and tenure process beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year reviews.

**For 2017 and 2018 tenure candidates**
Candidates for tenure in 2017 and 2018, please note:
- Those completing the P&T process during the 2016-2017 academic year: Continue to use the current tool, Research in View.
- Faculty members going through the P&T process during the 2017-2018 academic year: You will be the first to complete this process in Vita. You will be receiving extra support from ODEE closer to April. Contact your promotion and tenure coordinator for guidance if you’d like to start the P&T process sooner.
ODEE will be reaching out directly to faculty members in these two groups to arrange training and support.

For all faculty members
All profiles and data in Research in View will be automatically moved over to Vita, so there is no need to re-enter scholarly activities you have already recorded. However, as with every migration of this sort, you should review your content next year to ensure everything transferred correctly. Ample support will be provided by ODEE to make this transition as smooth as possible.

I am excited for this change to Vita, as the new tool will bring an improved interface, more diverse measures of impact and an easier way to make connections between faculty members at The Ohio State University.
For more information, please contact your promotion and tenure coordinator.

Sincerely,
Kay N. Wolf, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND
Vice Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources

Assuring Quality Care for Animals November In-Service Registration . . .
The registration for the 2016 Assuring Quality Care for Animals In-Service is now open. This in-service is available for everyone! We strongly encourage all county coordinators to attend this in-service! Please see the agenda topics attached. This year we have two ways to register:

-If paying by university chartfield, please fill out this survey: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eFeyVblJ2t82Ut. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of payment one week prior to the in-service.

-If paying by check, fill out the attached registration form and follow the mailing instructions. Receipt available upon request for checks; available for pick-up at in-service.

This year the State Quality Assurance Certification session will be a break-out session (session 3). Only those who need certified, or re-certified, are required to attend. IF you choose to only attend the QA Certification session, you still MUST pay the entire registration fee. Dale Ricker will also be offering 2 sessions of Adult PQA Plus certification that will be held over a 2 breakout session period. The first session is during breakouts 1&2, while the second session is during breakouts 4&5.

If you have questions about who is eligible to be county coordinators, assistant instructors, etc. please see the handout on the 4-H professionals password protected animal sciences page. Also, there are two spreadsheets posted of current county coordinators and assistants (by county) in case you have questions regarding who is certified in your county. These are listed under the Ohio Youth Food Quality Assurance section and then under Quality Assurance Certification information.

Don’t hesitate to call or e-mail Keegan Gay (614-247-8305; gay.130@osu.edu) with questions.

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