Dear Friends,

It has been a very busy week! We had interviews for three new educators (Mahoning 4-H, Carroll 4-H, and Cuyahoga ANR). I am continually impressed with the quality of the individuals applying for positions in our organization. We also had the State OARDC/Extension Advisory Committee meeting where our new director was able to get to know some of our key advocates across the state. President Drake’s State of the University speech was also very inspiring. I am excited about the energy and forward momentum I am seeing in so many aspects of our work and partnerships. I hope you are enjoying the first few weeks of 2016. I know this is going to be one of our best years yet!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome . . .

In the News . . .

Produce growers gearing up for new FDA rules
Farm and Dairy
January 19, 2016
Featured: Emily Adams, ANR Educator and CED, OSU Extension Coshocton County

Severe Weather Policy . . .
With our recent sub-zero temperatures, scattered snow squalls and poor road conditions, it is a good time to remind you to review Extension’s Severe Weather Policy:

http://extension.osu.edu/policy-and-procedures-handbook/i-administration-policies/severe-weather-policy
**Tri-State Diversity Conference registration open! (room rate till 2/1)** . . . (Source: Brian Raison)

Don’t miss the **12th Annual Tri-State Diversity Conference, February 18-19, 2016** (pre-conf on 2/17) at the Marriott, Greater Cincinnati Airport. Registration is only $275 (which includes amazing meals and the famous “International Dinner”). This professional development opportunity is planned for community and classroom professionals who are interested in expanding their diversity competence. The Extension programs at Kentucky State University, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University and Purdue University collaborate to offer this award-winning conference that has become national in scope.

“A Healthy Perspective on Diversity – Progress, Partnerships, and Possibilities” is the theme for the 2016 conference. Information and registration here: [http://ces.ca.uky.edu/tristatediversityconference/index.html](http://ces.ca.uky.edu/tristatediversityconference/index.html)

Hurry. The **conference room rate will be honored till 2/1/16!**

**OSU CARES Grant Proposals due February 3** . . . (Source: Karen Bruns and Terri Fisher)

OSU CARES grant proposals for up to $25,000 each are due February 3rd, 2016. These grants can support new or expanded community-based work in which you partner with an Ohio State faculty or staff member who does not have an Extension appointment. To learn more about the OSU CARES grants, see [http://ososcares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm](http://ososcares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm). If you have questions, please contact Karen Bruns, Leader ([bruns.1@osu.edu](mailto:bruns.1@osu.edu)) or Terri Fisher, Office Associate ([fisher.456@osu.edu](mailto:fisher.456@osu.edu)).

Additional grants that can help you connect and collaborate with your communities and with colleagues across campus are listed at [https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html](https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html). Many of these grants also have a February 3, 2016 deadline date. Apply today!

**Northeast Region Internal Advisory Board** . . .

I would like to thank the members of the 2015 Northeast Region Internal Advisory Board:

- Kim Howard (Ashtabula)
- Michelle Moon (Carroll)
- Michelle Fehr (Muskingum)
- Jackie Krieger (Summit)
- Eric Barrett (Mahoning)
- Sandy Smith (Carroll)
- Tammi Rogers (Coshocton)
- Christine Kendle (Tuscarawas)
- Lisa Siciliano-Miller (Lake)

These individuals were incredibly participative and provided valuable and honest feedback on topics such as Extension Reconsidered, the Cultural Survey, VP Conversations, mentoring and training needs, strengths and remaining challenges for our region, and thoughts about how I could better meet the needs of our region. I look forward to the same level of active engagement and constructive feedback this year. I am soliciting nominations for new members of my internal advisory board for the NE Region for 2016. There are 4 meetings annually. Please let me know in the next week if you have an interest or want to name someone you think would be a good representative for this form of service to our organization.

**Marketing and Communications Director Candidates & Interviews** . . . (Source: Ryan Schmiesing)

The search committee for the CFAES Director of Marketing and Communications has identified three individuals that will be on campus January 25-26 for interviews. Following is information regarding presentations that will be video linked between Columbus and Wooster.

**January 25**

Michelle Ball
9:30-10:30 -Ag. Engineering 219; Wooster, 130 Research Services

**January 25**

Suzanne Steel
1:45-2:45 -Ag. Engineering 219; Wooster, 130 Research Services

**January 26**

Gary Snyder
1:45-2:45 -Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center Room 216; Wooster, 130 Research Services

Candidate resumes will be available in the presentation rooms in Columbus and Wooster.
BEWARE: Tax Information Phishing Schemes . . . (Source: Ryan Schmiesing)
We are seeing an increase of phishing emails offering users attachments, links or instructions for
downloading their W-2 form. These are fraudulent emails designed to steal your identity and Social
Security number.

Tips for spotting a scam:
1. Verify the sender’s address.
2. Verify your email address is in the “to” field.
3. Poor spelling and grammar are red flags.
4. The message should never ask you for personal information. You don’t have to provide your
Social Security number to get your W-2.
5. Be careful of links! Hover over links to check that the address matches what the link says or
simply type the address of the website you want to visit in your browser yourself.

Your authentic Ohio State W-2 form will be sent from Tax Form Management
<noreply@mytaxform.com>. The subject line will be: IMPORTANT TAX RETURN DOCUMENT
AVAILABLE starting on Friday, January 15.

If you receive a suspicious email, please report it by sending it to report-phish@osu.edu. If you have
questions about your W-2, please follow up with the Payroll Department at (614) 292-2311 Monday
through Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

For more information about phishing attacks, please visit:
https://ocio.osu.edu/itsecurity/buckeyesecure/phishing.

Buck-IRB Updates . . .
New updates to the Buck-IRB submission system went live on Friday (1/15). An important enhancement
for researchers provides an abbreviated, annual status report for minimal risk, expedited studies that are
not FDA-regulated or federally funded. The annual status report is limited to questions regarding study
changes and current study status. Other added features are intended to streamline submission screening
within Buck-IRB. Log in to Buck-IRB at go.osu.edu/Buck-IRB.
--> Contact: Susan Ebert at ebert.55@osu.edu

2016 Organizational Tech Use and Skills Survey . . . (Source: Jamie Seger & Danae Wolfe)
Next Tuesday (January 26th) you will receive a link to complete our annual Tech Use and Skills survey for
the organization. Your feedback on the survey allows the Ed Tech Unit to tailor professional development
and coaching opportunities to your needs.

Information on how 2015 tech survey results were utilized is included our recent Ed Tech Year in Review
blog post.

BuckeyeLearn accessible through Employee Self Service . . . (Source: onCampus Today)
BuckeyeLearn, the university-wide online tool for professional development and training, is now available
as a link on the ESS home page. Faculty and staff can access training and professional development
opportunities, and complete required training when applicable. BuckeyeLearn content will expand to
include trainings from colleges and units across the university and Wexner Medical Center, so visit often
to see what is available.

Save-the-Date . . .
2016 National Conference ~ October 24-27, 2016
Cape May, New Jersey
Conference Theme ~ “Turning the Tide with ESP”

Deadline for online submission of abstracts is March 20, 2016. Authors will be notified of their selection by
June 2016. Click for further information and guidelines/requirements. Spread the word…