Dear Friends,

Thank you for being so responsive in getting your materials in for annual reports and getting your space and time reserved for upcoming calibration sessions and performance review meetings. Program and Office Support Staff, please be on the lookout for a survey coming from Michelle Moon on a Regional Retreat for which we would like your input. The next four weeks will be incredibly busy with additional hiring and performance review writing. If you have something coming up that you would like me to be involved in, now is the time to get it on the calendar. Have a good week, I hope you’re enjoying the mild temperatures.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Congratulations . . .

to the recipients of the 2016 Ohio 4-H Foundation Grants:
  • Hallie Rutt, Holmes County, 4-H Values Overseas Citizenship & Agriculture, $10,000
  • Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Lake County
    o Non-traditional Youth Membership, $1,050
    o Saddle Horse Grant, $2,800
    o Lake County Yong Guns shooting sports grant, $2,300
  • Lisa Bradley, Guernsey County, Buzzers Make Learning Fun, $750
  • Janine Yeske, Jefferson County, Jefferson County Shooting Sports, $1,000
  • Doug Foxx, Wayne County, Kelleys Island Teen Camp, $3,000

Message from Interim Provost Bruce McPherson . . .

A short while ago, Michigan State University announced the appointment of Ron Hendrick as dean of their College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, effective July 1. It goes without saying that we will miss Ron’s leadership in the college, but we certainly wish him well as he returns to his alma mater.

Our college clearly will face leadership transition as Ron moves on to Michigan State this summer and the search for a provost and executive vice president continues. The college remains on a strong, positive trajectory that is resulting in continued support from our friends and donors and substantial interest from potential faculty and staff seeking to join our family. This success is a direct result of your continued positive outlook and the strong leadership at all levels across the college.

Again, please join me in congratulating Ron and know that we’ll have serious conversations very soon to ensure continuation of outstanding leadership for CFAES.
Professional Development Grants . . .

The Staff Career Development Grant provides staff with an opportunity to further their growth and development. Professional development grants are a great way for individuals and groups to identify areas of interest for professional development and have the opportunity to apply for funding.

The Staff Career Development Grant awards up to $1,000 for individuals and $1,500 for groups towards professional development, education or training costs related to job and/or career goals. Applications can be submitted through January 31, 2016.

Additionally, the Staff Manager Development Grant is available year-round for managers to apply as professional development opportunities become available. This grant gives managers the chance to enhance their management and leadership skills through participation in management workshops, programs or conferences held at Ohio State. Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Office of Human Resources offers a spectrum of resources, programs and tools to support faculty and staff career growth, and help them be their best selves and do their best work. Visit gatewaytolearning.osu.edu for more information about professional development at Ohio State.

Request for Promotion - A and P Educators and Faculty . . . (Source: Ken Martin)

If you are considering a promotion request in 2016, the first step is to discuss this with your Regional Director and/or Assistant Director. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion in January and provide your supervisor with a copy of your dossier so they can provide informed feedback regarding the potential for your success in this process. If you decide to move forward, note the deadline below for submitting a letter to the department chair.

To request (1) a department review for promotion to Educator III or IV, (2) a non-mandatory faculty promotion review, or (3) an untenured assistant professor faculty appointment without a national search, submit a letter of intent no later than midnight Monday, March 7, 2016 to Ken Martin, martin.1540@osu.edu, and Lisa Dune, dune.2@osu.edu. Address the letter to: Ken Martin, Department Chair, 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 3, Ag Admin Building, Columbus, OH 43210. Also send a copy of the letter to your supervisor.

After the department has received the letter of intent, the candidate will receive a confirmation email. Reference the A&P Promotion Guide or the Faculty Promotion Guide for further details regarding the review and items due. The 2016-2017 guidelines will be made available in January.

Questions may be directed to your supervisor, the Administrative & Professional Promotion Committee Chair, Nate Arnett, arnett.67@osu.edu, the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair, David Civittolo, civittolo.1@osu.edu or me martin.1540@osu.edu.

OPEN NOW! 2016 OSU Extension Tech Use and Skills Survey . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)

The time has come for our annual organizational tech use and skills survey! Your responses to this brief survey provide the Ed Tech unit, as well as the entire organization, with valuable information. Last year, your responses helped us tailor workshop, coaching, and other professional development opportunities to your needs. The survey is mobile friendly, so you can easily complete it from your tablet or smartphone!

Click here to complete the 2016 Tech Use & Skills Survey

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have!

OhioLine Launched & Printing Instructions . . . (Source: Ryan Schmiesing)

The new OhioLine website (http://ohioline.osu.edu) is now live. Our thanks for bearing with as we prioritized projects over the past few years and worked through a lengthy website updating and rebranding process that will continue for the foreseeable future. The new site includes improved search functionality and is responsive to mobile devices, which is critically important in a growing and evolving digital environment.
In addition to the fact sheets being more accessible on mobile devices, they are also easy to print. Simply use the “Print” command in your browser to generate a printable version of the fact sheet that is branded to OSU Extension. You may then either print the fact sheet or save it as a PDF file.

The specific process for printing will vary depending on the web browser you’re using. For example, your web browser may automatically generate a header and footer on the print-out. If you don’t want these to print out, you can control this in your web browser “Preferences” settings or the printing settings.

If you have questions about a fact sheet you already have in progress or an upcoming project, contact Dave Scardena in Marketing and Communications at scardena.1@osu.edu.

If you have questions about the Ohioline update in general or the fact sheet content review guidelines, contact Cheryl Buck at buck.19@osu.edu or 614-292-4880.

**Aging In-Service Registration Reminder . . .**

**When:** February 15, 2016  
**Time:** 9:00am – 4:00pm  
**Where:** 4-H Center  
**Cost:** $15 – lunch will be provided

Topics include:
- Aging Smart (training)  
- Master of Memory (training)  
- Matter of Balance (presentation)  
- Topics in Gerontology (presentation)  
- Round table discussion

[Registration Link] – Registration ends 2/7/16

**Boot Camps 2016 . . .** (Source: Jackie Kirby Wilkins)

The Boot Camps (Curriculum Development and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2016. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu.

Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). **Sign up soon--- space is limited!**

**Testimonials from Boot Camps:**
- “Really helped pull back the veil on promotion and tenure and undusted – what can be a complicated & nuanced process.”
- “This series of lessons was very helpful, well-organized and geared towards helping the participants.”

**Boot Camps Schedule – 2016**

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*Dates subject to change with advanced notice*
Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Research Grants . . . (Source: OnCampus Today)
Faculty grants for full-time Ohio State faculty of up to $4,000 are available for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Grants of up $1,200 for graduate student and PhD candidates working on dissertations and students in terminal MA or MFA/MBA programs are available for the period of July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Apply by Tuesday (2/16). Application materials and details are available at wgss.osu.edu.

Save the Date: 2016 OSU INNOVATE Conference + Extension Post-Conference Event . . . (Source: Jamie Seger)
Save the Date for the 2016 Innovate Conference + Special Post-Conference Event for OSU Extension professionals, May 11th & 12th, 2016.

Have you attended Innovate? Never heard of it? This is what you should know: Innovate is The Ohio State University’s annual conference exploring teaching and learning with technology. The highly engaging one-day event is built upon six years of successful conferences: 95% of 2014 participants learned something that could change the way they think about or do their job, 96% reported they would like to attend a similar event in the future, and the repeat attendees every year support this number. Innovate is hosted by Ohio State’s Office of Distance Education and eLearning. Read more…