Dear Friends,

April is really showing signs of promise for upcoming warm weather and blue skies. We had a couple of really well attended and impressive events in our region this last week, including the Northeast Ohio Women in Agriculture conference and the "Living the Small Farm Dream" event at OARDC. These two events alone reached well over 400 individuals and evaluations showed significant impact. I know many more efforts are happening across the region, and I hope that you'll send me updates and pictures for those that I can't attend. Thanks for all that you do to change lives every day.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome . . .

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We’ve reached the half way point in the time period to donate to Campus Campaign, and we in Extension have exceeded the halfway point in reaching our goal of 45% participation (our current participation is 27%)! But as you can see in the graph, we still have a long way to go to reach 45%. Thank you to everyone who has made a gift to Campus Campaign so far, and especially to our Extension faculty! 59% of our Extension faculty have given a donation! That’s wonderful and appreciated! Now we need the rest of the team to help get us to our goal!

Remember, it is your participation, not the amount you give that matters. A one-time contribution of $1 counts toward the overall percentage of participation from Extension. You can give $1 in cash or check, $5 by credit card, or why not make an ongoing contribution that is automatically deducted each pay period? Just click here [https://www.osu.edu/giving/assets/downloads/CC/blank_pledge_card.pdf](https://www.osu.edu/giving/assets/downloads/CC/blank_pledge_card.pdf) to find a gift form.

And don’t forget – you get to select the fund you’d like your contribution to support. If you are a current faculty or staff member, you can search for funds to support by logging into the Campus Campaign online giving site at [https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/](https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/) - just click on the big red rectangular button that says, “Give Online or Search for Funds.”

Ohio State Named One of the Nation’s Best Employers . . . (Source: onCampus Today)

*Forbes* has named Ohio State one of America’s Best Employers in 2016. The university ranked 53rd in *Forbes*’ list of 500 employers — securing the top spot in the Big Ten, second in Ohio employers and among the top 15 of all higher education institutions. The employers (composed of corporations, universities and others) were selected by an independent survey among 30,000 employees. [Read more](https://www.osu.edu/giving/philanthropy-programs/campuscampaign/).

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Promotion & Tenure Boot Camp 2016...

The P&T Boot Camp will be offered state-wide again in 2016. The 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 understanding the P&T guidelines and developing their submission for promotion. 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.

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*Dates subject to change with advanced notice

Ohio 4-H Teams Up with Bob Evans...

(Source: onCampus Today)
The Ohio 4-H Foundation has been working with Bob Evans on a community fundraiser scheduled for Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17. The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio FFA Foundation and Ohio 4-H will receive 15 percent of sales receipts from Bob Evans Restaurants in Ohio during the fundraiser on May 16-17. Every Bob Evans customer who brings in this printed flyer for dine-in, carryout or catering orders can participate. Simply present the flyer at checkout and Bob Evans will donate 15 percent of sales to the three charities (electronic versions not accepted). [Print a copy here](#).

Dependent Tuition Assistance Enrollment Opens for Summer...

(Source: onCampus Today)
Ohio State offers eligible employees and their dependents the opportunity to advance their education at Ohio State. For dependent tuition assistance, applications must be submitted each term. The summer 2016 term enrollment window opened March 14 and closes June 17. The enrollment window for autumn 2016 opens June 27 and closes August 26. Faculty and staff can apply using Employee Self Service or [paper applications](#). [Read more](#).

Impact Statement Reporting Course...

The work of Extension professionals benefits communities, the economy, the environment and more. By effectively reporting your individual impact, you share your methods and accomplishments with peers and public and advance your organization’s reputation and sustainability.

Description of the Course:
This online Impact Statement Reporting course presents the best practices of educators nationwide who have been training professionals on impact report writing for decades.

You will learn:
- What impact statements are
- How to write them
- Where to market them
- How they can help your organization

eXtension’s online format ensures consistency across trainings, allows widespread accessibility and is easy to use for people with busy schedules. The course provides a wealth of examples, resources, readings and assessments to help you become an impact statement expert.

Course Access:
eXtension makes this course available as a Free Benefit for employees of eXtension member institutions. Accessing the course requires a user account on Campus, eXtension’s online course system, as well as the entry of an “enrollment key”—a course admission password. You will obtain the
enrollment key by first enrolling in an “enrollment info” course. Click here for streamlined enrollment as a member through our new Catalog system.

When you access this course as an employee of an eXtension member institution, the enrollment key will be displayed on the screen for you. A link on that page will then direct you to the actual course. When creating your account, please understand that your eXtension ID and password do not work at this site, so you will need to create a new login ID following the procedures shown.

If you have any problems getting your account created or accessing the course, you are welcome to contact the eXtension Campus help desk directly at campushelp@extension.org. If you would like to see a preview of this course, check out this free sampler.

**Balance Your Wellness Wheel Email Invite . . .**
Please join the Live Healthy Live Well Email Wellness Challenge! Register by clicking on the link below.

New this challenge – stress relieving coloring pages for you to enjoy.

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**2016 Spring Live Healthy Live Well Email Wellness Challenge**

**Spring Renewal: Balance your Wellness Wheel**

**Who?** Any adult wanting to live a healthy life with support from Ohio State University Extension.

**What?** A “Spring Renewal: Balance Your Wellness Wheel” email challenge, which provides you with two emails a week on a variety of health topics.

**Where?** In the convenience of your own home, office, or pocket.

**When?** April 11 through May 22, 2016

**How?** Locate your county (or a county in your EERA) and click on the registration link.

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Why?  We work better together. Supporting one another in living a healthy lifestyle is a smart and fun thing to do.

Participants will learn about these dimensions of wellness and wellness behaviors:

Vegetables and Fruits  - Find ways to eat vegetables and fruits on half your plate.

Fitness Focus  - Ideas to move more to reduce stress.

Local Foods  - Visit a Farmers’ Market or the local foods section of your store.

Gardening with Herbs- Plant an herb, vegetable or fruit in a container or plot garden.

Seasoning with Herbs - Use herbs instead of salt to season foods.

Take it Outside  - Spend time enjoying nature this Spring.

Stress Relief - Manage stress with a new strategy.

Positive Attitude – Enjoy a positive attitude by practicing gratitude.

Questions?

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The program is funded by Ohio State University Extension and County Commissioners Cooperating.

National Academy of Engineering Public Symposium . . . (Source: David Williams)
The College of Engineering and Battelle will be co-hosting the National Academy of Engineering’s Regional Meeting May 2-3. As part of the meeting, there will be a public symposium on Tuesday, May 3 focusing on the need for a diverse STEM workforce in the 21st century. We have a stellar lineup of diverse speakers, including Dr. France Córdova, Director of the National Science Foundation.
The event is free and open to the public, but participants must register. Additional details and online registration can be found at: https://engineering.osu.edu/events/2016/05/national-academy-engineering-public-symposium

These speakers will no doubt be an inspiration to the up-and-coming generations that will transform our future workforce in the United States. I look forward to your participation and hope to see you there.

Adult Education and Lifelong Learning - Special Issue for Robert Hughes . . .

Special Issue on
"Adult Education and Lifelong Learning"

Submission Deadline: May 19th, 2016

The Creative Education (CE, ISSN Online: 2151-4771), a peer-reviewed open-access journal, is seeking papers for the upcoming special issue on "Adult Education and Lifelong Learning". We would like to invite you to submit or recommend original research papers to this issue through our Paper Submission System.

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