Northeast Weekly Summary (NEWS)
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Friends,

I can’t believe the summer is half over already, or the year for that matter! We are well into camp and fair season and I have had excellent feedback on those that have already occurred. I always enjoy getting out to about 1/3 of our fairs each year and may be headed to your fair soon. If you have a must not miss event at your fair and want to send me a note regarding the date and time, I’d be thrilled to make sure I work it into the rotation. Our farmers have been facing some significant challenges this season and I know many of you have been busy working to help our clientele be successful, despite the interesting weather this summer. As an interesting comparison, I am in Tahoe for my family vacation this week and they are suffering from a critical drought. When we took a day to see Yosemite, Bridle Falls was nearly dry, with just a small amount of water misting upward. This observation and the drive through very different terrain made me reflect on the strength of our Land-Grant system and how fortunate we are to have had predecessors understand the value of having research performed and disseminated locally to meet the unique needs of clientele. You are each making a valuable contribution to your communities and the individuals’ lives you touch. I hope that you are taking a bit of time this summer, especially during the nicer days, to refill yourselves by taking time for some of the things that truly matter.

Best wishes,

Jackie

Welcome . . .

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Position Announcement . . .
Office Associate - 100.0 FTE%
Harrison County / Cadiz, Ohio
Job Req: 410111
Deadline: July 26, 2015
To Apply

Congratulations to Ohio Winners in NACAA Communications Contest . . .

Class #6- Feature Story
Eric Barrett- State Winner

Class #8- Team Newsletter
State Winner – Veg Net (Jaqueline Kowalski, Rory Lewandowski, and colleagues).

Training Opportunity: Sexual Harassment Policy . . .
On July 29, faculty and staff can attend Sexual Harassment Policy Basics, a workshop dedicated to university policies and procedures related to sexual harassment. This training opportunity is open to all Ohio State employees who are interested in learning more about the university’s sexual harassment policy. Employees can register for the training through the last offering on this website.

Reminder: VP Conversation Online Survey Open! . . .

We are sending a friendly reminder that the online survey for the VP Conversation is available!

Whether you have or have not already participated in a conversation we would like your opinions here!

Thank you to everyone who has forwarded this link on to stakeholders...their opinions are important to us! Please continue to promote among your volunteers, clientele, and partners and encourage them to complete this survey!

The Survey will remain open until Friday, July 31, 2015.

Survey Link: https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035
If you have difficulties just copy and paste this URL into your browser

PLEASE NOTE: All responses will remain confidential. Responses will be de-identified and aggregated before analysis.

Questions? Please contact Graham Cochran at cochrane.99@osu.edu or Becky Nesbitt at nesbitt.21@osu.edu.

Total Rewards mailing shows Ohio State's investment in you . . . (Source: OnCampus Today)
All regular or term faculty and staff with an appointment of 50 percent or greater FTE will receive a Total Rewards Statement mailed to their home addresses. This statement includes personalized information about how Ohio State invests in you, including an overview of your compensation and benefits for the preceding year. The statement also includes general information on Ohio State’s total investment in faculty and staff, the very people who make Ohio State a great place to be.

-- > Read more: hr.osu.edu/benefits/totalrewardsstatement
Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar on Sept 15 - register ASAP . . . (Source: Lori Kaser)

NOTICE: As anticipated, slots for this training are filling up FAST!
More than 100 participants are already registered, and registration will max out close to 200.

Registration is now available for the following seminar at http://go.osu.edu/GrantWritingSeminar091515.
The seminar is open to faculty, postdocs, and senior research staff only. Registration closes at midnight on August 21. Space is limited.

See more info at this link – Write Winning Grant Proposals Seminar.

Presenter:
David C. Morrison
Co-Founder
Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC.

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (lunch will be provided)

Location: Auditorium, Agricultural Administration Building
2120 Fyffe Road
Columbus, Ohio

Co-sponsored by the Colleges of Education and Human Ecology; Engineering; Arts & Sciences; Medicine; Public Health; Dentistry; Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences; and the OSU Office of Research.

This all-day presentation is the cornerstone of Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops LLC's seminar programs. It comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects that are important to writing competitive grant proposals. Emphasis is given to doing the “extra” things that can make the difference between success and failure.

Regardless of the agency, participants are taught to write with a linear progression of logic, which leads reviewers through an application without them knowing that they are being led. Coping strategies to overcome the fact that applicants are writing for two different audiences – the assigned reviewers, who read the application in its entirety, and non-assigned reviewers who may have read little, or nothing, of the proposal before the meeting of the review panel – are emphasized.

All participants receive an extensive handout, as well as a field-relevant copy of The Grant Application Writer’s Workbook.

FAES participants: You are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Please note that there is a workbook fee that FAES will cover, however you are required to attend and sign in the day of the training. If you register and do not attend, your home department will be charged for the cost of the workbook ($100). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Vacation Leave and Anniversary Dates . . . (Source: Amy Burns)
If you have vacation time you want to use before your anniversary date or retirement, it's important to have your leave request submitted and approved before the university’s payroll/eLeave deadline. For monthly paid employees, please be sure to have your leave request submitted by approximately the 10th of the month of your anniversary date or retirement. You have until the end of that month to use the vacation time you’ve requested. For employees who are paid bi-weekly, please have your vacation request submitted within the two-week pay period in which your anniversary date falls. You have until the end of that pay period to use the vacation time you’ve requested. Vacation leave accrued in excess of the maximum carryover will be lost at the end of the month or pay period in which an employee’s anniversary date occurs each year. To view the university’s paid leave policy, please click here. Contact your HR Generalist if you have any questions about your anniversary date and vacation leave.