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Friends,

This week's newsletter focuses on recognizing excellence and sharing knowledge. I hope you will take the time, especially with some of the extended deadlines, to nominate yourself or others for their significant efforts throughout the year. I would also encourage you to share your personal knowledge and expertise around innovation in relationships, programming, and/or operations by submitting a proposal for annual conference. Let's show everyone what Extension's got!

Best wishes,

Jackie

Congratulations . . .

Karen Bruns, leader of OSU CARES and recently retired Assistant Director of OSU Extension, received the Distinguished Service Ruby Award at the ESP National Meeting last week in Couer d' Alene, Idaho. The Ruby Award is the most prestigious award offered by ESP.

Other ESP National Conference recognition goes to:

- David Crawford, Extension Educator, 4-H and CED, Stark County, who had a poster "Key Components of a Successful County Extension Team and Office"
- David Crawford, who served on the ESP National Public Issues Committee
- Susan Crowell, Farm and Dairy, who received the National Friend of Extension Award

Last week, Clarence Cunningham, was recognized at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland when he was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Many of you had interactions with Clarence over his distinguished career in Extension and through his many volunteer roles with 4-H since his retirement. Personal congratulations can be sent to Dr. Clarence Cunningham, 3480 Scioto Run Road, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Annual Conference RFP Deadline Extended . . .

The deadline to submit your "Innovation in Action" poster or session proposal for this year's Annual Conference has been extended to Monday, October 19. More details will be coming soon. You can download the Request for Proposals instructions located on the OSU Extension Annual Conference website (http://go.osu.edu/2015EAC). Have questions? Contact Steve Brady at brady.111@osu.edu or Patty House at house.18@osu.edu, Concurrent Sessions and Posters Committee co-chairs.

2015 Excellence Award Nominations Due . . .

Excellence in Extension Nomination Deadline Extended to October 15

This annual award recognizes a superior Extension educator; based on excellence in teaching, research and service. This is Ohio Extension's highest honor! Any Extension employee who is a current member of Epsilon Sigma Phi is eligible. The award can be received one time only. The award includes a cash award of $1,000 plus the addition of $1,000 to the base salary. A list of previous winners is at https://osu.box.com/s/zh95xh8k1txcd7vijyulmnfa4m06b47s. Contact Laryssa Hook (hook.262osu.edu) for more information.
2015 Steve D. Ruhl County Agriculture Agent Award Nomination Deadline October 20
This award, established in 2007 was named in memorial for Steve Ruhl, former Morrow County Extension Educator, ANR and Extension Director. For 25 years, Steve’s work epitomized the best traditions of the “County Agricultural Agent” as depicted in the Norman Rockwell print (1948). Each year, award recipients are nominated by their peers, applications are submitted and then chosen by a selection committee consisting of the OSU Extension AD for ANR, the current JCEP ANR President and Vice President, an ANR/EERA leader from each region, and at least one past award recipient.

Recipients must be a current county ANR educator, have a minimum of 10 years county Extension experience, and be a current paid member of OAEP and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Extension programs developed by the recipient could represent animal sciences, agronomy, horticulture, farm management, entomology, leadership or any other related area where the educator has demonstrated proven success.

Nominations are due by 1:00 PM on October 20. Submit a completed nomination form to Teresa Funk at funk.67@osu.edu or FAX to 614.292.4077.

2015 Excellence in 4-H Award Nomination due October 21
Once again it is time to make nominations for the Excellence in 4-H Award. This award honors superior accomplishments by an Extension Educator in developing dynamic, innovative, broad-based 4-H educational programs. The award, funded through the Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Fund, is dedicated to the recognition of outstanding professionals who serve as examples in setting standards of excellence in ten major areas of the County 4-H program.

A peer may nominate any Ohio State University Extension Educator who provides leadership to 4-H programs. Nomination forms are due to Lisa Jinks by Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at jinks.2@osu.edu. Note individuals who have completed an application in the past three years will be considered for the award again this year and will just need to update their profile for 2015. Please nominate one or more individuals, whom you think are deserving of this recognition.

2015 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award due October 31
CES and Extension Administration are committed to a partnership that recognizes a CES member who excels in support staff responsibilities. It is once again time to solicit nominations for the annual $1000 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award!

The award and process for selecting the recipient is patterned after Epsilon Sigma Phi’s Excellence in Extension Award for educators. The award recognizes the importance of knowledge, skills and service. This tremendous opportunity brings recognition to a staff member who excels daily in fulfilling responsibilities when serving customers and staff throughout our organizations.

Nominations may be submitted by a supervisor, faculty/staff, peer/co-worker, customer, or emeriti. Required documentation includes completion of online nomination form, letter of support from direct supervisor and two additional letters of evaluation and support. Any Extension support staff member who is a current active member of Chi Epsilon Sigma and has been a member for five years is eligible for nomination. If you are uncertain if your nominee has been a member of CES for the required five years, please don’t hesitate to contact Ann Meyer, Membership Secretary at meyer.524@osu.edu and she can verify that for you.

The award guidelines, criteria, eligibility, and selection procedures can be found at http://go.osu.edu/BAzJ. Visit http://go.osu.edu/2015CESaward to enter a nomination. Nomination deadline is October 31 by 5:00PM.

Please take the time to consider possible candidates for this award, and take action to nominate a top office professional. Presentation of the award will be on December 8, during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.
Excellence in CD Award Nomination due November 1

It is time to make nominations for the Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award, newly named this year. Ray was one of the first Extension regional CD specialists who helped shape the Extension CD profession we know today. His contributions, from the earliest stages of the program area (early 1960s) to the present day as faculty emeritus, have been far reaching and impactful.

This $1,000 cash award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career. Submission deadline for nominations is November 1. The award will be presented during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.

- [Application packet](#)
- [Complete information](#) about the award, including past recipients

Please direct any questions to Brian Raison (raison.1@osu.edu).

State of the College Address . . .

The state of the college is strong! Here all the news in the Dean’s State of the College address at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMgyLk_7_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMgyLk_7_E)

October 12 CFAES Weekly Information Digest . . . (Source: Ryan Schmiesing)

Each week (Monday) we will be sending the following link that will include timely announcements and information for all college faculty and staff. It is our desire to create a single location for all news and announcements that come from the Dean’s office as well as reduce the number of emails coming to your inbox. Should you have information to share that is relevant to faculty and staff, please send to Joan Lieb or Ryan Schmiesing.

http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin

* State of the College Address
* Innovation Seminar Series
* OSU State of Research Address
* DC Days 2016 – Opportunity for Assistant Professors
* OPERS Change Coming for Rehired Retirees
* Director of Marketing and Communications Search and Screen Committee
* CFAES Research News
* CAST Weekly News
* Bucks for Charity

Change of SPO Assignment for Extension 55xxxx & 57xxx Orgs . . . (Source: Greg Davis)

Effective today (Monday, 10/12/15), the work handled by Bette Hartschuh (Sponsored Program Officer-SPO assigned to Extension since 2007) will be handled by Katie Groeniger (last name rhymes with 'vinegar'). Katie has previous experience with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), and in that role she frequently worked with local/county-level agencies throughout the state of Ohio.

Bette Hartschuh and Jared Port assisted in Katie’s onboarding, and all new work and work pending with OSUE or sponsors will be assumed by Katie, effective today. Katie can be contacted using the info below:

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Thank you, Bette!  Welcome, Katie!!
Agenda Posted! 10/27/15 Energy & Shale Workshop . . . (Source: Ken Martin)

Join us for:
Energy Infrastructure & Shale Workshop

Registration: http://go.osu.edu/energyinfrastructure
Tuesday, October 27, 2015

To see the agenda and for more information:
http://serc.osu.edu/extension

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Energy Infrastructure & Shale Workshop
Statewide Impacts of Shale and Alternative Energy Development

Join OSU Extension for a one-day workshop to make sense of Ohio's energy boom. Community Leaders, Extension Professionals, and Landowners - we will help you understand and address the issues of concern.

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Time: 9:00am—4:15pm

Location: Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr.
Columbus, OH 43210

Cost: $30.00 each
includes lunch and refreshments

Registration:
http://go.osu.edu/energyinfrastructure

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