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Position Announcement . . .
Mahoning County Extension Educator - 4-H Youth Development  
Canfield, OH  
1.0 FTE  
JR# 413231  
Post Date: November 7, 2015  
Deadline Date: December 6, 2015  
Screen Date: January 5 and 7, 2016  
To Apply

Grants Workshop November 12th . . .
OSU CARES Grants and Connect and Collaborate Grants Workshop November 12th

You can learn more about the OSU CARES Grants and other Connect and Collaborate Grants by attending this week’s information session to be held:

Thursday, November 12th, 2015  
11 a.m. to noon  
Hale Hall, room 110A

Information Session can also be viewed via Carmen Connect at  
http://carmenconnect.osu.edu/connectgrants.

OSU CARES grants, up to $25,000 each, are available to help you partner across Ohio State to enhance your community programs. Proposals are due February 3rd. Go to  
http://osucares.osu.edu/grantsprogram.htm for the RFP. The OSU CARES grants are part of more than $675,000 of funding available through the University's Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants from OSU CARES, Office of Outreach and Engagement, Office of Research, International Affairs and Service-Learning provide funding opportunities to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and
research aligned with the Discovery Themes and, in a broader context, the Discovery Themes Focus Areas. The grants seek to leverage university teams aligned with public/private sector and international partners to address compelling 21st-century challenges with the goal of enhanced impact through transformational change.

To learn more about all of the grants and to apply see https://oaa.osu.edu/ccgrants.html. If you would like to brainstorm ideas for grants, come see the OSU CARES poster at Extension Annual Conference, or contact Karen Bruns at bruns.1@osu.edu.

Request for Proposals, Connect and Collaborate Grants Program . . . (Source: Stephen Myers)

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Connect and Collaborate Grants Program

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the 2015-16 Connect and Collaborate Grants Program. These grants will provide more than $1 million to fund teaching and research activities across a broad range of academic interests.

Information and application materials are available at the Connect and Collaborate Grants Program webpage. In addition, an information session will be held Thursday, November 12th, 11:00 a.m., Room 110A, Hale Hall, 154 West 12th Avenue, Columbus campus.

The Connect and Collaborate Grants will provide funding for Ohio State students, faculty and staff to catalyze engaged collaborative teaching and research that addresses compelling 21st century challenges. Teams are encouraged to seek opportunities that create sustainable, lasting change through proposed projects which may align with the Discovery Themes. Funding opportunities include:

- Humanities and the Arts Discovery Themes Block Grants ($320,000)
- Impact Grants ($330,000)
- International Affairs Academic Enrichment Grants ($150,000)
- OSU CARES/OSU Extension Seed Grants ($80,000)
- Service-Learning Grants ($40,000)
- Undergraduate and Faculty Community-Based Research Grants ($90,000)

Please share these opportunities with your leadership teams, faculty, staff and students across all teaching and research activities.

Webinar for Scholarship and grant Opportunities . . . (Source: Joe Lucente)

December 1 is the deadline for electronic submission of applications for PILD Scholarships, Professional Development grants, and Angus Professional Development Scholarships. If you are unsure what these opportunities are all about, I encourage you to participate in an upcoming webinar that is being offered by the National Scholarships, Grants and Recognition (SGR) Committee: How to get over your fear of applying for ESP Scholarships, Grants & Recognition, 3:00 pm EST on Friday, November 13th. Use this link to register: https://cornell.webex.com/cornell/j.php?MTID=m9c7fd3db06841a8b8b076a7d9ce183e3; meeting number 645 165 534 and meeting Password: espSGR2015. Plan now to attend.
Benefits Confirmation Statements Available November 16-20
Faculty and staff 2016 Benefits Confirmation Statements will be available November 16-20 online via Employee Self Service and will also be sent to the home addresses of faculty and staff. The statements reflect enrollment elections in university-sponsored benefits for 2016. This is the final opportunity, outside of a qualifying event, to change 2016 elections. To view their statements and make changes, faculty and staff should visit Employee Self Service.

Emails will be sent about this on November 16 to benefits-eligible faculty and staff.

Questions? Contact the Office of Human Resources Customer Service at: hr-Customer_Service@osu.edu.

Enrollment Opening for Spring Term Dependent Tuition Assistance
The Ohio State University 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. Spring 2016 term enrollment window opens Monday, November 16. Faculty and staff can apply online using Employee Self Service or paper applications.

New Resources Available for Buckeyes ACT
Buckeyes ACT is Ohio State's comprehensive plan to combat sexual misconduct and relationship violence. Earlier this fall, Ohio State introduced online training for faculty, staff and student employees focused on preventing and responding to these issues. A video describing the importance of this training has been produced to help you encourage participation in the training within your college or business unit. You are encouraged to direct faculty, staff and student employees to view this video in your college or business unit communications.

In addition to this online training, the Office of Human Resources offers an in-person training specific to the university's Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment, and Relationship Violence policy. This training expands upon and complements the information available in the online training, and will be particularly helpful for HRPs, managers and supervisors. For your convenience, a training comparison flyer is also available and details some of the topics covered by both trainings. Registration for both trainings is available in BuckeyeLearn.

Local Leadership Group Meeting
The Local Leadership Group Meeting being hosted by Community Development has been scheduled for November 23rd from 9:30 to noon. The location of the meeting will be the Gehres Room at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. You can link directly to the event posting on our website at http://comdev.osu.edu/events/local-leadership-group-meeting

Early Deadline for November PCard
The PCard reallocation deadline for November is November 25th and this ends the billing cycle earlier too, so please be sure to get all eRequests entered as they happen- DO NOT wait until later in the month. This only causes backlog and if any issues, may not allow enough time to research for the paperwork.

The normal billing cycle is the 25th of any given month through the 24th of the following month (e.g. 6/25 to 7/24). The last transactions that post to the bank on the 24th are provided to the University on the 25th, and loaded into the Financials system during the day on the 26th to ensure that transactions are posted to the current General Ledger accounting period. The monthly reallocation deadline is the second-to-last business day of each month. Due to weekends and holidays the deadline may vary each month.
**OSU Extension Annual Conference Registration Now Open . . .**

Registration is now open for 2015 Extension Annual Conference

Go to [https://go.osu.edu/EACregistration](https://go.osu.edu/EACregistration) to register today

One-day registration: $95.00
Two-day registration: Only $145.00

**Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

No late registrations will be accepted

For updated conference information, go to [https://go.osu.edu/2015EAC](https://go.osu.edu/2015EAC)

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**2016 North Central Leadership Conference – Save the Date! . . .**

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Save The Date!

The **2016 North Central Leadership Conference** is set for vibrant Bloomington, Minnesota May 2-4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. This conference is entitled **NCLC 2016 - Developing a Culture of Excellence**.

Please visit the conference website for additional information: [http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc](http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc)

**Workshop Proposals**

The planning committee is seeking proposals for workshops for the **NCLC 2016 - Developing a Culture of Excellence**. Conference goals are listed below as well as possible topics for use when developing your workshop proposals. All workshop proposals will be considered. Each workshop is 75 minutes. Deadline to submit is December 11, 2015.

To submit a proposal, visit [http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc/workshops-lightning-talks](http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc/workshops-lightning-talks) and click on 'Submit a Proposal'.

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**Save the Date! American Community Gardening Association Conference August 4-7, 2016 and call for proposals . . .** (Source: Jacqueline Kowalski)

Save the Date! Cleveland will be hosting the 37th Annual American Community Garden Conference August 4-7, 2016.

The link to the call of proposals (presentation and poster) is listed below:

[go.osu.edu/2016ACGA](go.osu.edu/2016ACGA)
All proposals are due by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time on January 15th 2016.

If you have questions about submitting your proposal please email: ACGAcleveland2016@gmail.com

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is a non-profit organization of professionals and volunteers who seek to build community by increasing and enhancing community gardening and greening across the United States and Canada.

The ACGA annual conference brings together hundreds of individuals from across the United States, Canada, and abroad who are engaged in all aspects of gardening and greening. The conference includes hands-on workshops, presentations, poster sessions, keynote speakers, and visits to community gardens, urban agriculture sites, food security projects, and other green space in Cleveland.

Please share with your networks. We hope to see you there!


Get the Full Benefits of Walking Meetings

Walking meetings are a growing trend, replacing a traditional sitting meeting in a coffee shop or boardroom with a little exercise. The benefits are plentiful: Research has found that walking leads to increases in creative thinking, and anecdotal evidence suggests that walking meetings spur more productive, honest conversations. Here are some tips to help your next walking meeting go well:

• **Include an “extracurricular” destination.** Passing a point of interest provides more rationale and incentive for the walk.
• **Don’t add unneeded calories.** A meeting that ends with a 400-calorie beverage undermines its health goal.
• **Stick to small groups.** Walking meetings work best with two or three people.
• **Don’t surprise colleagues or clients with walking meetings.** Notify people in advance so they can dress appropriately.
• **Have fun.** Enjoy the fresh air – research has also found that people who use walking meetings report being more satisfied at work.

Adapted from "How to Do Walking Meetings Right," by Russell Clayton et al.