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Dean McPheron’s Webinar . . .
Dean McPheron’s monthly webinar is scheduled for this Friday, July 18 at 1 p.m. Please hold the date. More information will be sent this week about connecting to the webinar.

OSUE County Office Signage . . . (Source: Cheryl Buck)
I have worked with College Communications to clarify the process for updating all of our county and regional office signs to meet the new university branding guidelines. We have determined that all office signs will be replaced by December 2016. We will handle a certain number of offices per quarter and group the counties by EERA as much as possible.

Once contacted by your regional director, each county or regional office will be responsible for submitting a request to College Communications for designing new signage. Once the signage is designed and approved, the county or regional office will be responsible for completing the task. Detailed instructions – as well as the payment instructions for the Administration contribution (up to $1,000 per office) – are listed on the attached handout.

Retroactive payment is available to the units that have already replaced their signage. The following units should work with their Business Office representative to handle this: Clermont, Delaware, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, Highland, Monroe, Noble, Washington, Southeast Region.

Please note: Do NOT submit a project request form for your office’s signage until your regional director contacts you. I will update the regional directors during our next Cabinet meeting this week about our planned rotation through the county and regional offices. After that, an overview of the master schedule will be shared with CEDs, so you can make plans accordingly.

You Can Make a Difference at the 2014 Annual Extension Conference – Get Ready to Submit a Poster or Presentation . . .
–Gary Straquadine, David Marrison and Tim Tanner, co-chairs, poster and concurrent session committee

The Annual Conference planning committee is excited about how the plans are coming together for the OSU Extension Annual Conference and Research Colloquium on December 9-11 at the Ohio Union.

The question is however, are YOU ready to be part of something different at Annual Conference? This year you will have the opportunity to present in a juried, engaging environment. What does that mean? Poster sessions will be awarded cash and/or rosette prizes for first, second, third, and honorable mention awards by professional judges. Additionally, your peers will be selecting a people’s choice award for each of our three unique poster sessions. Participants will even have a chance to win an iPad mini! Sound like fun? Students, faculty, and staff are ALL invited to submit proposals for consideration.

The 2014 conference will include concurrent presentations (45-, 60- or 120-minute oral presentations) and three poster sessions (60-minute Meet the Author interactive sessions). There will be an undergraduate and student poster session, research poster session, and educational outreach poster session. We are encouraging students, OSU Extension educators, state and field specialists, program staff and support staff to apply to broaden the scope of our Annual Conference. We want something for everyone!
The themes for 2014 posters and presentations should focus on one of the following: 1) the Vice President’s themes or 2) other proposal topics will be considered, especially those that are innovative and have potential for impact statewide. All proposals will be peer-reviewed and will be due by September 1 via electronic submission. In a few short weeks, the call for proposals will be released for the Conference. Be thinking about what type of presentation or poster that you may wish to submit and watch for the call for proposals!

**2015 National JCEP Leadership Conference Info & RFP . . .**
Make plans now to participate in the JCEP Leadership conference to be held February 11 & 12, 2015 at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

Who should attend?
- Professionals seeking a top quality professional development opportunity and leadership development training.
- State and National leaders of any of the six JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) member associations.
- Professionals who are active at the state level and may be ready for a national committee or board leadership.
- Professionals with a leadership role on the job such as a county director, district or regional director or other administrative position.

Proposals for presentations submissions are being solicited on leadership development topics for the conference. Three submissions will be granted complimentary registration to assist them in participating at the conference. For more information and the online RFP submission form to follow the link to:

**JCEP Leadership Conference RFP Submission.**
In addition to a nationally known keynote speaker, participants will receive updates from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Association time and presentations from the 2014 JCEP team award winners, as well as peer reviewed concurrent sessions related to leadership will be provided. Note that the format for the conference has been changed to run 2 full days rather than being spread throughout 3 days. Go to [www.jcep.org](http://www.jcep.org) for more information.

More Information to Come!

**PHA Completion Rates . . .**
—Elayne M. Siegfried, Esq., Human Resources director, CFAES

The attached summary contains the PHA completion rates for all Ohio State employees who are enrolled in our healthcare system – comparing results as of June 2014 to the June 2013 results.

As a reminder, all faculty and staff members should have a biometric screening and complete their Personal Health and Well-Being Assessment (PHA) by September 30. Doing so will allow them to earn a medical plan premium credit and have a medical plan choice for 2015. If faculty or staff members opt not to complete the PHA, they will be limited to one medical plan which has higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs.

**YP4H Scarlet and Gray Ticket Giveaway . . .** (Source: OSUToday – 7/9/14)
Randomly chosen benefits-eligible faculty, staff and their enrolled spouse/SSDPs will find a scarlet or gray ticket in their “Other Things To Do” after logging in to [yp4h.osu.edu](http://yp4h.osu.edu). Everyone will win something, but don’t wait to see which ticket you received. Be sure to log in and accept your prize by Friday (7/18). You could win a Fitbit or instant YP4H bonus points. While you’re there, take a look around and join the new challenges recently added. Contact: [yp4h@osu.edu](mailto:yp4h@osu.edu)