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Best Wishes . . .
Jeni Buckingham, Portage County 4-H Educator/CED, resignation effective September 26

Reminder - Annual Conference and Research Colloquium RFPs DUE October 2nd . . .
The conference committee has space to showcase up to 300 posters. Now is the time to consider presenting a poster on your recent programming/research efforts. This is an excellent way to let other professionals and colleagues across the state know what you are doing and the impact you are having.

Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014EAC to view the Request for Proposal (RFP) outline and directions.

Visit http://go.osu.edu/EAC_2014RFP to register to submit a proposal; due not later than Thursday, October 2 (new date) @ 11:59 p.m.; selection notices will be sent approximately November 1; direct further logistical inquiries to a member of the team below:
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Reminder – JCEP Special Chapter Award Nominations Due October 3rd . . .
It is time to nominate your peers and community partners for the Ohio Joint Council of Extension special chapter awards. With the formation of our JCEP organization, we worked to streamline the award nominations for ESP and some of the former state organization awards under the JCEP special chapter awards, so take time to look at the website and list of former recipients; then nominate yourself or your colleagues for one of these prestigious awards.

Nominees are eligible to receive an award in any one category only once. Award nominations require a 60-word or less abstract about the nominee. Chapter winners will be asked to complete a regional/national award application in January.

Categories for nominations and the description or criteria for the award can be found on the JCEP site at http://extensionstaff.osu.edu/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grants-and-recognition-committee/ojcep-awards. This link also includes a complete list of previous recipients.

Nominations are due to Bev Kelbaugh (kelbaugh.1@osu.edu) by October 3; fax to 740-732-5992.

Ohio JCEP Fall Professional Development Award Winners . . . (Source: Lisa Barlage)
The Ohio JCEP, Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Committee would like to announce the recipients of their September 2014 professional development awards:
• Jennifer Buckingham, $600 to pursue PhD studies at Kent State University.
• Cindy Stuster, $500 to attend the Sewing and Quilt Expo in Louisville, Kentucky
• Cynthia Leis, $500 to participate in the Certified Economic Developer Course from the University of Oklahoma’s Economic Development Institute
• Cindy Bond, $400 to participate in the International Community Development Society Conference in Dubuque, Iowa
$100 First Timer Scholarships for NEAFCS go to: Candace Heer and Joanna Rini.

Scholarship winners will receive information from Lisa next week about how they can be reimbursed for their scholarship.

Congratulations from the Ohio JCEP Scholarship Committee: Tracy Winters, Rob Leeds, Travis West, Mary Beth Albright, Jessica Rockey, and Lisa Barlage.

Communications Trainings . . . (Source: Suzanne Steele)
There are still slots available for the upcoming College Communications trainings:

- Learn how to apply the new brand using templates through hands-on training.
- Learn how to manage difficult situations in our crisis communications training.
- Learn how to make videos with your smart phones and tablets.

Choose from one of two locations: Wooster on October 10 or Columbus on October 16; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. The $30 registration fee includes refreshments, lunch and all materials. Registration deadline is October 6 and is limited to the first 30 registrants. Partial-day registration is not available. Visit the following links to register:

October 10 – https://www.regonline.com/CFAESCommunicationsWorkshopWooster
October 16 – https://www.regonline.com/CFAESCommunicationsWorkshopColumbus

OSUE County Highlights - Info Requested by October 9th . . . (Source: Keith Smith)

As we work to show the impact of Ohio State University Extension, your assistance is critical. Our state, federal and local elected officials — Representatives, Senators and County Commissioners — want to know what we are doing in their backyard for their constituents.

That’s where the County Highlights come in. Of all the publications we use with elected officials, County Highlights are the most effective at sharing local impact information.

This year, please submit your county highlights to your Region Office no later than Thursday, October 9th (for the Northeast Region, please send your highlights to Vicki Myers at myers.26@osu.edu – Thanks!!)

This document is not intended to showcase everything you do, but to highlight work that directly addresses critical issues in your county. Because the audience for this document is busy, research tells us to keep it brief. Please keep your overall word count to 1,000 words.

As you did last year, please report your successes under our impact areas. Each county highlight sheet will be organized by these areas:

- Strengthening Families and Communities
- Preparing Youth for Success
- Enhancing Agriculture and the Environment
- Advancing Employment and Income Opportunities

Attached please find a letter from Keith Smith about this year’s County Highlights process, including deadlines. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mauricio Espinoza (330-621-6541, espinoza.15@osu.edu), CFAES Communications.

2014 Excellence in FCS Awards - Nominations due by October 31st . . . (Source: Karen Bruns)

Please see attached the guidelines for applying for our annual Family and Consumer Sciences awards. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities for recognition and professional development. All applications are due October 31st.
Marilyn R. Spiegel Excellence in Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Award – This $1,000 cash award recognizes an FCS Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions, and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career. Nominations must be made by an OSU Extension peer or team.

Healthy People, Healthy Finances and Healthy Relationships Professional Development Awards – These $500 cash awards in each Healthy area are available to help support the professional development and/or program development pursuits of OSU Extension professionals and/or recognize FCS professional’s work in these areas. The Healthy People award is named in memory of Mary E. King, FCS Educator, Crawford County who specialized in community nutrition education.

All of these awards are available as a result of generous donations to the Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Development Fund (#603274).

Please get your applications ready to submit!

2014 Extension Support Staff Excellence Award . . . (Source: Ann Meyer)

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. To be eligible for this award, nominees must be a current member of Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) and have held CES membership for a minimum of five years. Required documentation includes completion of online nomination form, letter of support from nominee’s direct supervisor, and two additional letters of recommendation.

The award guidelines, criteria, eligibility, and selection procedures can be found at http://extensionstaff.osu.edu/chi-epsilon-sigma/awards-recognition.

Past recipients of the award are: Joy Bodner – 2013; Cheryl Fischnich – 2012; Lee Ann Johnson – 2011; Carolyn Hall – 2010; Kathy Bulka – 2009; Carol Beatty – 2008; and Mary Alice Shupp – 2007

Visit http://go.osu.edu/2014CESaward to enter a nomination. Nomination Deadline is Friday, 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. (A list of current CES members can be found at http://ces.osu.edu or contact me if you have questions with regard to a candidate’s eligibility).

Presentation of the award will be on December 10, during the OSU Extension Annual Conference.