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Congratulations . . .
Ohio’s Alpha Eta Chapter of ESP was recognized with a Chapter of Merit Award, receiving the Platinum Chapter Award, which is the highest award a chapter can receive. Also recognized at the recent ESP Conference were our colleagues:

Award Winner – Distinguished Team Award for the Live Healthy Live Well initiative – Marie Economos, Beth Stefura and colleagues.

More Congratulations . . .
Many congratulations to OSU Extension. At the OSU vs. Rutgers football game this past Saturday, Extension received a lot of very special recognition.

2014 Distinguished Staff Awards:
- Susan Colbert, Extension Program Director, University District
- Jane Wright, Program Manager, 4-H (Ohio 4-H Curriculum Manager)

NOTE: To nominate a staff member for this University award, nominations are being accepted until November 14. Visit http://www.osu.edu/universityawards/dsa/nomination-info.html

TBDBITL also recognized Extension’s Centennial during their halftime show. Ohio State University Extension was recognized for “helping all Ohioan’s build better lives, better businesses and better communities….building a better Ohio.”
Dean’s State of the College Address . . .
If you missed the Dean’s presentation last Friday, you can view it at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca3PwyuQD7M&feature=youtu.be

National JCEP Conference RFP Due 10/31 . . . (source: Kathleen Olson, (MN), JCEP Leadership Conference Chair)
RFPs Due October 31 for the 2015 JCEP National Leadership Conference

Requests for proposals for the JCEP Leadership conference are due October 31 for the February 11 & 12, 2015 conference at the Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

Proposals for presentation submissions are being solicited on leadership development topics as well as the theme of the conference, “Leading Through Trust”. Go to the link for the RFP and the submission form online at http://jcep.org/images/Leadership%20Conf/2015-JLC-RFP.pdf. The top three proposals will be granted complimentary registration to assist them in participating at the conference.

In addition to nationally known keynote speakers, 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 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 this year to include 2 full days rather than spread throughout 3 days. Go to www.jcep.org for more information.

Accident Reporting Protocol . . . (Source: Amy Burns)

Accident Reporting Protocol Offers Streamlined Efficiency – New

Integrated Absence Management and Vocational Services (IAMVS) is collaborating with Occupational Health and Safety and University Health Services to make efficient and effective changes to employee accident reporting and data collection required under the State of Ohio Public Employers Risk Reduction Program (PERRP). As we continue to look for ways to improve the process, we have made some immediate changes that require your attention. Effective immediately, all employee accidents/injuries should be reported using the employee accident report form found on the OHR website. Units should discontinue using all prior versions of this form.

Proper adherence to the accident reporting protocol will replace the need for units to track and report injuries for OSHA/PERRP. All area OSHA/PERRP reporting will be completed centrally by Occupational Health & Safety and disseminated to area units for annual posting.

✓ HR professionals should review the following protocol with their area managers, supervisors and staff:

- Employees should immediately notify their supervisors when an accident/injury occurs and the employee accident report must be completed as soon as possible.
- A copy of the completed accident report must be submitted to IAMVS by either fax or email to 614/688-8120 or accidentreport@osu.edu. Ideally, accident report submission should happen within 24 hours of the reported accident/injury.
- A copy of the completed accident report should be kept on-file in the unit/department.
- The employee(s) should retain a copy of the report for their records.
- Do not submit completed accident reports to any other parties.

Semester Dependent Tuition Assistance Applications . . .
The procedure for applying for the Dependent Tuition Assistance benefit changed last year. Applications for DTA must be submitted each term for each dependent. Faculty and staff can apply online using Employee Self Service.

To apply online, log on to Employee Self Service via http://hr.osu.edu, click on eBenefits, then click on Dependent Tuition Assistance. Paper DTA applications are available for those needing them. The enrollment schedule can be found at online enrollment window. For questions, view this Dependent Tuition Assistance information, or contact Customer Service at 292-1050 or service@hr.osu.edu.
Boot Camps 2015 . . . (Source: Jackie Kirby Wilkins)
The Boot Camps (Journal Writing, Curriculum Development, and P & T) will be offered state-wide again in 2015. Each boot camp has six – 5 hour sessions (9am-3pm). Every session includes training and technical support for participants as they complete a personal work session. The goal is to prepare professionals to be successful in developing publications, designing formal curriculum and developing strong dossiers. The cost will be $120 per participant to cover the cost of materials and food. The boot camps will be held at the Ohio 4-H Center. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Vicki Myers at: myers.26@osu.edu. Just let her know which boot camp interests you (sorry only 1 per year). Sign up soon--- space is limited!

Boot Camps Schedule – 2015*

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*Dates subject to change with advanced notice