Spring has arrived and ESP is on the move! On February 22-24, Treva Williams, President-elect, and myself, as President, traveled to Chicago to participate in the North Central Region’s Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) conference. During the conference, we were able to meet with ESP officers of the other 11 states in the North Central Region to share state happenings, events, and Extension budget concerns; receive updates on the ESP national committees’ plans of work; participate in officer leadership training; and discuss the future of ESP with the Futuring Task Force. In addition, we also heard a report from Keith Smith, Chair of the Extension Committee on Policy (ECOP), on ECOP’s plans and were given the chance to provide input to the national Extension system on four major goals – partnerships; programming and staffing innovations; funding, legislative and advocacy issues; and communication and education technology. It was a very good, interactive conference. We feel good about the national Extension system staying in touch with the professionals across the country.

On May 2-5, 2004, Chris Olinsky, Montgomery County, represented Ohio ESP at the Public Issues Leadership Development conference in Washington, D.C. The conference theme is “Public Policy: From County to Congress”.

The board has set a couple of major goals for this year. On May 20th, the board with the committee chairs met for a day retreat to spend some quality time discussing the future goals of ESP and our role as a professional organization to Extension professionals within Ohio. Our first goal is to restructure the committees to better match the national committee structure. This will facilitate better communication and reporting of our events to the national office as well as streamline our committee responsibilities. Our second goal is to revise the Ohio ESP handbook to reflect these changes in committees as well as updating committee roles and responsibilities. Our goal is to make ESP as relevant and useful as possible to each of us as Extension professionals. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we move forward.

Don’t forget, our national conference is September 15-18, 2004 in Moline, IL. The theme of the conference is “Midwest Magic on the Mississippi River: ESP Marks the Way” and is being held in the largest metropolitan area on the upper Mississippi River between St. Louis and Minneapolis in Quad Cities. If you have not already registered, please go to http://espnational.org/2004NationalMeeting/04conf04.htm for the conference information and registration.
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ESP State Early Career Award
Nadine Fogt, Fayette County

ESP Mid-Career Award
Joyce Shriner, Hocking County

ESP Distinguished Service Award
Christine Olinsky, Montgomery County

ESP Support Staff Award
Lois Campbell, South Centers

Regional Award Nominees

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Money Mapping: Achieving Financial Independence through Planning
Jennifer Even, FCS, Hamilton County

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A Better Me in 2003
Ruth Anne Musgrave, FCS, Seneca County
Bill Anspach, Tiffin YMCA
Cindy Voorhees, RN, Seneca County Health Department, Heart Coalition
Carrie Hall, Mercy Hospital, Registered Dietitian
Sharon Holman, Mercy Hospital, Health Ministries, RN
Beverly Funkhouser, Fostoria Community Hospital, RN, Positive Lifestyles
Tina Robbins, Tiffin Parks and Recreation Department, Outdoor Education Specialist
Steve Dryfuse, Tiffin Parks and Recreation Department, Recreation Specialist

2nd
Quality Assurance
Rebecca J. Cropper, Extension Agent, 4-H/Youth and Community Development
David Dugan, Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources
Anita McKinzie, Brown County Jr. Fair Swine Department Superintendent
Roger McKinzie, Brown County Jr. Fair Swine Department Superintendent
Keith Wright, Wholesale Packer, Brookville Kentucky
Jim Diley, Retired Vocational Agriculture Instructor
Chris Neal, Assistant Superintendent, Brown County Jr. Fairboard Member
Casey Holton, Brown County Jr. Fairboard Member
Danielle Attinger, Brown County Jr. Fairboard Member
Brown County Pork Producers

One Program Area, 2-4 members

1st
Building Community Around Diversity: Cincinnati's Neighbor to Neighbor Project
David Patton, State Leader, Public Issues Education, & Director, Ohio State University Extension, Civic Life Institute; Deborah Carney, Community Development, Hamilton County

2nd
Real World
Susan Trutner, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, Clinton County
Tracie McDannald, 4-H Program Assistant, Clinton County

One Program Area, 5 or more members

1st
V-8: Volunteers and the Eight Key Elements of Positive Youth Development
Lindsay Archer, Youth Representative
Robyn Callicoat, Volunteer
Pat Cornell, Volunteer
Carolyn Cull, Volunteer
Joe Campbell, Program Director, 4-H Youth Development
Nikki Eyre, 4-H Youth Development, Highland County
Theresa Ferrara, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development
Kathy Henwood, Youth Representative
Ken Lafontaine, 4-H Youth Development, Hardin County
Sarah Jane Lindsey, 4-H Youth Development, Coshocton County
Sara Kleon, 4-H Youth Development, Ross County
Lisa McCutcheon, 4-H Youth Development, Licking County
Niki Nestor McNeely, West District 4-H Youth Development
Financial Fitness for Today and Tomorrow
Becky Baer, Meigs County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Ella Mae Bard, Knox County, Family and Consumer Sciences, Retired
Jean Clements, Greene County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Ann Fremion, Erie County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Diane Johnson, Darke County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Kathy Michelich, Warren County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Christine Olinsky, Montgomery County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Susan Shockey, Franklin County, Family and Consumer Sciences
Nancy Hudson, North District Specialist
Cyndi Renn, Extension Associate, Family Resource Management
Irene Varley, Extension Associate, Family Resource Management

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Understanding Lake Erie's Dead Zones Educational Project
David Kelch, District Specialist, Sea Grant
Frank Lichtkoppler, District Specialist, Sea Grant
Dr. Jeff Reutter, Director, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, F.T. Stone Laboratory
Jill Jentes, Communicator, Ohio Sea Grant College Program
Cindy Hayter, Graphic Design Coordinator, Ohio Sea Grant College Program
Vicki Schwartz, East District 4-H Youth Development Specialist
Carolyn Wilson, 4-H Youth Development, Guernsey County
Brenda Young, 4-H Youth Development, Wyandot County

Congratulations!
Printed Mass Media

1-A Photo Feature
*1st Susan Trutner, Clinton County
2nd Bruce Zimmer, Monroe County

1-B Advanced News Story
*1st Pete Lane, Montgomery County
*2nd Susan Trutner, Clinton County
3rd Marge Wolford - Pickaway
*HM David Dugan - Brown

1-C Follow Up News Story
*1st Gene McCluer, Hardin County
2nd Marcia Jess - Ottawa
*3rd Pete Lane - Montgomery
HM Cindy Shuster - Perry
*HM Susan Trutner - Clinton

1-D Personal Column
*1st Pete Lane, Montgomery County
2nd Gary Fike - Animal Sciences
*3rd Susan Trutner - Clinton
HM Jerry Mahan - Greene
HM Gary Bauer - Erie
*HM Gene McCluer - Hardin
HM Eva Weber - Lorain

Radio and Audio Recording

2-A Short News Segment
*1st David Dugan, Brown County

Television

3-A One to five minutes
*1st Susan S. Shockey, Franklin County; Gail Hogan, WCMH-4

3-B More than five minutes
*1st Susan S. Shockey, Franklin County; Gail Hogan, WCMH-4

3-C Any length interview by reporter
1st Lisa Bradley - Muskingum

Slide Set, Transparencies or Computer Generated Graphics Presentation

5-A Internally Produced Slides and Script or Cassette Tape
*1st Rebecca J. Cropper, David Dugan, & Kathy Jelley, Brown County
*2nd Rebecca J. Cropper & David Dugan, Brown County

5-C Overhead Transparencies
*1st Susan Trutner, Clinton County

5-D Computer Generated Presentation
*1st Stephanie Simstad – Clermont & Cindy Folck – Entomology
*2nd Sharon Mader - Sandusky
3rd Jim Lopshire - Paulding
*HM Robin Stephenson - Adams & Rich Sherman – Scioto
HM Sandra Spees - Montgomery & Yvonne Dunphie - Montgomery Master Gardener
*HM Judy Conrad - Pickaway & Eric Bouchoc – Animal Productions Animation Artist

Exhibits

6-A Educational Exhibit - Internally Produced
*1st Robert McCall - West; R. Peter Richards; Virginia Bouchard; Cheryl Engle - West; Jack Kramer, and the Great Lakes Protection Fund
*2nd David Civittolo - North; John Conglose - North; Gregory Davis - West; Nancy Kukay - Crawford; Don Lacy – Community Development
*3rd Gregory Davis - West; Jerold Thomas - West; Jeff Sharp – HCRD

6-B Educational Exhibit - Professionally Assisted
1st Connie Goble, Jeff Fisher, and Monadine Mattey - Pike
*2nd Deanna Tribe, Dave Apsley, Don McFeeters - South

6-C Promotional Exhibit - Internally Produced
*1st Gregory Davis - West District

Newsletters

7-A Team (can include county, district and state staff) - Internally Produced
*1st (Tie) Senior Series Team - Human Development & Family Science; Team Members: Christine Price - Human Dev & Fam Sci; Judy Hardy - OH Dept of Aging and Coordinator of Educ & Staff Dev; Kirk Bloir - Human Dev & Fam Sci; Cindy Oliveri - East District; Lynn Dobb - Central OH Area Agency on Aging; Jennifer Even - Hamilton; Joyce Brown - Athens; Kathy Oliver - Hardin; Lisa Gibson - Franklin; Gayle Lee - OH Dept of Aging Quality Improvement Specialist; Karen Puterbaugh - Greene Co. Office on Aging; Korinne Worth, Memorial Hospital of Union County; Kim Wrtringham and Lauren Farr - Communications & Technology
Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.
Update on the 2004 Public Issues Leadership Development Conference
By: Michael McKinney, ESP Public Issues Committee Chair & PILD Planning Team

The primary focus of the Public Issues Committee in 2003-2004 has been a commitment to support and promote the PILD Conference as a major professional development opportunity for our members. A record 39 Epsilon Sigma Phi members made the trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with their Congressional leadership on the Hill. In addition, attendees at this year’s conference heard from the Blue Ribbon Consulting Team that’s representing Land Grant Universities, had an opportunity to dialogue with National Program Leaders, and attended sessions ranging from Water Quality and Nutrition Education to Growing the Civic Strength of Communities.

ESP Association Meeting
National ESP President, Bob Ohlensehlen, presided over the ESP Association Meeting by introducing guest speaker, Mr. Travis Jones, Legislative Assistant to Idaho Senator Larry Craig. Mr. Jones gave an insight to the legislative structure in Washington and encouraged those in attendance to establish professional relationships with their respective Congressional staff, both in Washington and in their home districts.

National PI Committee Walks the Walk!
Not only did they talk the talk to promote the 2004 PILD Conference, but Public Issues Committee members Lois Hunt (IA), Stephen Hudkins (OH), Marc Teffeau (MD), and Sally Soileau (LA) put their words in action by attending themselves. Janice Stimpson, the incoming Public Issues Chair was also in attendance. Congratulations to this committee for doing an outstanding job.

Chris Olinsky represented the Alpha Eta Chapter of ESP.

Meet Chris Igodan

Chris O. Igodan, an Ohio State University alumnus, is the new Leader of Extension Organizational Development. He is the former director of the OSU Agricultural Technical Institute and associate dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. While majoring in agricultural extension/rural sociology he earned his doctoral degree from OSU in 1984. His Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees, both in agronomy, come from Northwest Missouri State University. Chris has experience as an agricultural administrator and teacher at the University of Fort Hare, South Africa, which by the way is the same college which Nelson Mandela attended and is considered by many people to be the Harvard of South Africa.

In his new position Chris works collaboratively with members of the HR-training unit to provide training and development to enhance management skills of Extension County Chairs and Agents. He provides guidance and training in techniques of organizational change as well as conducting research in the field of Extension administration and management.
ESP Scholarship Winners

Dave Miller, East District
Cindy Shuster, Perry County

Upcoming Events

ESP National Conferences
2004 Quad Cities, IL (Sep. 14-19)
2005 Colorado Springs, CO (Nov. 8-13)
2006 Annapolis, MD (Nov. 12-19)