ESP President’s Corner

As I reflect on the 2006 Ohio Alpha Eta Chapter of ESP annual meeting, I am filled with excitement about the future of ESP. The energy, enthusiasm, and program excellence shown by the members was very invigorating. As all of us know, it takes many people working together to make something successful. As president, I will be counting on the membership to be engaged and involved in the organization so that we can continue to have professional development opportunities that meet the needs of our members. The heart of the organization is committee work and it is an excellent way to get a “bigger picture” of how ESP functions. Please play an active role in the committee you serve.

Check out the ESP web site: http://ohioesp.osu.edu/ Garee Earnest does an excellent job of keeping the web site current. You can find out a lot about ESP by just taking a few minutes and perusing through our web site and learning how it can benefit you more. If you have additional ESP information to post to the web site, be sure to send it to Garee.

Major efforts this year will focus on: 1.) committees functioning at a higher level. The benefits of being an ESP member is becoming involved and working to make ESP the best it can be. So I am encouraging you to attend your committee meeting whether they are meeting face-to-face or on a conference call. 2.) leadership conference. Our ESP chapter is taking the leadership with Dr. Keith Smith, Gist Chair, to deliver a dynamic program on ethics. The plan is to hold this leadership conference in the fall.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all the ESP award winners. Our members are completing some really fabulous programs. I encourage you to consider applying for National and State awards. Let your ESP membership assist you with your professional development. As always, if you have questions or comments please call me 937-393-1918 or email me: merkowitz.1@osu.edu. I am excited about being your 2007 President and I am looking forward to working with you!

Rose Fisher Merkowitz, President
2006 ESP Team Teaching Award Winners

Multi-disciplinary 2-4 team members – 1st Place
Family Fun Night Out: Nicola S. Eyre & Rose Fisher Merkowitz

Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members – 1st Place:
Elected and Appointed Officials Institute 2005 and 2006: John Conglose, Cindy Torppa, Steve Ruhl, Luann Freppon-Duncan, & Maurus Brown

Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members – 2nd Place:
Ag Reality: Rebecca Jane Cropper, Nicola Eyre, John Grimes, David Dugan, Brian DeAtley, Luke Rhonemus, Judy Howard, Raylina Lillich, Rick Barricklow, Wilfred Ellis, Kathy Conaway, Wendy Osborne, Arnie Williams, Greg Kinder, Kathy Jelley, Rhonda Fannin, Beverley Holsted, Rebekah Drury, Sherrill Cropper, Frankie Scott, Jeff Havenor, Logan Edenfield, Fred Scott, Danille Thompson, Barb Graves, Doug Green, & Gary Carringston

Multi-disciplinary 5 or more team members – 3rd Place:
Small Farm Center at Farm Science Review: Mike Hogan, Tony Nye, Robert Little, Laura Tiu, Randy James, Matt Kleinhenz, Alan Sunderlandier, Brad Bergefurd & Jim Hoorman

One Program Area 2-4 team members – 1st Place:
Food Safety Education as a Risk Management Strategy: Deborah L. Angell & Katharine Shumaker

One Program Area 2-4 team members – 2nd Place:
Cover Crop Workshop: Alan Sunderlandier, Jim Hoorman Robert Mullen, & Mark Sulc

One Program Area 2-4 team members – 3rd Place:
Youth Perception of the Ohio 4-H Program, Listening to Meet the Needs of Youth: Greg Homan, Jason Hedrick & Jeff Dick

One Program Area 5 or more team members – 1st Place
Military Kids Camp at Kelley’s Island: Teresa Ferrari, Dona Leonhardt, Larry Hall, Sue Ann, Lisa Orndorf, John Yarman, Cindy Caron, & Amy Robinson

One Program Area 5 or more team members – 2nd Place:
Conservation Tillage & Technology Conference: Gary Wilson, James J. Hoorman, Randall Reeder, John Smith, Gene McCluer, Allan Sunderlandier, Curtis Young, Chris Bruynis, Steve Prochaska, Ed Lentz, & Andy Kleinschmidt. NRCS: Albert Sunniga, Julie McKee, Steve Davis, Dennis Bassett, Bob Ziegler, & Steve Ritter

One Program Area 5 or more team members – 3rd Place

New Members Initiated at Annual Conference

We are very pleased this year to induct 21 new members and 4 life members into the Alpa Eta Chapter of ESP. Welcome to these new ESP colleagues.

New Members:
Marybeth Albright
Ted Berry
Kirk Bloir
Don Breece
Troy Cooper
Connie Goble
Stephanie Hines
Ruth Anne Musgrave
Jessica Rockey
Amy Stone
Travis West
Ted Wiseman
Steve Wu

Life Members:
Nikki Conklin
Deanna Tribe

Nate Arnett
Alice Black
Steve Brady
Pat Brinkman
Jennifer Even
Barbara Hennard
Nancy Kukay
Kelly O’Bryant
Elizabeth Smith
Carol Trice
Jo Williams
Tom Worley
Cheryle Syracuse
Dennis Weilnau
2006 Tools for Teaching Award Winners

Printed Mass Media
Photo Feature
1st Place – David Marrison

Personal Column
1st Place – David Marrison
2nd Place – Jerry Mahan
3rd Place – Jean Clemens

Periodical Publication
1st Place – Graham Cochran & Nate Arnett
2nd Place – Mary Beth Albright
3rd Place – John Grimes

Slide Set, Transparencies or Computer Generated Presentations

Computer Generated Presentation
1st Place – Stephanie Hines
2nd Place – Regina Kuhn
3rd Place – Teresa Stone

Exhibits

Educational Exhibit – Internally Produced
1st Place – Mike Estadt & Marjorie Wolford

Educational Exhibit – Professionally Assisted
1st Place – Greg Homan, Jason Hedrick & Jeff Dick
2nd Place – Lisa Bradley

Newsletters

Team-Internally Produced
1st Place – David Marrison, Chris Bruynis, Don Breece, Barry Ward, Dianne Shoemaker, Andy Kleinschmidt, Chris Zoller, Gary Wilson, Geln Arnold, Brian Roe, Matthew Roberts, Stan Ernst Jim Skeeles, Mike Gastier, & Howard Siegrist

County Staff – Internally Produced
1st Place – David Marrison
2nd Place – Deborah L. Angell, Kathy Phillips & Amy Palm
3rd Place – Jean Clements, Brenda Sandman-Stover, & Pam Hamer
3rd Place – Jerry Mahan & entire office staff

Popular Reports

Special Topic or Team Popular Report Internally Produced
1st Place – Graham Cochran, Nate Arnett, Carol Smathers, & Theresa Ferrari

Promotional Flyers

Promotional Flyer – Internally Produced
1st Place – Joe Lucente & Jill Jentes-Banicki

Promotional Flyer – Professionally Assisted
Honorable Mention – Joe Lucente & Gail Ritzler

Fact Sheets

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1st Place – Alan Sundermeier, Margaret Huelsman, & Deb Stinner
2nd Place – Jeff Fisher, Dave Mangione
3rd place – Pat Brickman & Cheryle Jones Syracuse

Publications

Publications
1st Place – Edwin Lentz, David Barker, Jim Beuerlein, Anne Dorrance, Don Eckert, Bruce Eisley, Ron Hammond, Patrick Lipps, Mark Loux, Robert Mullen, Mark Sulc, Peter Thomison, & Maurice Watson
2nd Place – Mary Longo, Cheryl Barber Spires, Anita Pulay, Kirk Bloir, & Kathy Reschke
3rd Place Julie Robinson & Heather Keller

Educational Package

Educational Package – Team
1st Place – Tom Archer, Karen Bruns, Cathy Heaney, & Matt Bain
2nd Place Brenda Young, Jackie Kreiger Fink, Carolyn Wilson, Nikki Eyre, Sara Kleon, Vicki Swartz, Theresa Stone & Minnie Taylor
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ESP 2006 National Conference

Congratulations to the following Alpa Eta Members who shined at the 2006 ESP Annual Meeting in Annapolis, Maryland. Shirley Dunlap Bowser was awarded the National Friend of Extension Award and Nikki Eyre and Connie Goble were awarded the Regional Diversity Team Award. Gwen Wolford was installed as the NC Region Vice-President for ESP. Congratulations to Jerold Thomas, Gwen Wolford, Jacqueline LaMuth for presenting concurrent sessions and to Rose Fisher Merkowitz for presenting a poster display. Congrats to each for making Ohio proud!

2007 ESP National Conference to be held in Charleston, South Carolina

You are invited to experience a wonderful educational and cultural opportunity by attending the 2007 Epsilon Sigma Phi Annual Conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The conference will be held on September 10-15, 2007 at the Francis Marion Hotel a historic hotel with architectural beauty and charm. The conference theme is “Bridging Strengths of People and Nations.” The conference will include exciting speakers, excellent member presentations and fabulous tour opportunities. Charleston is consistently voted as the most gracious city in America. Make plans to attend this year’s ESP Annual Conference.

Concurrent and poster session proposals are being accepted for this conference until February 28, 2007. All ESP members are encouraged to submit proposals for this conference. Topics for presentations and posters can be submitted in the areas of volunteer programs, partnerships, program development and evaluation, new communication tools and technologies, community development, leadership development, international projects, public policy issues, administrative/organizational strategies, financial strategies, and life membership. More details about this conference and the request for proposals can be found at the http://espnational.org/

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