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Chi Epsilon Sigma News

Extension Support Staff Fraternity

Alpha Chapter

JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

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**THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Hello CES,

The last two years have challenged life as we know it. Looking back, we all have come out of this experience differently. It has taught me to not be in such a rush for things that I can let go of... to set priorities on things that matter most to me.

With so much loss in the world, we have gained so much as well. I have gained two grandbaby girls. I have also gained a better relationship with some of you. I would have never figured telework would bring me closer to others, instead of a phone call -I decided to do more video calls. I have gotten to see you with your children running around in the background- thus it has brought family to whom you are in my heart.

I challenge each of you, when the world is showing so much despair, put music on and go for a walk or call someone you know that might need some cheering up. We need each other. This is what CES means to me. I look forward in serving as your president for the next year.

I want to extend an invitation to all of you. Tell me what you want to see from this organization. If you are struggling with the system, please let me know. I can work with the Extension Operations Team to see what we can do to help.

If you need anything, to talk or discuss "Workday", I am a video phone call away.

Your Friend & CES President,
Patty Corfman

CES MEETING DATES/TIMES:

Zoom link will be sent out, October 26 10:30

[CES Constitution and Bylaws](#)
[CES Standing Rules](#)

Support Staff Conference Zooming Your Way! Kay Kramer, CES Secretary on the SS Conference Committee

The Support Staff Conference is just around the corner. It will be virtual again this year, on Thursday and Friday October 14-15 and Monday and Tuesday, October 18-19, just a few hours each day. Our theme this year is "We're Zooming Out of This!" The Support Staff Conference Planning Committee has been diligently working to provide sessions geared towards Support Staff members and the various roles that they play. In addition to training on the various software and web platforms that many use each day, there will be some great information on transitioning back to the office and some built in time to connect with other staff members across the state. Although it's not the same as being in person, the multi-day virtual option does provide the opportunity for more staff to attend, and recordings will be available to listen to after the conference. Please mark your calendars and begin discussing with others in your office about the possibility of office and phone coverage during those few hours each day. Looking forward to "seeing" everyone virtually in October.

Personal Glimpse: Ashley Gerber, CES Historian

A few of my favorites (in no particular order): spring, Tom Petty, coffee, chocolate, Metallica, gardening, Norwex, essential oils, tea, reading, naps, swimming, fall, listening to a thunderstorm, traveling, yoga, holidays/game nights with family.

I have been with Extension 6.5 years and a CES member for 5 years. Currently, I hold the Historian position. Previously, I served as CES Campus Director and Mentor Coordinator. I'm a lifelong resident of and work in Holmes County, notably known as Amish Country. This area draws nearly 4 million tourists per year. I certainly do not miss out on delectable baked goods and delicious cheese varieties thanks to where I call home!

I live on the opposite side of the county, away from the hustle and bustle, in the quiet hills with my family. My husband, Nick, teaches at a local high school. We'll soon be celebrating our son's first birthday in early October and we're still trying to figure out how we blinked and an entire year passed. Even though we never know what day of the week it is anymore and the house isn't as tidy as it used to be and the garden is more of a weed patch than a vegetable patch this year, we're blissfully enjoying parenthood. Our two rescue dogs and two cats are along for the ride too.

Had I not joined CES, I wouldn't have the friendships and working relationships and connections that I appreciate so much. We all have different strengths and qualities to be proud of individually and share with our fellow colleagues. I look forward to when we can hold Annual Conference in person again so I can see many of you and catch up!

CES Offers Monetary Help for Membership and Annual Meeting Registration: Kay Kramer, CES Secretary, Chair CES Membership and Annual Meeting Awards Committee

Do you know a colleague in your office, another department, or a neighboring county who is not yet a member of CES? Each year, CES provides Membership Sponsorships to a limited number of individuals whose county or departmental funds are limited. The individuals receiving the award can "test drive" all the benefits of membership without incurring the expense of membership dues. If you know someone who could benefit from CES, but departmental funding has prevented them from joining, encourage them to apply for the Annual Membership Sponsorship Award for 2022. The Award Application will be emailed to all support staff and also be posted on the CES website once the fall membership drive begins. <https://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-membership/ces-membership-and-annual-meeting-awards>.

In addition to the Membership Sponsorship, CES also provides one current CES member a sponsorship to help cover the cost of attending the CES Annual Meeting as part of Extension Annual Conference December 7 – 9, 2021. The sponsorship is available to a CES member whose department or county has limited funds and requires the signature of the applicant's supervisor indicating financial need. The information regarding the Annual Meeting Sponsorship will be sent to all CES members when conference registration opens. Full information can be found at the website listed above.

The CES - SAC Connection: CFAES SAC Liaison, Terri Fisher

CES is our wonderful support staff association serving OSU Extension, but did you know that there are support staff organizations available to us at many levels? We have [TERSSA](#), the national Extension support staff group. And there are also college and university-level organizations to be involved in as support staff at OSU. In my role with the college Staff Advisory Council ([SAC](#)), I am privileged to work with folks from of all the departments in CFAES. SAC also partners with Ohio State University Administrative Professionals ([OSUAP](#)) to advocate for and inform staff of university-wide initiatives. Please visit the websites to see how all of these entities are enriching and improving our staff experience.

I am currently the SAC Liaison for CES, utilizing the opportunity to serve for a three-year term working with both organizations. Hopefully you have seen periodic messages from me, via email and the newsletter, regarding our activities in SAC, where I am currently serving on the task force for the support staff recognition awards (one of many worthwhile [task forces](#) available). Attending both CES and SAC meetings and reporting back for each is an ideal way to foster teamwork and collaboration. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the reps from either organization to add your ideas, questions and contributions!

Volunteer for Board Openings: Beth Young, CES VP, Chair CES Nominating Committee, Ashley Gerber, Committee Member

Please consider joining the CES board...

Volunteer for an exciting year (or more!) of learning the ins and outs of the board, help make decisions that affect staff across the state and get to know more of your colleagues.

Usually around 4-6 meetings per year... and the Annual Meeting to plan for at Annual Conference. Committee work is rewarding and so good to see results of efforts made.

When Patty stepped up to fill the President's position- that opened the VP position. Beth stepped in as Interim until the position can be filled. When Adam Ziadeh left Extension, that opened up the Past President's position.

The Secretary, Membership Secretary and Historian positions are on a 2-year rotation. Contact Beth at young.1414@osu.edu or Ashley at gerber.248@osu.edu

Deadline for nominations is October 15th.

Chi Epsilon Sigma

2022 Board Opportunities

Visit extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma for complete details and officer responsibilities.



Vice President

Performs the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President and serves as a CES representative (along with the CES President) at all OJCEP meetings.



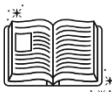
Secretary

Maintains complete records of meetings.



Membership Secretary

Maintains membership rolls, handles all correspondence pertaining to membership, enrollment, and renewal. Works closely with Membership Secretary of OJCEP.



Historian

Maintains the CES fraternity historic records.



Past President

Serves in an advisory capacity for CES fraternal business.

CES Membership Info and Excellence Award: Paige Matney, CES Membership Secretary, Chair CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award Selection Committee

Chi Epsilon Sigma Membership

Be on the lookout for more information regarding CES's 2022 Membership and 2021 Annual Meeting Awards as well for OJCEP membership drive and TERSSA membership for all support staff.

Reminder, Chi Epsilon Sigma is part of OJCEP, therefore our membership will be ran through their membership process. I will send out an email with specific instructions once registration has begun!

CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award

The Support Staff Excellence Award is awarded to one support staff annually. The award recognizes the importance of knowledge, skills and service and serves as an incentive for recognition by the Extension organization. Nominees must be a current, active member and must have been a member of Chi Epsilon Sigma for the last 5 years. This award can only be received once in a lifetime.

Nominations will begin being accepted starting on October 1st and will be accepted until November 1st. An email with more information will be sent out shortly.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at Matney.30@osu.edu or 740-533-4322.

CES Recognition and Awards: Ashley Gerber, CES Historian, Chair CES Recognition Committee

Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award

Established by founding member of Chi Epsilon Sigma, Dorothy Rex. Dorothy remains involved with CES as emeriti. She was Ohio's first president of CES and was instrumental in laying the foundation of the first Extension support staff organization.



This award is given each year, in her honor, to an individual who has been inspirational in their Extension position.

How to apply: Nominations are made via email to Ashley Gerber at gerber.248@osu.edu and must include the nominee's name and a brief explanation of how that member has been an inspiration to you and others.

Application Deadline: *November 1, 2021*

Ohio JCEP Creative Works Award:

Do you have a great newsletter, website, or other educational or marketing item you or your team created? All Extension Professionals (including non-faculty and non-ESP members) are eligible to enter their work in this competition. Membership in JCEP/ESP is not mandatory for recognition in Ohio and affiliate members are eligible as well!

Entries must be produced from September 1 to August 31.

Description and Criteria: <https://u.osu.edu/jcepespcreativeworks/>

How to apply: Complete the online application form at: <https://u.osu.edu/jcepespcreativeworks/online-submission/>

Application Deadline: *October 1, 2021*

How to apply: Complete the online application form at <https://extension.osu.edu/about/ohio-joint-council-extension-professionals/ohio-jcep-committees/ohio-jcep-scholarships-grant-1>

Application Deadline: *The application deadline is October 15th*

OJCEP: Scholarships OJCEP Committees:

Executive Personnel
Global Relations
Marketing
Scholarships, Grants and Recognition

Resource Development and Management
Public Issues
Professional Development
Membership Recruitment and Retention

Sister Chapters: Vickie Snyder, CES Annalist, Chair Outreach Committee

BETA Chapter News – from Arkansas

Gamma Chapter News – from Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter News – from Louisiana

2021 CES Silent Auction -Plan Your Participation: Terri Fisher, CFAES Staff Advisory Council Liaison, Chair CES Fundraiser Committee

On behalf of the Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) Fundraising Committee, I want to update you on our always-anticipated Silent Auction at Extension Annual Conference (EAC). The monies raised annually at this event are used to fund the [Chi Epsilon Sigma Support Staff Excellence Award](#), our highest recognition for support staff. Congratulations again to the 2020 Award Recipient, Vicki Myers!

The CES members and board would again like to say Thank You to all who donated and bid on items in our first virtually-delivered Silent Auction at the 2020 EAC (<https://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-annual-meeting/ces-silent-auction-goes-virtual>). We invite you now to plan your participation for December 7-9, 2021, and would also like to give a heads-up that the event will again be held virtually. Summer is a great time to start planning – see below for some tips to help get started:

Donation Ideas

- Summer is fair time! Snap up any unique items that might only be available at your county's fair!
- Share your special talent! Do you sew, do woodwork, paint, make jewelry, bake, etc.?
- Promote your business! Are you an independent seller for a company that sells purses, jewelry, makeup...?
- Promote your community! Know of local/statewide businesses that would love to donate products or gift certificates for some additional publicity around the state?
- Team-building opportunity! Whether you are a county- or state-based office, consider this an opportunity for a fun team project and donate a themed "basket" or individual item. If there is something unique about your county, consider that as a theme. We would be honored to have a donation from every county/office!
- Be creative!!

Per the virtual format, items will need to be shipped directly from the donor to the winning bidder, so please consider whether you will be able to ship the item(s) you are donating. Items purchased from Amazon, Etsy, and many local Ohio vendors can be arranged to be shipped directly to the winning bidder after the auction! We thank you in advance for committing to this extra step!

We are also accepting cash donations to the fund year-round if you prefer to give your support via that option, at: <http://go.osu.edu/CESGiveNow>. Always feel free to contact me, or any of our CES board members, with any questions (<https://extension.osu.edu/about/chi-epsilon-sigma/ces-leadership>).

Looking forward to another fun CES Silent Auction! Thanks again!



TERSSA UPDATE

2022 TERSSA National Conference

September 20-23, 2022

Kitty Hawk, NC

TERSSA in OHIO – 2023



HOLD the Dates:
Oct. 14-19
Support Staff Virtual Conf.
Dec 7 - 9
Virtual Annual Conference



“When the plane people dropped in from the sky...”

CES 1989 Honorary Member, Shirley Brooks

As I thought about what I might write for this newsletter, my mind went back to the day before Labor Day, 1954.

I had graduated from McArthur High School in late May, and as the eldest kid in a large family, knew that our financial situation was dire, and I wanted to do what I could to help alleviate some of the hardships we faced. Jobs in Vinton County were almost non-existent and I wanted to go to Columbus because I KNEW there was a job just waiting for me. However, my mother really needed my help and asked me to wait until my siblings were back in school after Labor Day. So I spent the summer caring for brothers and sisters, cooking, cleaning, gardening, etc. but could hardly wait to go find a job.

Labor Day morning found me standing on the road in front of our home, waiting for the Lakeshore bus that would take me to Columbus where my job would be waiting! My little brothers and sisters were crying because I would be leaving them, but I promised each weekend I would be home again. That's a promise I kept for a number of years.

Once off the bus in Columbus I picked up a copy of The Columbus Dispatch and searched the want ads. I found two positions that appealed to me—one was at the Benjamin Franklin Tuberculosis Hospital on the east side of Columbus, and the other at The Ohio State University.

The next day I phoned to inquire about the ads. The phone line was busy at the TB hospital, but OSU asked if I could come in for an appointment that afternoon, and I jumped at the chance. In those days buildings on campus did not have street addresses, just names of buildings, so it took me awhile to find the Administration Building where I was interviewed and then sent to Townshend Hall which was then the location for the Dean's Office, Extension, Agricultural Communications, Agronomy labs and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. (Of course, through the years all except Townshend Hall have undergone many name changes.)

Leaving the hills of Appalachia, I wanted nothing more to do with agriculture or home economics, but where was the position that was available located? The College of Agriculture and Home Economics! The position was in Consumer Food Marketing, a brand-new program in Extension within Agricultural Economics!

And, so three days after leaving home, I began my nearly 35 years working in what I consider to be the best and friendliest College at Ohio State. It turned out to be the perfect fit for me.

On my second day of work, as I was getting settled into my office which was in a very old and dreary storeroom in the basement of Townshend Hall, several secretaries from the department stopped by to welcome me, and they asked if I liked football. (Of course, I LOVED football and, for years, had listened to the Buckeye games on our family radio.) Turns out they were on their way to order their season football tickets at the Natatorium (where the current huge Recreation complex is now located). I was shocked that as a brand-new staff member I would be eligible for season football tickets! So—since the Fall of 1954 I have been a season ticket holder. Needless to say, I was absolutely thrilled to watch our Buckeyes go on to win the National Championship for 1954!!

Now—fast forward to Labor Day, September 3, 2001.

After retiring from Ohio State in 1989, I have been kept, as my mother used to say, “busier than a one-armed paper hanger.” Labor Day 2001 found me in France where I was volunteering and several days later in Aalborg, Denmark attending meetings. All these efforts were on behalf of People to People International. Departing Denmark on September 10 with a plane change in Frankfurt, Germany early morning on September 11, I was scheduled to be home in Columbus at 6:23 p.m. And then, of course, our world was shattered—9/11 and the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Prior to 9/11 could you have imagined that all the borders to your country would be closed and you couldn't get to your home and your loved ones? Could you have believed that you would be locked on an airplane for more than 28 hours on the tarmac of an airport in a small town whose total population would fill less than one-tenth of the seats in Ohio Stadium? And, could you have believed that in this day and age there would be people in an even tinier town who would welcome you as if you were their best friend, who would provide for your every need during one of the darkest times in the history of your country, who would not allow you to pay one penny for what they had done for you and 973 others and, who three days later would shed many many tears as they waved goodbye as you were finally able to continue the trip to your own country?

To express our appreciation to the kind, gentle people of the Lewisporte area of Newfoundland, I headed up an effort to establish an endowed scholarship to benefit the students of that area, many of whom often dropped out of school because of a lack of jobs. To date there have been 341 scholarship recipients and one young woman from the Class of 2002 went on to receive two masters and a medical degree. She has recently been named “chief of staff” for her local hospital, and I am so proud of her!!

And now—Labor Day, 2021

Twenty years after 9/11 I will be in my home in Columbus, but two days later will be returning to Newfoundland for Trip #30. Several days before 9/11 as well as 9/11 itself will be jam-packed with various events commemorating the days we “plane people” as the Newfoundlanders called us, dropped in from the sky. One of the events will be the launch of a new book **Flown Into the Arms of Angels**. The author and publisher have invited me to participate in that event, and I am eager to see how the author describes the interactions between the “plane people” and the people of The Rock, as the island is lovingly called.

Finally—A reminder of the award-winning Broadway musical **Come From Away** that tells many of the stories of 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland and the many tiny towns that cared for thousands of us “plane people” following the terrorist attacks. The musical is scheduled to be in Ohio during its North American Tour—January 4-9 in Toledo; February 8-13 in Columbus, and April 6-10 in Dayton.

If you have a chance, you will absolutely love this amazing play. Not only that, but you will see and hear the stories of two endangered bonobos that were accompanied by an OSU alumna, one of whom was bound for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and, who in December 2003 had a baby that was named **Gander** in honor of the town that cared for his mother, **Unga**. Unfortunately, Unga passed away in March this year. And, yes, you will even get to watch the performance of **James Earl Jones II** who portrays me in the musical!!

Now I'm meeting myself coming and going in preparation for flying back to Newfoundland for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. They have so many events planned, including a screening of the musical *Come From Away*, dinner with the Deputy Chief of Mission from the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa and the U.S. Consul General in Halifax and a whole bunch of other things. The flights up and back will be long, long, long and one of the national TV reporters plans to meet me at the airport in Halifax while I'm waiting to make connections to Gander. It will be interesting to see if he can get through airport security.

Lots of media attention, including--get this--the program for the football game between OSU and Oregon on 9/11 will include a story about my efforts!! Can you believe that? I could never have dreamed that something like that would occur!

Note from the editor: such important history for Extension, for CES... compelled to keep in front of our membership.

CES 2021 Executive Board: we welcome YOU to join the board

President – Patty Corfman, Corfman.4@osu.edu, OSU Extension Operations

Vice President – Interim VP -Beth Young, young.1414@osu.edu, OSU Extension Operations

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Historian – Ashley Gerber, gerber.248@osu.edu, Holmes County

CFAES Staff Advisory Council Liaison – Terri Fisher, fisher.456@osu.edu, OSU Extension Administration

Support Staff Liaison – Lori Moff, jmoff.1@osu.edu, Mahoning County

Past President – – OPEN, Adam has left employment with OSU Extension as of end of August 2021