Epsilon Sigma Phi

Your Key to Professional Excellence

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To: Potential Epsilon Sigma Phi Members

From: Daryl Buchholz
Associate Director for Extension and Applied Research

On behalf of the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee, I would like to invite you to become a member of the Alpha Rho (Kansas) Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension Professional's organization.

As a current member and former president of the Alpha Rho Chapter I believe that every extension professional should be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi. If you believe yourself to be a professional, you are obligated to seek ways to continue your professional development and growth. As an extension professional, being a part of your professional society should be an automatic; being a part of Epsilon Sigma Phi should be your goal.

Epsilon Sigma Phi is the National Cooperative Extension Professional's Organization, dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension system, developing the extension profession and the professional. Membership is open to faculty who work in local, area or campus offices.

Alpha Rho chapter projects and activities include:
- Extension personnel recognition
- Grants for study
- Professional development workshops
- Grants for innovative programming

The National Epsilon Sigma Phi organization includes more than 11,000 annual, associate and life members, with 200 members in Kansas. Extension faculty with less than 3 years Extension experience by January 1, 2015 may join the Alpha Rho Chapter as an associate member for a yearly membership fee of $20. Those with more than 3 years or more of Extension experience may become annual members for a yearly membership fee of $70.

We hope you will accept our invitation to join Epsilon Sigma Phi and **ask for your response by September 2**. Please fill out the attached form and return, along with your membership fee, to the Extension Operations office. New members will be initiated on Tuesday evening, October 21 at 6:30 p.m., during the Annual Conference Epsilon Sigma Phi Recognition Program in the Union Ballroom. We also invite you to attend the business meeting at 11:45 a.m. earlier that same day. Please register for one or both of these meetings, when you register for Annual Conference. Please note there is a charge for food at these events.

More information about Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho – Kansas Chapter, can be found in the enclosed brochure and at: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/

2015 Application Form
Alpha Rho Chapter Membership

Yes, I accept your invitation to become a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national Extension Professional's organization.

Please check one:

_____ I will participate in the initiation ceremony at the ESP Recognition on Tuesday, October 21, during Annual Conference. I will register for the event when I register for Annual Conference.

_____ I do want to be a member, but I am unable to participate in the initiation ceremony at Annual Conference.

Please check one:

_____ Enclosed is a check made payable to ESP for $20 (the membership fee for Extension professionals with less than 3 years Extension professional experience as of January 1, 2015).

_____ Enclosed is a check made payable to ESP for $70 (the membership fee for Extension professionals with more than 3 years of Extension professional experience as of January 1, 2015).

My name: _____

Office address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form with your check made payable to ESP by September 1, 2014 to: *

Extension Operations
121 Umberger Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506

**(Membership applications will be accepted after September 1, however, your name may not appear in the 2014 ESP Recognition Booklet.)*