

Epsilon Sigma Phi



Alpha Rho - Kansas Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi
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From the President...

Trudy Rice, President, Alpha Rho Chapter

As my term comes to an end and I take a few minutes to reflect back on the past year, one major thought comes to mind. We all owe it to our fellow co-workers to let them know what a great Professional Development organization Epsilon Sigma Phi is. I have been a member for a number of years and always enjoyed the diversity of people within our organization. It was always interesting to me to have an opportunity to work with professionals within our system that I do not interact with on a regular basis.

The last two years have provided an opportunity to interact not only within our state association but, also within the North Central Region and on the National level. Again, there was an opportunity to learn from many other individuals that have chosen Extension as a profession. The piece that I took away from this broader experience was that we have things pretty good in Kansas! This can be attributed to the great professionals we have in our organization and the sincere support that our Land Grant Institution gives to the mission of

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teaching, research and extension. We must recognize that all three are interdependent and all are important.

So, as this year ends and we begin a new year, take advantage of the \$25.00 membership reduction and share this opportunity with a co-worker currently not a member. We truly are the Professional Development organization for all Extension Professionals. **Thank you** for this opportunity to further develop my leadership skills.

Win Free Membership to ESP!

The name of one lucky ESP member will be drawn to receive a free year of ESP membership. To be eligible, plan to pay dues before or during the Business Meeting at Annual Conference. Dues are \$50 for those with five or more years of extension tenure as of January 1, 2007 or \$20 for those with less than five years extension tenure as of January 1, 2007. Contact Stacey Warner for more information at swarner@ksu.edu.

Public Issues Leadership Development Report

The theme for the 2006 PILD Conference was "Capital Steps Towards Leadership."

Submitted by Connie Hoch

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals held its Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) April 24-27, 2006. Kansas was represented by a contingency of twelve. Those representing their respective organizations included Tandy Rundus, Family and Consumer Sciences; Beth Hecht, 4-H Youth Development; Keith VanSike and Chuck Otte, Agriculture; and Connie Hoch, Epsilon Sigma Phi. Representing administration included Daryl Buchholz, Associate Director for Extension; Dale Fjell, NE Area Director; and Paula Peters, Assistant Director, Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Representing the Extension State Advisory Council were Penny Donaldson, Highland; Bob Gottlob, Winfield; Steve Rome, Hugoton; and Ramie Wasinger, Hays. What a great way for the Kansas Extension story to be told on Capitol Hill!

The theme for the 2006 PILD Conference was "Capital Steps Towards Leadership." The objectives of 2006 conference included:

- To broaden understanding of public policy issues that impact Extension and Extension clientele across the nation.
- To enhance public policy education skills through first hand experiences.

Breakout sessions gave attendees the opportunity to learn more about the legislative process and prepare for congressional visits.

Other topics discussed at the conference included:

- Marketing Extension
- Top 10 Ideas in Leadership Development
- Alternative Energy
- International Experience—In Your Backyard.

Judith Breland, County Extension Director from Mississippi, presented a session entitled "Katrina Eight Months Later." She expressed her thanks to everyone who contributed money to help defray destruction costs from the hurricane.

The highlight was the day spent on Capital Hill. Participants visited the offices of Kansas Representatives and Senators or their aides. Extension Professionals and Volunteers were able to share the time telling the positive impact of K-State Research and Extension.

The next PILD conference is scheduled for April 23-25, 2007 in Crystal City, VA.

What is JCEP?

JCEP is the Joint Council of Extension Professionals. The member associations include Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National Association of County Agriculture Agents, National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences, and the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals. The mission of JCEP is to promote communication, cooperation and professionalism among Extension educators.

For more information about JCEP, see www.jcep.org/beta/index.htm

Professional Development Committee Selects Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by Laurie Chandler

The Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce the selection of two members to award a \$375 scholarship to attend the National ESP Conference in Annapolis, Maryland, November 14-17, 2006.

ESP members selected were Margaret Phillips and Connie Hoch. The scholarships were made

possible through a grant from the Alpha Rho Endowment. This is a great way to help current and life members attend the national meeting and to help them to grow as Extension professionals.

Congratulations!

In the World of Global Relations...

Submitted by Charlotte Shoup Olsen

The National Extension Diversity Center Newsletters highlight featured articles from the past several years. Their web site is www.ediversitycenter.net. Click on "Representing the Diversity Center's Finest Features."

Two other resources relating to international and cross cultural awareness issues include:

Strengthening Extension's Capacity for International Engagement

www.ces.purdue.edu/iec/

Immigrants as Assets

by Cornelia Butler Flora
North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Newsletter at Iowa State University <http://tinyurl.com/l8hc3>

Do you have an international/cross cultural extension experience you would like to share? Please send to colsen@ksu.edu as we continue to compile the stories of our international and cross cultural work.

ESP Endowment Grant Applications Available

Submitted by Marie Blythe, Chair, Endowment Board of Trustees

All extension agents, specialists, and administrators who are current ESP members are eligible to make grant requests to the Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Rho Chapter Endowment Board. Grant requests can be made to support professional development or innovative educational programs. Download the application from the Alpha Rho Website <http://tinyurl.com/louwz>

Applications are due by **September 8, 2006**.

Send electronically to: mblythe@ksu.edu. Applicants are responsible for submitting approval by their Board Chair/Unit Head in lieu of signatures.

Since 1992, more than 60 grant requests have been funded totaling in excess of \$40,000. Funding requests usually range from \$150 to \$1000. Number of grants funded depends on interest earnings available. See <http://tinyurl.com/owbvyy> for the list of grants funded.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Due to the dissolving of the metropolitan area, the Alpha Rho ESP board has voted to propose the following bylaw amendment. This serves as the minimum 30-day notice prior to the annual meeting on September 25, 2006 in which this amendment will be voted upon.

CURRENT BYLAW

Section 2. COUNCIL DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS. The council directors shall be members of Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi who are in good standing. The fourteen (14) member State Council shall consist of the Executive Board and elected directors representing each of the following segments of Alpha Rho Chapter membership: Southwest, northwest, metropolitan, northeast, and southeast Extension areas, state staff, and retired staff. The Extension Director (or a representative) shall also be a Council member. Council directors shall be elected for two-year terms -- southwest, northeast, southeast, and retired in even numbered years, northwest, metropolitan, and state in odd numbered years. Directors may not succeed themselves.

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Register for National Conference Now!

Submitted by Stacey Warner

September 1 is the deadline for early bird registration for the 2006 National ESP Conference to be held in Annapolis, Maryland.

See the National ESP website at <http://espnational.org/2006NationalMeeting/> for information regarding registration, the pre-conference workshop, tours, keynote speakers, and the scholarship auction.

ESP Length of Service Recognition

Submitted by Carl Garten

The following individuals will be recognized for their years of service to Extension at the ESP Awards Banquet in September:

25 years - Phyllis Kriesel, Jack Lindquist, and Phillip Sloderbeck

30 years - Michael Christian, Pat McNally, Linda Mirt, Margaret Phillips, Deanna Turner, and Stacey Warner

35 years - James Adams, Eugene Lanham, Donna Martinson, Pat Murphy, Jan Stephens, and Doris Welch



2006 K-State Research and Extension Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars! The 2006 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference will be held September 25-28, 2006 at the K-State Student Union.

Note the following ESP events:

- Alpha Rho Epsilon Sigma Phi Business meeting - Monday, September 25, 11:45-1:00 p.m.
- ESP Awards Banquet - Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Flint Hills Room
- Retiree's Luncheon - Wednesday, September 27, 11:30-4:00 p.m.
- Alpha Rho ESP board meeting - Thursday, September 28, 6:45-8:00 a.m.

See you in September!

September 25-28, 2006
K-State Research & Extension Annual Conference, KSU Student Union

November 14-17, 2006
National ESP Conference
Annapolis, MD



March 1-2, 2007
United Associations Conference
Wichita, KS

April 23-25, 2007
Annual PILD Conference
Crystal City, VA

September 14-18, 2008
Galaxy III Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana

Nominate Your Colleagues for Awards!

Submitted by Danny Rogers

Each fall, notification is sent to all Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Rho members to nominate themselves or others for recognition. Now is the time to think about co-workers (or yourself) and the innovative work that has made a positive difference in the lives of Kansans. Perhaps an individual has continuously inspired you by serving as a model extension worker. Maybe a newcomer to Extension has been successful by using a new approach to address a challenging issue. Still, there may be others who have contributed what they do best to a team effort and have achieved great results.

Nomination forms for awards are on the ESP Alpha Rho web site at

<http://tinyurl.com/q3okq>

Download the forms anytime you have a couple of minutes. Then start filling in the blanks.

Nominations are due to Danny Rogers (drogers@ksu.edu), awards committee chair, August 21, 2006.

2005 Award Winners!

State Friend of Extension -

Jennifer Gerber

Mid-Career Award - Mary Lou Odle

Team Award - Master Food Volunteer

County Meritorious Service Award

- Doris Welch, Pam Van Horn

State Meritorious Service Award -

Danny Rogers

Distinguished Service Award -

Jack Lindquist

Award Categories

Meritorious Service Award

Distinguished Service Award

Team Award

Horizon Member Award

State Early Career Award

State Mid Career Award

International Service Award

Retiree Service Award

State Friend of Extension Award

Life Members – 2006

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	<u>TOTAL</u> 113 as of 5/30/06

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Jennifer Wilson	Nadine Sigle	Doris Welch	Annual Members - 96
	Deanna L. Sweat		Associate Members - 11
	Keith VanSike		6/01/06
	Tranda Watts		

ESP Mission Statement

Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.

National ESP Newsletter

Want to know what's happening with your ESP colleagues in other states? Catch up on the news with the National ESP Newsletter. Access the newsletter online at: <http://espnational.org/newsltrs>