

Epsilon Sigma Phi



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

Eric Otte, President, Alpha Rho Chapter

First, I want to thank you for making the choice to be a member of the Extension professionals' organization that represents us all! I believe in the value of ESP as a way to strengthen and market our organization to other extension professionals. I have found the national Epsilon Sigma Phi website to be a great resource when I need information about extension or about the activities the national association is involved in. I would encourage you to visit the website at <http://espnational.org>.

In February, Margaret Phillips and I represented the chapter at the combined North Central and Western Region's Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Workshop in San Diego, Calif. The theme was "Reaching Diverse Generations Through Your Extension Efforts." At this time in our extension programs we have the opportunity to involve individuals from four generations. How we as extension professionals communicate with these diverse groups and how we use emerging technologies in reaching these generational audiences were the topics of our major sessions. We also had the opportunity to meet and interact with other Extension professionals and ESP leaders across the two regions.

The United Associations Conference was held in Wichita in March with ESP being one of the partners in that conference. The sessions were very good and always well attended. Jan Stephens and the rest of the planning committee did a great job of bringing

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together speakers that addressed timely topics. Thank you to the entire committee for its input and hard work to make all of this a success.

Margaret Phillips will represent our chapter at the Public Issues Leadership Development in Arlington, Virginia April 28 - 30. Margaret and representatives of the Kansas agents' associations will have the opportunity to visit with Kansas legislators and learn more about the political climate in Washington D.C. They will also have the opportunity to discuss ways to impact public policy locally as well as on the state and national level.

I encourage all of you to consider and make plans to attend the 2008 Galaxy Conference September 15 - 19, in Indianapolis, IN. The theme for this year's conference is "Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities." Check out the tours and sessions on the ESP website. The conference has many good sessions and excellent speakers lined up. This is a great way to accomplish some of your professional improvement goals as well as expand your own network of extension professional contacts. Take advantage of the early bird registration to save some money.

Let's go to Indianapolis for Galaxy III

Submitted by Andrea Schmidt and Marie Blythe

The third Galaxy conference will be held September 15-19 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Six associations are partnering to bring you this professional development opportunity: ANREP, ESP, NACAA, NACDEP, NAE4-HA and NEAFCS. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/4eqdy6> to view a schedule, hotel information and to register.

Early registration is available for \$395 until June 15. Regular registration will be collected from June 16-August 15 for \$495. There will be no on-site registration.

You must have a housing confirmation number before you can register at the early bird rate. If you do not stay in a conference hotel, you will be charged a \$250 facilities fee. The Epsilon Sigma Phi hotel is the Hyatt, but all conference hotels connect by skywalk to the conference center.

The registration fee includes the Opening Reception, the Ruby Luncheon, the Auction buffet, the ESP breakfast, the Regional Awards Banquet, and the closing brunch!

Separate registrations are available for the Monday pre-conferences and Thursday tours.. A joint associations' State's Night Out is being coordinated by KEAA. Come "Celebrate the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities" in Indiana.

Scholarships Available!

The Professional Development Committee is seeking applications for scholarships to cover the \$395 Early Bird registration fee (available through June 15) for the Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Up to four scholarships will be awarded, thanks to a grant from the Endowment fund. To apply, applicants should complete the form found on the Alpha Rho website: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho/> under "What's New." Electronic submission is preferred. Applications are due May 13 to Marie Blythe mblythe@ksu.edu.

Applications will be reviewed by the Alpha Rho Chapter's Professional Development Committee. Award recipients will be notified as soon as the review is complete and successful applicants selected.



ESP Travel Study Grants Available

Submitted by Beth Drescher

Are you considering a travel study project this year? Financial assistance is available!

One travel study grant is available to a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi. A maximum of \$500 for informal study that involves travel will be awarded. Travel study must start within one year after award has been approved.

Applications for the Travel Study Grant are due by **September 15, 2008** to Beth Drescher, Professionalism committee chairperson. The guidelines are below and the application is on the next page. If you have more questions you can contact Beth at the Sedgwick County Extension Office 316-722-7721, Ext 112 or at drescher@ksu.edu.

GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL STUDY GRANT

1. Travel Study Grants are available only to members of Epsilon Sigma Phi.
2. Applications for Travel Study Grants are due September 15 to the Professionalism Committee chair.
3. A. A maximum of \$500 is available to an individual for informal study that involves travel (first priority).
B. However, if there are more than one qualified applicants (A), up to two \$250 grants can be provided for a travel study including transportation, tuition, fees, etc. to a formal (for credit) educational experience.
4. An individual can receive a Travel Study Grant only one time.

5. Funds will not be awarded until 30 days before travel study starts.

6. Travel study must start within one year after award has been approved.

7. The Professionalism committee will recommend Travel Study Grant recipient(s) with final approval given by the Epsilon Sigma Phi President and Treasurer.

8. Travel Study Grant recipients must report to the Professionalism Committee and Epsilon Sigma Phi President within 30 days after completion of travel for which the grant is made.

9. Applicant's travel study plan must be approved by his/her immediate supervisor.

10. Travel study application forms are available from Epsilon Sigma Phi Professionalism committee chair.



Travel Study Grant Application

Alpha Rho Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi

Due: September 15, 2008

Travel Study Grant Application and Agreement

Length of Travel _____ to _____
 (Beginning date) (Ending Date)

I, _____, a member of Alpha Rho chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi, request that the Professionalism committee and the officers of this chapter consider and approve my application for a \$_____ travel grant.

Attached is an outline of my travel plan, in which I have included:

- A. Statement of travel objectives
- B. Program of study
- C. Travel itinerary
- D. List of Extension grants/loans applied for or received.

In addition, I agree to prepare a concise and complete report of my findings and personal knowledge gained from this travel study program. I will submit this report for publication to the Professionalism Committee within 30 days AFTER the ending date of my travel, as indicated above.

 (Applicant) (Date)

 (Supervisor's signature) (Date)

Approved:

 Chairperson, Professionalism Committee Date

 President, Epsilon Sigma Phi Date

 Treasurer, Epsilon Sigma Phi Date

National ESP Scholarship Winner!

Submitted by Stacey Warner

Margaret Phillips, Vice President of the Alpha Rho Chapter, was selected as the recipient of the first national ESP Mike McKinney Scholarship.

This \$500 scholarship provides financial assistance to a member to attend a professional conference or to take coursework related to public policy. Margaret will be using the scholarship as she represents the Alpha Rho Chapter at the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, April 28 to 30, 2008, in Arlington, Virginia.

Congratulations Margaret!

ESP Involved in Successful United Associations Conference

Submitted by Jan Stephens

The United Associations Conference, "Coming Together for Kansas Families," was held in Wichita, February 28-29, 2008.

Twenty breakout sessions offered update information on family issues, including child development, housing, nutrition, environment and leadership.

Keynote speaker was Carolyn Jackson, Executive Director of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Carolyn is a former Kansas Extension Agent.

Eighteen members of Epsilon Sigma Phi attended the conference which was coordinated by a committee from ESP, Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences,

Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Kansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Profits of the conference will be divided among the organizations according to participation.



ESP Connection

Want to learn about what is happening in ESP nationally?

The national ESP newsletter, ESP Connection is full of information on recruitment and retention, professional development,

leadership opportunities, chapter sharing and more.

Check out the newsletter at <http://espnational.org/newsletters/no10908.pdf>

2008 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference

Mark your calendars! The 2008 K-State Research and Extension Annual Conference will be held October 20-23, 2008 at the K-State Student Union.

The annual Retiree's Luncheon will be held during the conference. The date will be announced in the next newsletter. Come visit with fellow retirees and catch up on all their activities!

The Alpha Rho Epsilon Sigma Phi banquet will be held October 21, 2008 starting at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Events!

Galaxy III
Indianapolis, IN
September 15-19, 2008

Future ESP Conferences:
Fargo, ND
September 13-26, 2009
Jackson Hole, WY
October 12-15, 2010

PILD Conference
April 27-29, 2009

Nominate Your Colleagues for Awards!

Submitted by M. Gayle Price

The Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Rho Chapter is seeking nominations for the 2008 chapter awards. Kansas extension professionals are extremely talented and should have their skills and programs acknowledged at the state and national levels.

The following Kansas Extension Professionals received Alpha Rho Chapter awards in 2007, and had applications sent for consideration for Epsilon Sigma Phi regional awards:

State Mid Career - Nancy Peterson

Distinguished Service - Margaret Phillips

State Early Career - Anna Muir

State Team Award - Diane Mack, Beth Hinshaw, Gerry Snyder, and Brandon Cummins.

I encourage you to nominate your colleagues, administrators, mentors, or even yourself for these important awards. Now is

the time to begin thinking about those who do innovative extension work that makes 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 tough issue. Still, there may be others who have contributed what they do best to a team effort and achieved great results.

Nomination forms for awards may be downloaded at:

<http://tinyurl.com/q3okq>. For a list of current members, see page 8. Nominations will be due in early September. Watch the Tuesday Letter for application deadlines. Award applications can be sent to

M. Gayle Price, awards committee chair. If you have questions, please contact me at gprice@ksu.edu.

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 - March 2, 2008

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			Robert Wilson

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.

Current Membership

Annual Members: 100
Associate Members: 20
Life Members: 109 total