

PRESIDENT'S CORNER-STACEY WARNER

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2015 Upcoming events:

- **March 1**—Deadline for National ESP Angus Professional Development scholarship
- **May 1** — Deadline for National ESP Scholarships and Grants
- **June 1**—Deadline for Alpha Rho Chapter Scholarships (Connie Hoch and Jim Lindquist Leadership Scholarships)
- **August 15**—Deadline for Alpha Rho Chapter Endowment Fund Grants
- **October 4-8**—National ESP Conference, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

According to Wikipedia (not necessarily a research-based source of information!) an elevator pitch or speech is “a short summary used to quickly and simply define a person, profession, product, service or organization and its value.....the name ‘elevator pitch’ reflects the idea that it should be possible to deliver the summary in the time span of an elevator ride or approximately thirty seconds....”

As the president of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, I believe I should be able to share the value of ESP to future and current members so here's my pitch:

“Epsilon Sigma Phi is an organization for extension professionals who work at all locations within K-State Research and Extension – area, local and campus offices. Our members work with youth, families, agriculture producers, local community leaders and others. Our focus is on the development of the individual extension professional as well as the extension profession. To me one of the greatest benefits of Epsilon Sigma Phi is seeing professionals from all across our system working together as an officer team, as committee members and in the recognition of peers.”

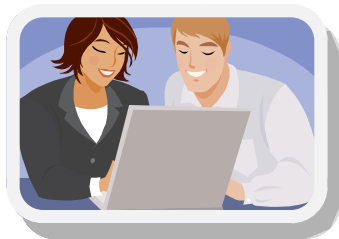
I would encourage you to think about the elevator pitch you might use to describe K-State Research and Extension, your particular responsibilities, Epsilon Sigma Phi or another professional association.

Stacey Warner,
President
K-State Research and Extension
Alpha Rho Chapter,
Epsilon Sigma Phi





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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following members were initiated into membership during our 2014 annual recognition event in October during the KSRE Annual Conference.

Associate Members

- Jaymelynn Farney, Southeast Area
- Teresa Hatfield Sedgwick County
- Angela Jones Sedgwick County

- Janel Koons KS AG Mediation Serv.
- Jaime Menon Community Vitality
- Olivia Moore Wyandotte County
- Nora Rhoades Post Rock District
- Nicolette Unruh Midway District
- Sarah Zukoff Southwest Area

Annual Members

- John Beckman Scott County
- Bruce Chladny Wyandotte County
- Holly Dickman Ellis County

Life Members

- Doug Beech Agriculture Economics
- Bev Dunning Sedgwick County
- Margaret Phillips Asst. Prog. Leader Ext.
- Phil Sloderbeck Southwest Area



CHECKOUT OUR ESP WEBSITE.....

If you haven't been online to check out our ESP Alpha Rho Chapter website, you will want to go to the link provided and see what opportunities are available for you as a

member!
www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpharho

Minutes from each of the Alpha Rho Council meetings can be found from the main

webpage by clicking on "minutes" in the left hand pane. Unsure on your committee tasks, simply go to the "committee" link in the left hand pane.

MEMBERSHIP / RECRUITMENT / RETENTION COMMITTEE: CHUCK OTTE, CHAIR

If you didn't pay your dues at Annual Conference, please take a few minutes now to write that check and send to our treasurer, Jennifer Wilson in the Riley County Extension Office.

We slipped a few members last year so I've set a goal of gaining those members back and adding a few more.

If you have a great idea of why someone should join and/or renew, please just drop me an email!

If you have new colleagues that are just getting started in Extension, or who aren't members at all, let me know and I'll start recruiting them!

Thanks and have a great new year!!

ESP ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

As each year passes by, ever quicker and quicker, I find I have a much greater appreciation for Endowment funds and what they can do for an organization.

In 2008 we set a goal of increasing our endowment to \$150,000 and we surpassed that goal! Our ESP Endowment Fund is continuing to grow and this past year the Epsilon Sigma Phi/Alpha Rho Endowment Fund Board of Trustees set a 5-year goal of \$200,000 and a 10-year goal of \$250,000.

Your gift will allow us to reach our goals. One of the great things about the ESP Endowment Fund is that you can contribute to it through payroll deduction. Simply setting aside \$5 per paycheck adds up to \$130 per year.

If every ESP member just did that much we'd be adding over \$12,000 annually to the endowment and have no problem of meeting our 5 and 10 year goals.

As we grow our endowment, we grow the support to our members, continuing to enhance the professional development opportunities.

If you have any questions about the ESP Endowment Fund, please let me know!

Chuck Otte,
Chair
ESP Endowment Fund



NOMINATION COMMITTEE: CHUCK OTTE, CHAIR

Just a quick word to remind everyone that the 2015 Annual Conference will be here before we know it (hey, don't kill the messenger!!) and that means it'll be time to nominate and elect new officers.

The best way to learn about any organization is to get involved as a committee chair or officer.

To lead is to learn and ESP is a great leading and learning organization. If you have an inter-

est in serving as an officer or committee chair please let me know, because I'm liable to be calling on you anyway!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM ESP!!

A benefit of Alpha Rho Chapter memberships is the opportunity to apply for professional development scholarships. Details for submitting a scholarship application for the **Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship** for Professional Development and/or the **Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship** is available on the website at:

www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpha/alpha/p.aspx?tabid=12

The Scholarship application is **due June 1**.

Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension Endowment Fund Grant applications are due August 15.

Information about the grant and the application details are located on the chapter website at:
www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpha/alpha/doc4201.ashx

If you have additional questions contact Chuck Otte, Endowment Grant Fund Chair, at (785) 238-4161 or email at cotte@ksu.edu.



“ESP is the only professional organization where you associate with all Extension professionals, including retirees.”

Kansas ESP Member



2014 ESP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANK YOU!

As the recipient of the Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship, thank you for your generous, financial support towards my 2014 ESP National Conference professional development.

“Racing into the Future”, the conference theme, I think was very well reflected in the conference sessions I attended, keynotes, and regional meeting.

The networking opportunities appealed to me, as did the opportunity to learn from other professionals. I was particularly interested in sessions on volunteerism, global partnerships, reporting impact and building communities, since they directly relate to my vision as an agent.

In addition to the conference sessions, the chance to network with other planners in similar situations was a very valuable experience. I was also able to interact with vendors at the Poster session hall.

The opportunity to share ways to reach out to the Hispanic community and discuss current resources I use with my clients was very worthwhile.

I was very pleased with my conference experience and felt it was well worth the registration fee and travel expenses. I gained valuable information that can be implemented somehow in my journey as an agent.

The conference was very organized and the speakers remained on the theme, making the

information extremely valuable.

The exhibition hall provided a friendly, informative place to meet with vendors and view their products and services.

In addition, the meals and refreshment breaks were extremely nice and allowed me to save on the travel budget.

I was very pleased with all that I received at the ESP National Conference and hope to attend future conferences.

Thanks again for granting me this awesome financial resource.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
FCS Agent-Sedgwick Co.

NATIONAL ESP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scholarships are available from the National ESP organization for the **Richard R. Angus Professional Development Scholarship** and the **ESP Administrator/Leader Scholarship**.

Both scholarships are for \$500.

The **Richard R. Angus Professional Development Scholarship** is to support professional development through participation in courses, seminars, conferences or workshops. Due March 1.



The **ESP Administrator/Leader Scholarship** is to be used to defray the cost of attending the National ESP Conference. Due May 1.

The applications for both scholarships are available on the ESP National website:

www.espnational.org



FALL 2014 RECOGNITION

Horizon:

County/District-

- Lisa Newman
Central Kansas District
- Anna Schremmer
Phillips-Rooks District

Area-

- Jaymelynn Farney
Southeast Area

State-

- Jared Hoyle
Hort./For./Rec. Res.

Administrative Leadership

- Laurie Chandler
Shawnee County

Early Career

- Ginny Barnard
Riley County

Mid-Career

- Ethel Schneweis
Ford County

Visionary Leadership

- Jamie Hancock
Shawnee County

Meritorious Service

County/District-

- Sandra Wick
Post Rock District
- Jennifer Wilson
Riley County

State-

- Marie Blythe
Planning and Reporting

Distinguished Service

- Doug Jardine
Plant Pathology

Distinguished Team

- "Preserving the Family
with Estate Planning"

Team members:

Libby Curry, Northwest Area; Linda Beech, Ellis County; Diann Gerstner, Thomas County; Amy Lorenzen, Golden Prairie District; Anna Schremmer, Phillips-Rooks District; Jen Schoenfeld, Golden Prairie District; Karen Shepard, Graham County; and Julianne Shoup, Twin Creeks District.

Diversity/Multicultural Individual-

- Debra Bolton
Southwest Area

Friend of Extension

- Lucas Shivers
Director of Elementary Education, USD 383
Manhattan/Ogden School District

**NOW IS THE
TIME
TO THINK
ABOUT
WHO YOU
MIGHT
NOMINATE
FOR 2015!**

2014 Endowment Fund Grants

- Jamie Rathbun, FCS, Midway District, \$200, *Nat'l EDEN Conference*
- Amy Lorenzen, FCS, Golden Prairie District, \$300, *"Preserving the Family with Estate Planning 2015"*
- M. Gayle Price, FCS, Southeast Area, \$2,000, *"KS Regional Farmers Market Vendor Workshops 2015"*
- Sandra Wick, Crop Prod. Agent, Post Rock District, \$1,000, *"Strengthening Rural Families Educational Series (Farm Succession and Estate Planning) 2015"*



NATIONAL ESP AWARD WINNERS FROM KANSAS

The Alpha Rho Chapter would especially like to congratulate Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, FCS Agent, Sedgwick County; Dr. Barbara Stone, 4-H Youth Development; and Steve and Kay Irsik, for their National ESP Awards at the 2014 National ESP Conference.

National ESP Award Winners:

- Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, FCS Agent, Sedgwick County-Diversity Multi-Cultural (Individual)
- Dr. Barbara Stone, 4-H Youth Development-Visionary Leadership
- Steve and Kay Irsik, Wichita,-Friend of Extension.



L to R: Steve and Kay Irsik; Dr. Barbara Stone; and Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena



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*Knowledge for
Life*

2014 TENURE RECOGNITION

5 years

- **Debra Wood**
2009 to 2010
Ft. Riley Military Prog.;
2010 to 2013
Geary County;
2013 to present
Central KS District

10 years

- **Barbara Ames**
2004 to 2011
Montgomery County;
2011 to present
Wildcat District
- **Scott Barrows**
1989 to 1995
Ness County;
2009 to 2010
Trego County;
2010 to present
Golden Prairie District
- **Carolyn Blocksome**
2003 to 2013
Agronomy;
2013 to present
Hort./For./Rec. Res.
- **Jeanne Falk Jones**
2004 to 2005
Sherman, Wallace &
Cheyenne Counties;
2005 to present
Sunflower District
- **Sarah Maass**
2004 to 2007
Lyon County;
2007 to present
Central KS District

15 years

- **Will Boyer**
1998 to 2003
Agronomy;
2003 to present
KCARE
- **Raymond Cloyd**
1999 to 2006
University of Illinois;
2006 to present
Entomology;
- **Mary Higgins**
1999 to present
Human Nutrition
- **Anna Muir**
1999 to 2005
Rooks County;
2005 to present
Phillips-Rooks District
- **Ethel Schneweis**
1999 to present
Ford County

20 years

- **Rebecca McFarland**
1994 to 1996
Univ. of Arkansas;
1996 to 2010
Franklin County;
2010 to present
Frontier District

25 years

- **Sandra Wick**
1989 to 2012
Smith County;
2012 to present
Post Rock District

35 years

- **Linda Beech**
1979 to 1988
Hodgeman County;
1988 to 1996
Stevens County;
1996 to 2012
Finney County;
2012 to present
Ellis County
- **J.D. McNutt**
1979 to 1991
Oklahoma State University;
1991 to 1995
University of Missouri;
1995 to 2002
South Central Area;
2002 to 2004
Northeast Area;
2004 to present
Southeast Area
- **Robert Neier**
1979 to 1988
Reno County;
1988 to present
Sedgwick County;
- **Barbara Stone**
1976 to 1984
University of Nebraska;
1984 to 1992
Oregon State University;
1992 to 2000
Texas A & M University;
2000 to 2002
North Carolina St. Univ.;
2001 to 2003
Texas A & M University;
2003 to 2008
Nat'l 4-H Headquarters;
2011 to present
KS 4-H Youth Dev

40 years

- **James Lindquist**
1974 to 1989
Riley County;
1989 to 1995
Ext. Pers./Recruitment;
1995 to 2005
Northeast/Metro Area;
2005 to present
Field Operations



50 YEARS HONORING BEV DUNNING



**SEDGWICK COUNTY
1964 to 2014**