

To: Epsilon Sigma Phi Members

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In 2008 the national Epsilon Sigma Phi organization developed a definition of an extension professional.

I find this definition worthy of reviewing occasionally as a reminder of the skills and competencies that we are striving to demonstrate.

In last month's newsletter I shared the first half of the definition. This month I'm sharing the second half:

An Extension Professional:

- Is a lifelong learner.
- Embraces and adapts to change.
- Upholds the Land Grant Mission and that of his/her university.
- Is a scholar and demonstrates scholarship throughout his/her work.
- Is nationally engaged with educational presentations, research and professional development.
- Provides information and tools to empower clientele to make decisions to meet their needs or the needs of the people they represent.
- Is a recognized source of practical, research-based educational information.
- Maintains a positive attitude.
- Treats clients, colleagues and stakeholders with respect.

K-State Research and Extension provides a framed copy of this definition to new extension agents when they come to orientation. We encourage them to place it on their desk where they will see it frequently. If you would like a copy ready for framing let me know and I'll get it to you.

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