



President's Message—December 2, 2019

December is an exciting time of year. Lights are twinkling outside. There's a nip in the air. Holiday parties abound and almost everyone's spreading good cheer. It's also a time of giving. As you're planning your end of year giving, consider a gift to Epsilon Sigma Phi. Both the national ESP organization and our local chapter have endowment funds that help to provide grants, scholarships and professional development opportunities for members.

Tuesday, December 3 is Giving Tuesday. Created in 2012, Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement with one simple idea: do good. Our national ESP organization has encouraged members to do good on this day by donating to the National ESP Endowment Fund. National ESP Past Presidents (like our very own Jim Lindquist) have pledged to match dollar for dollar donations made to the national endowment fund in an effort to reach and exceed the goal of \$500,000 in donations to the fund. What a wonderful opportunity to double the good you can do! Mail a check to: National ESP Office, 55 Walton Place Drive, Newnan, GA 30263. Or, visit the website, <https://espnational.org/Development>, for more information and to login to donate by credit card via the secure website. Call 470-347-0394 with questions.

Giving Tuesday, or any day, is also a great time to donate to our Alpha Rho chapter's endowment fund at the KSU Foundation. With several online options, giving is SUPER easy! Just go to https://www.ksufoundation.org/how-to-give/Faculty_Staff_Giving.html. You'll need the Fund # D74110. You can make a one-time donation, schedule a recurring gift or sign-up for donations to be deducted from your paycheck each pay period. Even the smallest payroll deduction can make a big difference over time!

Another way to give to our organization is through service. We still need a couple people to step up to serve as committee chair-elects for 2020 for the Recognition and Global Relations committees. You can check out the list of committee members and committee responsibilities at https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/officers_committees/. If you'd like to serve in one of these vacant positions, please email me at jrwilson@ksu.edu.

Lastly, consider giving the gift of professional development to yourself. Registration for the JCEP Extension Leadership conference is set to open this week. This conference will be in San Antonio, February 12-13, and is an excellent professional development experience for all extension professionals, not just association leaders. Be watching for the registration information at <http://icep.org>.

Wishing you a great holiday season!

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