

# EPSILON SIGMA PHI

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## Event Calendar

August 15—Recognition Nominations Due
General Travel Grant Applications, and Endowment Fund Grant Applications Due
September 15—Regular registration deadline for ESP National Conference
After September 16—Late Registration for ESP National Conference
October 7-10—2012 Epsilon Sigma Phi National Conference, Mobile, AL
October 16-18—KSRE Annual Conference

## From the President, Sandra Wick

Dear ESP members,

The summer of 2012 will definitely be one to remember.....hot and dry! We certainly sympathize for all of our farm families.

I would like to reflect on the 2012 JCEP Leadership Conference with keynote speaker, Kevin Eikenberry. His extraordinary sessions provided an outstanding view of different leadership styles along with helping each participant to explore being an effective leader.

Leadership to me is.....inspiring others beyond their potential. We are all given a unique set of talents when we are born and as a leader the first and most important step toward helping others to develop more fully and rapidly is our belief in someone's potential. Providing support and mentoring is only one little piece of the puzzle. The best mentoring is really a partnership for learning.

One of our ESP opportunities is to develop professional excellence through

“lifelong learning.” Other opportunities include professional development, leadership development, scholarships, and recognition. We all know that we continue to learn something new every day if we just look and are open to new and different ideas.

I have continued to provide all ESP members with the “ESP Mid-Month Message” that was started by our past president Diane Mack. I hope it has provided you with valuable information and has helped you become more aware of the many opportunities that are available from the ESP organization.

Our Recognition committee has been very active in working together and providing you with a newly revised award application that is due August 15. If you know a colleague who is doing outstanding Extension programming, nominate



them for one of the 12 categories. Full details, the form, and recognition descriptions are available on the ESP website at [www.ksre.ksu/esp-AlphaRho](http://www.ksre.ksu/esp-AlphaRho).

Our Endowment Grant committee has also been very busy providing information to members on Extension program opportunities. As a reminder, the purpose of these grants is to improve the quality of educational programs offered by K-State Research and Extension by encouraging faculty professional development experiences and special projects.

Details about the grants and application procedures can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/9k25b6s>.

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## NOMINATE A DESERVING COLLEAGUE FOR RECOGNITION

### ***ESP Recognition Categories***

**Administrative  
Leadership**

**Horizon:  
County/District (2)  
Area (1)  
State (1)**

**Early Career**

**Mid-Career**

**Visionary Leadership**

**Meritorious Service:  
County/District (2)  
Area (1)  
State (1)**

**Distinguished Service**

**Distinguished Team**

**Diversity Multicultural:  
Individual  
Team**

**Retiree Service**

**Friend of Extension**

*Find full details  
and recognition  
descriptions at  
[www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp)  
[-AlphaRho](#)*

It's time to recognize the outstanding Extension work you and your colleagues are doing. Please apply or nominate someone for an Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) recognition award by August 15.

This year a new process is being used to more closely align with national ESP requirements.

The form and full details, including recognition category descriptions, are available on the ESP Alpha Rho website: [www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-AlphaRho).

The 12 recognition categories are listed at left.

To be eligible for recognition, individuals

must be current members of ESP and meet the guidelines for the recognition category.

Email the completed form to the ESP Recognition Chair, Libby Curry, [lc Curry@ksu.edu](mailto:lc Curry@ksu.edu), by the August 15 deadline.

-Libby Curry

## EPSILON SIGMA PHI ENDOWMENT OFFERS GRANTS

Members of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi have the opportunity to apply for Extension Endowment Fund Grants.

The purpose of these grants is to improve the quality of educational programs offered by K-State Research and Extension by encouraging faculty professional development experiences and special projects. Contributions to this fund have been made by Extension faculty, friends and supporters of the Alpha Rho Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Applicants must be members of Alpha Rho Chapter. Grant applications may be a maximum of two pages and must have advance approval of the department head/area director.

Grant application must include the following information:

(there is no form)

1. Project title and applicants' name, phone number, mailing address, and e-mail address.
2. Whether the project is for professional development or program innovation.
3. A description of the project which includes:
  - Situation
  - Expected outcome
  - Audience to be addressed
  - Collaborators, if any
  - Amount of grant request. Total cost of project and justification of anticipated expenses and other sources of funding.
  - Plans for sharing information with Extension faculty about the grant and

acknowledging ESP Endowment Fund financial support (e.g. chapter newsletter, brochures, posters, displays)

- Date approved by department head
- 4. Has ESP funding been previously received for a similar project? If so, when was the grant received and how would this request meet a different need.

Details about the grants and application procedures can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/9k25b6s>

Grants are due August 15 to Diane Mack, Endowment Fund Chair.

-Diane Mack

## 2011 TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENT

Kalimera!

That's "good morning" in Greek— just one of many new items of knowledge that I acquired at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Education in Athens, Greece. I also discovered that negotiating the cost of a taxi ride is expected and you really can't eat too much baklava...and that there are many ways to interpret *presenting a paper* at an international conference.

The highlight was the plenary session, entitled *The Future of Higher Education*. A panel of distinguished educators from the USA, Australia, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, and Israel engaged in a discussion regarding the challenges and opportunities that face today's universities. I was fascinated by the *global university* concept that was introduced during the conversation.

This term *global university* was used to indicate a merged, integrated dissemination model among universities for the delivery of knowledge and formal education. Points were made regarding the inefficiency of every university offering a degree in family studies, as an example, just so that it is "on the university list" and has the university brand associated with it. In terms of distance education, the prevailing theme amongst the panelists was that individual, traditional institutions are in competition with one another, are losing ground to private entities, and are becoming irrelevant. The *global university* reflects a partnership among individual institutions across the globe to address weaknesses and leverage resources, geographic and otherwise.

Involvement in an international discussion about the future of higher education was enlightening. I was enthralled by the similarities of the panelists' ideas to The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) and particularly, eXtension. I left the session thankful to be a part of an institution that is cognizant of these issues, proactive in addressing them, and determined to remain a significant and relevant educational force.

I was honored to receive an Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi Travel Award and thank the members for this opportunity.

-Debra M. Sellers, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor &  
Extension Specialist

## ALPHA RHO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

- Denise Dias, Sedgwick County Extension Agent, FCS, Connie Hoch Leadership Scholarship and Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship to attend National ESP Conference.
- Andrea Feldkamp, Assistant Coordinator for Nutrition Education Programs, Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship to attend NAE4-HA Conference.
- Deryl Waldren, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, NW Area, Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Scholarship to attend National ESP Conference.

-Diane Mack, Endowment Fund Chair

## ***Recruiting Additional Epsilon Sigma Phi Members***

*Please consider inviting your colleagues to join Epsilon Sigma Phi for the 2013 year.*

*In the next few weeks, Extension professionals who are not current ESP members will receive a letter of invitation. Your encouragement adds a personal touch to the invitation and could help us grow our chapter.*

*Membership is open to faculty who work in local, county, district, area or campus offices. You will also see notes in the Tuesday Letter this fall.*

**ALPHA RHO CHAPTER EPSILON SIGMA PHI  
ANNUAL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 2012**

***Vision:***

*Epsilon Sigma Phi leads the Extension System in promoting and supporting professionalism in Extension.*

***Benefits of membership:***

- *Opportunities in professional and personal development, leadership, and networking;*
- *The interdisciplinary nature of the organization;*
- *ESP is the one organization that includes all Extension professionals.*

**Northeast Area**

Gina Aurand (2010)  
Will Boyer (2005)  
Nozella Brown (2009)  
Laurie Chandler (1997)  
Valeria Edwards\*\*  
Andrea Feldkamp (2004)  
Megan Ferrell\*\*  
Dale Fjell (1988)  
John Forshee (1997)  
Carl Garten (1985)  
Rhonda Gordon\*\*  
Jamie Hancock\*\*  
Sharolyn Jackson (1989)  
Ginger Kopfer (2007)  
Joan Krumme\*\*  
Sarah Laib (2012)  
Susan Latta (1998)  
Sarah Maass (2010)  
Diane Mack (1991)  
Jill Martinson\*\*  
Nancy Nelson (1984)  
Mary Lou Odle (1979)  
Charles Otte (1987)  
Corrine Patterson\*\*  
Nancy Pihl (2009)  
Chelsea Richmond\*\*  
Jan Steen\*\*  
Jennifer Smith\*\*  
Brenda Taxeras (2012)  
Bernadette Trieb\*\*  
Deanna Turner (1981)  
Laura Weiss-Cook\*\*  
Jennifer Wilson (2001)  
Debra Wood\*\*

**Northwest Area**

Scott Barrows (2012)  
Linda Beech (1984)  
Libby Curry (1981)  
Holly Dickman\*\*  
David Dunn (2007)  
Jeanne Falk (2011)  
Kathryn Lupfer-Nielsen (1983)  
Anna Muir (2005)  
Chris Onstad (2000)  
Jared Petersilie\*\*

Jamie Rathbun\*\*

Jen Schoenfeld\*\*  
Nadine Sigle (1998)  
Deanna Sweat (1999)  
Deryl Waldren (1995)  
Tranda Watts (1985)  
Sandra Wick (1994)

**Southeast Area**

Barbara Ames (2010)  
Jo Ellen Arnold (1994)  
Jodi Besthorn (1985)  
Tonya Bronleewe (2010)  
Elizabeth Brunscheen\*\*  
Diane Burnett (1996)  
Gary Cramer (2008)  
Meghan Davidson\*\*  
Denise Dias (2002)  
Elizabeth Drescher (2002)  
Beverly Dunning (1974)  
Lindsey Friesen\*\*  
Beth Hinshaw (1998)  
Ann Ludlum (2004)  
Rebecca McFarland (2009)  
Jan McMahon (1989)  
JD McNutt (1995)  
Kandace Metcalf\*\*  
Robert Neier (1990)  
Gayle Price (1993)  
Joy Purkeypiled\*\*  
Fran Richmond (1980)

**Southwest Area**

Kathy Bloom\*\*  
Deb Bolton (2010)  
Rodney Buchele (1980)  
Sheryl Carson (2011)  
Sharon Erickson-Fryback\*\*  
Robin Eubank (2009)  
Bertha Mendoza\*\*  
Belinda Oldham (1995)  
Mark Ploger (1998)  
Ethel Schneweis (2004)  
Phil Sloderbeck (1986)

**State**

James Adams (1978)  
Carolyn Andres (2008)  
Karen Blakeslee (2007)  
Carol Blocksome (2009)  
Marie Blythe (2001)  
Cheryl Boyer\*\*  
Daryl Buchholz (1986)  
Raymond Cloyd (2002)  
L. Ann Domsch (1969)  
Carol Fink (1986)  
Gary Gerhard (1989)  
Gregg Hadley (2012)  
Kevin Herbel (1999)  
Mary Higgins (2005)  
Duane Hund (1991)  
Douglas Jardine (1986)  
Elaine Johannes (1997)  
Megan Kennelly (2012)  
Cathie Lavis\*\*  
Jack Lindquist (1986)  
Pat Murphy (1977)  
Becky O'Donnell (2011)  
Charlotte Shoup Olsen (1998)  
Paula Peters (2003)  
Margaret Phillips (1982)  
Sandy Procter (2011)  
Trudy Rice (1996)  
Danny Rogers (1983)  
Debra Sellers (2012)  
Barbara Stone (1999)  
Pam Van Horn (1989)  
Stacey Warner (1981)

**KEY TO MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

\*\*Associate Members

Dues Summary:  
Annual Members - 89  
Assoc Members - 27  
( ) - Year Initiated

## LIFE MEMBERS 2012

Mariellen J. Appleby	Glenda Keller	Janet Stephens
E. Kirk Baker	Gary Kilgore	Catherine Thorsell
Mary P. (Clarke) Barkley	Beverly Kindler	Earl L. VanMeter
John H. Barnes	Glinda B. Leach	Doris Katey Walker
Dennis D. Bejot	Jim Lindquist	Mildred L. Walker
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William H. Borst	Sally Lindquist	Marsha Weaver
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Herbert W. Bulk	Ray H. Mann	Leo T. Wendling
Glenn M. Busset	Emily Mark	Steven A. Westfahl
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Lois Carlson	Marcia McFarland	Don K. Wiles
Virgil P. Carlson	Kenneth L. McReynolds	Dick Wootton
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Crystal Coffman	Clifford L. Meireis	
Bill D. Collins	Dixie I. Molz	
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Donald D. Dauber	Mary Munson	Mae K. Weaver
Robert Davis	Ross M. Nelson	
Fred DeLano	Dorothy H. Neufeld	<b><u>Kansas Only Life</u></b>
William M. Dickson	Ocie A. Neuschwander	<b><u>Members</u></b>
Naomi England	Bob Newsome	Donald L. Faidley
Cecil L. Eyestone	Sy Nyhart	Dorthea Schroeder
Philip B. Finley	Leonard C. Parker	Zoe E. Slinkman
Steven D. Fisher	Juanita Johnson Payne	
Leslie P. Frazier	E. J. Peterson	100 - Life Members
Alice L. Frey	Morgan Powell	1 - Natl Only
Kenneth W. Fromm	Warren L. Prawl	3 - KS Only
Nancy Gafford	A. Lois Redman	104 - Total
Ralph Germann	Wilber E. Ringler	
Mary Lou Gibbs	Jean Rowland	
Evon Goettel	David Schafer	
Clarene Goodheart	John R. Schlender	
A. Harold Gottsch	Robert W. Schoeff	
Lester E. Griffith	Mary D. Schroeder	
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Arliss E. Honstead	Jenell Smith	
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William C. Hundley	Fred D. Sobering	
Robert L. Johnson	Ann Sparke	

### ***Stay Informed!***

***Minutes from  
the Alpha Rho  
Council meetings  
can be found at  
[www.ksre.ksu.edu](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu)  
[/esp-AlphaRho.](#)***

***Click on the  
“Minutes” link in  
the left hand  
navigation pane  
for a complete  
listing.***

## PLAN AHEAD!

**October 7-10, 2012**—National Epsilon Sigma Phi Conference—Mobile, Alabama  
**September 15-20, 2013**—Galaxy IV—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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## WHY ATTEND NATIONAL ESP CONFERENCE?

Members of the Alpha Rho Chapter had this to say about attending the meeting:

"The content of this conference is built around the core competencies that apply to all extension professionals."

"Attending this conference allows me to develop professionally in areas outside my subject matter expertise. I remember one workshop in particular - "Civility in the Workplace." This session would never have happened at my other professional meeting."

"This conference provided sessions on leadership and professionalism. I enjoyed meeting with agents from other states as I gained ideas for new and improved programming."

"This conference provides networking across all extension disciplines. It is a smaller group of people so allows more one-on-one interaction with colleagues from all across the country."

"I appreciate the 'cross-pollination' that happens when professionals from all disciplines from all

across the country gather together."

If you haven't attended an ESP conference before, or if it's been awhile, this is the year to participate! The event will be held in Mobile, Alabama, October 7-10 and will feature concurrent sessions, three keynote speakers, tours, and opportunity for connecting with extension professionals from all across the country.

For more information see: <http://conference2.espnational.org>

-Stacey Warner

## MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT *continued from Page 1*

Several members have registered to attend the 2012 National ESP Conference in Mobile, Alabama. The conference looks very motivating and will provide many opportunities for personal and professional growth. Kansas will have ESP members recognized for outstanding Extension programs with national award winners Denise Dias, Sedgwick County, International Service; Deryl Waldren, NW Area Extension 4-H Specialist, Individual Diversity Recognition; and the Kansas 4-H Global/Citizenship Program Team for the Diversity Team Recognition. Members of the team include: Deryl Waldren, 4-H Specialist, Northwest Area Extension

Office; Beth Hinshaw, 4-H Specialist, Southeast Area Extension Office; Rod Buchele, 4-H Specialist, Southwest Area Extension Office; Mary Kay Munson, Kansas IFYE Coordinator, Junction City; and Rose Scott, Japanese Exchange Coordinator, Clay Center.

Members attending the conference have the opportunity to choose from 24 concurrent sessions. Topics include Creating a Networked Extension Professional; Developing, Marketing and Evaluating Web Conferences; Creating your Learning Network; Developing Effective Volunteers – Training & Recognition; Whole System Approach to Increase Local Foods

Consumption; along with Strategies for Grant-Funded Project Sustainability and Advanced Leadership Training. As you can see, the sessions cover a wide variety of topics.

As you can see, many opportunities are available with our ESP organization. It is simply up to you to decide what path you would like to take.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you at our KSRE Annual Conference.

-Sandra L. Wick  
Alpha Rho Chapter  
President