

EPSILON SIGMA PHI

PRESIDENT'S CORNER-CHUCK OTTE

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2014 Upcoming events:

- **March 1**—Deadline for National ESP scholarships
- **June 1**—Deadline for Alpha Rho Chapter Scholarships
- **August 15**—Deadline for Alpha Rho Chapter Endowment Fund Grants
- **October 6-9**—National ESP Conference



As I write this it is mid-January, just far enough into the month that the newness of 2014 has worn off and we all are getting very busy with activities and events. It hadn't occurred to me that it would be my privilege to be president of Alpha Rho Chapter during the centennial celebration of the Smith-Lever Act and Cooperative Extension. I sometimes find myself wondering if the authors of this momentous piece of legislation truly had any idea what kind of an impact it was going to have on the country. Well, more on that shortly.

Before we say goodbye to 2013, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Galaxy IV. There were lots of good things and maybe a few not so good things, but I think most of us had a great conference. If you were like me, you found yourself on the run, regularly, trying to get to all the sessions you wanted to attend.

Without a doubt, the highlight of Galaxy was seeing our own Alpha Rho Chapter member and associate director **Daryl Buchholz** receive **ESP's top honor, the Distinguished Service Ruby Award**. Dr. Buchholz is very deserving of this award and "did us proud" with his Ruby Award Lecture. Many of you know that during most of 2013 Daryl served as the chair of ECOP (Extension Committee on Organization and Policy). During his time as chair I was in a unique position to quietly observe his

national leadership and his efforts on behalf of Cooperative Extension across the country. His leadership and activities that he oversaw during his year as chair will quietly provide progress for years to come. We are fortunate to have him as an Alpha Rho Chapter member and also providing leadership for Cooperative Extension in Kansas.

In early February, president-elect Stacey Warner and I will be representing the chapter at the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference in Memphis. I look forward to the leadership training that we will both receive, as well as the opportunity to network with officers of ESP and other JCEP member associations from across the country.

Then in April, Chapter Treasurer Jennifer Wilson will be representing the Chapter at the JCEP Public Issues Leadership Workshop (PILD) in Washington, D.C. I have attended this workshop several times and represented the chapter at it last year. It is, without a doubt, my favorite conference that I attended. I am excited that Jennifer is able to attend on behalf of the chapter and look forward to her report.

While we are talking about conferences, I must mention the **National ESP Conference in Indianapolis, October 6 - 9,**

2014. I already have it on my calendar and would encourage you to start considering it also. I am planning to drive to Indianapolis and certainly have room for additional riders so contact me if you are interested in going along!

Let's bring this discussion full circle now. 2014 is the **100th Anniversary of the passage of the Smith Lever Act**. Daryl Buchholz and I were recently discussing this and the need to form a committee to organize some Kansas events, activities and information. We felt that it only made sense that Epsilon Sigma Phi, THE Extension Professionals Association should take the lead in this.

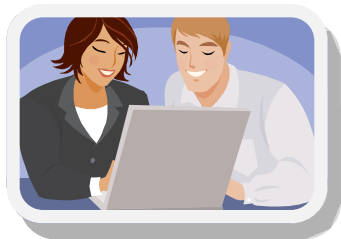
If you haven't heard already, I am issuing a call for Kansas Extension workers across the state to step forward and help with the planning and implementation of some Centennial recognition events. Dr. Buchholz has some modest resources that he can commit to this but we need to get started so we can wrap up the celebration with a bang this fall. If you are interested in helping make this event happen, please drop me an email or give me a call. The sooner we get started, the bigger and better the celebration will be!

Have a great and successful winter season and we'll be in touch again real soon!

Chuck Otte, President
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 2013 annual recognition event in October during the KSRE Annual Conference.

Associate Members

- Jonathan Aguilar
Southwest Area
- Debra Andres
Geary County
- Travis Carmichael
Lyon County
- Jennifer Carr
Harper County
- Nancy Gardner
Sedgwick County
- Jared Hoyle
Hort/Forestry/Rec. Res.

- Beth Ireland,
Greenwood County
- Patsy Maddy
Twin Creeks District
- Charlene Miller
Butler County
- Erin Petersilie
Walnut Creek District
- Cary Rivard
Hort/Forestry/Rec. Res.
- Anna Schremmer
Phillips-Rooks District
- Julie Traxson
Wildcat District
- Erin Tynon
Pottawatomie County
- Bradford Wiles
Fam. Stud./Human Ser.

Annual Members

- Brian Faris
Ani. Sciences & Industry
- John Floros
Dean, COA/Dir.-KSRE
- Dan Lekie
Johnson County

Life Member

- Mary Lou Odle
Ret. Central KS District

Transfer Member

- Roberta Riportella
Fam. Stud./Human Ser.

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.

PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE: STACEY WARNER

The Extension Operations Office serves as the point of contact for keeping our Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi website up-to-date. On the website you will find the following: list of members and committees, responsibilities of committees, list-

serves for committees, newsletters, recognition guidelines, grant applications, link to the national ESP organization, history of the chapter and other resources.

If you see something on the site that needs to be updated or if you would

like to have something added contact Stacey Warner at swarner@ksu.edu or the webmaster, Martha Monihen at mmonihen@ksu.edu.

KSU/ESP Alpha Rho Chapter:
www.ksre.ksu.edu/esp-alpharho

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Six scholarships have been awarded to extension professionals to participate in an online course, "Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Extension".

These scholarships were made possible by a grant from our Alpha Rho Chapter from the Endowment Fund which was a pro-

gram submitted by Marie Blythe, Margaret Phillips and Stacey Warner.

Recipients of the scholarships are Valeria Edwards, Johnson County; Mindy Young, Doniphan County; Deb Andres, Geary County; Pamela Tisinger, Wyandotte County; Janice Jones, Shawnee County; and Julie

Traxson, Wildcat District.

The scholarship recipients will complete the online course and meet as a group quarterly during 2014 to share their application of the course content in their extension programming.

Congratulations!!!!



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

Kansas ESP Member

ARE YOUR 2013-14 DUES CURRENT?

Last Call for Dues!

If you, or someone you work with, has not paid their 2013-14 ESP dues, please send them in ASAP. Don't delay, send them today!

Our membership is due to the National Office soon. **Associate member** (less than 5 years of Extension experience) dues are \$20 and **Annual member** (5 or more years of Extension experience) dues are \$70.

Send them to ESP, % Extension Operations, 121 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Thanks,
Jennifer Wilson,
Treasurer

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-alpharho/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-alpharho/doc4201.ashx

If you have additional questions contact M. Gayle Price, Endowment Grant Fund Chair, at (620) 431-4530 or email at gprice@ksu.edu.



2013 ESP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANK YOU!

Nozella Brown, Family and Consumer Sciences, Wyandotte County, was the recipient of the 2013 Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership and the Connie Hoch Leadership scholarships.

(Following is a letter from Nozella)

As expected, Galaxy IV was a time for refreshing body, soul and spirit, learning about the past, present and future, and networking with elected officials, administrators and colleagues.

I was honored to represent Kansas and Wyandotte County during the Farmers Market Nutrition Education Volunteer Program presentation—a partnership with Missouri Extension.

Despite several logistic glitches, what I gained that week outweighed any inconveniences. Included are a few nuggets from my notes.

“Change is inevitable, except for a vending machine...research and extension should be joined at the hip.” (Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, NIFA, USDA).

“No one can predict the future...All you can do is keep moving forward...You are this new world!” (Dr. Lowell Catlett, New Mexico State).

According to Secretary Vilsack, the three areas that Extension can help the USDA advance include: local and regional food systems; production and agriculture exports and “feed the future” efforts. Our responsibility is to help grow and expand the value system of rural America, working with the USDA to help rebuild and revitalize rural America.

At the closing, Dr. Bruce McPheron (Ohio State) named eight things we need to tackle with fresh eyes:

- staffing
- delivery systems
- financial models
- expectations of funders
- scope of our programs
- reputation with the programs
- competitors
- and marketing

He ended with a charge to collect best practices, compile success stories, evaluate lessons learned, define new mission and decide our core mission—heard that before?

Thanks so much to the Alpha Rho Chapter of ESP for awarding me scholarships to assist make this “once-in-five years” opportunity a reality.



NATIONAL ESP SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MARCH 1

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 .



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

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

www.espnational.org



FALL 2013 RECOGNITION

Horizon:

County/District-

- Scott Barrows
Golden Prairie District
- Debra Wood
Central KS District

Administrative Leadership

- Paula Peters
Fam. Consumer Sci.

Early Career

- DeAnn Presley
Extension Agronomy

Mid-Career

- Raymond Cloyd
Extension Entomology

Visionary Leadership

- Barbara Stone
State 4-H Youth Dev.

Meritorious Service

County/District-

- Diane Burnett
Miami County
- Susie Latta
Marshall County

State-

- Charlotte Shoup Olsen
Fam. Stud/Human Serv.

Distinguished Service

- Danny Rogers
Extension Engineering

Distinguished Team

- 4-H Marketing Action Team
"Life's Little Questions"-
4-H Recruitment Campaign
Team members:
Diane Mack, State 4-H;
Alesia Woods, Post Rock
District; Andrea Feldkamp,
FNP; Amy Sollock, Edwards
County; Lori Bower, and
Kelly Terrell.

Diversity/Multicultural Individual-

- Elizabeth Brunscheen-
Cartagena
Sedgwick County

Team-

- Reaching New 4-H
Families in Southwest
Kansas

Team members:

Ruddy Yanez, KSU Student; Alejandra Romero, KSU Student; Bertha Mendoza, SW Area-EFNEP; Debra Bolton, SW Area, FCS; Rod Buchele, SW Area, 4-H.

Friend of Extension

- Carolyn Harms
Sedgwick County
Volunteer/KS 4-H
Foundation and KSU
Board of Trustees
- Kay and Steve Irsik Jr.
Gray County
Volunteer/Community
Mobilizers/Agriculture
Innovators

Congratulations to Stacey Warner who received the National ESP Visionary Leadership Award, North Central Region and **Tranda Watts** who was recognized as a North Central Region Chapter Distinguished Service recipient at Galaxy IV in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



**NOW IS THE TIME TO
THINK ABOUT WHO YOU
MIGHT NOMINATE FOR
2014!**

ESP RUBY AWARD TO DR. DARYL BUCHHOLZ

The Alpha Rho Chapter would especially like to congratulate Dr. Daryl Buchholz for receiving the most prestigious ESP Ruby Award at the 2013 Galaxy IV Conference.

His outstanding dedication and leadership to Extension and especially K-State Research and Extension is tremendous!

In his position as associate director for extension and applied research at Kansas State University, Daryl Buchholz provides vision and leadership for the day-to-day operation of the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service. Daryl was the 2013 chair of the National Extension Committee on Organization and Policy.

Daryl made this statement: "I am an advocate for a professional to be active in at least one professional society. I also advocate for an extension professional to be a part of Epsilon Sigma Phi. As an extension professional, being a part of your professional society should be automatic; being a part of Epsilon Sigma Phi should be your goal."



Daryl and Joyce Buchholz

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*Knowledge for
Life*

2013 TENURE RECOGNITION

5 years

- **Brian Faris**
2007 to present
Ani. Science & Industry
- **Stuart Warren**
2007 to present
Hort/For/Rec. Serv.

10 years

- **Nozella Brown**
2003 to present
Wyandotte County
- **Robin Eubank**
2003 to 2007
Seward County;
2007 to 2008
River Valley District;
2008 to present
Barber County

15 years

- **John Forshee**
1998 to 2000
Rooks County;
2009 to present
River Valley District
- **Andrea Feldkamp**
1998 to 2000
Cowley County;
2000 to 2012
Riley County;
2012 to 2013
Human Nutrition
- **Sandra Johnson**
1998 to present
Northwest Area
- **Sandra Procter**
1998 to present
Human Nutrition

- **Nancy Pihl**
1998 to present
Marion County

20 years

- **Roberta Riportella**
1993 to 2013
Univ. of Wisconsin;
2013 to present
Fam. Stud/Hum Serv.

25 years

- **Bryan Manny**
1988 to present
KFM/South Central
- **Gayle Price**
1987 to 1989
Crawford County;
1989 to present
Southeast Area

30 years

- **Joseph Harner**
1983 to present
Bio/Ag Engineering
- **Jan McMahon**
1983 to 1986
Wyandotte County;
1986 to 1988
Leavenworth County;
1988 to present
Sedgwick County
- **Sharolyn Jackson**
1983 to 1988
Chatauqua County;
1988 to 2006
Riley County;
2006 to present
Northeast Area

- **Pam Van Horn**
1983 to 2004
Saline County;
2004 to 2006
Central KS District;
2006 to present
State 4-H Youth Dev.

35 years

- **Carl Garten**
1978 to 2004
Saline County;
2004 to present
Central KS District
- **Nancy Nelson**
1978 to 1988
Ellsworth County;
1988 to 2006
Jackson County;
2006 to present
Meadowlark District
- **Danny Rogers**
1977 to present
Bio/Ag Engineering

40 years

- **Rodney Buchele**
1970 to 1984
Univ. of Wisconsin;
1986 to 1993
Univ. of Florida;
1993 to 2003
Colorado State Univ.;
2003 to present
Southwest Area



50 YEARS HONORING ANN DOMSCH

- 1959 to 1995
Rawlins County
- 1995 to 2001
Southeast Area
- 2005 to present
Northeast Area

