

President's Message—November 1, 2019

Welcome to the new year for ESP's Alpha Rho Chapter. I'm honored and excited to be your chapter president and look forward to a great year!

First, I want to thank Erin Yelland, current past-president, for her leadership during 2018-19. Erin's willingness to shake things up and innovate is energizing and I hope to keep that momentum going into 2020. Let's all extend a warm welcome to our newest ESP members—Jennifer Brantley, Rachel Clews, Gary Fike and Tyler Johnson.

My goal as your chapter leader in 2020 is that we provide our members with enriching professional development opportunities and other incentives to become active Epsilon Sigma Phi members. I encourage you to mark your calendars right now for several professional development opportunities:

- JCEP Leadership Conference—February 12-13 in San Antonio, Texas—This conference is open to any extension professional who would like to enhance their leadership skills. It will include keynote speakers and breakout sessions that pertain to every subject matter area.
- The United Associations Conference—March 5-6 in Wichita—This conference provides a more local opportunity for professional development for ESP members. It is a joint venture between KAEFCS and FCS teachers across the state.
- The 2020 ESP National Conference—October 5-8 in Rochester, NY—The New York chapter has an exciting conference planned for next fall. More details about the conference and how to submit a proposal to present will be available after the first of the year.

As a result of being awarded an ESP endowment grant, Laurie Chandler and I will be developing some new professional development sessions to help extension professionals develop their core competencies in 2020. Be on the lookout for more information about those opportunities soon.

I firmly believe that we get out of our professional organizations what we put into them. Please take an active role in ESP this year whether that be through committee work, officer duties or professional development. Let's have a great year!

Respectfully,

Jennifer Wilson