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Epsilon Sigma Phi

National Honorary Extension Fraternity

Lambda Chapter Briefs

July 2008 Newsletter

See us on the web at:

<http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

Mission Statement: Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is dedicated to fostering The Cooperative Extension Professionals' Organization standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional.

Vision Statement: Epsilon Sigma Phi leads the Extension System in promoting and supporting professionalism in Extension.

Greetings from Lambda Chapter President Rod Howe

I am pleased to report that New York State, in collaboration with our sister Northeast ESP Chapters, will be hosting the 2011 national conference in Syracuse. The dates are October 9-13, 2011. This also happens to be the year that Cornell Cooperative Extension will be celebrating its centennial so it seems especially fitting.

In my last update I referenced a meeting that Epsilon Sigma Phi hosted with the state's Extension organizations and sections. A meeting outcome is that former ACCEE funds will be used to support professional development. Potentially the three categories will be general professional development, regional trainings, and opportunities related to the 2011 centennial. Look for further information by the end of the summer.

The Lambda Chapter is also working on a Challenge Checklist for Fall 2008- Fall 2011 to encourage system building and networking; enhance campus-county connections, encourage pride in our professional practice, and foster professional development. The Chapter hopes to have that ready by late summer as well.

“Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.” Henry James

I hope that all of you will enjoy a summer afternoon or two or three in the next couple of months.

Rod Howe

Galaxy III Extension Conference - September 15-19 - Register by August 15

The Galaxy III Extension Conference is scheduled for September 15-19, 2008 in Indianapolis, IN. This is the joint national conference for all Extension professional associations: ESP, NEAFCS, NAE4-HA, NACAA, ANREP, and NACDEP.

The Galaxy III theme is Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity and Unique Qualities. The Galaxy conference is a wonderful opportunity for Extension professionals from all subject matter areas and all parts of the country to network, learn together, and continue to build programs that will serve the citizens of our communities now and well into the future.

For more information and to register for the conference -
<https://sharepoint.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/galaxy/default.aspx>

Leading Change for a Health Organization ESP Pre-Conference

Monday, September 15, from 9:00 – 3:30 pm, Hyatt Hotel, Indianapolis

Registration Posted at <http://espnational.org>.

This conference is designed for Extension educators across all disciplines, including county and regional directors, human resource and professional development personnel and administrators. Participants will be exposed to an integrative model for a total rewards strategy that serves as a 21st century roadmap for leaders responsible for attracting, retaining and motivating a workforce in today's work environment. Registered participants will complete a brief survey tool to help set the stage for an effective learning experience and more closely tailor the presentation to the audience's specific needs. Participation is limited. Registration deadline is **August 1**.

CCE Friend of Extension Award

The CCE Friend of Extension Award is issued annually jointly by the Director of Extension and Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. It is the highest recognition awarded by CCE and is given to individuals outside of the CCE system who have made outstanding contributions in support of our educational programs. Does someone come to mind? If so, drop a short note to Rod Howe (rlh13@cornell.edu) or Mike Duttweiler (mwd1@cornell.edu).

Lambda Chapter is Seeking Award Nominations for Excellent Extension Colleagues

Celeste Carmichael, Professional Recognition

Nominations for awards may be submitted any time, by anyone (before Sept...but don't put it off). Forms, including a new online form, are available at: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/awards.htm>

It's easy to do and the form only takes a few minutes to fill out. Many of last year's winners were so surprised and pleased that their colleagues thought their work merited an award nomination.

Awards will be given out at our October Conference. Recipients will receive their first year of ESP dues - paid for by Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Nominating is simple - just provide enough detail about your colleague(s) to give the review committee a flavor of what the nominee (or nominees) has accomplished. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

So please take a few moments to nominate a colleague. You'll be glad you did.

If you have not yet renewed your dues for the new year, please do so now. There is a link to the dues form front and center on our chapter home page: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

Nominate a Member Today

Eligibility for Epsilon Sigma Phi and the nomination process used to seem mysterious to many. Not so today. Any member may nominate colleague seen as upholding the professional ideals of ESP (see Creed on page 1). Persons in exempt professional educator roles with two years experience are eligible for nomination. Recognize a colleague today! See our home page for the nomination form: <http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/ESP/>

