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Life*

Welcome to summer, ESP friends! I am writing this message to you while sipping a delicious cup of coffee in the Humboldt Mercantile (a quaint, fun little coffee shop that also sells unique items from Kansas artisans – check it out next time you pass through!). As I sit here and write to you, I am reminded of how privileged I am to be in a position that gives me the opportunity to experience Kansas and work with each of you. I truly appreciate you and the work that we collectively do to improve the lives and livelihoods of Kansans!

As your President, I had the opportunity to travel to San Antonio this February to attend the national Extension Leadership Conference – hats off to Trudy Rice for hosting and planning such a wonderful event! It was wonderful to connect with ESP colleagues across the country and brainstorm ways in which we can keep our state chapters active, relevant, and moving forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. ESP nationally is making many changes to become more tech-friendly (visit [espnational.org](http://espnational.org) to see a new, updated website), engaging, and forward thinking. It is fun to learn from and work with our national leaders to share what works (or doesn't!) and collectively build a bright future for ESP. If you do not already, I encourage you to get more involved in ESP both at the state and national levels. You can easily do so in our state by actively participating in the committee on which you serve, volunteering to serve on the ESP Council in a variety of positions (reach out to the nominations committee if you're interested), applying for our innovative programming grants (due August 15<sup>th</sup>. Nationally, you can become more involved by volunteering to serve on national committees (contact me if you're interested), participating in national webinars ([espnational.org/webinars](http://espnational.org/webinars)), and attending the national meeting in Colorado Springs this October ([espnational.org/2019-conference](http://espnational.org/2019-conference)). I hope Kansas can have a large representation at the national meeting this year – it's only a short drive away

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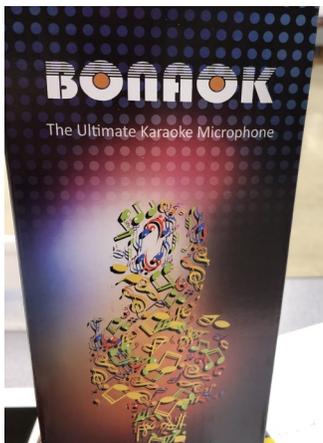
(carpool anyone?!). Registration opens June 1!

As I close my message to you, I will leave you with one request...

As I previously mentioned, we are brainstorming ways to make ESP even better nationally – but I also want to be having this conversation at home. What is one idea you have to make ESP even more beneficial to Extension professionals in Kansas? Email me your idea(s), big or small – [erinyelland@ksu.edu](mailto:erinyelland@ksu.edu).

Make it a great summer! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Annual Conference.

*Erin*



## Tools for Digital Learning

In late November, twenty Extension staff members benefited from an ESP Endowment grant when they attended “Tools for Reaching Digital Learners.” Cyndi Kuhn, faculty member and the Education Technology Integration Coordinator for the Kansas State University College of Education, facilitated this hands-on learning opportunity. Participants learned about and practiced using digital tech tools such as Adobe Spark, Adobe Page, Pixabay, Padlet, Smore, EdPuzzle and more. Additionally, Kuhn introduced participants to practical and time saving gadgets to use in their work.



# PILD REFLECTION

SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER WILSON



The PILD Conference was a great opportunity to connect with leaders from across the country and learn about how to advocate for the important work we do. It is always great to have conversations with Extension professionals from other states, and I think ESP for giving opportunities to connect across disciplines. Innovation has been a buzzword recently so I appreciated

learning from Paul Hill and others who are advocates for taking risks to advance our work. Paul challenged us to think about how can I do my job better? He reminded us that it's OK to fail as much can be learned by failure, and we just might succeed instead! He said, "If we don't celebrate failure, we aren't trying hard enough." There is always something to learn from failure, and Smith encouraged risk taking in Extension. In addition to an excellent conference, our Kansas delegation had a great visit to Capitol Hill where we had positive discussions with legislative staffers. I appreciate the opportunity to represent the Alpha Rho chapter in D.C.!

## Thank you!

Thank you to the Alpha Rho Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Phi for providing a grant of \$1,000 to attend the NEAFCS 2019 Annual Session in Hershey, PA. This will be my first time attending this conference and I am looking forward to the networking and program expansion opportunities this will provide. Again, thank you for the support in making this possible as I appreciate it very much!

*Sara*

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# ENDOWMENT UPDATE

## BY JOHN FORSHEE

The Endowment Board meet on May 20 to review the availability of Endowment Funds and to review the applications for Jim Lindquist Administrative Leadership Endowment and the ESP Professional Development Scholarships.

ESP Treasurer Debra Wood reviewed with the Board that there is currently a \$43.29 expendable balance in the Jim Lindquist Endowment Fund and \$8,642.78 of expendable funds in the Endowment Scholarship & Grand Fund. There are anticipated quarterly distributions of \$1,650.00 per quarter in 2019 but that is dependent upon the performance of the funds in the market. Jim Lindquist generously volunteered to provide an additional donation to allow an award of up to \$500 from the Jim Lindquist Fund.

With a number of the request being for tuition assistance and there being no real guidelines for awarding such, it was the consensus of the group to provide up to \$1,000 of assistance for Tuition for employees to take up to two classes per university policy.

With no guarantee of additional income, the group wanted to insure that some funds would be available for the August Innovative Programming proposals. It was the consensus of the group that we would set aside \$4,000 of the current \$8,642.78 to be available to fund the proposals due in August.

The Endowment received five request for a total of \$9,490.40. The following requests were granted by the Endowment Board:

\*\$1,000 to Patsy Maddy to attend the 2019 NAE4-HA Conference and Expo and present a program seminar with Pam Van Horn on Shooting Sports with \$500 coming from the Jim Lindquist Endowment and \$500 from the Extension Scholarship Fund.

\*\$1,000 to Erin Yelland, PhD, CFLE to attend The American Society on Aging Annual Conference: Aging in America.

\*\$1,000 to Chuckie Hessong for graduate studies toward a Masters in Community Development at Kansas State University.

\*\$1,000 to Sara Sawyer, MPH, RD, LD to attend "Nurturing the Richness of Lifelong Learning" the 2019 National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting.

\*\$1,000 to Cassie Homan for graduate studies toward a Masters in Adult Education and Leadership at Kansas State University.

The board received thank-you notes from Jamie Menon and Sharon Erickson-Fryback since the last meeting for scholarships received in the 2018-19 program