

President's Update – June, 2017

As I write this update, my thoughts go to Dr. Daryl Buchholz and his retirement. Daryl has been a tremendous supporter of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. I was able to attend the national meeting when he was received the Ruby Award for his excellent service to Extension. He is always so humble and as Kansans we were all very proud to claim him as our state leader. Daryl, we will miss you and the support you have shown. We wish you the best and hope retirement gives you the opportunity to explore and enjoy many new opportunities and time with your family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

As ESP members we have the opportunity to recognize Daryl for his service by making a donation on his behalf to the ESP endowment fund. Funds will be used for professional development grants. Daryl believed strongly in professional development and always encouraged each of us to look for new opportunities to grow ourselves and our extension careers.

Recently, the endowment committee met and selected winners for the 2017 professional development grants. Nozella Brown, ESP Endowment Chair, will soon be announcing the recipients. Another round of grants will be selected in August for innovative programming. The deadline is August 15th. For details and how to apply go to: <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/documents/endowment/5-17EndowmentFundGrantApplication.pdf>

As you think about innovative programming, think of your fellow co-workers who have done outstanding programming this past year and consider nominating them for an award. The website has updated information on who is eligible for what awards along with the requirements.

And great news on the national awards front, Ray Bartholomew has been selected the National Friend of Extension. He will receive his award in Wilmington, North Carolina at the National ESP conference this October.

This October at annual conference, we have another opportunity to highlight innovative programs through Ignite presentations. Each association is asked to select and support a member who has conducted an innovative program to present an Ignite talk. The Ignite presentation format is a 5 minute long presentation with 20 slides where the slides advance automatically every 15 seconds. It is high energy, fast paced and forces the point to be brought across quickly.

Summer is here and before we know it we will be gathering in Manhattan for our ESP annual meeting. Please take some time to consider who you would like as your association officers. The committee will soon be soliciting names for the ballot. It's an honor to serve and a great way to get know your extension colleagues across the state.

Warmly,

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