

ESP Monthly President's Message
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Dear Alpha Rho Chapter Members

Spring is just around the corner and as we prepare to do our personal taxes by the April 15 deadline I am reminded of the importance of doing our part with our charitable contributions. I realize there are many, many options for us to do good work and so I ask you to give careful consideration to adding the ESP Extension Endowment Fund to that list.

The Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Rho Endowment Fund, established in 1992 within the KSU Foundation, provides recognition in the form of financial support for innovative programs and professional development. Professionally delivered programs addressing local, state, and national issues — such as global food systems, health, water, community vitality, and developing leaders — help Kansas families and communities.

The following is a link to our ESP webpage and the ESP Extension Endowment Fund brochure: <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/documents/endowment/ESPEndowmentBrochure-9-26-14FinalColor.pdf>

Another of our ways that we develop our endowment is through our ESP Endowment Auction that we hold each year at the KSRE Annual Conference. Consider donating to that auction or make sure you bid during the silent auction event. Jodi Besthorn serves as the committee chair for that event so be looking for information from Jodi as annual conference approaches this fall.

Finally, I encourage ESP members to consider applying for an Alpha Rho ESP Professional Development Grant or a Program Innovation Grant. The following link is to the application which is due either May 1 or August 15: <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/esp-alpharho/documents/endowment/5-17EndowmentFundGrantApplication.pdf>
As past-president, Nadine Sigle serves as the chair of the Endowment Committee and so questions may be directed to Nadine.

I will keep this as a monthly reminder that our chapter has set the following goals for the year. We ask that our committee chairs look these goals over and adopt them as relevant to your committee and help us continue the excellence of the Alpha Rho Chapter!

Goals for 2017-18:

- Reach out to younger colleagues to get involved in ESP- explore how we can be relevant to younger colleagues and meet their needs.
- Review Associate membership in light of new national guidelines for immediate eligibility.
- Reach out to increase membership among specialists-
- ESP Area Directors assign ESP mentors for new colleagues
- Kansas award applicants in all recognition categories
- Professionalism Committee offer professional development opportunities for members

Thanks for all you do to help make the Alpha Rho Chapter one of the strongest ESP Chapters in the nation! Keep up the good work. John Forshee, Alpha Rho President, 2017-18