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Congratulations!...

to all Central Region Staff who participated in and were recognized at last week’s Annual Conference. Below are some of the highlights from the conference.

**ESP Friend of Extension Award**

- Guernsey County Regional Planning Commission
- Jeff Parry, Highland County
- Jim Porter and Jerry Levy, Muskingum County Commissioners (being submitted for National nomination)

**Friend of Community Development Award** – Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

**ESP Meritorious Support Service Recognition** – Charissa Gardner, South Centers

**Extension Support Staff Excellence Award** – Linda Good, Miami County

**Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award** – Christy Leeds, Union County

**Marilyn Spiegel Excellence in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Award** – Pat Brinkman, Fayette County

**Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award** – David Marrison, Ashtabula County

**Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award** – Brian Raison, Miami County

**ESP Excellence in Extension Award** – Bruce Clevenger, Defiance County
JCEP/ESP Awards –
Scholarships –
  • Lesley Cooksey (Fairfield), $140, NAE4-HA Conference in Portland, Oregon
First-Timer Scholarships –
  • Lesley Cooksey (Fairfield), $100, NAE4-HA

Team Teaching Awards
Extension & Non-Extension Collaborators – 5 or more members
  • 3rd place – Camp Public Health – OSU Day – Shari Gallup (Licking) and Colleagues
  • HM – Making the 2014 Farm Bill Decisions – Jerry Iles (Fairfield), Mary Griffith (Madison), Mike Estadt (Pickaway), Stan Smith (Fairfield) and colleagues
  • HM – 2014 Live Healthy Live Well In-Service – Michelle Treber (Pickaway), Candace Heer (Morrow) and colleagues

One Program Area – 5 or more members
  • 2nd place – New and Small Farm College – Mike Estadt (Pickaway), Mary Griffith (Madison), Rob Leeds (Delaware) and colleagues

Creative Works Awards
Periodical Publication – 1E
  • 2nd place – Lisa McCutcheon (Licking)
Promotional Package (Individual) – 6C
  • 1st place – Sue Hogan (Franklin)
Promotional Package (Team) – 6D
  • 1st place – Michelle Treber (Pickaway), Jennifer Driesbach (Pickaway) and colleagues

Bulletins and Monographs – 8B
  • 2nd place – Julie Fox (Central), James Stiving (Central), Mike Hogan (Franklin), Susan Colbert (Franklin), Marilyn Rabe (Franklin) and colleagues

Project Book – 8C
  • 2nd place – Michelle Treber (Pickaway), Laryssa Hook (Delaware) and colleagues
  • HM – Mary Longo (Marion) and colleagues

Blog – 9C
  • 1st place – Michelle Treber (Pickaway), Candace Heer (Morrow), Shannon Carter (Fairfield), Marilyn Rabe (Franklin) and colleagues

Social Networking Medium – 9D
  • 1st place – Michelle Treber (Pickaway) and colleagues

ESP Chapter Awards
North Central Regional Diversity/Multicultural Team: Learning about Food in Urban Communities - Marilyn Rabe (Franklin), Mike Hogan (Franklin), Julie Fox (Central), Beth Boomershine (Franklin), Susan Hogan (Franklin), Susan Colbert (Franklin), Jennifer Dulaney (Franklin), Suad Hirsi (Franklin), Cara Gorman (Franklin), Peggy Murphy (Franklin), Lisa Gibson (Franklin), Becky Bell (Franklin)
Presentations

- Safety for Women Educators – Mary Griffith (Madison) and colleagues
- Innovation in the City – Julie Fox (Central), James Stiving (Central), Laquore Meadows (Franklin), Mike Hogan (Franklin), Beth Boomershine (Franklin), Myra Moss (State), Laryssa Hook (Delaware), Rob Leeds (Delaware), Carol Keck (Delaware), and colleagues
- Aging Ohio: Addressing the Need for Aging Curriculum and Outreach – Marilyn Rabe (Franklin) and colleagues
- Successfully Leading a Team into Social Media Programming – Michelle Treber (Pickaway) and colleagues
- Navigating the Administrative and Professional Promotion Process: Getting a Grasp of the Basics – Lisa McCutcheon (Licking) and colleague

Posters

- Delivering Pesticide and Fertilizer Applicator Training Programs in Field Day Settings – Mary Griffith (Madison) and colleagues
- Utilizing New Technology to Teach Basic Agronomic Principles – John Barker (Knox)
- Gleaning Knox County – Sabrina Schirtzinger (Knox) and colleague
- Challenges and Successes of Developing an Interactive Digital Publication – Joy Sharp (Pickaway) and colleagues
- Needs Assessment of the Ohio Tourism Industry – Julie Fox (Central) and colleagues
- The History and Future of Extension’s Urban Mission – Julie Fox (Central) and James Stiving (Central)

Thank You!...

to all Central Region Staff who served on the 2015 Annual Conference Planning Committee and made the event a great success: Co-Chair Julie Fox (Central), Mike Hogan (Franklin), Laryssa Hook (Delaware), James Stiving (Central). Anyone who has ever served on the conference planning committee knows that this is a tremendous undertaking, and we sincerely appreciate those who served on this committee.

Administrative Updates...

Leadership Ohio – Administrative Cabinet has decided to sponsor two delegates each year to participate in Leadership Ohio. For 2016, delegates will be selected from FCS and CD personnel. In 2017, they will be from ANR and 4-H, and then alternate year to year.
Promotion Date Change – The date for educators to apply for promotion will be changing from March 1 to earlier in the year (January). Be sure to watch for announcements from Ken Martin, Chair, Department of Extension.

Performance Evaluation Surveys – Thanks for getting your evaluator names in. The surveys will be out shortly. Please note that surveys will be sent to all county staff for evaluation of CEDs. Some of you may receive two surveys for the same person. Please complete both as they will be different surveys (one for program and one for CED work).

PhD Program Materials – These will be available soon for anyone who could not attend last week’s session.

Business Office News . . .
There are a few new news items on the Business Office website at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/news. Please take a minute to visit their site and read up on:

- Extension Off-Campus Extension Units Sales Tax Cleanup
- Extension Professional Presentation Support Due 1/15/16
- Extension Welcomes Sarah Mays to the Northeast Region Extension Office
- Staples is the new office supply vendor