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Colorado Zeta Chapter Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Zeta Chapter Members,

Happy summer! Everything is green and growing here in Kansas.

Speaking of Kansas, I'd like to invite you to attend the 2018 ESP National Conference Oct. 1-4 in Manhattan, Kansas—just a little over an hour from my new home!

Since we are hosting the 2019 National Conference in Colorado Springs, I encourage as many of you as possible to go to bring back ideas to help our conference be wonderful.

There are a limited number of professional development scholarships allocated for this conference so get your application in now! You can find it on the Zeta Chapter webpage.

I glanced over the conference sessions. There are some really interesting ones and very diverse. Topics include working with children, administrative, emerging issues, on-boarding, general, leadership and more.

The featured speakers include Jim Richardson, a photographer from

National Geographic; author and entrepreneur, Clifton Taulbert and Dr. JoAnne Owens-Nausler, Motivational Speaker and Physical Activity Advocate.

The tours look interesting too. They include:

- [We like IKE Tour](#): which visits the hometown of Dwight D. Eisenhower (and a stop at the Russel Stover Candy Factory!)
- [Flint Hills Tallgrass Prairie Tour](#): The Flint Hills Ecoregion is designated as a distinct region because it has the most dense coverage of intact tall-grass prairie in North America.
- [Uniquely K-State \(half day tour\)](#): The Wheat Innovation Center and the International Grains Program represent K-State's commitment to feeding the world.

Hope to see you all in Kansas in October!
Sheila

Apply for ESP Zeta Professional Development Funds

There is money budgeted annually for ESP Zeta members who need financial support for upcoming professional development opportunities. These funds don't necessarily have to be used for conferences, but can be used for textbooks, curriculum, etc. for helping you on your professional development path.

Awards of up to \$200 are available through a simple one-page application process located on the ESP Zeta web site: <http://esp.colostate.edu/docs/scholarship-esp.pdf> in the left column under **State: Scholarship Application**. After completion, e-mail to: susan.carter@colostate.edu.

Go for it—it is there for YOU!

Zeta Chapter News —

Member Input Needed

Our Executive Committee needs your input on our Community Service Project this year. Last year we collected the mini-hygiene products and donated them to the Denver Homeless Shelter.

This year we are thinking of participating with the COUPs for Troops program. Their website can be accessed at www.COUPSFORTROOPS.org. I encourage you to give it a look and see if you think this might be a worthwhile project for us to get involved. Here's a short piece on what their organization does:



That's right, it's CFT's birthday! A year ago, a few of Coups For Troops volunteers decided it was time to take this hobby organization to the next step. CFT Inc was formed and we obtained 501(c)3 status as a US Federally recognized non-profit charity.

So now we get to celebrate our first anniversary as a non-profit charity! This gives us the advantage of being a tax-deductible charity providing coupons to our military family, as well as the only one that send the coupons directly to the families of our military.

Coups For Troops continues to match military families with US donors to send unwanted and expired coupons directly to their homes overseas on military bases. In the past year, CFT has added over 1,000 new military families to receive coupons and over 2,000 new donors!

Coups For Troops has always been a self funded volunteer operation, with our donors funding all of the postage to get over a ton of coupons shipped overseas each year. This is done completely free of charge to our military families.

PLEASE LET SHEILA KNOW BY JUNE 25 IF YOU WOULD SUPPORT THIS VENTURE AS OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT at sheilagkelley@outlook.com!



Do You Have Experience in International Programs? The Global Relations Committee needs your help!

We know that a number of our members have had the opportunity to do international work through Extension. We would love to tap into your expertise! First, we would like to create a guide for people who would like to participate in international educational programming through Extension. Sharing your experience would be a great start. Next, we have an award for Distinguished International Service. It's not too soon to start thinking about likely candidates! Please contact Sheila or GRC chair Roshan Nayak with your ideas for both of these projects. Our email addresses are on page 1 of this newsletter.

Life Members

Life Members - Volunteer for 2019 ESP National Conference

By Luann Boyer, Zeta Chapter Executive Secretary

Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) is an organization which provides several opportunities for the Life Members to stay actively involved. Colorado Life Members are encouraged to be part of the planning and helping on-site when we host the 2019 ESP National Conference in Colorado Springs, October 14-17, 2019. There will be information about the Conference in each of the Zeta Chapter newsletters during the next year.

There are opportunities to be on one of the Conference Committees. Of course, the Life Member Committee is responsible for activities for Life Members to attend, including a track of concurrent sessions for retiree interest. But, there are many other committees which also need volunteers: Fundraising/Sponsor/Development; Pre-Conference Tours & Activities; Facilities (Hotel and Olympic Center); Registration/Hospitality; Entertainment/Decorations; Auction; and IT/Media. Mark Platten, Teller County Extension Director, is the 2019 Conference Chair. Call him at 719-686-7961 or email

plattenm@co.teller.co.us with the committee in which you are interested.

If you have not been to a National Conference, you might consider attending the 2018 one which will be held in Manhattan, Kansas (home of Kansas State University) October 1-4. Opening is Monday, October 1 with tours of the area during the day and a Life Member Event at 6 p.m. followed by the Opening Reception at 7 p.m.



Tuesday will open with the general session speaker followed by the Ruby Luncheon. The afternoon has Life Member Tours, Workshop Sessions, National Committee Meetings and closes with the Endowment Auction and a social time to network with colleagues from other states.

Wednesday features regional breakfasts, general session speaker, concurrent sessions, and concludes with the recognition/awards dinner. The conference concludes Thursday, October 4 with a breakfast meeting and general session speaker on Physical Activity and the Colorado invitation to the 2019 Conference. Since Manhattan is only a 7-hour drive via I-70, it's a great opportunity to take part in the conference this year—maybe even carpool! Full agenda and other information is posted on the ESP website (<http://espnational.org>).

P.S. from Mark Platten: You'll want to ensure anyone wanting to attend gets their hotel and airline tickets ASAP since there is a K-State Football game on Saturday which means getting into Manhattan may be a bit of a challenge.



National ESP News

Upcoming National ESP Deadlines:

Registration Fees and Deadlines for National Conference:

- Early Bird Registration - \$450 (ends August 31)
- Regular Registration - \$500 (ends September 21)
- Late Registration - \$550

December 1: Electronic submission for PILD scholarships, professional development grants and Angus Professional Development Scholarship Applications.

ESP Professional Develop Webinars

Two new webinars are available for viewing at espnational.org. I encourage you to watch them at your leisure.

- ♦ "Healthy Transition into Retirement" was presented by Erin Yelland, Asst. Professor, KSUCE. Topics include 1) focusing on a healthy lifestyle, 2) focusing on fundamental relationship, 3) striving to achieve balance and 4) continuing planning for your future.
- ♦ "Learn Digital Marketing Strategies to Promote Your Programming" was presented by Amy Cole, Digital Media Program Director, University of Arkansas CE. This webinar helps you market your program through webpages, e-newsletters and social media.



The Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is looking forward to welcoming members to the 2018 National Conference to be held in **Manhattan, KS**

October 1-4, 2018.

They represent extension professionals employed by [K-State Research and Extension](#) at locations all across the state. They are an active chapter with 218 annual, associate and life members. They boast three of the last twelve Ruby Award recipients, a recent past national president, other national officers, committee members and recognition recipients. They frequently have a large representation at National ESP conferences and as a result of attending those meetings, decided that we would like to invite you to visit us in Kansas in October 2018. **REGISTER NOW!**

Help Keep Our Chapter in the Black!

As many of you may remember, our chapter has traditionally had a raffle and a silent auction at Extension Forum. So in order to continue our ability to provide travel and study scholarships, we need to get busy and raise some \$\$\$.

We would love to have a vacation opportunity to raffle off this fall. If you have a vacation home, hunting or fishing cabin or some other rustic getaway that you would be willing to contribute for one week, please contact Dennis Kaan to talk about details. Or if you have a contact with someone who organizes packages like this who might give us a good deal, please also contact Dennis at dennis.kaan@colostate.edu.

If you would like to help organize a silent auction or other types of fundraisers at Forum, please contact Sheila.

The more we all pitch in to raise some funds, the more opportunities we can make available for our members. Thanks in advance for your help!

More National ESP News

Welcome New Director/Secretary Greg and Becky Price

Mike Knutz, ESP National 2nd Vice President

Your National Board of Directors are pleased to introduce Greg Price, the new ESP Executive Director and Becky Price, the National Office Manager (and Greg's wife). The National ESP Office is now located in Newnan, Georgia.

After a full university career Greg and Becky have long planned for a second career in retirement around board management and/or meeting planning. The board recognized this skilled and talented duo as a good fit in serving the National ESP Organization.

Greg retired from the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service after 32 years of service. Greg has been active in five of the seven JCEP organizations: NAE4-HA, NACAA, NEAFCS, ESP, and ANREP. He has attended 29 national meetings of these organizations throughout his career. He has been a member of ESP since his induction in 1990 and is now a life member.

Greg understands the history and culture of all the JCEP organizations. He has a passion for professional development organizations and helping them be successful. He understands the important role these organizations play in the scholarship of Extension.

Becky retired after 21 years providing support to upper level administration within the university system. She served in administrative assistant roles to the university controller, director of development, and associate dean for academic affairs and research.



The last eight years of her university career Becky served as the Assistant to the Dean for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia.

Greg and Becky have two grown children - David, age 35 and Amanda, age 33. They have four grandsons whose ages are 5, 3, 3, and 2. They have one dog, Davinci, a King Charles Cavalier, who is 12 years old and one cat who is not very friendly. Greg and Becky enjoy packing their travel trailer and going on adventures in their free time.

ESP offers opportunity to:

- Improve your skills as an educator/presenter/leader;
- Enhance your leadership abilities through active committee membership and professional development opportunities at state, regional and national conferences;
- Share your experience, expertise and scholarly activity
- Expand your network of resources.

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Excellence. Leadership. Experience. Networking. Skill Improvement.

What is JCEP and Why Should I Care?

By Christy Fitzpatrick, ESP Past President

Much of the time our work in Extension is so focused on what is right in front of us - our fair, program, county, region, special area of expertise - that we usually don't give much thought to how we are all part of the much bigger picture that is the Extension system.

While many of us are involved with our professional associations and find value in the way those connect us to others who do similar work and allow us to combine knowledge and expertise to create new responses on a regional or national level, we might not think about the people who work for us at a level that impacts our funding and support on a political level.

When we are busy serving our communities we don't often think, or even like to think, that as part of the Land Grant University system, there is a political element to everything we do. Fortunately we do have a group of people with the dedication and expertise to take care of this for us and that group is JCEP, the Joint Council of Extension Professionals.

What does JCEP do? Our Mission:
To elevate the awareness of Extension's national reputation as an organization of excellence, synergistically leverage the efforts of the member associations, foster leadership and collaboration, provide professional development and scholarship opportunities, and advocate for the Extension profession.

And why? *The Joint Council of Extension Professionals represents the collective voice of over 10,000 professionals, connecting Extension from the ground up. We provide a means to network across disciplines, the opportunity for next level national leadership and an active role in creating and ensuring the future of the Extension System.*

Who does this? The board is made up of the President, President-Elect and Past President of the seven member organizations: ANREP, ESP, NACAA, NACDEP, NAE4-HA, NAEPSDP, and NAEFCS, two representatives from USDA NIFA, one from the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), one from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU), the JCEP Representative to ECOP Budget and Legislative Committee (**our own Judy Barth**) and the JCEP Executive Director.

Now, I am sure this is more than you ever wanted to know about JCEP. The point is that there is a whole lot of work going on that we don't even have to think about, making sure that we get the funding and support we need to do the work that is right in front of us. When we get to attend events like PILD and the JCEP Leadership Conference, we get to see some of these folks in action and we also get to learn how we can support their work (and by extension, our own work) and how, should that leadership path look interesting, we can participate.

Bottom line, JCEP supports us in the work we do for our local clients, communities, regions, states and even across the country to give people the tools to make their lives better!

JCEP Leadership Conference

February 6 - 7, 2019

**Wyndham San Antonio
Riverwalk,**