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# Epsilon Sigma Phi Zeta Chapter

## **President's Message**

Dear ESP colleagues and friends,

I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by—it's officially fall! I am certainly ready for a little cooler weather and a break from so much humidity.

I've been very fortunate to be president-elect and president of this great organization. I joined 10 years ago and have never regretted it.

ESP has given me the opportunity to interact with colleagues of all disciplines. It has been extremely beneficial as it increased my networking and knowledge base.

For those of you who have been in Extension for a while, you know how many unnecessary and uninteresting meetings we have attended.

I have to say that both Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) meetings I've gone to are by far the most inspirational and educational meetings I've attended in 20 years of extension work. I highly encourage all of you to attend at least once in your career.

As the year comes to a close, I'm excited to hear the award

winners and congratulate our colleagues for their hard work.

Thank you to Susan Carter for jumping in to the awards chair position, and to her committee for their evaluations.

Your ESP executive committee works hard to make sure you are kept update on news, events and awards. Thank you to all of you.

Christy Fitzpatrick, past president, deserves a heap of praise and thank you from me. She has covered for me many times when I needed a bit of help.

Incoming president Judy Barth has also been more than helpful during my presidential tenure.

Dennis Kaan keeps us updated financially and Alison O'Connor takes really good minutes!

Rounding out the team is executive secretary Luann Boyer. Luann has great ideas and always is willing to help where needed.

It's been a pleasure working with and serving you these past years.

Blessings,

Sheila Kelley

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON OCTOBER 24**  
**NOON TO 2 PM**

Cherokee Park Room, Lory Student Center  
Sign up to attend through your Forum registration!

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## Zeta Chapter News

### Renew your ESP Membership! Invite a friend or new colleague to join!!

Although it is true that National ESP is changing the way members are entered in the national membership data base and collecting dues, for 2019, we in Zeta Chapter will continue to collect your dues through your Forum registration and one of your hard-working ESP officers will enter your basic data into the new national system. Then later you will be able to go in and update your profile on the national site.

Watch for instructions in our next newsletter. For 2019, dues for continuing members will be \$80. If you invite a new member to join, their dues are only \$70. If you are about to retire and want to become a life member, dues are \$200.

As a member, you will continue to find helpful resources from the ESP national web site (<http://espnational.org>) where you can apply for scholarships, learn about webinars, sign up for national conferences and join the work of national committees.

ESP also offers:

- \*Scholarships for individual professional development opportunities (national & state scholarships are available)
- \*Chapter and national recognition programs for member individuals and teams
- \*A National Conference with an opportunity to give peer reviewed scholarly presentations
- \*Involvement in public issues and activities
- \*Professional development opportunities
- \*Chapter and national leadership opportunities
- \*A network of Extension professionals united across disciplines and program areas
- \*Mentoring opportunities
- \*Involvement in Global and International opportunities
- \*Partnerships with the Joint Council of Extension Professionals and the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) –USDA

Minutes of Zeta Chapter meetings, scholarship information and other details about Colorado Chapter of ESP can be

### Make a Difference—Speak Up, Join a Committee!!

**The ESP Zeta Executive Committee is open to your ideas and suggestions at any time; just contact one of the members listed on this newsletter. Consider joining one of the EXP Zeta committees to be even more involved. The Executive Committee has made an effort to involve committees to a greater extent – your input is important! You will have an opportunity to sign up at the Annual Meeting Luncheon during Forum or e-mail one of the officers.**

### Another ESP benefit: professional development dollars

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](mailto:Susan.carter@colostate.edu).

Go for it—it is there for YOU!

## Zeta Chapter News

### ESP Forum Fundraising Auction

Welcome to Zeta Chapter in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century! You are invited to be a part of our very first online fundraising auction. We are excited about this new platform for the auction because it will allow participants to bid on auctioned items remotely (even if you don't come to Forum) and receive notification if you are outbid.

This fundraising effort is particularly important this year as we are raising funds to offer support to many of you to attend the 2019 National ESP Conference right here in Colorado!!

You can start adding your donated items to the auction website on October 1. To do this, you will open the auction google form and fill in the requested information. Please make sure you have a great photo of your item too. We will take care of posting it on the auction website. The form can be found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNmS5pi-fZQro5lnI-NerhxilqtIULx9hPZumOLE0FudMrw/viewform>

### ESP officers needed—step up!

At the forum annual meeting in October, two officers — president-elect and treasurer — will be elected for the 2019 year. This is YOUR time to step forward and be the leader we need for our chapter!

Past president will be Sheila Kelley, president will be Judy Barth, and Alison O'Connor will have completed her first year as secretary and will fulfill her second year in 2019. Luann Boyer will continue to serve as executive secretary.

Treasurer Dennis Kaan has finished his second year as treasurer and will hand over the job to the newly-elected treasurer.

The person who is chosen as 2019 president-elect will serve as president for 2020.

The Executive Committee meets monthly by phone – or at least has been doing so for the last several years. This keeps us all informed and ensures Zeta Chapter work gets completed efficiently and in a timely manner.

Officers and duties:

#### *President- Elect*

Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or disability.

Move into the role of President at the end of the term.

Perform other duties as outlined in the Operational Guidelines.

#### *Secretary*

Record complete official minutes of Annual Executive Committee, and any special chapter meetings.

Handle all official correspondence, except financial, on behalf of the chapter.

Present Secretary's minutes at Executive Committee and Annual Meetings.

Perform other duties as outlined in the Operational Guidelines.

To express interest you may contact any officer. (See contact information on the front page.) Presiding over the nominating committee is Christy Fitzpatrick, Past President. However, any member of the Executive Committee will be happy to discuss the role of each office.

## Committee Updates

### Which region can collect the most? It's on!

#### Don't Forget our ZETA Chapter Community Service Project Bring your contributions to Forum.

Do you come back from a trip with more little bottles and toiletries than you could ever use? Did you ever think that people living in shelters or on the street would find those items more valuable than you could ever imagine?

Don't forget that ZETA Chapter will be collecting new, trial-sized, unopened shampoos, conditioners, lotions, soap and so on for distribution to the Denver Rescue Mission to get to the people who need them.

Bring your items to Forum and look for our collection boxes at the registration desk!

**The boxes will be weighed and the region with the most weight will be the winners!**

For more information, contact Christy Fitzpatrick at [christy.fitzpatrick@colostate.edu](mailto:christy.fitzpatrick@colostate.edu)



## Join the ESP Latino Affinity Group

Lupita Fabregas, University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

In 2016, ESP made the decision to host and support the first Latino Affinity Group in any Cooperative Extension organization in the U.S. This decision was based on the need of Cooperative Extension to openly discuss approaches to reach and serve new audiences and reflect new U.S. demographics.

ESP understood that one of the best ways to approach these demographic changes is to support the development of Extension professional nationwide to reach, engage, and better serve the growing Latino population. The ESP Latino Affinity Group's mission is to advance land grant universities by ensuring, equity, inclusion and full participation of Latino/Hispanic youth, families, and communities in the benefits and leadership of Cooperative Extension.

**Who should you join the ESP Latino Affinity Group?** Latino and non-Latino Extension professionals interested in developing professional knowledge and skills to better serve Latino communities in their counties and states.

**How can you join the ESP Latino Affinity Group?** When you renew your ESP membership, just select to be a member of the LAG group.

**What can I expect from the Latino Affinity Group?** You can expect to be a part of a national interested in professional development who will be actively promoting the participation and leadership of Latinos in all Cooperative Extension programs, respecting and incorporating of their values and contributions, advancing academic, research and practical knowledge of Latinos youth, families and communities.

## Life Member News

# Upcoming ESP Activities

by Luann Boyer, Zeta Chapter Executive Secretary

### Extension Forum

ESP Life Members are invited to participate in the annual CSU Extension Forum. The 2018 dates are October 22 through October 25 and headquartered at the Lory Student Center.

Retirees should receive an email soon about forum with special retiree registration. Some events have changed format and there are also some special activities this year.

Extension awards will be presented 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 awards luncheon in the student center ballroom.

The awards luncheon is included in forum registration so plan to attend and catch up with former colleagues.

ESP luncheon and annual business meeting is Oct. 24 from noon to 2 pm in the Cherokee Park Ballroom.

You'll hear more about next year's ESP National Conference hosted by Colorado Zeta Chapter in Colorado Springs, Oct. 14-17, 2019.

Conference committees are already planning and encourage life members to be part of this event. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare for 2019 or during the conference next year, email me at [luann.boyer@colostate.edu](mailto:luann.boyer@colostate.edu) with your in-



terests for committee activities.

In preparation for the 2019 ESP National Conference auction, Colorado is letting this year's Extension Forum attendees be "guinea pigs" for real life testing for next years' online auction. Information about the auction procedure will be emailed to all Extension employees in early October and the auction will go live on October 15.

For years, ESP has held a Silent Auction during the annual luncheon, but if you aren't there, you can't bid. With online auctions, everyone can bid.

### ESP Membership

When you pay Extension Forum registration, it's the ideal time to renew your ESP dues which include both national and Colorado membership.

It's also perfect time to encourage coworkers who are not ESP members to join. A personal ask to become a member is the best method for them to say YES!!! There is not a better time to renew your dues or to become a new member than now!!

With Zeta Chapter hosting the 2019 National Conference next fall in Colorado Springs, being an ESP member makes you eligible for the member reduced registration fee.

In addition, the Zeta Chapter Board is proposing specific funding in the 2019 fiscal year budget to assist ESP members who plan to attend the 2019 conference.

Those eligible to apply for funds will need to pay dues to Zeta Chapter before Dec. 31 Learn more at the ESP luncheon Oct.24.

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## Colorado Crew at National Meeting

Zeta Chapter was represented at the 2018 ESP National Conference in Manhattan, KS Oct. 1-4 with nine members. Pictured are Mark Platten, Christy Fitzpatrick, Sheila Kelley, Judy Barth, Laurel Kubin and Rusty Collins. Others attending included Luann Boyer, Jane Crayton, and Barbara Bates.

National ESP Website

[https://  
espnational.org](https://espnational.org)

## Zeta Chapter website updated



After many hours from many people, the ESP website is now updated and ready to provide you with all kinds of information. Take a look!

Thank you to all who helped get the update completed.