



**EPSILON SIGMA PHI**  
*National Honorary Extension Fraternity*  
*Zeta Chapter*  
*Colorado State University Extension*

September 14, 2020

**TO:** CSU Extension Professionals

**WHAT:**

It is time to recognize your Extension peers, support staff, self or retirees for their/your outstanding work by nominating them/yourself for one, or more, of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards!

**WHO:**

- You ***do not*** have to be an ESP member ***to nominate*** a co-worker for an individual or team award.
- Nominees for the Friend of Extension and Meritorious Support Service Award ***do not have to be ESP members.***
- ***All other nominees must be a current ESP member and at least 50% of the team members eligible for ESP membership must have paid current dues.***

Receiving an ESP award is a great honor, but just being nominated goes a long way toward expressing respect and appreciation for their efforts. Zeta Chapter winners for 2020 will be submitted for regional and national awards in 2021.

**HOW (to make a nomination):**

- 1) Consider the excellent work which is being done in Colorado by CSU Extension staff.
- 2) Review the description for the awards below, they are also on the ESP website at <https://espnational.org/Recognition>. \*Please note, Meritorious Support Service Award and Retiree Award are not on the national website since they are only given at the state chapter level.
- 3) Fill out the short nomination form (attached below) and send it back to me.
- 4) THAT'S IT!

Once nominations are made, nominees will be prompted to fill out their own application online. All applications will be completed on the website so you can actually see what information is requested. Most application sections only have a 100-word maximum, so information must be very concise. \*Former nominees who did not win can be re-nominated. There is no limit on the number of nominations you can make.

**WHEN:**

**Please return nominations by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5pm to Deryn Davidson** ([ddavidson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:ddavidson@bouldercounty.org) 303-678-6386). I will then contact the nominees requesting they complete the on-line application by October 2nd.

BETTER YET, you do NOT have to wait to be nominated! I encourage any of you who qualify for the awards to go on-line <https://espnational.org/Recognition> and complete an application by September 25th. At the end of the application where it asks for *Chapter Recognition Contact*, put in Deryn Davidson and for *Chapter Recognition Email*, put in [ddavidson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:ddavidson@bouldercounty.org). This will allow me to access the application for judging.

Happy nominating!!

Deryn Davidson and Susan Carter  
ESP Scholarships, Grants and Recognition Chair

## ZETA CHAPTER - EPSILON SIGMA PHI RECOGNITION AWARDS

### Chapter Awards

**Meritorious Support Service Award:** Awards to be given to field and state support staff who have demonstrated excellence to support Extension programs. Not limited to ESP members, nor is it limited to clerical staff as the past secretaries' awards were. Up to 4 awards per state, 3 fields and 1 campus. This Chapter Award is not on ESP National website. Application is written documentation of excellence in support of Extension, including at least 1 letter of recommendation.

**Retiree Service Award:** One per chapter. Retired Extension nominee must be giving continued contribution and outstanding service to Colorado Extension and ESP. Application is not on ESP National website. Application is written documentation of support and at least 1 letter of recommendation.

**National Awards –** \*Please note: These awards are given at chapter level and then go to regional and/or national judging.

**Friend of Extension:** Nominees must have given outstanding public service and support to extension programs at state, regional, or national level. Use application on ESP National website plus submit at least 1 letter of support to Zeta Chapter Awards Chair. ESP membership is not required.

**Continued Excellence Recognition:** Recognition of an experienced Extension professional with more than twenty years of experience who has exhibited continued leadership, initiative, and excellence in Extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation in program or administration on a state, regional and/or national level. Can be nominated 5 years after receiving DSA. 1 award per chapter

**Distinguished Service Award:** The highest chapter tribute to an experienced Extension professional who has consistently exhibited leadership and excellence in Extension planning, delivery and evaluation in programming and/or administration over a career of 20 or more years. 1 award per chapter. Each Chapter winner will be recognized during the National ESP Professional Development Conference.

**Mid-Career Service Award:** Recognizes an Extension professional with 10-20 years of service who has exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in Extension planning, delivery, and evaluation in program and/or administration. 1 award per chapter

**Early Career Service Award:** Recognizes the achievements of rising young professionals who have shown noteworthy enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishment during their Extension career of less than 10 years in program design and delivery. 1 award per chapter

**Administrative Leadership Recognition:** Recognizes an Extension Professional who has shown noteworthy administrative enthusiasm, performance, and accomplishment during their Extension career of 10 or more years at the county, regional, chapter, program, department, or national level. 1 award per chapter.

**Diversity/Multicultural Recognition - Individual:** Recognizes an individual who shows understanding, valuing and celebrating differences among all people through a diversity/multicultural program that has been implemented within the past three years. 1 award per chapter.

**Diversity/Multicultural Recognition - Team:** Acknowledges outstanding efforts and accomplishments by a team in developing, achieving and sustaining Extension programs and/or audiences in our diverse and multicultural society. 50% of members eligible for ESP membership must have paid ESP dues. 1 award per chapter.

**Visionary Leadership Recognition Award:** Designed to recognize Extension professionals whose significant accomplishments have resulted in leading Extension forward in new directions. This person's visionary leadership enabled Extension to anticipate a significant new opportunity and developed support to implement program organizational changes necessary to achieve success. 1 award per chapter.

**International Service Award:** To recognize an ESP member who has contributed significantly to the development and/or expansion of an Extension program in another country or countries through in-state and/or overseas work. 1 award per chapter.

**Team Award:** Recognizes the outstanding efforts of Extension staff teams of two or more individuals for responding to and incorporating into a specific educational program one or more critical issues as defined by local, regional, state or national needs. Majority of members who are eligible for ESP membership must have paid ESP dues. 1 award per chapter.

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ZETA CHAPTER  
NOMINATION FORM**

ESP Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee contact information: (Please include all contact information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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I nominate this individual/team because: (include details about why they are qualified for the award)

Your contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Send nominations by **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** to Deryn Davidson, ESP Awards Chair; CSU Extension Boulder County, 9595 Nelson Rd. Box B, Longmont, CO 80501 or [ddavidson@bouldercounty.org](mailto:ddavidson@bouldercounty.org)*