



2022 Annual Awards

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**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

ESP Awards

- 6 award categories
- Call for nominations come out in September
- Opportunity to recognize your fellow ESP members!!
- Meritorious awards are given at the Chapter level and the rest are given at Chapter level and then advance to the National level

2022 National Winner!

Diversity Multicultural Individual

Lisa Auer

CSU Extension Larimer County Family Leadership Training Institute



Meritorious Award

Lori Bates

Human Resources Manager

“Lori has managed an enormous amount of work this past year with high turnover - both across OEE and internal to Human Resources. She is always professional, helpful, thorough and does what she says she's going to do. She's been training new staff, serving in administrative roles, supporting all aspects of position requests, reviews, and searches. She's been working nights and weekends to keep up and deserves this recognition for her unmatched HR support.”



Meritorious Award

Alice Smith

Administrative Assistant, Garfield County

“Alice is an incredible woman with a heart of gold. She is supererogatory in everything that she does, from helping out office staff with whatever we need to supporting out local community and youth. Without her support we wouldn’t be able t create the fantastic programs that our kids love. Alice is always available to support out staff or anyone who walked in the door and needs assistance. She always greets the day with a smile and creates such enthusiasm in our office. If Alice isn’t a prime example of meritorious support, I don’t know who is!”



Early-Career Service Award

Dani Wesolowski

4-H Extension Agent, Garfield County

“Throughout the past year in Extension I have come to learn so much. I have worked hard to create programs for our local youth that are both exciting and educational. I have designed several programs based on our community needs. I have worked with amazing partners to create these programs so that students can explore and learn about the outdoors, where they might not have had the chance otherwise. I hope to keep creating programs that are desirable and needed by our community. My enthusiasm for serving others is unrelenting and I will continue to do my absolute best in every endeavor to educate youth in need.”



Mid-Career Service Award

Carla Farrand

Director, Garfield County

“Carla Farrand has been an Extension employee for 12 years. Her work and determination to assist the community to build programs for the community and youth goes above her typical duties. Carla has stepped up into additional leadership roles for part of 2022 with the additional duties of the Northwest Interim Regional Director and then staying on through the transition into new CSU Extension regions as well as being a part of the on boarding team for the new CSU Extension Rural Engagement specialists. Carla believes that by empowering others to be successful and try new things such as grant writing, that building a framework of success for the next generation is growing a generation of Extension professionals.”



Administrative Leadership

Dennis Kaan

Eastern Regional Director

“Recruiting, hiring and retaining good people for Extension roles has been the basis of Dennis’ philosophy and effort. As a Director, Dennis’ most significant achievements are working with agents to develop their skills and abilities. Dennis works with agents to earn advanced degrees to achieve their personal and professional goals and advance in an academic institution.

As a Director, Dennis’ work to develop adequate and supportive budget proposals to county partners has been rewarding. Dennis works with the Business Office to develop budgets for the new structure. It is a strategic balance.”



Distinguished Team Award

Colorado State University Flower Trial Research and Demonstration Gardens

- **Alison O'Connor**, Extension Professor
- **Deryn Davidson**, Extension Professor
- **Katie Dunker**, Extension Professor
- **Tony Koski**, Professor and Extension Specialist
- **Amy Lentz**, Extension Master Instructor
- **David Staats**, Research Associate
- **Eric Hammond**, Extension Master Instructor



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Colorado State University Flower Trial
Research and Demonstration Gardens

Jim Klett

Professor and Extension Specialist



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Colorado State University Flower Trial Research and Demonstration Gardens

“The purpose of the trial program conducted at the Colorado State University Flower Trial Gardens are to evaluate the performance of different annual and perennial plant cultivars under our unique Rocky Mountain environmental conditions. The garden's current location, just east of the CSU campus meets its mission by extending education, research, and outreach to students, home gardeners, Master Gardeners, community members and Green Industry personnel. This unique space provides a beautiful backdrop to support CSU's research and outreach mission.”





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