



Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Kappa Chapter

~ President's Message ~

Spring 2019

Dear ESP Members:

Spring is here in Kentucky with all of the lush greenery and blooming flowers. Our state is so wonderful and diverse as you drive from one place to another. I have always felt blessed to work in Extension and the opportunity I had to visit other counties. I encourage you to take time, drive for a few minutes, and look out the window. For me, I turn off the radio, roll down the window, and really reflect on plans, ideas and just time to regroup for the hour, day or week.

The ESP membership just celebrated its state annual meeting followed by Agent In-service training in March. Thanks to Amanda Dame, Dr. Ken Jones and the committee for two outstanding days for our members and guests.

I am delighted and excited to serve the Alpha Kappa Chapter as President for the next year and look forward to leading this membership to great things. As President I want to hopefully see an increase in our membership, build a stronger relationship with our life members/retirees, build new leaders for the future and help preserve our history. As an honor society all members should proudly add ESP membership to their career highlights and embrace the opportunities to network with all associations. Working in your program silo can be fun but will also bring challenges to grow as you stay in this career. Membership in ESP will strengthen you as an individual and Extension professional.

One brand new ESP opportunity will be the ESP LEADS Program starting this fall. Please read all the details in this newsletter and apply by the deadline.

As President, feel free to reach out to me with a new idea, comment, or suggestion. I am available by phone, text, email or put a stamp on it and drop me a note.

Lastly, I hope you will consider attending the National ESP meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado October 14-17, 2019. This is a wonderful group of individuals to meet, learn and develop with in your Extension career.

Sincerely,

Sally Mineer

President

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An exciting new program was announced at the 2019 Alpha Kappa Chapter annual meeting. ESP Leads is a leadership development program for extension professionals as an in-depth professional growth opportunity. The program will span a two year period with time and those completing the program will receive leadership certification which can be used toward career ladder advancement. You must be an ESP member to participate and applications along with a Curriculum Vita are due no later than May 24, to Sally Mineer, Alpha Kappa president via email at Sally.Mineer2@uky.edu or mailed to 112 Erickson Hall, Lexington Y 40546. Additional information can be found in the newsletter. Cost of the program will be \$400 as well as additional travel cost. Scholarships may be available for those who need assistance with initial registration fees.



Kentucky Delegates enjoyed the 2018 Meeting in Manhattan, Kansas last year.

Front Row: Natasha Lucas, Sally Mineer, Linda Combs,

Back Row: Lyndall Harned, Myron Evans, Dr. Ken Jones, Dana Anderson, Jeremy Teal and Annette Heisdorffer.

Please make plans to attend the ESP National Conference.

This is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth, networking with fellow colleagues from other program areas, and you will have fun!

2019 ESP National Conference

October 14-17, 2019
Antlers Hotel
Colorado Springs, CO

Hosted by:
The Colorado Zeta Chapter
The Antlers Hotel
Colorado Springs, CO

Room Rate: \$139.00/night
Historic Luxury in the Heart of Downtown

[The Antlers, a Wyndham Hotel](#) has been a staple of downtown Colorado Springs for over 134 years. The latest version ushers in a new era of modern metropolitan hospitality.

The Olympic Training Center

The Opening Event will be at the [Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center](#). Our evening will include dinner while visiting the training facilities.

You will not want to miss the lighting of our ESP Conference Flame at this unique and historical center.

Program Achievement Award- Multi-County Team

Kayla Watts, Linda Combs,
Crystal Osborne and Nanette Banks



Date to Remember

October 5-8, 2020
Rochester, New York



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New Initiates:

Pictured from left to right:
Erika Woods, Kayla Watts,
Laura Maggard, Ted Johnson,
Terrence Clemons and
Garrard Coffey



Sally Mineer
receives 30 year Service Award



Judy Hetterman
receives 40 year Service Award



Donna Fryman
receives Individual Achievement Award



Anne Stephens
receives Visionary Leadership Award



Tyrone Gentry
receives Distinguished Service Award



Katie Alexander
receives Mid-Career Service Award

