



# Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Kappa Chapter

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### CELEBRATING THE AWARD WINNING ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

#### Happy New Year! Celebrate!

**Celebrate! Celebrate!** This New Year is the perfect time to reflect upon the accomplishments of the **award winning** Alpha Kappa Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Our Kentucky Chapter has a great deal to celebrate. We brought home numerous awards following the national meeting held October 12-15 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. In addition, our officers and committees have been working non-stop to assure chapter success in 2011.

With the backdrop of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park a short distance away, fifteen Alpha Kappa Chapter members and 3 guests witnessed the awards won by our Kentucky Chapter in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Alpha Kappa chapter received two prestigious awards at the Chapter Presidents' Breakfast and was cited for outstanding achievement. They are the **Achievement in Chapter Membership Platinum Award** which is the top award for membership in ESP and one of 2 **Chapter of Merit Platinum Awards**.

Other awards and presentations at the meeting included:

- **Chapter Distinguished Service Award** – Kathy Roesel Byrnes
- **Diversity/ Multicultural Team Award - Tri-County FCS Educators, "Diversity Education for Child Care Providers, Children and Parents"** received by Kathy Jump, Janet Johnson, and Rachel Hance (soon to be an ESP Member).

- **Outstanding Poster Award:**

- **"Second Sunday: Improving Our Health as a Community"** - Kelli Bonifer

- **Outstanding Poster Award: "Tools to Get More Bang for Your Buck"** - Dr. Joanne Bankston

- **Concurrent Public Issues Session on: "Extension Methodologies Used to Cope With Decreasing Resources"** - panelists: Joel Brumley (IL), Charles Stamper (KY), Craig Towbridge (NY), Gwen Wolford (OH), and Mary Ellen Blackburn (GA).

- **Administrator/ Leadership Scholarship Recipient** – Gae Broadwater

In addition, **Laura Wilson** is the Southern Regional Vice President and Alpha Kappa Chapter has 4 members serving on national committees. They are **Jennifer Bridge, Liz Kingsland, Debbie Temple, and Kelli Bonifer**.

Chapter members in attendance at the meeting were: Joanne Bankston, Kelli Bonifer, Jennifer Bridge, Gae Broadwater, Liz Kingsland, Jennifer Klee, Pat Margolis and husband, Joan Martin, Louise Moore, Karen Ramage, Anna Smith, Chuck Stamper, Terry Whalen and mother, Laura Wilson and husband, and Vicki Wynn.

As Alpha Kappa chapter president, I am extremely proud of the accomplishments and awards received at the national meeting. The awards are a testament to the hard work of chapter officers, committee chairpersons, committee members, and members under the leadership of Jennifer Bridge, past president, and Dr. Jimmy Henning, former membership chairman, who guided the way through chapter restructuring. Our chapter has much to **celebrate**.

**Alpha Kappa Chapter moves into the new year with continued plans for excellence.** While we are excited about awards won at our national meeting, we need everyone's support for the continued excellence of our chapter. There are a number of ways chapter members can help. Plan to attend the professional development seminar on March 22 and the ESP Annual meeting on March 23. Strive to have your district win the membership drive. Remember, your district can win a catered meal if you have the largest percentage of potential members registered and paying dues by January 20, 2011. Also, keep in mind that professional development funds can be used for meeting expenses. Apply for scholarships, grants and award recognition. You can't win unless you apply.

And finally, continue to assist and support our committee chairs and committee members. Gae Broadwater, and her committee have done an excellent job of planning our professional development and ESP annual meeting; Martha Thompson and the membership committee have worked diligently to keep you engaged; and Chuck Stamper's awards committee is working to make your work shine and become recognized. If we continue to work together, Alpha Kappa Chapter will be a shining star again for 2011.

I am proud to be the president of Alpha Kappa Chapter and proud of our collective accomplishments. Let's have a reason to continue to **celebrate throughout 2011**.

## Membership: Martha Thompson, Chair

As membership chair of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) I just want to remind everyone that membership dues and annual meeting registration must be received by January 20<sup>th</sup> (forms are on the ESP website). Professional association dues such as ESP can be paid out of professional development funds as long as the dues are part of a meeting registration fee and the dues amount is discounted (less than paying the dues and the registration separately).

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Among the tax extensions in the recent tax legislation was Section 127, which provides a tax exclusion up to \$5,250 for educational assistance from an employer. This exclusion from income includes assistance for tuition, fees, books and school supplies. It was scheduled to expire at the end of 2010 but now has been extended until the end of 2012.

**Happy New Year!**  
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## Public Issues: Peggy Powell, Chair

Maximizing our UK Fringe Benefits is one of the gifts that we can give to ourselves and to our families. As we assemble materials for use in filing our income tax, it is a good time to review our files and affirm that our family members are familiar with where to find our career information in case something were to happen to us. It is also a good time to review your personal situation as to whether life insurance needs have changed, if there are benefits that you are not taking advantage of that would be a financial benefit to do so such as flexible spending accounts and to be aware of changes that will occur in the next year for benefits. For example: next year one will not be able to cover items such as over the counter medicine in our health care spending accounts. You might also review how tax sheltering additional income could enhance your retirement income. Additional information is on the UK link blue website about our fringe benefits, leave and payroll information and can be accessed at any time. This means that one does not have to wait for the University to share a printed copy of benefits, but that it is available whenever you need it. Tax preparation time is also a good time for you to review your allocations for your additional UK retirement funds and schedule an appointment to discuss them with fund advisors. You may also want to encourage your secretaries and program assistants to take some of these measures as well. Continue to educate yourself on what your fringe benefits are and realize that as our life cycle changes our needs for different benefits can change such as using UK Elder Care to assist us in finding resources to aid aging family member.

## Retiree Committee: Anna Lucas, Chair

Other members include: Carla Durbin, Chair Elect; Jana Brown; and Steve Howerton.

The College of Agriculture and Human Environmental Sciences scholarship applications are due to Jana Brown, 207 Dogwood Ln, Somerset, KY 42503.

Nominations for the Retiree Service Award can be made by any ESP member, not just retirees. Send a summary of the nominee's service and two letters of recommendations to Steve Howerton, 2100 KY Hwy 78, Stanford, KY 40484.

The deadline for both the Scholarship applications and Retiree Service award is February 1, 2011. This will give the retiree committee time to meet the awards deadline of February 11, 2011.

## Scholarship, Grants, and Recognition: Chuck Stamper, Chair

The Scholarship, Grants, and Recognition Committee is excited about recognizing the exemplary work of Kentucky Extension Professionals. Our goal is to make sure that members are given as much time as possible to prepare any documentation needed for the recognition program. The committee challenges our members to begin thinking now about the application process which are available for downloading on the ESP website.

All award, recognition, mini-grants, and scholarship applications should be sent to Chuck Stamper, Committee Chair, at 130 Robinson Road, Jackson, KY 41339. All applications and supporting documentation must be postmarked by February 11, 2011. We're looking forward to seeing the excellent work of our members recognized this year.



Snow King Resort

**ESP Alpha Kappa  
National Conference  
October, 2010**



**Outstanding Poster Award: "Tools to Get More Bang for Your Buck" - Dr. Joanne Bankston**



**Outstanding Poster Award: "Second Sunday: Improving Our Health as a Community" - Kelli Bonifer**



Laura W. Wilson was installed as ESP Southern Region Vice President. Pictured with Wilson are Cassandra Corridon, National President (left) and Ellen Burton, Joint Council of Extension Professionals' Past National President (right).

Kentucky attendees at the 2010 ESP National Conference were (row 1) Kelli Bonifer, Joan Martin, Howard Margolis, (row 2) Laura W. Wilson, Liz Kingsland, Karen Ramage, Louise Moore, Gae Broadwater and (row 3) Marvin Lee Wilson, Jennifer Bridge, Chuck Stamper, Joanne Bankston, Pat Margolis, Anna Smith. Also attending but not pictured: Jennifer Klee, Terry Whalen, Bonnie Whalen, Doug & Vicki Wynn.





# Professional Development: Gae Broadwater, Chair

## Happy New Year, Kentucky Extension Colleagues!

If you plan to take advantage of the discounted registration for the 2011 Annual Meeting, you need to do that right away! This applies to renewing and new members alike. Your registration form and payment must be received by **January 20, 2011** to take advantage of this special offer. Instructions and details are included below. Registrations are arriving every day and we don't want you to be left out of these fantastic opportunities to learn and celebrate together as a Kentucky Cooperative Extension System.

### 1. March 22, 2011 - *WE are the Agents of Change in Changing Times*

Professional Development and In-service Training Workshop: Join other Extension professionals for a one day workshop engaging us as agents of change in changing times. This workshop is designed to help us understand change dynamics, address change in our jobs and our lives, and make decisions that will successfully impact our lives, our clientele, and our communities.

**Location:** Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families, Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm, 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort.

**Registration/Check-In:** Begins @ 9:15 am EDT; Program begins @ 10:00 am EDT; Program concludes at 4:00 pm EDT; Registration fee includes lunch, breaks, and materials.

You **do not have to be a member of ESP to attend**, but if you are, the ESP annual meeting will be conducted the following day—so plan to stay. You will need to fill out and return the registration form **AND** register with CATPAWS.

### 2. March 22, 2011 - *Local Foods and Community Arts Dinner at Holly Hill Inn in historic Midway, Kentucky*

**Registration:** Your payment of \$45 must be received no later than **March 15, 2011** to secure your reservation—a minimum of 15 persons must register for this event to be offered.

**Transportation:** We will carpool from the Frankfort Hampton Inn, departing at 6:00 pm EDT. Be sure to indicate your willingness to drive or your need for a ride on the registration form.

### 3. March 23, 2011 - *Epsilon Sigma Phi - Alpha Kappa Chapter Annual Meeting*

Join the Award Winning Kentucky ESP Chapter for a day of networking, poster sessions showcasing program successes, a silent auction, awards ceremony, installation of officers, a Kentucky proud lunch and more.

**Registration/Check-In:** Begins @ 9:00 am EDT; Poster Sessions begin @ 9:30 am EDT; Program begins @ 10:00 am EDT; Registration fee includes lunch and breaks. **Special note to Extension Professionals:** If you register by January 20, 2011, your registration will be discounted, you may include your 2011 membership dues in your registration fee, and you may pay out of your Professional Development funds. See the meeting information and the registration form for more details. Extension Professionals are eligible to join ESP after 3 years of employment in Extension.

**Location:** Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families, Kentucky State University Research and Demonstration Farm, 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort. Directions and map are included.

**Lodging Options:** A block of rooms are reserved at the **Hampton Inn** in Frankfort for Monday March 22 and Tuesday 23th. The rate is \$79/night single; \$89/night for 2 - 5 guests. Call 502-223-7600 and ask for the group block for **ESP KSU**. These rates are available until March 11. The Hampton Inn is located at 1310 U.S. Highway 127, Frankfort.

Other lodging options include: Best Western, 80 Chenault Road, Frankfort, 502-695-6111; Capital Plaza Hotel, 405 Wilkinson Blvd, Frankfort, 502-227-5100; Fairfield Inn, 40 Chenault Road, Frankfort, 502-695-8881; Holiday Inn Express, 1000 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, 502-352-4560.



Registration Form: March 22 - 23, 2011  
 ESP Professional Development In-Service, Special Evening Event, and  
 Annual Meeting

Provide the requested information below, print the form, and mail with payment to:

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

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ New Initiate \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member

Read selections carefully & indicate which events and payments you are including (be sure to note deadlines):

Check appropriate boxes below:	Event attending	Circle amount	
	<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN-SERVICE</b> – Tuesday, March 22, 2011 - \$40 if received by March 1; <b>After March 1, \$50</b> and if received no later than March 15. No registration after March 15; no on-site registration.	\$40	\$50
	<b>LOCAL FOODS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND DINNER EVENT</b> – Tuesday evening, March 22, 2011 at Holly Hill Inn: \$45. Must register by March 15; a minimum of 15 must register by the deadline in order to offer this event. Be sure to indicate below your transportation options.	\$45	\$45
<b>Annual Meeting registration must be paid by January 20, 2011 and may be eligible to pay out of professional development funds.</b>			
	<b>ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION - NEW INITIATE MEMBERS</b> - \$95 if received by January 20 and includes discounted annual meeting registration (\$40), 2011 membership dues (\$50) and new initiate fee (\$5)	\$95	
	<b>ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION - RENEWING MEMBERS</b> - \$90 if received by January 20 and includes discounted annual meeting registration (\$40) and includes 2011 membership dues (\$50)	\$90	
	<b>ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION – NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS</b> - \$250 if received by January 20 and includes discounted annual meeting registration (\$40) and a one-time payment for Lifetime membership (\$210)	\$250	
<b>If paying after January 20,</b>			
	<b>NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS DUES ONLY</b> - \$210 a one-time payment for Lifetime membership	\$210	
	<b>ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION – REGISTRATION ONLY</b> - \$50, does <b>NOT</b> include 2011 membership dues. No registration accepted after March 15. No on-site registration will be	\$50	
	<b>ANNUAL DUES ONLY FOR RENEWING MEMBERS</b> - \$50 (does not include meeting registration)	\$50	
	<b>ANNUAL DUES FOR NEW INITIATE MEMBERS</b> - \$55 (does not include meeting registration)	\$55	
	<b>CONTRIBUTION TO T. R. BRYANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> Voluntary		
	<b>CONTRIBUTION TO RETIREES SCHOLARSHIP FUND</b> Voluntary		
	<b>NATIONAL ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN FUND</b> Voluntary (Please donate whatever you can--\$1, \$5, \$10, \$25, or more. Our goal is for 100% participation from our membership.)		
TOTAL ENCLOSED:			\$
Make checks payable to ESP - Alpha Kappa Chapter Check # _____			

Registration Form continues on next page

**If you are planning to attend the Tuesday evening local foods program at Holly Hill Inn, please check the appropriate box regarding transportation:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I need transportation to Holly Hill Inn.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am able to provide transportation to Holly Hill Inn. I am able to transport _____ colleagues in addition to myself.

MAIL Registration form (copy front to back) and check for payment to:

ESP Professional Development/Annual Meeting  
c/o Gae Broadwater  
Land Grant Program  
Kentucky State University  
400 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Checks only;** no cash. Credit cards cannot be accepted.

Your registration is complete once payment is received. Confirmation of receipt will be sent via email. If questions contact, [gae.broadwater@kysu.edu](mailto:gae.broadwater@kysu.edu), 502-597-6325 (office), or 502-803-0249 (mobile).

***Please copy front to back. Thank You!***

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**For ESP only**

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Email Confirmation Sent \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Date Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Forwarded to ESP Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_(date)

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