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Barb’s Notes and Quotes...

Dear Southwest Region Educators and Staff:

It was great to see you all at Annual Conference last week! How exciting to have so many winners and awards given to our staff and Educators in the Southwest Region! I am so proud of all of you! On pages 2 and 3 are the list of awards and winners. Please alert Patty if we missed someone so we can include it in next week’s newsletter.

Have a great week of holiday festivities!!

Holiday Greetings,
Barb
Congratulations! to all Southwest Region Staff who participated in and were recognized at last week’s Annual Conference. Below are some of the highlights from the conference.

ESP Friend of Extension Award
• Guernsey County Regional Planning Commission
• Jeff Parry, Highland County
• Jim Porter and Jerry Levy, Muskingum County Commissioners (being submitted for National nomination)

Friend of Community Development Award – Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

ESP Meritorious Support Service Recognition – Charissa Gardner, South Centers

Extension Support Staff Excellence Award – Linda Good, Miami County

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award – Christy Leeds, Union County

Marilyn Spiegel Excellence in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Award – Pat Brinkman, Fayette County

Steve D. Ruhl Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award – David Marrison, Ashtabula County

Raymond A. Schindler Excellence in Community Development Extension Award – Brian Raison, Miami County

ESP Excellence in Extension Award – Bruce Clevenger, Defiance County

CES Awards –
Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award – Linda Good

JCEP/ESP Awards –
Scholarships –
• Jennifer Even, $500, NEA FCS Conf. in West Virginia
• Amanda Douridas, $600, Waste 2 Worth Conference in Seattle, Washington
• Nate Arnett, $525, National ESP Conference in Idaho
• Kristen Corry, $280, Action Leadership Retreat
• Carmen Irving, $140, NEAFCS Conference in West Virginia

First-Timer Scholarships –
• Carmen Irving, $100, NEAFCS

Team Teaching Awards
Extension & Non-Extension Collaborators – 5 or more members:
H. Mention: Making the 2014 Farm Bill Decisions: Amanda Douridas, Dennis Riethman, Greg Meyer, and Sam Custer
H. Mention: Conservation Tillage Conference: Amanda Douridas, Dennis Riethman, Sam Custer, Deb Brown, Jeff Stachler, Mark Badertscher, and Suzanne Mills-Wasniak
H. Mention: Miami County Food Council Leadership Team: Brian Raison
H. Mention: 2014 Live Healthy Live Well In-Service: Pat Brinkman, Kathy Green, and Kristen Corry
Congratulations!

One Program Area – 2-4 members:
1st Place: Sharing Our Communities: Melinda Morrison

One Program Area – 5 or more members:
1st Place: State 4-H CARTEENS Teen Conference: Brenda Sandman-Stover
2nd Place: New and Small Farm College: Debbie Brown, Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, Greg Meyer, Cindy Meyer, Gigi Neal, and Tony Nye

Creative Works Awards
Periodical Publication – 1E 1st: Pat Holmes, Kathy Green, and Carmen Irving
Video CD’s, DVD’s, or Podcasts – 3A 2nd: Brian Raison Miami
Educational Exhibit – Internally Produced – 4A 3rd: Mark Light, Jason Hedrick Hardin
Newsletter – Internally Produced (Team) – 5A 2nd: Pam Bennett, Joe Boggs, and Cindy Meyer
Newsletter – Internally Produced (Individual) – 5C 3rd: Patty House Clark
Promotional Flyer – Internally Produced – 6A HM Brian Raison Miami
Promotional Package (Individual) – 6C 2nd: Tracie Montague Clinton, 3rd: Patty House Clark
Promotional Package (Team) – 6D 1st: Kristen Corry and Pat Brinkman
Curriculum Package (Team) – 7B 1st: Patty House, Annie Davis, Mark Light, and Rebecca Supinger – STEM
Pathways Working Group
Bulletins and Monographs – 8B 2nd: Brian Raison, 3rd: Mark Light
Project Book – SC 3rd: Pat Brinkman, Nadine Fogt, HM Rhonda Williams, Barbara Hennard
Blog – 9C 1st: Pat Brinkman, Janet Wasko Myers, Jenny Even, and Kathy Green 2nd: Brian Raison, Trevor Corboy
Social Networking Medium – 9D 1st: Pat Brinkman

ESP Chapter Awards
Distinguished Team
Diversity/Multicultural Recognition (Team) Suzanna Mills-Wasniak, Tony Nye
North Central Regional Distinguished Team: Fruit and Vegetable Food Safety Program (GAPS Team) Suzanne Mills-Wasniak

Service Awards
Program Area Winners
Distinguished Service (20 years and over) 4-H Betty Wingerter
Mid Career Service (10-20 years) 4-H Nadine Fogt, CD Brian Raison
Early Career Service (2-10 years) FCS Margaret Jenkins

State Winners
Mid-Career Service Pat Brinkman
Early Career Service Mark Light

National Association Awards
NACAA: Achievement Award – 2015 Nanette Neal – Clermont
NAE4-HA: Achievement In Service – 2016 Kelly Royalty – Clermont
NEAFCS: Continued Excellence – 2016 Pat Holmes – Montgomery
"Good questions outrank easy answers." ~ Paul A. Samuelson

"The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it." ~ Anonymous

"It's better to be lucky than not, but it's best to have a plan that doesn't require luck to succeed." ~ Anonymous

"If you're depending on luck to change your future, don't be surprised when not much changes." ~ Bruce Van Horn

"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity." ~ Simone Weil

How many times are your friends or colleagues surprised when you ask them to simply look a child or youth in the eye and listen? We're guessing they probably never thank you ... but their lives are changed. They begin to pay attention again. Remind someone today. Just think of the ripples.

**Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate**

Select a day for all organizational teams to “strut their stuff”. Teams can set up booths/displays to share their products, accomplishments, visions, etc. Build in time for recognition/celebration of team spirit, team accomplishments, or team awards.

**Extension Presentation Support**

As you’re submitting your travel reimbursements I just wanted to send out a reminder about presentation support available through Extension. For those of you that are new, this is an opportunity to get $300 for a past presentation’s expenses. Feel free to check out the details at [http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/travel/professional-presentation-support-form-extension](http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/travel/professional-presentation-support-form-extension). The deadline is January 15th, but if you’re unable to use it for the past year just keep this in mind for 2016’s travel presentations.
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Kevin grew up on a diversified farm that raised beef cattle, swine, goats and crops in Barney, Georgia. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture Education from Fort Valley State University in 1992 and his Master’s Degree in Agricultural and Extension Education in 2005 from Purdue University. During his graduate studies at Purdue University he taught EDCI 205 Exploring Teaching, EDCI 285 Multiculturalism and Education, and EDCI 498E Supervised Teaching in Agricultural Education.

Kevin has professional career experience as a high school agricultural teacher, agricultural industry sales, and Extension experience from two land grant institutions. He worked as an agricultural county agent with Fort Valley State University where he conducted research with small farmers. He also worked with the University of Georgia as the county director and 4-H agent.

Kevin currently resides in Fairfield with his wife Dr. Karleah Harris. They have 3 children Keavonna, Kyle and Kris. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering at church, reading, and traveling. He also has a passion for working with underserved audiences and training others in the area of diversity and inclusion.

Kevin is a member of the 4-H STEM Design Team and he has presented his research at both regional and national conferences.