Dear Southwest Educators and Staff:

Happy Staff Appreciation Week! The Ohio State University is observing Staff Appreciation Week from July 20-25. I want each of you to know that you are appreciated! We have incredible people and fantastic programs in Southwest Ohio! Please celebrate the week by showing each other your appreciation in a special way (maybe have ice cream - it is also National Ice Cream month!).

I want us to get better acquainted in the coming year! You probably saw my article last week telling a little about me. That was an example of what I’ll be asking each of you to share in the coming year. This week we will learn about Godwin Apaliyah.

Have a great week!
Best Regards,
Barb

Barb’s Schedule

- July 20  Greene/Warren
- July 21  Campus
- July 22  Campus/Westerville
- July 23  Montgomery
- July 24  Delaware/Fayette
Thoughts to Ponder

Happy July Birthdays…

- July 9 Rhonda Williams-Extension Educator/CED, Darke County
- July 10 Kim Martini– Office Associate, Hamilton County
- July 11 Jamy Friend- Program Assistant SNAP-Ed, Darke County
- July 12 Sarah Riley-Program Assistant, Montgomery County
- July 13 Patty Cribley-Program Assistant, Hardin County
- July 14 Nancy Tilton– Office Associate, Preble County
- July 18 Peggy Cebelak – Program Assistant, Hamilton County
- July 20 Vicki Phillips-Program Assistant, Hardin County
- July 22 Jeff Stachler-Extension Educator, Auglaize County
- July 28 Theresa Ford- Office Associate, Montgomery County

Tips on being a top professional:
Take responsibility for yourself and the choices you make
Contribute to other’s success
Put customers first
Be a team player
Show interest and initiative
Follow the rules ... both written and common sense
Exceed expectations
Keep your commitments
Get on board with change
Be considerate and respectful of others
Don’t whine or spread negativity
Keep learning
Ask for feedback
Look your best
Keep your boss and co-workers informed
Perform with ethics and integrity

Easy Ways for Teams to Celebrate

Include project photographs, activities, letters from clients/customers, and recognition certificates. Display in a public area
Godwin T. Apaliyah, PhD.
County Extension Educator,
Community and Economic Development
(Fayette County & Miami Valley EERA)

Dr. Godwin T. Apaliyah is the Community Development Extension Educator in Fayette County. He is also the County’s Economic Development Director. Apaliyah has been a County Educator since April 2012.

Apaliyah has initiated numerous economic and community development programs, such as BR&E, Fayette County youth and adult Leadership, workforce development, business visits and tours to show case the County’s commitment to supporting local businesses and improving the community and individual quality of life. He initiated a Business Retention and Expansion program as a strategy to assist local business organizations in achieving their growth objectives and to improve the overall business environment in the community. One key objective of the program is to demonstrate the community’s pro-business attitude and their appreciation of the business economic and social contribution to the overall development of the community.

The Fayette County youth and adult leadership initiative is to build the capacities of local and potential leaders and the youth (our future leaders) to empower them with basic leader skills to support and undertake community projects and programs. Building capacities of local clientele is the first step to ensuring that beneficiaries of community project and programs are part of the process (decision-making, designing, implement and ultimate use) of community and economic development.

To achieve the goals of OSU Extension, that is, to engage people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programs, Apaliyah collaborates with several local and state entities, organizations and educational institutions to foster relationships and to initiate and implement programs to ensure community growth.
FCS All Program Conference Proposals . . . (Source: Jane Thoman)

We invite all FCS employees to submit a poster presentation for our Family Consumer Sciences All Programs Conference October 13 & 14 at The Ohio Union. Our theme this year will be: “Putting the Puzzle Together: Solidifying Our Purpose & Value for the Future,” so it is important to reflect on this in your presentation. We will have two categories for posters this year (i.e. program orientation and research). This opportunity is open to all FCS employees!

Please submit abstracts at https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1ziSRI39Q5ED1lj by Friday, August 7. The committee will review the applications, and you will be notified of your poster acceptance no later than September 7. The application is set up so you are able to save and return later if you want to add information to your submission as you go along. Please note the character limits specified.

The conference planning committee has also developed a website where all of the conference materials will be posted, including registration, parking, hotel, and speaker bios. Be on the lookout for more information, but in case you lose any emails, all of the information will additionally be posted at fcs.osu.edu/fcs-2015-conference.

VP Conversation Online Survey Open! . . .

Please share the following information broadly. Information should be sent to advisory committee members, volunteers, other OSU Extension stakeholders, etc. OSU Extension is looking toward the future, and we need your input! During the past 18 months, we have collected the ideas of folks from across Ohio about what life in our state will look like in 20 years. What will Ohioans need in 2035? How can OSU Extension provide solutions, foster innovation, and help meet those needs? Please take 15-20 minutes to complete the survey (link below) to share your ideas! We look forward to hearing what you have to say!

The survey will remain open until Friday, July 31, 2015. Survey Link: https://go.osu.edu/surveyohio2035

All responses will remain confidential. Responses will be de-identified and aggregated before analysis.

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