It's another busy week! Thanks to all of you that took time to assist in the educational efforts at the Farm Science Review last week. What an outstanding event! Your efforts are appreciated! And congratulations to all the FCS Educators who gave presentations and received awards at the NEAFCS Annual Meeting last week. You all make us proud here in Ohio.

Have a happy and productive week!

Sincerely,
Barb

Business Office News

September 2014 Pcard Reallocation Deadline is Monday, September 29. Please remember to post your transactions in E-Request prior before September 29.
**Thoughts to Ponder**

Mediocrity isn't being marginal; it's being stagnant.

Here's a great leadership lesson for all of us:

Leadership does not suffer mediocrity well. It has no place for those who desire only to tread water and bob in their current circumstances. Leadership is about moving boldly in the direction of one's dreams and goals — even when those distant shores are not in view or the waters are filled with dangerous creatures. Leaders are never comfortable with the status quo; they are always in search of growth, change and continuous improvement. To a leader, stagnation is death-by-omission.

But how aggressive are we in addressing mediocrity in our ranks? As leaders, have we grown too comfortable with our own skills and expectations?

Mark Twain stated, "Keep away from those who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you believe that you too can become great."

Be the best you can be as an OSU Extension Educator as we grow from excellence to eminence.

Lead Well, Lead Right

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**Happy September Birthdays…**

- September 10 Christy Millhouse-CED/Educator, Preble County
- September 17 Diana May-Program Assistant, Union County
- September 21 Kim Hoppes-Office Associate, Fayette County
- September 25 Carol Wagner-Office Associate, Hardin County
- September 29 Julie Crook-Program Coordinator, Hamilton County
- September 30 Marcia Hatcher-Program Assistant, Champaign County

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**Barb Brahm’s Schedule**

- September 22 Fayette/Greene
- September 23 Miami/Greene
- September 24 Delaware
- September 25 Admin Cabinet
- September 26 Admin Cabinet

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**Time is Running Out! PHA Deadline is Sept. 30 . . .**

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If benefits-eligible faculty/staff have not completed the PHA in 2014, they need to do so by September 30 to receive 2015 medical plan choice and premium credit up to $480.

NEW IN 2014! Faculty, staff and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners must know their health values (height, weight, blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL and a blood sugar value (either glucose or A1C) and enter all of them in the Personal Health & Well-Being Assessment (PHA).

Choosing "I don't know" or not entering a current value will not complete the PHA in 2014. Learn more Here is the link for the form that lists information you need to obtain from your physician to complete the PHA.

http://yp4h.osu.edu/sites/default/files/forms/articles/Know%20Your%20Numbers%20Provider%20Form%20PDF%2002-04-14.pdf
Florence Hall Award
1st Place National Winner - Kathy Michelich, Ohio
1st Place Central Region Winner - Kathy Michelich, Ohio
2nd Place Central Region Winner - Michelle Treber and team, Ohio
Team - Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Cindy Shuster, Linnette Goard, Carol Chandler, Marilyn Rabe, Cheryl Barber Spires, Beth Stefura and Susan Zies.

Family Health and Wellness Award
1st Place National Winner - Cynthia Shuster and team, Ohio
Team - Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Carol Chandler, Beth Stefura, Marilyn Rabe, Susan Zies, Cheryl Barber Spires, and Meriden Peters.
1st Place Central Region Winner - Cynthia Shuster and team, Ohio (same)

Human Development/Family Relationships
2nd Place National Winner - Cynthia R. Shuster, Ohio
1st Place Central Region Winner - Cynthia R. Shuster, Ohio

Program Excellence Through Research Award
2nd Place National Winner - Cynthia Shuster and team, Ohio
1st Place Central Region Winner - Cynthia Shuster and team, Ohio
Team - Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Carol Chandler, Beth Stefura, Marilyn Rabe, Susan Zies, Cheryl Barber Spires, and Meriden Peters.
2nd Place Central Region Winner - Dan Remley and team, Ohio
Team - Linnette Goard, Robin Ralston, and Chris Taylor

Communications Awards: TV/Video
2nd Place Central Region Winner - Linnette Goard and team, Ohio
Team - Melanie Forsythe, John Rice, Walter Warkus, Chris Dicus, Mike Jeffers, Ken Chamberlain, and Mitch Moser

Communications Award: Educational Curriculum Package
1st Place Central Region Winner - Kathy Michelich and team, Ohio
Team - Stephen D. Brady, Barbara A. Brahm, Mary Beth Albright, Melanie S. Hart, Joy Sharp, and Treva Williams

Communications Award: Written Press Releases
2nd Place Central Region Winner – Donna Green, Ohio

Communications Award: Educational Technology
1st Place Central Region Winner - Christine Kendle and team, Ohio
Team - Shari Gallup, Kate Schumaker, and Amy Habig.

Communication Award: Internet Education Technology
2nd Place National Winner – Lisa Barlage and team, Ohio
Team - Patricia Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Linnette Goard, Daniel Remley, Beth Stefura, Cheryl Barber Spires, Susan Zies, Kathryn Green, and Jennifer Driesbach.
2nd Place Central Region Winner – Lisa Barlage and team, Ohio (same)

Distinguished Service Award
Patricia H. Holmes, Ohio
Katharine Shumaker, Ohio

Continued Excellence Award
Patricia Brinkman, Ohio
Lisa Barlage, Ohio
New Security Practice at South Gateway

FYI.

All – just wanted to apprise you of the New Security Practice at South Gateway (1590 N. High Street)

Security measures for University Offices located at 1590 N. High Street are changing. Starting Monday, September 15, individuals who work in the South Gateway building will be required to present their BuckID to the lobby security officer on duty when entering or exiting the building. Importantly, visitors (Ohio State and non-Ohio State) will be required to sign in and out at the front desk lobby. Any visitor unable to provide proof of ID (Buck ID, driver's license, state ID) will need to provide the name of the person they are visiting and the security officer will call that person to meet their visitor. Please advise your Executives, Staff and any visitors that they will need proof of ID and of these new procedures when they visit our building.

These measures are being implemented to provide additional security for the tenants and visitors to the building.

Offices located in this building are:

· Office of Human Resources
· Office of Financial Services
· Office of Investments
· Office of Legal Affairs
· OSU James Cancer Registry
· OSUCCC – James Clinical Research Operations
· OSUCCC Division of Population Sciences
· OSUCCC Diversity & Enhancement Program

Thank you and kind regards,
Tricia Hohl Executive Assistant
Ohio Concurrent sessions at NEAFCS Conference -

"Tough Work, Understanding and Serving People in Poverty While Caring for Yourself" - Kathy Michelich

"Generative Grandparents: Helping Middle-Age and Older Adults Reach their Developmental Potential" - James Bates and Kathy Oliver

"Improving SNAP-ED Management in Extension" - Cheryl Spires, Carol Chandler, Elizabeth Smith

"Pathways to Food Safety" - Linnette Goard, Patricia Brinkman, Katharine Shumaker

"Million Hearts: Improving Cardiovascular Health" - Patricia Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Lisa Barlage, Jamie Seger, Elizabeth Smith, and Kate Gawlik of the Nursing College.


"Utilizing Technology to Increase Knowledge and Make Positive Behavior Change in Teens" - Michelle Treber, Patricia Brinkman, Lisa Barlage, and Cindy Shuster

"NEAFCS - Professional Development Committee Seminar - Understanding the Proposal Submission and Selection Process" - Cindy Shuster, Margaret Jenkins, Patricia Brinkman, and Katie Johnson of Purdue

Posters -
"Dining With Diabetes: Beyond the Kitchen - Year One Preliminary Results" - Dan Remley, Barb Hennard, Cheryl Spires, and Susan Zies

"NEAFCS Family Health and Wellness Award Winner - Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles through Technology - Based Programming" - Cindy Shuster, Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Michelle Treber, Beth Stefura, Carol Chandler, Marilyn Rabe, Susan Zies, Cheryl Barber-Spires