

2012 Annual Conference Award Recipients

Ohio Association of Extension Professionals Appreciation Awards

Presented by Keith Smith and Pat Brinkman

Luetta Prout – Erie County

Luetta Prout of Castalia has given 60+ years of service to OSU Extension in Erie County. Her children, Sharon, Steve, Susan and Sandra, and grandchildren continue her volunteer tradition. Luetta has served on the Erie County Extension Advisory Board for four terms as well as on the 4-H Committee. She has served as a 4-H Advisor and Key Leader and has assisted with numerous 4-H events over the years. Luetta has been an Extension homemaker for over 50 years teaching at numerous local, district and state meetings. Mrs. Prout has been a Grange member for 60+ years and has been the heart and soul of the United Church of Christ in Milan for over 60 years. She has assisted with the Cold Creek Celebration for 36 years and was active in the schools many years. She continues to be a role model for her incredible energy, work ethic and commitment to service – even at the age of 83!!

David Jones – Belmont County

David Jones has been an active OSU Extension supporter/volunteer for over 25 years in Belmont County. He and his wife, Grace, live in Flushing and have four children – Crystal, Dave, Mike and Danny. Dave has served as Chair of the Belmont County Extension Advisory Committee 8 years and was instrumental in getting the Extension Office moved to a safer location. He serves as a liaison with the county commissioners and is a regular spokesman for Extension at local and state legislative events. David has assisted in coordinating ANR programs in Ohio and West Virginia and has given leadership in raising over \$670,000 to construct 7 livestock barns at the county fairgrounds. He donates his auctioneering skills for county fair livestock sales, camp and other community events and is active in his church, Rotary Club and other organizations and events. He is a tremendous asset to Belmont County Extension.

Scioto County Commissioners – Vernal G. (Skip) Riffe, III; Tom Reiser; Mike Crabtree

Scioto County Commissioners Vern (Skip) Riffe, Tom Reiser and Mike Crabtree have provided unwavering support to OSU Extension in Scioto County for many years through many unprecedented challenges. In the midst of Scioto County being the only county in Ohio in a state of fiscal emergency, they declined the easy way out and held strong in their belief and support in the importance of funding Extension. During a recent year when forced to give a minimal cut, they secured a one-time grant to give Extension additional funding. All three have been involved in Extension programs as 4-H judges, participating in Extension programs, and involving Extension staff in local committees. They have been involved in the Extension Advisory Committee, legislative visits and many events. Each one has been heavily involved in service to their community at the regional, state, and national level. Their support is greatly appreciated by the Scioto County Extension staff for the efforts they have demonstrated over many years, but particularly during the last three years of challenges.

ESP Friend of Extension Award

Presented by Keith Smith and Gwen Wolford

Andrea Mahone – Mahoning County

Andrea Mahone is the Community Youth Director for Youngstown and Mahoning County. She works closely with the Youngstown Mayor's office, the county juvenile judge's court, and several community organizations in Mahoning County. She is a member of the Youngstown City School Board. She was instrumental in implementing youth programming to address the issue of gang violence in Youngstown. As a two-year member of the county Extension Advisory Committee, she has become familiar with other Extension programs, and has been an advocate for

Extension in her work throughout the county. Andrea has a weekly television talk show, where she invites members of organizations and community leaders to promote their organizations and their events and activities. She has had Extension personnel on her show several times, the first being in 2005 and as recently as September of this year. When Extension's funding depended on the passage of a sales tax issue in the county, Andrea worked tirelessly to promote Extension and the need for funding the office...and the sales tax issue passed! Andrea often promotes Extension programming through presentations at conferences. She has appeared at a number of state and national conferences (including the Tri-State Diversity Conference and PILD) to tell of her experiences with 4-H. She is an advisor of an urban 4-H club, and she has seen the positive changes in youth that come about through participation in 4-H activities. Andrea has been referred to as a "million-dollar advocate for Extension!"

Friend of Community Development Award

Presented by Greg Davis and Joe Lucente

The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce (represented by Ken Piel)

The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce has partnered in the delivery of the Toledo Local Government Leadership Academy since 2002. This working relationship has "encouraged, supported and promoted good government through a curriculum geared towards leadership and decision making skills in the public sector." The Chamber has played an integral role in the delivery of the program as well as recruiting, hosting, and recognizing program graduates with a formal ceremony at the conclusion of each class year.

ESP Retiree Service Award

Presented by Keith Smith and Gwen Wolford

Clarence Cunningham, retired Associate Director, OSU Extension

Clarence retired from OSU Extension many years ago, but has continued to stay actively engaged with the organization. He was instrumental in fundraising efforts for the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, has served on the 4-H Foundation Board, and has continued to advocate for Extension. This year at ESP's national conference in October, he was presented with a Silver Key Award for his contributions to the national ESP Endowment Fund. Clarence has also been a guiding force for the Gist Leadership Chair leadership efforts and works directly with Keith Smith. Without a doubt, Clarence is a deserving recipient of this recognition!

ESP Meritorious Support Service Recognition

Presented by Keith Smith and Gwen Wolford to Melissa Swearingen, Information Associate, Licking County

John Stitzlein Diversity Award

Presented by Keith Smith to Greg Siek, Extension Educator, Cuyahoga County

CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award

Presented by Keith Smith and Linda Good to Vickie Snyder, Office Associate, South Central Regional Office

Charles W. Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award

Presented by Tom Archer to James Jordan, Extension Educator, Williams County

Marilyn Spiegel Excellence in Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Award

Presented by Karen Bruns to Monadine Matthey, Extension Educator, Pike County

Steve D. Ruhl Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Educator Award

Presented by Don Breece to Steve Schumacher, Extension Educator, Belmont County

OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award

Presented by Greg Davis to Myra Moss, Extension Educator, Heart of Ohio EERA

ESP Excellence in Extension Award

Presented by Keith Smith and Gwen Wolford to Graham Cochran, Leader, New Personnel Development, Human Resources

CES Awards

Professional Development Scholarships

Leah Meranda, Lisa Murphy

Dorothy Rex Inspiration Award

Kathryn Mohler

ESP Awards

ESP Team Teaching Awards

Multi-Disciplinary – 5 or more members:

1st Place: Ohio 4-H Camp Program Directors Training 2012

Josh Kirby, Vicki Schwartz, Theresa Ferrari, Martha Filipic, Gwen Soule, Jessica Rockey, Cassie Turner

One Program Area – 2-4 members:

1st Place: Ohio 4-H Cloverbot Challenge

Beth Boomershine, Mark Light, Bob Horton, Sally McClaskey

2nd Place: The Process of Horizontal Drilling, the Impacts and Basic Lease Considerations

Chris Penrose, Clif Little

3rd Place: Empowering Change through Community Assessment

Rose Fisher Merkowitz, Becky Nesbitt

One Program Area – 5 or more members:

1st Place: Zero Weight Gain Challenge

Cindy Shuster, Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Dana Brown, Linnette Goard, Michelle Treber

2nd Place: Shale Oil & Gas Tax Issues

Chris Bruynis, David Marrison, Barry Ward, Chris Zoller, Peggy Hall

ESP Creative Works Awards

1B - Program/Event Press Release

1st David Marrison

HM Eric Barrett

1C – Follow Up News Story/Press Release

1st Joshua Kirby, Amanda Forquer, Kayla Broughton, Mary Mowrey

2nd David Marrison

1D - Personal Column

1st Dianne Shoemaker

2nd David Marrison

3rd Cassie Turner

HM Kathy Blackford

1E - Periodical Publication

1st Eric Barrett

2nd Joe Lucente, Matthew Forte

3rd Donna Green

HM Jason Hedrick, Jeff Dick

2A – Radio Interview

1st Edwin Lentz

2nd Chris Bruynis

3B - Transparencies, Computer Generated Presentations

T1st Jackie Krieger

T1st David Marrison

2nd Patty House, Annie Davis, Elizabeth Miller, Melinda Morrison, Barbara Phares

4A - Educational Exhibit - Internally Produced

1st Graham Cochran, Karen Argabright, Jeff King, Claire Chen

2nd Laryssa Hook

3rd David Marrison, Chris Bruynis, Barry Ward

5A - Newsletter - Internally Produced (Team)

1st Timothy Malinich, Pam Bennett, Joe Boggs, Jim Chatfield, Erik Draper, Dave Dyke, Cheryl Fischnich, Gary Gao, Cindy Meyer, Tim Rhodus, Amy Stone, Marne Titchenell, Bud Whitney, Curtis Young

2nd Kathy Booher, Ella Waltman

5C - Newsletters - Internally Produced (Individual)

1st Rhonda Williams
2nd Kathy Blackford

6A - Promotional Flyer - Internally Produced

1st Beth Boomershine
2nd Patty House
3rd Mary Beth Albright, Tina Dendinger
HM Kathy Blackford
HM Angie Holmes
HM Joe Lucente, Tory Gabriel

6C - Promotional Package (Individual)

1st Patty House
HM Brenda Young

7A - Curriculum Package (Individual)

1st Jamie Seger

7B - Curriculum Package (Team)

1st Cynthia Shuster, Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Dana Brown, Linnette Goard, Michelle Treber

2nd Patty House, Annie Davis, Elizabeth Miller, Melinda Morrison, Barbara Phares

3rd Eric Romich, Myra Moss, Nancy Bowen, Alan Sundermeier

HM Jason Hedrick, Mark Light, Jeff Dick, Kelly Coble

8A - Fact Sheet

1st Chris Bruynis
2nd Jeff Dick, Travis West, Dave Mangione, Barb Phares
3rd Nancy Bowen
HM Wm. Bruce Clevenger
HM David Marrison

8B - Bulletins and Monographs

1st Jo Williams, Erin Dailey, Hannah Epley, Theresa Ferrari,
Garrison Fogt, Nadine Fogt, Ann Golden, Larry Hall, Tonya Horvath, Erin
Simpson-Sloan, Brenda Young

8C - Project Book

1st Rhonda Williams, Lois Clark, Jennifer Even, Carol Miller, Janet Myers

2nd Donna Green, Angie Holmes, Chelsea Crawford

3rd Kent McGuire, Dee Jepsen, Danielle Poland, Kim Wintringham

9A - Home Page on the World Wide Web

1st David Marrison

9C - Blogs

1st Lisa Barlage, Linnette Goard, Elizabeth Smith, Jennifer Even, Michelle Treber, Pat Brinkman, Cindy Schuster, Marilyn Rabe, Susan Zies, Beth Stefura, Cheryl Barber-Spires, Dana Brown, Marie Economos

2nd David Marrison

9D - Social Networking Medium

1st Jenna Hoyt, David Marrison, Abbey Averill, Kim Howard,
Kelly Kanicki

2nd Janice Hanna, Eric Barrett, William Snyder

Special Chapter Awards

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| Distinguished Service | Judy Villard Overocker |
| Mid-Career Service | Jason Hedrick |
| Early Career Service | Melinda Morrison |
| Distinguished Team | Beth Boomershine, Mark Light, Sally McClaskey, Bob Horton |
| Diversity – Individual | Jackie Krieger |
| Diversity – Team | Connie Goble, Vicki Schwartz, Laryssa Hook, Kathy Lechman, Holly Brooks |
| Administrative Leadership | Vicki Schwartz |
| Visionary Leadership | Graham Cochran |

ESP Regional and National Award Winners for 2012

Recognized at the most recent ESP National Conference

National Continued Excellence Garee Earnest

North Central Distinguished Service Vicki Schwartz

OAEP Awards

OAEP Years of Service

30 Years

Christy Leeds
Kathy Oliver
Randall Zondag

25 Years

Jeff King
Gregory Labarge
Mike Lloyd
Rose Fisher Merkwowitz
Rebecca Nesbitt
Cynthia Shuster
Brenda Young
Susan Zies

20 Years

Brad Bergefurd
Joe Boggs
Kathleen Booher
Jeffery Dick
Erik Draper
James Hoorman
Patty House
Dee Jepsen
Marilyn Rabe
Amy Stone
Christopher Zoller

15 Years

David Crawford
Nadine Fogt
Jason Hedrick
Angela Holmes
Sara Kleon
Edwin Lentz
David Marrison

10 Years

Erin Deel Dailey
Andrea Daubenmier
Marie Economos
Timothy Malinich
Paul Kuber
Tracie Montague
Jessica Rockey
Harold Watters

5 Years

Bonnie Ayars
Carolyn Belczyk
Nancy Bowen
Donna Green
Melanie Hart
Jim Jasinski
Christine L. Kendle
Ashley Krogel
Kara Newby
Jamie Seger

OAEP Regional Achievement Awards

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| 4-H | 2-10 Years | North East South Central West | Minnie Taylor Jessica Rockey Tracie Montague |
| | Over 10 Years | North East South Central West | Jayne Roth Connie Goble Jason Hedrick |
| FCS | 2-10 Years | North East South Central West | Beth Stefura Michelle Treber Jamie Seger |
| | Over 10 Years | North East South Central West | Susan Zies Lisa Barlage Kathy Michelich |
| ANR | 2-10 Years | North East South Central West | Mike Gastier n/a Cynthia Meyer |
| | Over 10 Years | North East South Central West | Clif Little Christopher D. Penrose Pamela J. Bennett |

OAEP State Achievement Awards

State Faculty & Staff Achievement

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| 2 – 10 Years | Kara Newby |
| Over 10 Years | Vicki J. Schwartz |

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| 4-H | 2-10 Years | Jessica Rockey |
| | Over 10 Years | Jayne Roth |

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| FCS | 2-10 Years | Michelle Treber |
| | Over 10 Years | Lisa Barlage |

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| ANR | 2 – 10 Years | Mike Gastier |
| | Over 10 Years | Christopher D. Penrose |

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| CD | 2 – 10 Years | n/a |
| | Over 10 Years | Brian Raison |

Extension National Association Awards

Recognized and presented at Sectional Meetings

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| NAE4-HA | Distinguished Service Kathleen Blackford Laryssa Hook Travis West |
| | Achievement in Service Kim Catchpole Michelle Fehr Robin Stone |
| | Meritorious Service Jayne Roth |

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| NEAFCS | Distinguished Service Pat Brinkman |
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| Continued Excellence Cheryl Barber Spires |
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| NACAA | Distinguished Service Rory Lewandowski |
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| NACDEP | Distinguished Service Julie Fox |
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