Northwest Region Touchpoint
December 21, 2015

Pcard Deadline . . .
Since the PCard reallocation deadline is next week and many of you will be taking vacation, please enter all documentation into eRequests this week.

Submission Deadline for NC Leadership Conference . . .
Today is the deadline to submit a workshop proposal or Lightening (Ignite) proposal for presentation at the North Central Leadership Conference. The North Central Leadership Conference will be held in Minneapolis (Radisson Blu Mall of America Hotel) from May 2-4. Visit http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc
Welcome! . . .

We Welcome . . .

Melissa Wright, Program Assistant, 4-H, who started in Ottawa County on December 14.

Promotion Request in 2016 (Source: Ken Martin) . . .

Extension A&P Educators and Faculty – If you are considering a promotion request in 2016, the first step is to discuss this with your Region Director and/or Assistant Director. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion in January and provide your supervisor with a copy of your dossier so they can provide informed feedback regarding the potential for your success in this process. If you decide to move forward, note the deadline for submitting a letter to the department chair.

To request a department review for promotion to Educator III or IV, a non-mandatory faculty promotion review or an untenured assistant professor appointment without a national search, submit a letter of intent no later than midnight, Monday, March 7, 2016, to Ken Martin (martin.1540@osu.edu) and Lisa Dune (dune.2@osu.edu). Address the letter to Ken Martin, Department Chair, 2120 Fyffe Road, Room 3, Ag. Admin. Building, Columbus, OH 43210. Also send a copy of the letter to your supervisor.

After the department has received the letter of intent, the candidate will receive a confirmation email. Reference the A&P Promotion Guide or the Faculty Promotion Guide for further details regarding the review and items due. The 2016-2017 guidelines will be made available in January.

Questions may be directed to your supervisor, the Administrative and Professional Promotion Committee Chair (Nate Arnett, arnett.67@osu.edu), the Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee Chair (David Civittolo, civittolo.1@osu.edu) or Ken Martin (martin.1540@osu.edu).

Happy December Birthdays . . .

• December 2 Joe Lucente – Educator, Lucas County
• December 3 Carol Bottoms – Information Associate, Northwest Region
• December 14 Tammy Spillis – Program Assistant, Henry County
• December 15 Jerardo Soto – Program Assistant, Lucas County
• December 16 Judy Villard Overocker – Educator/Director, Richland County
• December 18 Suzanne Saggese – Program Assistant, Lucas County
• December 19 Susan Shickley – Program Assistant, Erie County
• December 20 Kelly Coble – Educator, Allen County
• December 21 Angie Holmes – Educator/Director, Erie County
• December 24 Sarah Noggle – Educator, Paulding County
• December 26 Erin Riegel-Mancuso – Office Associate, Seneca County

Cindy Torppa’s Schedule for December 21 – 25

Monday: Vacation
Tuesday: Vacation
Wednesday: Vacation
Thursday: Holiday
Friday: Holiday
More JCEP/ESP Awards . . .

Scholarships
  • Patrice Powers-Barker, $400, NEAFCS Conference in West Virginia

First Timer Scholarships
  • Katie LaPlant, $100, NEAFCS

Team Teaching Awards

Multi-Disciplinary – 5 or More Members:
  • 2nd Place – Breakfast on the Farm – Jill Stechschulte, Eric Richer, Melissa Welker, Amy Stone, Patrice Powers-Barker, Cynthia Torppa, Jeff Dick, Glen Arnold, Bruce Clevenger, Dee Jepsen, Lee Richter, Dewey Mann, Beth Scheckelhoff, Florian Chirra, Andy Londo, Pamela Kurfiss, Jane Wyse

Extension & Non-Extension Collaborators – 5 or More Members:
  • 1st Place – Military Teen Adventure Camp – Theresa Ferrari, Mary Beth Albright, Kirk Bloir, Jo Williams, Andy Szolosi, Danny Twilley
  • HM – Making the 2014 Farm Bill Decisions – Dianne Shoemaker, Amanda Douridas, Bruce Clevenger, Barry Ward, Chris Bruynis, Chris Zoller, David Marrison, Dennis Riethman, Eric Richer, Greg Meyer, Jason Hartschuh, Jeff McCutcheon, Jerry Iles, Levi Morrow, Mary Griffith, Mike Estadt, Mike Gastier, Rory Lewandowski, Sam Custer, Sarah Noggle, Stan Smith
  • HM – Conservation Tillage Conference – James Hoorman, Randall Reeder, Alan Sundermeier, Curtis Young, Harold Watters, Ed Lentz, Glen Arnold, Greg LaBarge, Amanda Douridas, Sarah Noggle, Eric Richer, Dennis Riethman, Sam Custer, Deb Brown, Jeff Stachler, Jason Hartschuh, Al Gahler, Florian Chirra, Bruce Clevenger, Mark Badertscher, Suzanne Mills-Wasniak, Steve Culman, Peter Thomison, Laura Lindsey, Rafiq Islam, John Fulton, Randy Buxton, Albert Sunniga, Jocelynn Henderschott, David Brandt
  • HM – 2014 Live Healthy Live Well In-Service – Dan Remley, Michelle Treber, Lisa Barlage, Pat Brinkman, Cindy Shuster, Candace Heer, Beth Stefura, Cindy Bond, Donna Green, Liz Smith, Kathy Green, Kristen Corry, Joanna Rini, Susan Zies, Dr. Megan Amaya, Dr. Clay Marsh

Extension and Non-Extension Collaborators – 2-4 Members:
  • 1st Place – Kids’ Tech University at Bowling Green State University – Dr. Paul Morris, Jayne Roth, Kathy Booher, Jennifer Morlock

One Program Area – 5 or More Members:
  • 1st Place – State 4-H CARTEENS Teen Conference – Judy Villard Overocker, Pam Montgomery, Jason Sidell, Brenda Sandman-Stover, Kelly Royalty, Tom Archer
Creative Works Awards

Program/Event Press Release – 1B
  • 3rd Place – James Hoorman & Tracy Turner (Putnam)

Personal Column – 1D
  • 1st Place – Edwin Lentz (Hancock)
  • HM – Shawn Ochs (Hancock)

Periodical Publication – 1E
  • 1st Place – Pat Holmes, Pat Bebo, Cheryl Graffagnino, Kathy Green, Carolyn Woods Gunther, Irene Hatsu, Carmen Irving, Patrice Powers-Barker, Lisa Siciliano-Miller, Carol Smathers, Korrin Vanderhoff, Ana Claudia Zubieta, Shawna Hite
  • HM – Donna Green (Erie)
  • HM – Angie Holmes (Erie)

Radio Interview – 2A
  • 1st Place – Edwin Lentz (Hancock)

Computer Generated Presentations – 3B
  • 2nd Place – James Hoorman (Putnam)

Educational Exhibit – Internally Produced – 4A
  • 3rd Place – Mark Light, Jason Hedrick (Hardin)

Newsletter – Internally Produced (Team) – 5A
  • 2nd Place – Curtis Young, Pam Bennett, Joe Boggs, Jim Chatfield, Julie Crook, Erik Draper, Denise Johnson, Jacqueline Kowalski, Ashley Kulhanek, Cindy Meyer, Amy Stone, Nancy Taylor, Marne Titchenell, Tim Rhodus

Promotional Flyer – Professionally Assisted – 6B
  • HM – Heather Gottke (Van Wert)

Promotional Package (Team) – 6D
  • 1st Place – Michelle Treber, Lisa Barlage, Cheryl Spires, Kristen Corry, Pat Brinkman, Cindy Shuster, Jennifer Driesbach, Sarah Chain

Curriculum Package (Individual)
  • 1st Place – James Hoorman (Putnam)

Bulletins and Monographs – 8B
  • 3rd Place – Jason Hedrick, Mark Light, Jeff Dick, Greg Homan
Project Book – 8C
- 1st Place – Kathy Blackford, Stacy Cochran
- 3rd Place – Pat Brinkman, Nadine Fogt, Gwen Soule, Brenda Young

Blog – 9C
- 1st Place – Lisa Barlage, Michelle Treber, Kathy Dodrill, Donna Green, Susan Zies, Pat Brinkman, Janet Wasko Myers, Cindy Shuster, Linnette Goard, Beth Stefura, Candace Heer, Shannon Carter, Dan Remley, Jenny Even, Liz Smith, Melissa Welker, Marie Economos, Marilyn Rabe, Joanna Rini, Kathy Green, Chery Barber Spires

International Service Recognition
- James Hoorman (Putnam)

Administrative Leadership Recognition
- Jason Hedrick (Putnam/Allen)

Business Office News . . .
The latest Business Office Update has been posted at http://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/sites/cbo/files/imce/News/Business%20Office%20Update%20December%202015.pdf. Items include:

- CFAES Supplement to the Travel Guide
- Finance Service Center Representative by Org list
- Staples New Office Supply Vendor
- New FAQs (choosing a charter bus vendor, purchasing lifetime professional organization memberships, Faculty Club fee)
- Sales Tax Collected
- Professional Presentation Support
- Calendar Year Purchase Order Renewals
- Welcome New PCard Reallocator
- Upcoming Deadlines
Ron Hendrick Leading Our College . . .

On December 2, Ron Hendrick began his role as acting dean and vice president for agricultural administration for CFAES. He is filling in for Bruce McPheron while McPheron serves as interim provost for the university.

“Over the next seven months we’ll be bringing to fruition efforts that have been in the works for the past two years.” Hendrick said. “It’s an exciting time for the college.” His focus will be in three areas:

Finish building the leadership team: A new director for OSU Extension, Roger Rennekamp, starts in January. A search for the associate dean for research and graduate education will start after Steve Slack, director for the OARDC retires at the end of December. A search for a new Director of Marketing and Communications is underway. “There are also a number of senior staff with new college-wide roles who will be integrated into their new roles,” Hendrick said.

Continue to build faculty ranks: The college is adding faculty who will contribute to the university’s focus areas, called Discovery Themes, which include Food Production and Security, Energy and the Environment, and Health and Wellness. “Departments are also filling the ranks of non-Discovery Themes faculty,” Hendrick said.

Continue rebuilding facilities and implement the re-envisioning plan for Ohio State ATI in Wooster, along with unifying operations across the college: This includes a multi-species facility at Waterman Farm in Columbus and new equine, swine and beef facilities, Hendrick said.

Hendrick is now senior associate dean for the college, overseeing college operations, including faculty affairs and facilities and capital planning. Prior to this appointment he served as director of the college’s School of Environmental and Natural Resources and began his academic career as a faculty member in the D.B. Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

Mileage Reimbursement (Source: Ric Hunter) . . .

Effective January 1, 2016, the mileage reimbursement rate will decrease from 57.5 cents to 54 cents a mile for all business miles driven from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.