Northwest Region Touchpoint
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Blog Links . . .

- CFAES Weekly News Digest – http://u.osu.edu/cfaesadmin
- Extension Director, Roger Rennekamp – http://u.osu.edu/conspectus/
- OSU Extension Ed Tech – http://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/

Don’t forget to Spring Ahead this weekend!
A&P Educator Promotions . . .

Congratulations to the following A&P Educators receiving promotion in rank effective September 1, 2016:

**Educator III  Mike Gastier** (Huron County)

**Educator IV  Eric Richer** (Fulton County)

Director of Marketing and Communications . . .

On March 1, Michelle Ball began as the new Director of Marketing and Communications for CFAES. Michelle brings diverse experiences related to strategic planning, marketing, communications, professional development and organizational change to the position. In her role with CFAES, Michelle will provide overall leadership to our marketing and communications initiatives and lead a team of 26 individuals on the Columbus and Wooster campuses.

North Central Leadership Conference
(Source: Cynthia Torppa) . . .

You still have plenty of time to register for the North Central Leadership Conference by the early bird deadline of March 15. The conference will held at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and you’ll find more information at:  [http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc](http://register.extension.iastate.edu/2016nclc)

The committee has planned a wonderful conference with exciting and inspiring speakers and great breakout sessions – many of which will be presented by our colleagues from OSU Extension!

And on the opening evening, hors d’oeuvres and fun, fast, fascinating lighten sessions will get us off and running on our three days of learning, networking, and enjoyment! **Be sure to bring your Buckeye finest because on the first evening, we are encouraging everyone to turn up sporting their school colors!** A sea of Scarlet and Gray would be a great sight to see!

This is a quick conference that won’t take you away from your regular schedule for long – we’ll start Monday evening and end Wednesday around noon (12:15) – Early bird registration is only $275, so get on board and we’ll see you there!
Hold the Date (Source: Bruce Clevenger)

- **What:** 2016 NW Region Spring Conference
- **When:** April 28, 2016
- **Where:** Camp Perry, Ottawa County
- **Who:** All OSUE Staff

**Confirmed Guest and Feature:** Dr. Roger Rennekamp, Associate Dean and Director, OSU Extension

Signature Program Submissions – Logic Model Worksheet Due April 1 (Source: Ken Martin)

If you are considering submitting a signature program proposal, the first step is to discuss this with your Assistant Director or Associate Director, Programs. You are encouraged to initiate this discussion in March and submit a Logic Model Worksheet by April 1. Download and complete the “Signature Program Logic Model Worksheet” outlining/identifying program goals and objectives, inputs, outputs, and outcomes [http://go.osu.edu/SPlmw](http://go.osu.edu/SPlmw) to use as the basis for your discussions. You will be directed to upload this completed logic model worksheet pdf with your online proposal.

Following the discussions with the Assistant Director(s) and/or the Associate Director, Programs, the completed proposal should be submitted online at the Signature Program online RFP site [http://go.osu.edu/SPfp](http://go.osu.edu/SPfp) by May 1.

The submitted proposals will be forwarded to Administrative Cabinet and to the Signature Program proposal review committee for review. A copy of the Signature Program Guidelines are located online at: [http://go.osu.edu/SPguidelines](http://go.osu.edu/SPguidelines)

Ed Tech Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who took time to complete the 2016 Extension Tech Use and Skills Survey. The input is valuable in helping us determine what Ed Tech topics to focus on in the coming year. We gained a lot of valuable insight into our organizational tech use and skill set. Visit the Ed Tech blog to take a look at some of the most notable survey data in the infographic. [https://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2016/03/08/ed-tech-survey-results-infographic/](https://u.osu.edu/extensionedtech/2016/03/08/ed-tech-survey-results-infographic/)  No matter your current skill level, the Ed Tech unit is available to help. We are deeply interested in meeting people at their current skill level and navigating them to their end goals. Don’t hesitate to reach out. Take a look at the workshop offerings to get some ideas of how we can help you. If you don’t see exactly what you’re looking for, we can probably create a one-of-a-kind program to meet your needs or the needs of your office or team. Contact Jamie or Danae.
What is all the buzz about? Registration now open! http://go.osu.edu/eatbugs2016

Introduction to Entomophagy

Entomophagy is the practice of eating insects! Learn how this idea will impact our future and how we can adapt to the growing concept. Learn about cultural and nutritional aspects of entomophagy, meet Ohio based companies, and sample insect infused foods.

Date: Friday, April 8, 2016
Time: 9:00am—3:30pm
Location: Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus, OH 43210
Cost: $15.00 each
includes samples, lunch and refreshments

Registration:
go.osu.edu/eatbugs2016
For more information: Jim Jasinski (jasinski.4@osu.edu)
Ashley Kulhanek (kulhanek.5@osu.edu)
Mark the afternoon of **May 3rd** on your calendars for the 2016 State Food Policy Summit.

This year will feature nationally recognized experts and address a range of state food policy topics such as **state legislative trends** from across the country, the **upcoming farm bill**, and federal initiatives around **nutrition and health**. Please join us to learn about the current what is happening across the nation and envision future policy priorities for strengthening Ohio’s food system.

The State Food Policy Summit, held by the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, is the single annual event for food policy interests to join together across the state. The Summit is intended to inspire action by fostering awareness of food policy activities and possibilities at the state level.

- Tuesday, May 3rd
- 1:00-5:00pm
- Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

If you are a **member of a local food policy council**, you are also invited to attend the Pre-Summit session from 9:30am-12:30pm - this session will provide opportunities for training and coalition-building for local food policy councils.

Please share this invitation within your own networks!

Registration, along with a detailed agenda, will be available at the end of March.

All the best, Jill

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**Call for Panelists . . .**

eXtension is partnering with New Media Consortium and the ECOP Task Force on Innovation (led by Dr. Keith Smith) to create an Extension Horizon report. The report will look at emerging technologies and methods between 2016-2021. A 45-person panel will be used to determine the trends. eXtension is requesting your help in identifying forward-thinking people to populate the panel. Please take a minute to nominate up to five people at https://vte.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0B4hdEtHFXxy7c1. You can nominate non-Extension people who have a working knowledge of Cooperative Extension. Self-nominations are welcome. **The survey will close March 10.**

For more information about the process, please visit https://extension.org/2016/02/25/a-new-tool-for-looking-beyond-the-horizon-in-cooperative-extension/. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Thomas at jthomas@extension.org or 419.306.9400.
Campus Campaign (Source: Cynthia Torppa) . . .

Many of you are regular contributors to Campus Campaign, and I applaud you for it!! Thank you!

It is Campus Campaign time again, I want to ask you to contribute to a fund of your choice. The ESP Leadership Fund is a great example of a fund many of us would support (I do!). Current faculty and staff can search for other funds to support by logging into the Campus Campaign online giving site at campuscampaign@osu.edu.

Our goal for 2016 is to reach a 41% campus-wide participation rate. Remember – it's not all about how much you give, but about your willingness to support a fund that you value by making a gift! Gifts as small as $1 per pay period, or $1 in cash or check, or $5 by credit card are welcome!!

Thank you for considering a gift through Campus Campaign! - Cindy

Call for Nominations (Source; Terry Niblack) . . .

The search for the new Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education is now in the advertising and candidate recruitment phase. The committee is committed to identifying exciting and promising candidates. We want your nominations! Think boldly and broadly about people you know who are committed to research and graduate education and whom you believe have the skills and qualities to lead in this essential role. Nominations may be sent to niblack.2@osu.edu or mbaker@baasearch.com or to any member of the search committee (http://cfaes.osu.edu/about/from-the-vp/leadership-searches).

There are no requirements for nominations beyond names, positions, and contact information; your personal statement of support will be appreciated even though it isn’t necessary. Please help us build a strong candidate pool for this important leadership position in our College.