



EPSILON SIGMA PHI
National Honorary Extension Fraternity
Zeta Chapter
Colorado State University Extension

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To: Extension Professionals

It is time to recognize your Extension peers, support staff or retirees for their outstanding work by nominating them for one of the Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards. To nominate an individual or team, you do not have to be an ESP member, but most awards do require the nominee be a current ESP member. ESP membership is not required for Friend of Extension, Meritorious Support Service Awards, or for all members of a team for the Team Award. Receiving an ESP award is a great honor, but just being nominated goes a long way toward expressing respect and appreciation for their efforts. Zeta Chapter winners for 2009 will be submitted for regional and national judging in 2010.

To make a nomination, consider the excellent work that you know is being done in Colorado by Extension staff. You can review the list of awards on the following pages to help decide who to nominate. Submit the name of the nominee for an award to me by **Friday, June 19, 2009.** Former nominees who did not win can be re-nominated. There is no limit on the number of nominations you can make.

I will contact the nominees and ask them to complete an application for the Awards Committee. Award applications will be due **Monday, July 20, 2009.** You can learn more about award requirements by going to www.ext.colostate.edu/esp and selecting Awards under the STATE section.

Luann Boyer, ESP Awards Chair

EPSILON SIGMA PHI AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Nominated: _____

Nominee contact information: (Please include all contact information)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I nominate this individual/team because:

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

*Send your nominations by **Friday, June 19, 2009** to Luann Boyer, ESP Awards Chair. Email to luann.boyer@colostate.edu; Fax to 970-542-3541; mail to Morgan County Extension, PO Box 517, Fort Morgan, CO 80701*

EPSILON SIGMA PHI RECOGNITION AWARDS

The nominee must be a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi. Number of years is total in Extension. If you are unsure of the years of service, nominate them anyway and we will check this out. If needed, we will move them into the award for correct years of service before asking nominee to complete the application. Included is information about which awards go on to national or regional.

*National: DSA Ruby, Friend of Extension

*Regional: Early Career Service, DSA, Mid-Career, International Service, Team Award, Diversity/Multicultural (Individual and Team), Administrative Leadership, continued Excellence, and Visionary Leadership

*State: Meritorious Support, Retiree Service, Tenure Award

*These awards start at the state level and then some go onto regional and/or national judging.

Distinguished Service Ruby Award: The highest, most prestigious award presented by Epsilon Sigma Phi, recognizing outstanding thinking, performance and leadership in Extension. Achievements at state, regional, national, and international levels.

Friend of Extension: Three awarded by ESP at National level. Nominees must have given outstanding public service and support to extension programs. ESP membership is not required.

Continued Excellence Recognition: Nominee must show continued leadership initiative and excellence in program or administration on state/regional/national level. Can be nominated 5 years after receiving DSA. 1 state award.

Distinguished Service Award: 20 or more years of service. Nominee must have contributed significantly to state Extension program planning and delivery. 1 State award. Each State winner will be recognized during the National ESP Professional Development Conference.

Mid-Career Service Award: 10-20 years of service. Criteria the same as D.S.A. Award above. 1 state award.

Early Career Service Award: Less than 10 years of service. Nominee must show ability to plan and deliver Extension programs in work area. 1 State award.

Administrative Leadership Recognition: Nominee must have shown noteworthy administrative performance during 10 or more years of county, regional, state, program, department or national leadership. 1 state award.

Diversity/Multicultural Recognition: One individual and one team – nominees whose innovative programming reinforces the organization's commitment to reacting to diverse audiences. Majority of team must be ESP members. 1 state award each.

Visionary Leadership Recognition Award: Nominee must have provided significant accomplishments resulting in leading Extension forward in a new direction. 1 state award

International Service Award: An award recognizing significant development or expansion of Extension programs in other countries through in-state or overseas work. 1 state award.

Team Award: Teams must have contributed significantly to the states' response to National Initiatives. The two-page application is what ESP needs and are submitted to as all other ESP awards. A majority of the team members must be ESP members. 1 state award per chapter.

Retiree Service Award: One per chapter. Retired nominee must be giving continuing contributions and outstanding service to State Cooperative Extension. 1 state award.

Meritorious Support Service Award: Awards to be given to field staff and state staff. For support staff who have demonstrated excellence to support Extension programs. Not limited to ESP members, or is it limited to clerical staff as the past secretaries awards were. Up to 4 awards per state, 3 field and 1 campus.