Dear Cornell Cooperative Extension Colleagues:

ESP-NY Lambda Chapter encourages you to become aware of the opportunities available to you through membership. ESP offers members professional development opportunities to grow as an Extension Professional and be recognized for your work and time with the system. Lambda Chapter, with its ties to National ESP, offers possibilities beyond NY with national meetings and webinars. Membership in the state chapter also includes membership with the national organization. All extension professionals are invited to join.

Many of us belong to State and National program related associations including NAE4-HE, NACAA, NEAFCSA, NACDEP & ANREP. Some may belong to very specific professional organizations such as the American Dairy Science Association or the Society for Human Research Management all for the purpose of growing as a professional.

ESP extends membership across all disciplines and focuses on training and recognition of the Extension worker. Anyone may easily nominate a valued Extension colleague in one of our state level award categories on next page by November 15th. To stimulate interest in becoming a Lambda Chapter member, the Officers and Committee Chairs have put in place scholarships to aid in your specific professional goals. These range from the National ESP Annual Meeting to other national events including the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Leadership Conference and the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference as well as local and regional options you as an individual feel would help your development.

By becoming an ESP/Lambda member and stepping up to the plate as an officer or committee chair you become eligible for scholarships such as:

- ESP National Meeting: $1,000 to be divided among applicants
- PILD in DC in April: $1,000 for a member (by application or selected)
- JCEP Leadership in February: $1,000 to be divided among applicants
- State or Regional opportunities for professional development: $200-300 per person up to $1500

Take a few minutes and check out our ESP Lambda site:
http://cce.cornell.edu/learnAbout/ESP/Pages/lambda.aspx

Also, review the ESP National site: http://espnational.org/

I sincerely hope you consider becoming a new member or renew your existing membership.

Sincerely,
Rick LeVitre,
President ESP-Lambda Chapter
Executive Director,
CCE Franklin County
There is so much to do as a member of ESP! Invite your friends to join now and take advantage of all of the state, regional and national training and leadership opportunities!

Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension Professionals’ Organization, is made up of Extension professionals who have exhibited excellence in programming and leadership. As a future member of the National ESP Board (at the October 2015 National Meeting I will be inducted!), I invite you to share in the possibilities:

Epsilon Sigma Phi provides:

- National and regional professional development conferences
- Awards and scholarships to recognize excellence
- Communication through newsletters, e-mail, website, etc.
- Chapter annual meetings and special functions
- Opportunities to serve on chapter and national committees
- Support for professional improvement activities for Extension professionals through mini-grants and scholarships

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to become a member of Epsilon Sigma Phi and join the more than 5,000 members as we all support the programs of our national professional organization which emphasize:

- Recognition for professional excellence
- Building support for Extension
- Scholarships for professional improvement
- Building professional competency

As a past member of different national committee, such as Public Issues, Program Development, Scholarships, Grant and Recognition, or Global Relations, I have met great colleagues from across the nation in all different areas of expertise. Each committee meets on a different telephone conference schedule for 1-2 hours, either monthly or every other month (I think one might only meet quarterly). By participating in a national committee you also learn more about the National ESP organization. I was also able to be reimbursed $200 for participation in the National Conference. Between scholarships offered through our own Lambda Chapter and National reimbursement – you might be able to attend a national conference with all expenses paid!

Please call me with any questions you have, membership in ESP has been a great opportunity for me to learn from the best colleagues in the nation!

All the best! Beth Claypoole,
CCE Wayne, Executive Director, 315-331-8415, eac9@cornell.edu
And ESP National 2nd Vice President
**Nominations sought for various Chapter Awards by November 15th:**
- Early Career
- Mid-Career
- Specialist
- College-Based Staff
- Managerial Leadership
- Tools for Teaching
- Team
- International Service
- State Retiree Award
- State Distinguished Service
- Meritorious Support Service
- Visionary Leadership Recognition

**Certificates**
- State Tenure Award - 25 Years
- 5 year CCE Employment
- ESP Support Staff Excellence Award

Nomination Form & Award Details:
https://cceconferences.wufoo.com/forms/epsilonsigma-phi-awards-recognition/

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**ESP Lambda Annual Meeting**
December 4th
9:30 am to 11:30 am
Beebe Hall Conference Room at Cornell*

- Elections
- Annual Report
- Treasury Update
- Presentation – “Strategies for Connecting with Local Officials Around Controversial Issues”
  with David L. Kay and Robin M. Blakely-Armitage, Senior Extension Associates, CaRDI (Community & Regional Development Institute), Cornell University

**Town Meeting Forum – “Value of Being an ESP Member”**

Please register online [here](https://cceconferences.wufoo.com/forms/epsilonsigma-phi-awards-recognition/) to attend in person or by remote access. Webinar connection details and password (Cce123) in registration confirmation.

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**Please save the date for the 2015 Year End Luncheon & Friend of Extension Award Presentation**

Please save the date for a celebration of Cornell Cooperative Extension and those who help make it a success!
To be held at the Moakley House, Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, 215 Warren Road, Ithaca, NY

Friday, December 4th
12:00 – 2:00 pm

More details and formal invitation to ESP members to follow.