

UK Program & Staff Development Quarterly News Brief

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It's been a few short months since we introduced this news brief along with our new website. Hopefully you are taking advantage of the resources that are provided. I must acknowledge the hard work of two new members of the Program & Staff Development team who facilitated our transition to the new site and the development of the news brief: Pamela Holbrook and Sarah Bowker.

Pam joined our team in April and serves as our administrative assistant. She has been instrumental in the web design and has already been a great help to agents and specialists. Sarah joined our team in July as a program coordinator, serving in a joint appointment with PSD and CEDIK (Community & Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky). The same quality branding expertise that Sarah has afforded CEDIK for the past several years, she is now providing to our unit. I'm thrilled to have both of them on board. Another colleague who will be an asset to our unit is Mia Farrell, who was hired this year to assume responsibility of the summer intern and agent mentor programs. Learn more about Pamela, Sarah and Mia [here](#).

As the new year is quickly approaching, be on the lookout for exciting changes in 2016. Our unit is working hard to provide our Extension system with the training that can help build capacity and the tools to empower the communities we serve. In 2016, we will offer new components to our in-service training model, as well as improved additions to the Kentucky Extension Reporting System (KERS). Stay tuned for more details!

Have a joyous Holiday season and we look forward to serving you in the new year!

Kenneth Jones
Director

News

The Randall Barnett County Extension Council Award: All counties are encouraged to apply. Each Extension District is eligible to submit two entries for the State Award. The winning Council will be recognized during the State Extension Advisory Council annual meeting. The winning Council will be presented with a \$500 cash award plus a framed certificate for their local office. An inscription of that county name will be placed on a permanent plaque in the College of Agriculture. The deadline for submitting the top two district entries for state judging is December 21st. The [application](#) provides more information.

County Program Reviews: The new four year County Program Review cycle begins in 2016. This four year cycle will last through 2019 and covers every county in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The County Program Review is a good opportunity to do an honest and healthy internal look at how each County is serving its constituents. It also helps to ensure that we are remaining compliant and committed to our mission. An email was sent out by Thomas Keene on Thursday, November 12th outlining the County Program Review Schedule for 2016-2019. Each county that will be reviewed in 2016 will be receiving emails before the end of the year on how to prepare for their review. More information can be found at the new CES Personnel website (linked through psd.ca.uky.edu) after January 1st.

Deadline Soon

Agents and Specialists – We NEED You! Seeking County and Department Summer Intern Hosting: The intern program is vital to the continued innovation and enhancement of the Organization. Interns bring new ideas and experiences that are added values to extension. 32% of agents hired in 2015 participated in the internship program. We have the largest most competitive extension internship across the country. Counties or Departments who wish to have an intern please [complete this form](#) and send to Mia Farrell (antomia.farrell@uky.edu) by December 19th.

Cooperative Extension Service Summer Internship Program: The internship gives interns an opportunity to develop personally and professionally. The intern is an added value to the counties. The summer internship program applications are due by December 31st. If you have any questions please contact Mia Farrell at (859) 218-4800. Marketing materials and application available [here](#).

Kentucky Extension Diversity Awards: Since 1994, Kentucky Cooperative Extension has recognized Extension professionals who, through targeted efforts, excelled in reaching new clientele. The awards are annual and are available to both KSU and UK Extension professionals. Those chosen for the award receive a plaque and a program award of \$500 (individual) and \$1,000 (team) to use in their County or department to continue diversity efforts. Nominations will be accepted until December 21st. If you have any questions please contact Quentin Tyler, Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity (quentin.tyler@uky.edu).

Agents in Action

Success Story: Chris Clark (Hart County), Forage Improvement and Utilization. Good forage production can improve farm income as a result of cash sales and better livestock performance. According to the community's needs and leadership of our County Extension Council, it was determined that forage production and utilization should be a major program thrust...[read more](#)

BAE Department Pairs up with 4-H for 2016 Kentucky State Fair Robotics Challenge: The Maze Contest, one of four contests within the Robotics Challenge, provides 4-Hers the opportunity to apply the knowledge, skills and techniques they have learned throughout the 4-H year to test their skills and to compete with other 4-H robotic teams across the state....
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Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives: The Nutrition Education Programs (NEP) is a program offered by the Cooperative Extension Service, that provides instruction for limited resource individuals and families to improve the nutritional quality of their diets, food safety, and food resources management....read more. View the accompanying video produced by Ag Comm [here](#).

Extension on the Air: Sarah Bowker currently coordinates opportunities to appear on WVQ 36 and WKYT 27. If you have an interest in doing a segment on TV, contact Sarah (sarah.frank@uky.edu). Check out clips of Agent and Specialist appearances to share on your county's social media pages [here](#).

Teaching and Evaluation Tips

Teaching Tips: Tanya Dvorak provides helpful reminders and suggestions for when inclement weather forces cancellations to Extension programming...[read more](#)

Evaluation Tips: In order to evaluate, you need to engage participants...[read more](#)

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