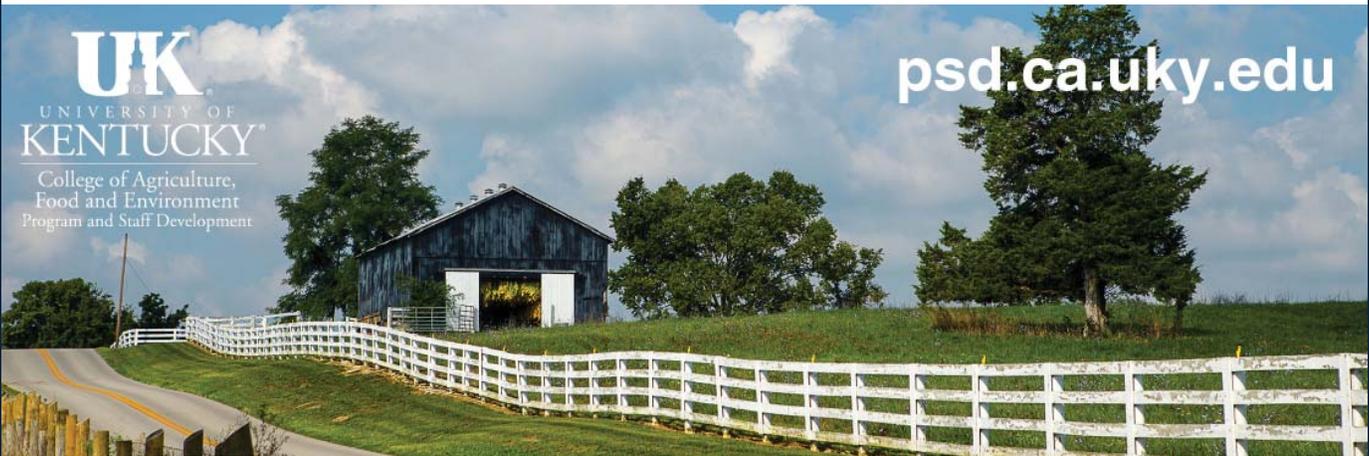


# UK Program & Staff Development Quarterly News Brief

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## Greetings Extension Colleagues!

I am excited to present to you the first edition of Program and Staff Development's (PSD) quarterly News Brief. Although this idea has been in the works for some time, we've been carefully planning the ideal resource that offers timely correspondence that is also relevant.

I am confident that now is no better time than to make this News Brief available to you. Given the orders of the day, with accountability and documenting results being paramount, we hope that you'll find applicable information that will serve you and your programming efforts well. On a quarterly basis, you will be updated with the latest reporting news, evaluation tips and techniques and informed of those programs that are making a significant impact within counties and across the state.

In order to maximize efforts, we capitalize on collaborating with others throughout the college to meet your needs and address pertinent issues for Extension. Whether providing insight on the Plan of Work process (hard to believe it's that time again), steps to enhancing ways to reach out to new audiences or promoting trainings that provide great professional development opportunities, our ultimate goal is to help improve programs, change lives then tell our stories.

We hope that you enjoy this issue and others to come. We will consistently seek out and feature unique projects that are taking place within Extension. More importantly, we want you to have access to resources that will enhance your ability to offer meaningful programs and services to those needing it most.

**I also would like to introduce Program and Staff Development's newly enhanced website:** [psd.ca.uky.edu](http://psd.ca.uky.edu). We have reorganized existing content in addition to providing new content to support your work. This updated online format was prepared to help facilitate your program development, evaluation, and reporting efforts.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Jones  
Director

## Agents in Action

*Success Story: Diane Mason (Boone County), Cooking with Friends.* This program was developed to help ESL adults learn about American foods, food customs, recipe preparation and involving their children in planning and preparing foods...[read more](#)

*Extending Knowledge, Changing Lives:* This new public value statement highlights both 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture and Natural Resources working together to bring STEM learning into the classroom. Extension provides the expertise and educational materials as well as incubators, candlers, and the hatching eggs needed to conduct the embryology programs...[read more](#)

*Extension on the Air:* The PSD website has a weekly updated set of web links to Extension on the TV and radio airwaves [here](#).

## Professional Development Opportunities

*In Service Opportunity: Survey Basics with Pam Sigler* began September 10th. Six sessions will be on Adobe Connect; the final session will be an in-person session. See [KERS](#) for more details about session topics and dates/times. All sessions will be archived online.

*Teaching Tips:* As you develop your programs, being aware that each and every learner, regardless of age, brings experience with them to your Extension programs is important...[read more](#)

*Evaluation Tips:* Social media is a way to reach audiences that don't have time to attend traditional Extension programs as well as introducing the broad range of issues that Extension addresses...[read more](#)

## Upcoming Opportunities

*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. Currently, 32% of agents employed since the beginning of 2015 participated in the internship program. The summer internship program application will be open October 1st – December 31st. We will begin soliciting for county host at the end of October. 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. Beginning November 1st nominations/applications will be accepted and will close December 21st. If you have any questions please contact Quentin Tyler, Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity at [Quentin.tyler@uky.edu](mailto:Quentin.tyler@uky.edu).

## Upcoming Opportunities, continued

*Jr. MANRRS State Leadership Conference, December 2015:* Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) is a national society that welcomes people from all racial and ethnic groups to become members and to participate in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences careers. Several colleges and universities have established JR. MANRRS chapters to promote agriculture literacy and awareness in their respective communities.

Annually, a State Leadership Conference is held on UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's campus. The conference provides professional, academic workshops that will connect students to the agriculture industry, allow students networking opportunities with collegiate MANRRS members and UK CAFE, and also have students to compete in organized competitions in hopes of progressing to the national level.

The 4th Annual Jr. MANRRS State Leadership Conference will be held December 11-12, 2015 with a registration fee of \$25. Utilizing the theme, "MANRRS: Inspiring the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders," interactive workshops, general sessions, and tours are all in store for participants. We hope to share this experience with the youth in your community! Please contact Kendriana Price- State Jr. MANRRS Chairperson, 4-H Youth Development Agent in Christian County, for more information and registration materials at (270) 886-6328.

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