



CHI EPSILON SIGMA

Life, Loyalty, Learning

ALPHA CHAPTER ~ THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SUPPORT STAFF FRATERNITY

Hello CES Members,

Another mile marker has passed in the books, the 35th Anniversary of CES. As I review the past of what the foundation held for the pioneers in 1986, I reflect on where we have come from there. We worked hand-in-hand with Administration to acknowledge the issues of support staff, all the while offering professional development opportunities for many years.

This year I would like to get back to fundamentals with CES. Administration has graciously agreed to meet with Christina and myself to voice ours and your concerns and offer solutions to some of those issues. Please reach out to any of the board members or me if you would like to express your concerns with Administration. If you would like to have it shared anonymously, then simply let us know and we will make sure not to mention names and other details. I know it is hard to express your concerns but know that if you are having certain issues, there may be other support staff with the same issues.

I also would like to reach out to the members that have been with CES for a while. I have noticed many newer support staff are not joining CES. Please reach out to them and tell them what CES means to you, as in: the friendship, having a voice in and beyond the office, and a feeling of not being alone in this. If some do not see the value of being a member because they feel it has nothing to offer them, then ask them: 'What would they want to see in the organization to improve ourselves?' This organization was never meant to be stagnant; it was supposed to flow and change with the times. I know change can be scary but as your president, I am willing to push myself out of the comfort zone to make the change for you.

I would like to encourage everyone to challenge yourselves. If we live just to survive then are we really living? Take a class or commit to do something in life that you have always wanted to do. We are here such a short amount of time, use it wisely.

Your President and Friend,
Patty Corfman

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2022 CES Meeting

Dates:

Feb 14, May 9, August 8, and October 10

Happy 35th CES!!



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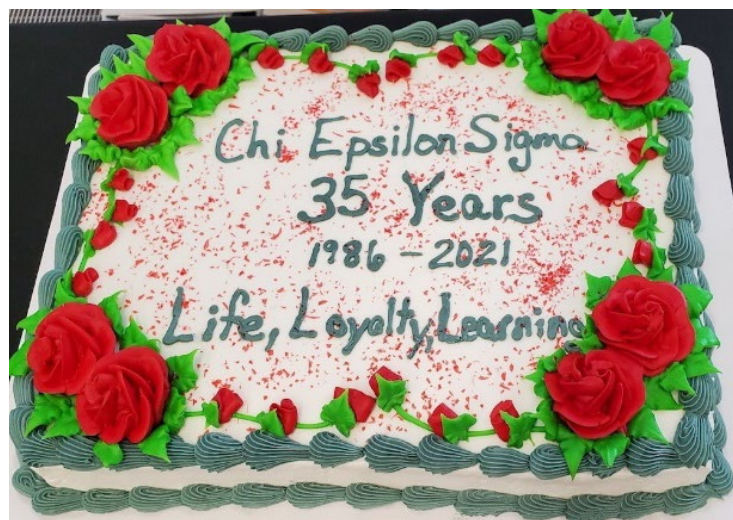
Annual Meeting Report: Patty Corfman, CES President, Chair CES Annual Meeting Committee

The Annual Meeting of Chi Epsilon Sigma was held December 6, 2021 at the Franklin County Extension's beautiful office at 2548 Carmack Road in Columbus... the full day's activities and professional development began at 9AM and ran through 3:30PM.



This year's theme is: "May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make."

Administration stopped by to show their support, and to cut and serve the cake: Julie Fox, Kirk Bloir, Jeff McCutcheon and Jackie Wilkins.



New CES HONORARY MEMBERS~ Welcome Jesse & Bob!

From time to time CES honors others in Extension for their partnership and support of this organization. Honorary Membership is bestowed as a small token of our respect and appreciation to those who have enhanced our organization and members through their efforts.

So proud to announce the 2021 Honorary CES Members are Jesse Buxton and Robert (Bob) Concitis!! These two gentlemen have shown GREAT patience and given GREAT support to Extension Support Staff, long before Workday came to be our greatest challenge yet... they deserve a medal, but accepted a CES pin and certificate instead! We are honored to count you as members of CES!



Welcome New Members for CES in 2022!

Marcala Ashbaugh – Van Wert County
 Thallia Blight – Office Admin Associate, Family and Consumer Sciences
 Shelby Clark – Regional Program Assistant, Southeast Central State Administration
 Tashina Cromes – Office Assistant, Miami County
 Jennifer Driesbach – Office Associate, Pickaway County
 TyAnna Erford – Office Associate, Paulding County
 Chloe Hart – Office Associate, Meigs County
 Amy Kirkbride – Office Associate, Morgan County
 Erika Lee – Program Assistant, Snap-Ed Northwest Region
 Mark Marbaugh – Fiscal Associate, Extension Publications
 Amelia Michaels – 4-H Program Assistant Ottawa County
 Mary Steelman – Office Associate, Lake County
 Sha’Chanda Webster – Davis – Program Assistant, Central State, Xenia Site
 Rochelle Williams – Program Assistant, Central State, Greene County

Years of Service Awards

5 Years:

Sherry Hutchins
Rhonda Mahaney
Candy Matthews

10 Years:

Paige Matney

20 Years:

Linda Newman

25 Years

Heather Keller
Dawn Feller
Carla Wickham

30 Years:

Chris Comden
Lori Moff

Retirees in 2021 – Wishing you the best! Please remember CES!

Linda Good – Office Associate, Miami County
 MaryAnn Andrews – Office Associate, Auglaize County
 Arlene Duffey- Office Associate, Madison County
 Drudy Yoakam – Office Associate, Union County
 Dawn Feller – Office Associate, Hancock County
 Norma Unverferth – Office Associate, Putnam County

2021 Secret Friends Revealed:

Kay Kramer
Ann Foxworthy
Lori Moff
Linda Good
Debbie Bowman
Miranda McElroy
Sherry Hutchins
Rhonda Mahaney
Christina Byrd
Chris Comden

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Debbie Bowman



**Look for Secret Friend Signup in
 your email. Matches to be made in
 January to start the new year off
 with zing!**

2021 CES Virtual Silent Auction: Terri Fisher, CFAES Staff Advisory Council Liaison, Chair CES Fundraiser Committee, committee member: Chris Comden

The Chi Epsilon Sigma (CES) board would like to say **Thank You** to all who donated and bid on items in our silent auction (<https://go.osu.edu/2021cesauctionbid>). Due to the generosity of many, along with some extra donations, the total to be collected from the auction is **\$1,091.00!** These monies will be used to fund the [Chi Epsilon Sigma Support Staff Excellence Award](#), our highest recognition for our amazing support staff. A big congratulations to this year's winner – Marianne Guthrie, Office Associate in Ross County.

A special thank you to those of you who **donated** items to be auctioned online and shipped to winners during another virtual year! We had 19 wonderful selections to bid on from both office teams and individuals. For those of you who would like to know who outbid you, here is the list of the silent auction **winners**:

Donated Item	Donor/Office Contact	Donor Office	Winner Name	Winner Office	Winning Bid
Gift Box of Scrumptious Cookies and Cake Pops - Black Sheep Baking Co.	Chris Comden	Defiance Co	Michelle Treber	Pickaway County	\$ 45.00
Brutus Buckeye Painting	Kate Shumaker	OSU Extension, Holmes County	Sam Custer	ANR	\$ 25.00
Ohio Proud Food Basket	Valente Alvarez	Food Industries Center	Michelle Treber	Pickaway County	\$ 85.00
Homemade peanut brittle 1	LeeAnn Johnson	Retired	Jackie Wilkins	Extension Admin	\$ 30.00
Homemade peanut brittle 2	LeeAnn Johnson	Retired	Julie Fox	Urban Ext/Spec Initiatives	\$ 30.00
1/2 pint glass bottle of 2021 Ohio State Maple Syrup	Christina Byrd	Franklin Co	Beth Young	Butler County	\$ 25.00
Coffee Gift Basket	Stephanie Knight	Logan Co	Pat Zehring	Greene County	\$ 69.00
\$50 Norwex Gift Certificate	Kay Kramer	Union County	Michelle Treber	Pickaway County	\$ 55.00
Instant Lottery tickets	Lake County Extension	Lake County	Faye Wilson	Athens County	\$ 60.00
Twelve Handmade Christmas Ornaments	Carol Wagner	OSU Extension Operations Team	Teresa McCoy	LOD	\$ 100.00
Blended Just for You 8oz hand lotion	Thallia Blight	FCS state office	Sam Custer	ANR	\$ 20.00
OHIO-shaped String Art	Teresa Funk	ANR	Pat Bebo	FCS	\$ 35.00
Barns of America Quilted Throw	Teresa Funk	ANR	Kay Kramer	Union County	\$ 60.00
Molly Caren Agricultural Center Gift Basket	Sarah Chain	Molly Caren Agricultural Center/ Farm Science Review	Beth Young	Butler County	\$ 35.00
\$100 Crema Nut Co. Gift Certificate	Terri Fisher	Extension Administration	Ronda Van Den Bossche	Lorain County	\$ 82.00
Garden Insects of North America 1	David Shetlar	Entomology	Beth Miller	Auglaize County	\$ 20.00
Garden Insects of North America 2	David Shetlar	Entomology	Carrie Brown	Fairfield County	\$ 20.00
Garden Insects of North America 3	David Shetlar	Entomology	Alaina Niebauer	FCS	\$ 30.00
Amish Local Goods	Suzanne Ferencak	Wayne/Holmes Counties	Beth Miller	Auglaize County	\$ 60.00

No applicants took advantage of the Sponsorships for 2021... maybe next year!

Sister Chapters: Vickie Snyder, CES Annalist, Chair Outreach Committee

- [BETA Chapter News](#) – from Arkansas
- [Gamma Chapter News](#) – from Kentucky
- [Epsilon Chapter News](#) – from Louisiana

OJCEP: [Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professional Committees:](#)

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| Executive | Resource Development and Management |
| Personnel | Public Issues |
| Global Relations | Professional Development |
| Marketing | Membership Recruitment and Retention |
| Scholarships, Grants and Recognition | |

Member Benefits

- CES lapel pin & certificate
- [Quarterly CES newsletters](#)
- [Optional "Secret Friend" participation](#)
- Recognition for professional/personal achievement
- Connection Between Support Staff
- Years of Service and New Member Awards
- [Annual Meeting and Membership Awards](#)
- [Awards through OJCEP Creative Works](#)
- [Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award](#)
- [CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award](#)
- [Recognition for Joining a Professional Organization Committee](#)

Constitution & Bylaws:

Beth Young, CES Past President, Chair CES Constitution and Bylaws Committee

After the first of the year, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will meet to review the documents and make any necessary changes. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please email me at young.1414@osu.edu. We would welcome and appreciate your input!

The Extension & Research Support Staff Association

www.TERSSA.org

2021 TERSSA National Conference
September 2022 - Kitty Hawk, NC

Current Participating States: Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and Virginia Tech



2021 Support Staff Conference Report:

Lori Moff, CES Support Staff Liaison, Chair CES Professional Improvement & Activities Committee

2021 Support Staff Virtual Conference: "We are Zooming Out of This!" was held in October this year over 4 days with 165 attending the conference from OSU and 13 TERSSA members attending representing states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and North Carolina.

Topics included Workday, Fiscal Update, Qualtrics, Conflict Management, Branding, 4HOnline, and much more. The feedback regarding this year's conference was great! People enjoyed the variety of topics and that it was well organized. Looking forward to our 2022 Support Staff Conference already! **Special Thanks to ShaLise Simmons and the LOD Team**

If you are interested in helping plan next year's Support Staff Conference, please reach out to ShaLise Simmons and let her know you'd like to serve.

CES 2022 Executive Board

President – Patty Corfman.4, OA, OSU Extension Operations, Columbus

Vice President – Christina Byrd.282, OA, Franklin County

Treasurer – Chris Comden.1, OA, Defiance County

Secretary – Katie Gorrell.42, OA, Paulding County

Membership Secretary – Paige Matney.30, OA, Lawrence County

Annalist – Vickie Snyder.252, OA, OSU Extension Operations, Caldwell

Historian – OPEN

CFAES Staff Advisory Council Liaison – Terri Fisher.456, OAA, Extension Administration

Support Staff Liaison – Lori Moff.1, OA, Mahoning County

Past President – Beth Young.1414, OA, Butler County



L-to-R: President Patty, VP Christina, Past President Beth, Membership Secretary Paige, Annalist Vickie, Treasurer Chris, Secretary Katie and CFAES SAC Liaison Terri

[CES Constitution and Bylaws](#)

[CES Standing Rules](#)

Look for articles and photos of the CES Extension Support Staff Excellence Award and CES Dorothy Rex Inspirational Award winners in the next, winter edition of the newsletter.

Committee Sign Up!!

So many committees, so many opportunities!! Want to be involved? [Please sign up](#) and join us in 2022 for great days ahead!