

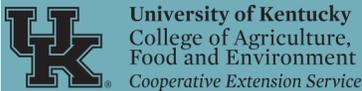
CHI EPSILON SIGMA



GAMMA CHAPTER

The National  
Cooperative  
Extension Support  
Staff Fraternity of  
the University of  
Kentucky

The purpose of this fraternity shall be to maintain the standards, ideals, morale, prestige, and respect of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service support staff; to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal friendship among the employees; to encourage professionalism; and to recognize, share, and reward professional excellence in job performance.



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**Great things never came from comfort zones.**

While searching for inspiration for my last note to you, I ran across this. It sounds so much like my past two years as President of CHIES. I enjoy being a supporting member and working behind the scenes. I am hard on myself and try to be a people pleaser in life. There is something about addressing a group of your peers and hoping that all goes well for a conference that is such a big deal and somewhat nerve-wracking.

I have enjoyed serving you beyond my wildest dreams. Working with such wonderful and hard-working board members and speaking with so many of you that have reached out to me has been very fulfilling. It has been wonderful meeting so many new people.

While the role has been challenging, it has been very rewarding. I encourage each of you to step out of your comfort zones and never become complacent.

If you are interested in any position on the board, reach out to your directors, they are your first line of communication, or contact any member of the board. You will NOT regret doing it!

**To the CHIES board:** You are the best! The level of collaboration at each meeting has been immeasurable.

THANK YOU for everything you have done to make this meeting such a SUCCESS! And another HUGE THANK YOU for teaching me, making me look good, and picking up the pieces I dropped. I look forward to working with you all as Past President and can't wait for our first meeting with our new members on the board.



*Nancy Williams, Past President*

As I volunteered to become Vice-President in 2021, I truly didn't know what I was getting myself in to, honestly, I am so HAPPY I got to be part of an awesome TEAM! The 2022 conference was a huge Success! We hope you had fun and a great experience!!

I am honored and look forward to serving as your President. As valued employees and CHIES members, your talents, skills, hard work and dedication is an example of "Your Purpose", always remember that!! Stay safe and have a wonderful summer ☺



*Tami Widelksi, President*

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# 2022 Chi Epsilon Sigma Chapter Awards

Listed below are the 2022 CHIES Chapter Award winners and nominees. It was amazing to see so many nominations came in this year. So many wonderful things were written about each one of you. Congratulations for the recognition of your much-appreciated hard work and talents!

## Distinguished Service Award

1st – Ashley Reynolds, Knott County  
2nd – Jeanie Castell, Barren County  
3rd – Marie Grimes, Woodford County

Elizabeth Horn, Daviess County  
Carla Carter, Franklin County  
Donna Napier, Leslie County  
Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County  
Kathy Ballard, Nelson County  
Lisa Pritchard, Hart County  
Sheilah Childers, Pulaski County  
Sherry Taylor, Warren County  
Stephanie Caldwell, McCracken County

## Good Friend Award

1st – Corene Trent, Leslie County  
2nd – Elizabeth Horn, Daviess County  
3rd – Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County

Angela Baldauff, Kenton County  
Ann Gish, Henderson County  
Lisa Pritchard, Hart County  
Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County  
Sara Givens, Warren County  
Sue Rice, McCracken County

## Jovial Award

1st – Donna Napier, Leslie County  
2nd – Robyn Edgell, Daviess County  
3rd – Lisa Stevens, Pulaski County  
Melissa Pilcher, Boone County

## New Achiever Award

1st – Garry Ostrander, Leslie County  
2nd – Mayme Hunt, Warren County  
3rd – Cathy Fellows, Boone County

Danielle Smith, Scott County  
Kelly Bland, Daviess County

## Print Media Award

1st – Elizabeth Horn, Daviess County  
2nd – Carla Carter, Franklin County  
3rd – Alexis Fellows, Boone County

Diane Turner, Christian County  
Jennifer Keith, Pulaski County  
Kelly Dockter, Henry County  
Lorene Coots, Leslie County

## Digital Communications Award

1st – Mary Robbins, Hancock County  
2nd – Lorene Coots, Leslie County  
3rd – Robyn Edgell, Daviess County

Alexis Fellows, Boone County  
Kelly Dockter, Henry County

## Outstanding Program Award

1st – Janie Oliver, Knott County  
2nd – Stacy Smith, Clinton County  
3rd – Nancy Owens, Allen County

Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County  
Margie Hernandez, Pulaski County

## 2022 Chi Epsilon Sigma Scholarship Recipients

- Professional Improvement Scholarship  
*\$100 awarded to Cathy Fellows of Boone County*
- Higher Education Scholarship  
*\$100 each awarded to Eileen Koop of Laurel County, Linda Burgard of Laurel County, and Nan Montgomery of Warren County*
- Child/Grandchild Scholarship  
*\$250 each awarded to Wade McGuire (son of Janie Oliver, Knott County) and Sydney Furnish (daughter of Lorie Furnish, Harrison County)*

# A Special Thank You to the board members who served on committees to make our annual meeting happen!

## Budget & Finance

*Sherry Stith  
Nancy Williams  
Georganne Collins*

## Constitution & Bylaws

*Eileen Kopp  
Nancy Williams  
Marie Grimes*

## Awards

*Robyn Edgell  
Stephanie Caldwell*

## Professional Improvement

*Kelsey King  
Sherry Stith*

## Nominating

*Eileen Kopp  
Marie Grimes*

## Facilities

*Tami Widelski  
Sherry Stith  
Marie Grimes  
Nancy Williams*

## Breakout Sessions

*Robyn Edgell  
Cristin Costello  
Carrie Adkins  
Stephanie Caldwell*

## Equipment/Technology

*Marie Grimes  
Robyn Edgell*

## Registration / Member Gifts

*Sherry Stith  
Donna Napier  
Kim Campbell  
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## Welcoming Committee

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Stephanie Caldwell  
Kelsey King*

## Class Assignments / Registration Packets

*Georganne Collins  
Sherry Stith*

## Guest Speakers

*Eileen Kopp  
Tami Widelski  
Georganne Collins*

## Speaker Gifts

*Donna Napier*

## Door Prizes / Give-A-Ways

*Nancy Williams  
Stephanie Caldwell  
Tami Widelski*

## New Members

**38** new members joined CHIES this year making a total of 204 members! Chi Epsilon Sigma is more than just our annual conference. We also get together in the fall for a member reception during UK Staff Roundup. Each time we get together in person is a great opportunity to network, make new friends, and learn more about Cooperative Extension through general conservation. The connections made through CHIES can be an asset all year. Reaching out to your counterparts throughout the state to share ideas or ask questions is one of the greatest members benefits.

If you haven't already, I would like to invite you to follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChiESUKY>. Feel free to post on this page to share job-related ideas or ask for input from fellow support staff.

You can also reach out to the CHIES Director for your area or any member of the Board.

## Future Newsletters

We like to showcase member news in our newsletters. This could be personal or work-related – births, weddings, anniversaries, work achievements, etc. When the time comes for the next newsletter, CHIES Area Directors will reach out to members in their area to ask if there's any news to share.

I would also like to add a section in our newsletter about tips and tricks to help support staff with their job. For this segment to be successful, I will need input from members. No matter how big or small the tip is, it could be useful to someone that is new or still learning a particular program. If you have something to share, please send it to your director or to me.

If there is any other topic you would like to see in our newsletters, don't hesitate to contact me. Feel free to reach out to me anytime regarding any of these topics at [robyn.edgell@uky.edu](mailto:robyn.edgell@uky.edu).

*Robyn Edgell, Annalist*

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Areas W3 & W4



Areas W5 & W6



Areas W7 & W8



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Program Assistants



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# 2022 CHIES Annual Meeting



