

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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## *A Message from our President*

Hello everyone,

Well, we made it through the technical issues of our first Zoom annual meeting. It was another meeting for the record books.

Throughout this past year, we have seen some changes in Extension with the administrative restructuring, and we are following that lead with a restructuring of our own by amending our bylaws to reflect the update in areas. The revised bylaws will be on the CHIES website soon.

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners! Certificates have already been mailed. Monetary awards and plaques for the first-place winners will be sent out later this week.

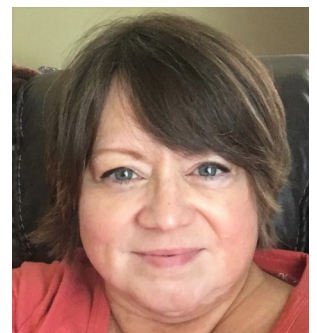
Everyone, please utilize your area directors as they are your link to the board. They are here for you to answer questions.

The board will be meeting in the coming months to start planning our 2022 meeting. Should you have any suggestions, please reach out to your area directors and they will bring those to us when we meet.

I am looking forward to meeting in person next year!

*Nancy Williams*

CHIES President



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Heather Russell

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Donna Napier  
Kim Campbell  
Carrie Adkins

**UK Campus, Lexington**  
Cristin Sullivan  
**UK Campus, Princeton**  
Marilyn Hooks

# 2021 Chi Epsilon Sigma Chapter Awards

Listed below are the 2021 CHIES Chapter Awards winners and nominees. Congratulations to each of you on being recognized for hard work and talent!

### Distinguished Service Award (7)

To recognize a member who has shown distinguished service and worked for extension **more** than 5 years.

1st—Lorne Coots, Leslie County  
2nd—Jeanne Adkins, Carter County  
3rd—Rhonda Owsley, East Region

Eileen Kopp, Laurel County  
Kelsey King, Agricultural Economics  
Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County  
Pam Renner, Henry County

### Communications Award (6)

To recognize a member for an outstanding newsletter, flier, brochure, report, etc.

1st—Fran Hodges, Hardin County  
2nd—Donna Napier, Leslie County  
3rd—Robyn Edgell, Daviess County

Ashley Reynolds, Knott County  
Beth Horn, Daviess County  
Casey Faulkner, Laurel County

### Good Friend Award (7)

To recognize a member who always goes above and beyond their job description. Someone who is always helping others in the office—whether it's clients or co-workers. An individual who always works for the greater good.

1st—Janie Oliver, Knott County  
2nd—Donna Napier, Leslie County  
3rd—Ashley Marshall, Daviess County  
(2 nominations)

Joy McGinnis, Wayne County  
Angela Baldauff, Kenton County  
Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County

### New Achievers Award (4)

To recognize a member who has shown distinguished service and worked for extension **less** 5 years.

1st—Robyn Edgell, Daviess County  
2nd—Dana Sherrell Thompson, Edmonson County  
3rd—Cathy Fellows, Boone County  
(2 nominations)

### Outstanding Program Award (7)

To recognize a member for an outstanding program.

1st—Cathy Fellows, Boone County  
2nd—Seth Hart, Wayne County  
3rd—Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County

Janie Oliver, Knott County  
Lorene Coots, Leslie County  
Nan Montgomery, Warren County  
Pam Renner, Henry County

### Jovial Award (6)

To recognize a member who always comes to work with a smile and keeps the office cheerful. Someone who is the life of the party, who makes a bad situation have a happy ending, and makes a joke at the right time to relieve tension.

1st—Kelly Bland, Daviess County  
(2 nominations)  
2nd—Sue Akers, Pike County  
3rd—Corene Trent, Leslie County

Holly Watters, Boone County  
Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County

## 2021 Chi Epsilon Sigma COVID Awards

The Awards Committee thought it would a great morale booster to recognize some of the challenges we, as employees, have overcome this past year. While these will not be permanent award categories and the recipients will not receive a monetary award, they will receive a certificate to honor their accomplishments.

The categories along with nominees and winners are listed below.

### Best Mask (2)

*To recognize a member who had a cool mask (cute, funny, creative, etc.) during the pandemic.*

1st—Robyn Edgell, Daviess County  
2nd—Tina Noe, Whitley County

### Extending Extension (7)

*To recognize a program assistant who developed grab & go kits or other ways to reach clientele during the pandemic.*

1st—Janie Oliver, Knott County  
2nd—Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County  
3rd—Joy McGinnis, Wayne County  
Kelly Bland, Daviess County  
Lisa Spaulding, Whitley County  
Seth Hart, Wayne County  
Dana Sherrell Thompson, Edmonson County

### Office Sanitizer (4)

*To recognize a member who always kept the office sanitized to prevent the spread of COVID-19.*

1st—Corene Trent, Leslie County  
2nd—Beth Horn, Daviess County  
3rd—Andrew Modica, Whitley County  
Holly Watters, Boone County

### Social Distance Butterfly (2)

*To recognize a member that utilized social media more during the pandemic to reach clientele.*

1st—Mawnie Belcher, Whitley County  
2nd—Robyn Edgell, Daviess County

### Guideline Guru (3)

*To recognize a member who is always up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions.*

1st—Beth Horn, Daviess County  
2nd—Donna Napier, Leslie County  
3rd—Andrew Modica, Whitley County

### Double Duty (2)

*To recognize a member who has been working remotely during the pandemic while taking care of children or an elderly family member.*

### TIE

Ashley Eversole, Whitley County  
Robyn Edgell, Daviess County

### Virtually Awesome (5)

*To recognize a program assistant who took their program virtual during the pandemic.*

1st—Stephanie Meredith, Hardin County  
2nd—Mawnie Belcher, Whitley County  
3rd—Pam Renner, Henry County  
Angela Baldauff, Kenton County  
Cathy Fellows, Boone County

### Technology Whisperer (5)

*To recognize a member who adapted well to using technology more (Zoom, Teams, One Drive, etc.).*

1st—Ashley Marshall, Daviess County  
(2 nominations)  
2nd—Lorene Coots, Leslie County  
3rd—Nancy Williams, McCracken County  
Angela Baldauff, Kenton County

## 2021 Chi Epsilon Sigma Scholarship Recipients

There were no scholarship applications for professional improvement this year. We did receive 7 applications for the higher education scholarship. The two recipients to receive \$100 toward furthering their education at an institute for higher learning are **Cathy Fellows of Boone County** and **Angela Baldauff of Kenton County**. Congratulations ladies!

## Chi Epsilon Sigma Member News

I am planning to do another newsletter this summer. If you have any news, personal or work-related, that you would like to share, please get in touch with your area director. This could include family births, retirements, weddings, work achievements, etc.

## New Administrative Structure for CHIES Directors

At our annual meeting, we voted to update our bylaws to mirror the new administrative structure of Extension. Instead of having one director from each Extension Area, we will now have six directors from each Extension Region. As before, we will continue to have two non-county directors: UK Campus Lexington and UK Campus Princeton. This will be a total of 20 directors. Directors will continue to serve a two-year term. Previously, seven areas were elected in even years and the other seven were elected in odd years. We will now elect three directors for each region in even years and the other three in odd years. UK Campus directors will be elected as before: Lexington in even years and Princeton in odd years.

Migrating the old areas into the new regions will be a three-year process. Directors who were elected in 2020 will continue to serve their second year. The areas that were up for election this year were filled. The 16 directors currently serving will be counted toward their appropriate region. We will fill the remaining positions over the next two years. A breakdown of this process can be found on our website at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/content/directors>.

## Staying Connected



I would love to utilize our CHIES Facebook page as a tool to keep us connected throughout the year. One of my favorite parts about attending the annual conference is networking with support staff from across the state. We all know that no two Extension Offices are the same, and I love learning new tips and tricks from my counterparts—especially since I'm all about working smarter, not harder! I encourage those of you on Facebook to like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChiESUKY>. Feel free to make posts sharing job-related ideas or asking for input from fellow support staff.

# Meet the 2021 Chi Epsilon Sigma Executive Board

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## West Region Directors



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*Kelsey King*  
Henderson County



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Hopkins County



*Linda Martin*  
Logan County



*Sue Ann McCandless*  
LaRue County

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## East Region Directors



Lisa Stevens  
Pulaski County



Angela Johnson  
Morgan County



Donna Napier  
Leslie County



Kim Campbell  
Magoffin County



Carrie Adkins  
Laurel County

## Central Region Directors



Donna Browne  
Jefferson County



Marie Grimes  
Woodford County



Heather Russell  
Harrison County

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Save the Date  
April 20-22, 2022  
Chi Epsilon Sigma  
Annual Meeting