



CHI EPSILON SIGMA

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SPRING 2023

Hello All -

WOW! What a great conference! Hopefully, everyone has had time to “Reset, Restart, and Reboot.” In Extension, we become resilient to things that come our way. So, taking time to reset our minds and remember our purpose gives us the energy to face what’s coming next.

I’m excited to serve you as president for the 2023-24 program year. CHIES is a great organization and I am thankful to have the opportunity to lead you in a positive, productive way. If you have questions or suggestions throughout the year, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me or any other member of our board. During the next two years, I will also serve on the CAFÉ Staff Council. I will be a voice for CHIES and all Extension Staff.

The CHIES Board will come together in August to start planning for our 2024 Conference. Be sure to **SAVE THE DATES** for **April 17, 18, and 19, 2024!** We will be going East to Paintsville, KY. During the August board meeting, we will also plan for our **Annual CHIES Reception** for the morning of the **UK Staff Appreciation Roundup**. Hope to see everyone there. It’s a great time to enjoy a campus event and have an opportunity to catch up with your CHIES friends.

If you have any questions about who your director may be, a list can be found on our website at <https://chies.ca.uky.edu/board>. Looking forward to the next time we meet!



Kim Campbell
CHIES President

Wow! The past year has flown by. Being President of the 2023 Chi Epsilon Sigma Gamma Chapter has been a privilege and so rewarding. It's work, but exciting to see the camaraderie and teamwork within the board. As Mother Teresa said, **"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."** I believe this type of unity has fulfilled our mission to provide you, our members, with a wonderful conference experience in Bowling Green. The attendance, participation, energy, laughter, presenters, sessions, smiles, and of course, all the **FUN** is what made the conference totally AMAZING!! We truly missed those who couldn't attend, but we hope to see you next year in Paintsville.

It's wonderful to be a part of a group that can reach out to one another to share resources and ideas while understanding the expectations necessary to do our jobs. But most importantly building lasting friendships! The board worked diligently this year with all the Regional Extension Directors, Area Extension Directors, and County

Managers to gain full support for our professional development and growth. So, what does that mean for us? A record number of members stayed both nights at the 2023 conference and a record number of New Members joined & also attended! Let's continue to grow each year.

To the CHIES Board: I was blessed to be given the opportunity to lead our team this year. Thank you for your friendships and willingness to work alongside me to accomplish our goals! As John Maxwell says, **"You Add Value to People, When You Value Them."** That sums it up.

I love this quote from C.S. Lewis which states, **"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."** It's time to Reset, Restart and Reboot!! You Can Do It!! We Can Do It!!



Tami Widel'ski
CHIES Past President

Have a great summer...remember, the best is yet to come!!

Meet the 2023-2024 ChiES Board



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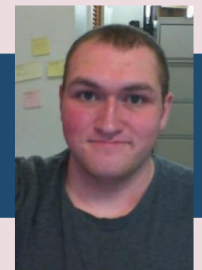
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UK Lexington
Cristin Costello



UK Princeton
Marilyn Hooks



UK RCARS
Josh Mullins

2023 Chi Epsilon Sigma Chapter Awards

Listed below are the 2023 ChiES Chapter Award winners and nominees. We had a total of 65 nominations this year! Congratulations for the recognition of your much-appreciated hard work and talents.

Distinguished Service Award

1st – Cheryl Owens, Whitley County
2nd – Teresa Bright, Adair County
3rd – Elizabeth Horn, Daviess County
Stephanie Meredith, Hardin County
Lorene Coots, Leslie County
Kimberly Campbell, Magoffin County
Stephanie Caldwell, McCracken County
Sue Rice, McCracken County
Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County
Marla Young, Metcalfe County
Kim Hollinsworth, Monroe County
Sherry Taylor, Warren County
Andrew Modica, Whitley County

New Achiever Award

1st – Danielle Smith, Scott County
2nd – Cassie Richardson, Hardin County
3rd – Nathan Russell, Whitley County
Melissa Osborne, Daviess County
Katie Sandlin, Logan County
Roxanne Lee, Marshall County
Haley Martin, McCracken County
Savannah Gilbert, McCracken County
Tessa Brown, McCracken County
Betsy Smith, Metcalfe County
Angela Rodgers, Taylor County

Jovial Award

1st – Janie Oliver, Knott County
2nd – Garry Ostrander, Leslie County
**3rd – Tie: Tina Noe, Whitley County and
Toni Williams, Hardin County**
Rachel Logue, Daviess County
Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County
Angela Rodgers, Taylor County

Outstanding Program Award

1st – Stephanie Caldwell, McCracken County
2nd – Garry Ostrander, Leslie County
3rd – Cindy Maggard, Knott County
Cheryl Burks-McCarthy, Daviess County
Cassie Richardson, Hardin County
Christian Johnson, Henderson County
Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County
Abby Sorrell, Jessamine County
Brittany Browning, Whitley County

Print Media Award

1st – Robyn Edgell, Daviess County
2nd – Diane Turner, Christian County
3rd – Mawnie Belcher, Whitley County
Richelle Daviess, Boone County
Ashley Reynolds, Knott County
Donna Napier, Leslie County
Crystal Beitler, Scott County

Digital Communications Award

1st – Robyn Edgell, Daviess County
2nd – Reagan Weedman, Whitley County
3rd – Carla Wilkey, McCracken County

Good Friend Award

1st – Brittney Pack, Hardin County
2nd – Elizabeth Horn, Daviess County
3rd – Lisa James, Union County
Marcy Ward, LaRue County
Donna Napier, Leslie County
Tessa Brown, McCracken County
Mischelle Pinkston, McLean County
Angela Rodgers, Taylor County
Rebecca Meadows, Whitley County

2023 Chi Epsilon Sigma Scholarships Recipients

Higher Education Scholarship

\$100 each awarded to:
Robyn Edgell of Daviess County and
Cristin Costello of the CAFE Business Center

Professional Improvement Scholarship

\$100 each awarded to:
Marilyn Hooks of UKREC, **Donna Napier** of
Leslie County, **Mawnie Belcher** of Whitley
County, and **Cynthia List** of Fleming County

Child/Grandchild Scholarship

\$250 each awarded to:
Jalee Pinkston (daughter of Mischelle
Pinkston, McLean County) and
Adison Maggard (daughter of Cindy
Maggard, Knott County)

Congratulations!

2023 Chi Epsilon Sigma Committees

Thank you to the board members who served on committees to make our annual meeting happen!

Nominating

Nancy Williams, Chair

Constitution & Bylaws

Nancy Williams, Chair; Kim Campbell; & Tami Widelski

Awards

Marie Grimes, Chair & Stephanie Howard

Scholarships

Sue Rice, Chair & Diane Turner

Budget

Sherry Stith, Chair; Tami Widelski, & Georganne Collins

Entertainment

Stephanie Caldwell, Chair; Cristin Costello, & Lisa Stevens

New Member Orientation

Robyn Edgell, Chair; Georganne Collins; Marie Grimes; Tami Widelski; & Kim Campbell

Equipment/Technology

Robyn Edgell, Chair; Carrie Adkins, & Marie Grimes

Breakout Sessions

Robyn Edgell, Chair & Georganne Collins

Pre-Meeting/Registration Packets

Georganne Collins, Chair; Robyn Edgell; & Sherry Stith

Facilities

Tami Widelski, Chair; Kim Campbell; & Robyn Edgell

Give-A-Ways/Speaker Gifts

Donna Napier, Chair

Greetings/Concierge

Donna Napier, Chair; Debbie Combs; & Carrie Adkins

Guest Speakers

Carrie Adkins, Chair

Door Prizes

Stephanie Caldwell, Chair; Nancy Williams; & Sue Rice

A Message From Our Annalist

63 new members joined CHIES this year! I want all members, especially the new ones, to know that 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 conversation. 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 member 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 in your area or any member of the Board. There is also a Teams page for CES Support Staff/Program Assistants. This is another way to connect with support staff throughout the state to ask questions or share ideas. If you have not joined it yet, let me know and I'll send you an invite.

We love to showcase members in our quarterly newsletter. This could be personal or work-related; births, weddings, anniversaries, work achievements, etc. When the time comes for the next newsletter, CHIES Directors will reach out to members in their area to ask if there's any news to share. Don't be shy - we genuinely want to celebrate with you!

Henry Ford once said, "**Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.**" And **THAT** is what Chi Epsilon Sigma means to me!



Robyn Edgell
CHIES Annalist

2023 Group Pictures

WEST 1-4



WEST 5-8



West
Region

CENTRAL 1-4



Central
Region

CENTRAL 5-8



EAST 1-4



EAST 5-8



East
Region

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