

# ESP 2023

## GAMMA Chapter

# Spring Newsletter

## Letter from the President

Happy Spring! I am excited to serve as the Gamma Chapter 2023 ESP president. I appreciate the support I have received thus far from the leadership team in my new role. We have grown in membership from the previous year and I hope our chapter continues this trend. Together, anything is possible

### 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- **President**-Melinda Garcia
- **Past President**-Emily Henry
- **President Elect**-Deb Warnock
- **Treasurer**-Kelli Waterchson
- **Secretary**-Alisha Hutchison

### Membership Update:

There are 80 members that have paid. Out of the 80, 65 are renewals. The remaining 15 are **NEW** members! **WOHOO!!! Let's keep the momentum going into the next year!!**

### 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **Member Recruit.** -Jose Garcia
- **Scholarships, Grants & Recog.** -Barb Brody & Charzy Jones
- **Resource Dev. & Management**-VACANT
- **Prof. Dev.** -Tracey Wilson
- **Retiree Issues**-VACANT
- **Historian**-Duane Johnson
- **Newsletter Editor**-Ann Murphrey
- **Website Mgr**-Victor Villegas
- **Global Relations**-VACANT
- **Urban & Culturally Diverse Affinity Group**-VACANT

## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND:

We realize that it will soon be May. Where has the time gone? There is still time to join a committee. What are your interests? There are ways you can contribute as **YOUR** voice **MATTERS!** All we can do is continue to grow our ESP Gamma chapter. In order to be more effective and provide resources to our members, we need leaders and participants in our committees. The National Global Relations Committee is looking to schedule an international trip next year. This means, our local global relations committee needs members to contribute to the efforts in helping to identify areas of opportunities. Our Retiree Issues Committee is looking for a new chair. Nellie has done her time and has been seeking refuge. If you know of someone that is retired in ESP, please reach out to them. If you are interested in a leadership position, please contact an executive team member. Together, we can achieve anything!

## SAVE THE DATES

- **May 8-11th**-National Extension Conf. of Volunteerism-Lexington, KY
- **May 9th**-ESP UCDA Affinity Group-Quarterly Live Discussion- See Attached flyer 9:30-10:30- "Where Do You Work? The Urban-Rural Continuum"  
<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/98529783039>
- **May 18th**-ESP Gamma Chapter Spring Meeting-3-4:30, check your emails for zoom link
- **May 19-20th**-Oregon ASK-Afterschool & Summer Kids Network Lincoln City, OR
- **June 4-7th**-Nat'l Assoc. for the Edu. of Young Children Prof. Learning Institute, Portland, OR
- **Aug. 8th**-ESP UCDA Affinity Group-Quarterly Live Discussion-"A Place of Our Own" 9:30-10:30  
<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/98529783039>
- **Aug. 12-17th**-National Assoc. County Ag Agents, Des Moines, IA
- **Sept. 11-14th**-National Extension Assoc. of FCS Annual Session, Providence, RI
- **Sept. 25-28th**-National ESP Conf. Billings, MT
- **Oct. 10-11th**-NAE4-H National Conference, Pittsburg, PA
- **Nov 14th**-ESP UCDA Affinity Group-Quarterly Live Discussion-"Unique Needs of LGBTQ Audiences" 9:30-10:30  
<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/98529783039>
- **Dec. 4-7th**-OSU Extension Annual Conference, Corvallis, OR



Congratulations to all the 2022 Gamma Chapter Award Winners! Our chapter was represented well at the National ESP conference in 2022. The ESP 2023 winners have not yet been announced as voting takes place in mid-May

An FYI for first-time ESP National Conference attendees. ESP is an organization that provides many opportunities to its members. One such opportunity is a scholarship that is due **MAY 1st!!!** This is one way to attend your first ESP National Conference, besides, ESP puts on a great conference where you can meet professionals from different disciplines from across the nation.

- <https://portal.espnational.org/First-Timers-Scholarship>
- If you are part of a leadership team on a committee or a member of an affinity group and attend the National Conference, you are eligible to receive a stipend.
- If you are a presenter, you are eligible to receive a stipend.
- Concurrent Session Presentation: \$350 stipend
- Research Presentation: \$100 stipend
- Ignite Presentation: \$100 stipend
- The top ten posters will receive a \$100 award (not a stipend).
- **NOTE:** you can only receive **ONE** payment: for a presentation or attending a meeting.

As you can see, with ESP, there are plenty of opportunities. This is a **WIN-WIN** situation. **APPLY.** You never know if you are going to be awarded until you apply! Seize the Day!

If you would like to be featured in our SUMMER newsletter, please send me your information! (melinda.garcia@oregonstate.edu). It is always good to know a little bit about our fellow ESP colleagues. This is an opportunity to share about your hobbies, pets, family, quirks, anything that **SPARKS** your interest! This is not time to be modest!!! Send a picture if you'd like. Sharing is caring!

Be sure to take advantage of **National ESP Webinars**. The webinars can serve as professional development. There are a variety of speakers and topics. Take advantage of all the resources afforded to you by ESP!  
<https://portal.espnational.org/>

**ESP Webinar:** Graphic Organizers – Tools You Need for Great Extension Programming – April 26

**ESP Webinar:** Who are the Newcomers and Why Are They Coming? – May 24

**National ESP Conference Registration Opens** – June 1.

Join us September 24-28 in Billings, Montana

**Early bird registration** is open through July 31.

**ESP Webinar:** The Science of a Successful Presentation – June 28

Have a wonderful Spring and productive Summer,  
Melinda Garcia, Ph.D.- ESP President  
4-H Program Coordinator-Lane County