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PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS



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NACDEP Diversity Award: Individual and Team

This award recognizes outstanding efforts and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in the extension organization, community development programs and audiences.

Individual Winner:

Latino Small Business Program

Sandra Barrera – University of Nebraska - Lincoln Extension

The Latino population is a rapidly growing demographic across the nation. Through education, business counseling, networking and mentoring opportunities, Sandra Barrera's Latino Small Businesses Program has effectively engaged Latino entrepreneurs, helping their businesses grow financially and their communities prosper.

Runner-up:

Latino Community Studies and Outreach Program

Jose Garcia-Pabon – Washington State University Extension

Team Winner:

Farmworkers Health and Safety Comprehensive Program

Susan Jakes, Cintia Aguilar, Luis Cruz – North Carolina State University Community and Rural Development

Farm labor is a critical lynchpin in the success of many North Carolina farms. The Farmworkers Health and Safety Comprehensive Program connects and unifies community resources, provides educational training and materials, and delivers them in a way that promotes positive behavior changes, more effective home and community support structures, and improved lives for farmworkers. The program has increased North Carolina State Extension's capability in engaging with Latino farmworkers and their families and strengthened the relationships between this essential labor source, North Carolina growers and local communities.

NACDEP Excellence in Teamwork Award

This award recognizes outstanding extension programming or projects conducted by a team that demonstrates effective performance and significant results at the community, area, state or multistate level.

Winner (tie):

Rapid Response Team Regarding Civil Discourse on Race Relations

Bill Hare – University of the District of Columbia; Ron Brow – Association of Southern Region Extension Directors; Rachel Welborn – Southern Rural Development Center; Manami Brown – University of Maryland Extension – Baltimore City; Brent Elrod – National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Chris Geith – eXtension; Sally Miske – 4-H Council; Alice Diebel – Kettering Foundation; Carolynne Abdullah – Everyday Democracy; Laura Downey – Mississippi State University; Michelle Elay – North Carolina A&T State University; Paul Lachapelle – Montana State University; Richard Pirog – Michigan State University; Timothy Shaffer – Kansas State University

In response to multiple tragedies in 2016 related to civil unrest, the Extension Committee on Operations and Policy established the first Rapid Response Team, charged with exploring Cooperative Extension Services' current status as well as potential for future work in fostering civil discourse on race relations. Within a short window of time, the team, comprised of national, regional and state level expertise along with non-land-grant partners, conducted a national scan of CES, established a preliminary repository of resources, constructed a competency framework and crafted a set of recommendations to provide guidance to CES's future work in this area.

National Extension Leadership Development

Toby Spanier, Jody Horntvedt, Lisa Hinz, Catie Rasmussen, Karla Engels, Dawn Horner – University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality

The University of Minnesota's National Extension Leadership Development team designs and delivers high-quality leadership education to extension professionals in the North Central region. NELD offers participants competency-based leadership programming, cultural competence training, personal assessments, international experiences, coaching and alumni connections. Evaluation shows the program increases participants' leadership in their institutions, and participants say the program has impacted how they work and the network they use to make decisions.

NACDEP Educational Technology Awards: Individual and Team

This award recognizes NACDEP members for the use of technology in delivering or managing educational programs, in expanding the use of technology in community development work and/or the use of educational technology to promote logical, problem-solving techniques.

Individual Winner:

A Virtual Farm Market Pilot

Brian Raison – Ohio State University Extension

In 2016, Ohio State University Extension received a \$45,000 USDA Farm Market Promotion Program grant to launch a new online, year-round, “virtual” farmers market. The mission was to connect local consumers with local foods through simple technology. The Miami Valley Region’s Virtual Farmers Market project now provides an easy way for consumers and producers to buy and sell local goods, supporting the local economy and encouraging healthy eating while building positive community relationships. The market has seen more than \$13,000 in sales, keeping those food dollars in the local economy.

Team Winner:

2016 Ballot Issues Education

Kristin Higgins, Stacey McCullough, Kerry Rodtnick, Amy Cole – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

When talking to groups about effective communication skills, we often share the advice “Be where the people are.” In 2016, the people were online. Traditionally, the University of Arkansas System’s Public Policy Center has relied on county extension agents to deliver ballot issues education. New technology-based education models including electronic newsletters, website enhancements and increased use of social media, allowed the program to team to reach more than six times the number of voters reached in previous election cycles.

NACDEP Excellence in Community Development Work: Individual and Team

This award recognizes outstanding programs in any aspect of community development work or for program accomplishments

relative to scholarly and creative activities, teaching and/or research effectiveness, and to show evidence or collaboration with others who help meet community development needs.

Individual Winner:

Arkansas Local Foods

Amanda Philyaw Perez – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

As part of a multi-state partnership sponsored by the USDA to investigate efforts around local foods, Dr. Amanda Philyaw Perez provided leadership for a series of five regional “Local Food Meetups.” The meetups define the scope of Arkansas’ future work in support of local food systems development. Participants identified and engaged 961 stakeholders or stakeholder groups, developed new programming resources and established a monthly call with local, regional and international food and health advocacy groups, researchers and business development experts.

Individual Runner-up:

Establishing an Impactful Local Food Council

Brian Raison – Ohio State University Extension

Team Winner:

Cornell/CaRDI’s Local Agriculture and Land Use Leadership Institute

Rod Howe, David Kay, Heidi Mouillesseaux-Kuzman, Robin Blakely-Armitage, Larry Van De Valk – Cornell University Community and Regional Development Institute; Judy Wright – Cornell Cooperative Extension; David Haight – American Farmland Trust

CaRDI’s Local Agriculture and Land Use Leadership Institute, a Cornell University collaboration with American Farmland Trust, helps communities meet their goals regarding farming and farmland. The institute builds cross-sectoral regional networks and teaches leadership skills; helps participants understand how state and local land use, economic development and farmland protection systems influence farms and farmers; introduces key resource experts in these systems to one another and to related resources in their communities; and provides support for participants putting their new skills to work in their communities.

Team Runner-Up:

Community Board Leadership Series

Sheryl Carson, Bruce Chladney, Nancy Daniels, David Key, Jamie Menon, Trudy Rice, Mary Frances Richmond, Nadine Sigle, Jan Steen, Jennifer Wilson – Kansas State University Research and Extension

NACDEP Cross-Program Award: Individual and Team

This award recognizes excellence in extension work that combines or integrates community resources and economic development activities with work in other program areas.

Individual Winner:

Water Awareness Festivals

Beverly Maltsberger – University of Missouri Extension

Many rural schools lack sufficient resources to provide a wide variety of learning tools to enhance student learning. Beverly Maltsberger provided leadership in creating a water festival team that includes teachers, funding partners, education partners, community volunteers, extension educators and council members. Students participating in water festivals understand the importance of clean watersheds and are better prepared to take science achievement tests than those who do not have this opportunity. The results are higher science achievement test scores and an entertaining and educational program that is often described as the highlight of the school year.

Team Winner:

Local Food Program Team

Joanna Massey Lelekacs, Susan Jakes, Becky Bowen – North Carolina State University Community and Rural Development; Leigh Guth – Pitt County NC Cooperative Extension; Mary Lou Addor, Jonathan Baros, Elizabeth Driscoll – North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension; Mary Jac Brennan – North Carolina A&T Cooperative Extension; Paul McKenzie – Vance and Warren NC Cooperative Extension; Travella Free – North Carolina A&T State University

The Local Food Program Team was designed to increase the overall capacity and competence of North Carolina Cooperative Extension to build the state's local food system. In 2016, the 28-member team completed a facilitated strategic planning process, defining the team's mission, goals and purpose, while setting a direction and plan of action for extension local food programming over the next five years. The project demonstrates how cross-program, multi-university and campus-county partnerships were strengthened to synergize Cooperative Extension's capacity to develop several high quality tools, trainings and networks to support a rapidly growing local food economy in North Carolina.

NACDEP Educational Materials Awards: Individual and Team

This award recognizes members who have developed outstanding materials that educate through credible, accurate, concise information.

Individual Winner:

Top 10 Ways to Improve Online Teaching and Learning

Brian Raison – Ohio State University Extension

Demand for online teaching is increasing; but, it must be done well to be engaging and successful. Brian Raison's *Top 10 Ways to Improve Online Teaching and Learning* video was developed as an introductory module that would encourage better audience engagement, particularly in distance education or flipped classroom situations. The brief 8-minute production helps educators understand functions of engaging audiences via distance, provides ideas to improve engagement online, enhances knowledge of effective online teaching strategies and allows participants to experience these engagement strategies while watching the video.

Team Winner:

INVENTURE Day

Megan Burda, Den Dutton, Marilyn Schlake, D'Ette Scholtz, Jody Wendt – University of Nebraska - Lincoln

INVENTURE Day is a fun, highly interactive field day experience for middle-school youth designed to build students' interest in entrepreneurship and increase awareness of community opportunities. During the day, student teams establish their "HQ" and progress through four different "factory stations" to complete their product learn business concepts, culminating with a quick-pitch competition. Business leaders from the community join each team, providing support and mentoring along the way. The first three INVENTURE Day activities had 260 students, 43 mentors and 13 judges participating. Youth participants overwhelmingly indicated an increased awareness of entrepreneurial traits and skills.

Team Runner-up:

Making Michigan Recipes Work

Mariel Borgman, Kaitlin Wojciak, Garrett Ziegler – Michigan State University Extension

NACDEP Innovation and Creativity Awards

This award recognizes members who have developed an outstanding effort or program that integrates innovation and creativity in effective community development program design and implementation.

Individual Winner:

Nebraska Cooperative Development Center

Jim Crandall – University of Nebraska - Lincoln

When essential community businesses close in rural towns, finding new owners can prove to be very difficult. The Nebraska Cooperative Development Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln assists rural communities who want to adapt a community-ownership model for those essential businesses. Several communities in rural Nebraska are using or considering a community-owned cooperative or limited liability company as a solution to keep their hometown grocery store open. When the store is owned by 80 to 150 community residents, it stands a better chance of being in business over the long haul.

Team Winner:

E-Discovery Challenges You!

Melony Denham, Ron Hustedde – University of Kentucky

Ann DeSpain, Annette Walters – E-Discovery

E-Discovery Challenges You! is designed to awaken that entrepreneurial imaginations of high school students in the most economically distressed counties of Appalachian Kentucky. A new curriculum was developed to meet state educational standards, and more than 50 teachers were recruited to help 925 students launch over 300 new businesses that sold products and services at community events. According to the written evaluations and focus group reflections, this initiative has laid the groundwork for a new imagination about economic possibilities in the region.

Team Runner-up:

The Art of Facilitation: Building Your Palette of Skills

Sheryl Carson, Bruce Chladney, John Forshee, Carl Garten, David Key, Jaime Menon, Trudy Rice, Mary Frances Richmond, Nadine Sigle, Jan Steen, Mary Sullivan, Jennifer Wilson – Kansas State Research and Extension

NACDEP Distinguished Career Award

This award recognizes a NACDEP member who is actively engaged in extension community development programs and who has served more than seven years in extension community development programming.

Winner:

Paul LaChapelle, Montana State University Extension

Paul Lachapelle is recognized throughout the field of community development as an example of how to continually recommit oneself to their profession and their passion. Paul is committed to NACDEP and to other professional associations, and encourages others to become engaged as well. His professional accomplishments demonstrate his ability to successfully navigate community development practice and academics successfully. Most importantly, he is not simply a preacher for community development principles and practices, he is an example. Paul is a servant-leader who demonstrates a passionate approach to the world of community development and serves as an inspiring example to his peers.

NACDEP Distinguished National Service Award

This award recognizes a member who is actively involved in service to NACDEP and who has contributed significantly to the organization for three or more years.

Winner:

Stacey McCullough, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

Stacey McCullough's service to NACDEP has spanned nearly all of its formal existence. As one colleague remarked, "She has 'been there' and 'done that' on just about anything that NACDEP has involved itself with." She has participated in or chaired six committees, provided leadership to special projects and held multiple board roles including Southern Regional Representative, NACDEP President-Elect, President, Past-President and JCEP representative. Dr. McCullough has clearly earned her place among those deserving of the Distinguished National Service award.

JCEP Award for Creative Excellence

Often, the most creative and innovative ideas – the ones that advance the science and art of Cooperative Extension – come not from committees, but rather from individuals or small teams who see something at first that the rest of us don't. Through their insight, passion and persistence, their wild ideas gain acceptance, enabling all of us to excel. This award recognizes those individuals or small teams and their unique contributions – whether they are early in their extension careers, mid-career or late career. For the purposes of this award, innovation is an approach to emerging issues or addressing existing issues in exceptionally creative or novel ways that get results and that others want to emulate.

Winner:

Susan Kelly, North Carolina Cooperative Extension

Regional Winners – Northeast

Excellence in Teamwork

Team Winner:

Sharing Scholarship and Innovations in the First Impressions Program

Doug Arbogast, Daniel Eades, Allison Nichols – West Virginia University Extension Service; Laura Brown – University of Connecticut Extension; Lisa Chase – University of Vermont Extension; Casey Hancock, Geoffrey Sewake – University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension; Cynthia Messer – University of Minnesota Tourism Center; Andy Northrop – Michigan State University Extension

Educational Materials Award

Team Winner:

The Impact Indicators Tips Booklet

George Morse – University of Maine and NERCRD; Charles French – University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension; Scott Chazdon – University of Minnesota Extension

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Comprehensive Community Development Work

Sheryl Carson – Kansas State Research and Extension

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Jan Steen, Mary Sullivan, Jennifer Wilson – Kansas State Research
and Extension*

Distinguished Career Award

Winner:

Connie Mefford – University of Missouri Extension

Honorable Mention:

Eric Romich – Ohio State University Extension

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*Catherine Rasmussen – University of Minnesota Center
for Economic Vitality*

Regional Winners – Southern

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Excellence in Community Development Work

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Arkansas Local Foods

Amanda Philyaw Perez – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

Runner-up:

Borrow, Adapt, Adopt – Local Climate Policy Leadership

Alicia Betacourt – University of Florida, IFAS

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Educational Materials

Team Winner:

Handbook for County Commissioners of Oklahoma 2017

Notie Lansford, Judy Rudin – Oklahoma State University

Innovation and Creativity Award

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E-Discovery Challenges You!

Melony Denham, Ron Hustedde – University of Kentucky; Ann DeSpain, Annette Walters – E-Discovery

Distinguished Career Award

Winner:

Rachel Welborn – Southern Rural Development Center

Distinguished National Service Award

Winner:

Stacey McCullough – University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

Regional Winners – Western

Diversity Award: Individual

Winner:

Latino Community Studies and Outreach Program

Jose Garcia-Pabon – Washington State University Extension

Excellence in Teamwork

Winner:

Making Boulder's Future Bright

Tom Harrington, Micky Zurcher – Montana State University;

Drew Dawson – Boulder, Montana

Distinguished Career Award

Winner:

Paul LaChapelle – Montana State University Extension

2017 Community Development Society Awards

Showcasing new and seasoned community development researchers, practitioners, students and friends.

Special thanks to the following:

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Craig Talmage – Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Renée Reed-Miller – University of Missouri Extension

Kurt Mantonya – Heartland Center

Current Research Award

This award is presented to a CDS member in recognition of a current research project(s) or product that represents an important contribution to the field of community development and reflects the Principles of Good Practice as adopted by the society.

Winner:

Ben Winchester – University of Minnesota Extension

With a hopeful and evidence-based approach to engaging citizens and helping them choose their own future, Ben Winchester's scholarship is making a difference among those who are feeling and expressing despair. His "Brain Gain" research is challenging the narrative of rural decline by looking more closely at the migration patterns of specific demographics. Results demonstrate that rural newcomers are engaged and seek many of the amenities and quality-of-life enjoyed by long-time residents. Ben's research is changing the narrative of negativity, engaging communities, promoting active participation, inspiring community leadership and enhancing the well-being of rural communities.

International Community Development Practice Award

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution to community development in an international setting. This includes working with communities in countries other than the United States of America; working with people with an international background within the USA, such as engaging immigrant and refugee people; and research, teaching or practice that contributes to international community development outcomes. The award recognizes a broad range of roles in community development including teaching, research, practice, programming, administration or any combination of these roles.

Winner:

Cornelia (Cornel) Hart – National Community Development Practice Policy Framework for South Africa

Cornel Hart is an extraordinary community development practitioner. She has developed a highly successful model of community development practice – one which speaks for itself with regard to her successes. Her approach is that of respect and humble engagement, which ensures that everybody with whom she interacts becomes a participant and collaborator in the development process in an equal, fair, transparent and empowering manner. Across geographies and roles, Cornel's work exemplifies the CDS Principles of Good Practice and serves as an inspiration and model for others.

Outstanding Community Development Educator Award

This award is presented to a CDS member in recognition of their excellence in teaching and instruction within the field of community development. The person may be recognized for their outstanding contributions within community development education. This person should exemplify the Principles of Good Practice as adopted by the society and illustrate them in their educational practice within formal and/or informal educational settings.

Winner:

Margaret Stout – West Virginia University

Professor Stout's courses take the student (and the community) step by step through the community development process in ways that increase both theoretical and practical knowledge and serve the communities

that are part of the service learning application of cutting edge theory and practice. Her courses provide real-world learning experience for her students, centered on best practices and collaborative community development. As her students noted, “One of the very first pillars that we learned is that community members must be leading the change, hence her, and now my mantra, ‘We are here to work with you, not for you’”... “Dr. Stout is not just an expert, but an expert on tap who encourages absolute participation and involvement of residents in the matters that affect them, and teaches her students like me, to see it as the perfect thing to do.”

Innovative Program Award

This award is presented to a CDS member or a group in recognition of a superior innovative program (recent or on-going) using the Principles of Good Practice as adopted by the society.

Team Winner:

E-Discovery Challenges You! – University of Kentucky

Entrepreneurship involves a shift in innovative thinking, team work and strengthening a culture that questions the status quo. High schools in Appalachian Kentucky have traditionally focused their efforts on finding a job rather than exploring entrepreneurial opportunities. E-Discovery Challenges You! is challenging this approach by providing visceral entrepreneurial experiences for high school students and creating a culture that supports and encourages entrepreneurship. The new curriculum has been used by more than 50 teachers and helped 925 students launch more than 300 new businesses. The initiative has laid the groundwork for a new imagination about economic possibilities in the region.

Team Winner:

FutureMakers Coalition – Southwest Florida Community Foundation

The FutureMakers Coalition is a regional initiative to transform southwest Florida’s workforce by increasing the number of residents with degrees, certificates and other high quality credentials to 40 percent by the year 2025. Using innovative ideas and new tools for impact evaluation, the coalition is linking research and practice, developing cradle-to-career pathways for workers, strengthening communication and outreach efforts between key organizations and transforming southwest Florida’s culture of workforce development.

Outstanding Program Award

This award is presented to a CDS member or a group in recognition of completion of superior programming that exemplifies and positively influences community development practice. The award recognizes a recent or on-going program that reflects the Principles of Good Practice throughout the implementation process.

Winner:

Island Institute Fellows Program – Island Institute, Rockland, Maine

The Island Fellows program has had a profound impact on the islands and coast of Maine. Over the past 17 years, Island Fellows have recruited thousands of volunteers and built capacity for the local management of historical, cultural, natural, economic and information resources so that communities thrive in the face of an uncertain future. The program provides support for Island Fellows by offering enriching professional development opportunities for recent college graduates and building professional experiences and networks for fellows looking to live and work in Maine. In its 15-year program history, the Island Fellows Program has placed 112 college graduates into 23 rural communities contributing 340,265 hours of direct technical assistance on community-identified projects.

Joint NACDEP-CDS Award

This award is presented to a CDS member who is also a member of NACDEP or a team comprising of both CDS and NACDEP members addressing community development-related efforts over the last year. These efforts can be educational, programmatic or organizational in nature. Efforts should exemplify the Principles of Good Practice as adopted by the CDS and the vision of NACDEP.

Individual Winner:

Michael Dougherty – West Virginia University Extension Service

Working across divides takes time and work. Through his enthusiastic participation and leadership in both NACDEP and CDS, Michael Dougherty has bridged organizational divides and promoted excellence within and across the organizations. Michael is a charter member of NACDEP, has served as editor for two CDS publications, and for the past 16 years has held committee membership and leadership roles. Although he has not served as an elected officer (. . . yet), Michael's

commitment to hard work has earned him status as a leader in each organization. His contributions are commendable and especially notable in a year of unity for CDS and NACDEP.

Team Winner:

Ripple Effects Mapping

*Scott A. Chazdon – University of Minnesota Extension;
Mary E. Emery – South Dakota State University; Debra A. Hansen,
Rebeca Sero – Washington State University Extension; Lorie Higgins –
University of Idaho*

The National Ripple Effects Mapping Team has worked collaboratively across five western and mid-western states to create and refine this emerging evaluation technique and establish it through scholarly work and extensive workshops and trainings across the nation. The team has generously and enthusiastically shared the ripple mapping process with colleagues, communities, social service agencies and nonprofits across the country. The process benefits not only the Extension or community development professional, enabling them to effectively evaluate their community work, but also the community group, who is able to leave with a better sense of their accomplishments and a renewed vision for the future.

2017 Community Development Society Scholarships

CDS Scholarship Fund: Alan Twelvetrees, TCC (Wales)

Funds members or students to attend the CDS conference.

George Nickolaus Community Development Graduate Student Award: Celina Tchida, Arizona State University

Supports graduate student studies.

Nette Nelson Travel Scholarship Fund: Clare MacGillway, Edinburgh Tenants Federation (Scotland)

Supports travel to a community development conference outside a person's home continent.

Ted Bradshaw Fund to Support Student Engagement in CDS: Ganga Acharya, University of Queensland (Australia)

Supports students to attend CDS.