

Alpha Sigma, the Wisconsin Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, encourages you to join over 300 Wisconsin colleagues in ESP membership

## WHY SHOULD I BELONG TO EPSILON SIGMA PHI?

## <u>Epsilon Sigma Phi</u>

- Is the only Extension Professional's association in Wisconsin which reaches out to all employees in all program areas as well as retirees.
- Promotes the professionalism of extension educators.
- Supports the Extension professionals' employment and retirement interests.
- Develops effective working relationships and a spirit of fellowship among present and former employees.
- Provides opportunities for becoming part of a national network for political support for Extension

## Chapter Activities

- Support professional development opportunities for members.
- Welcome new Extension educators into the "Extension Family".
- Work to improve employee benefits for Extension staff members.
- Provide scholarships and/or loans to Extension staff for professional development.
- Foster Extension's public image through special contacts, publicity, and recognition of outstanding career performance.
- Recruit outstanding people to work in Extension positions.
- Provide awards and recognition for outstanding professional contributions by ESP members.
- Recognize individuals and organizations as "Friends of Extension".
- Plan programs and functions that make it possible for retirees to renew friendships and to maintain contact with Extension.
- Publish a chapter newsletter.

## Membership Opportunity

Membership is open to all faculty or academic staff who are in a professional role in the Cooperative Extension Service. Your membership in the Alpha Sigma chapter of ESP also includes membership in the national organization.

New member annual dues are \$70.00 which includes both state and national dues. Renewing member dues are \$65.00. Life membership is available for Cooperative Extension retirees for a one-time payment of \$400.00 or two payments each of \$200.00. Membership forms are available on the ESP website: <u>http://www.uwex.edu/ces/admin/esp/membership.html</u>