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President's Message

Dear NCAE4HA Members,

Well, summer is well in gear and I am sure you are all very busy with summer 4-H programming efforts. I would like to take this opportunity, as we come to a close of another NCAE4HA year, to thank you for your support during my term as president. This has been an outstanding opportunity for me not only to learn more about our state and national association but also to gain from the vast professional development opportunities, along with networking across state lines.

In this issue of Rapport, you will have the opportunity to read about the candidates running to be our next leaders of this great association. Please take a moment and read their bios and information so that you can make an informed decision when voting in August.

As the seasons change, so does the association. However, it is only through the vision of our future leaders that it can make the necessary changes to remain positive and true to our mission.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to lead over this association and to help guide us through important changes that we will hopefully be able to benefit from in the future. Thank you for support and confidence.

Yours in 4-H,

A. Danelle Barco

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2007-2008 NCAE4HA State President

District News

Southeast District News

SED Rapport for June

Written by: Meg Wyatt, Greene County

Greetings from the Southeast District, it is already HOT here in our part of the country. We are all preparing for our summers and all the excitement that goes along with that.

We have one new agent in Pender County, Rick Sloan. We want to give him a warm NCAE4-HA welcome and we look forward to working and planning events with him in the future. As of now we have all counties filled as far as 4-H Agents positions go.

We have several members attending Galaxy III this year in Indianapolis, Indiana! Some are Tara Taylor, Lenoir, Bridget Kirk and Ed Emory, Duplin, Meg Wyatt and Stan Dixon, Greene, and Patricia Cahoon, Carteret. We are all looking forward to a great learning experience to bring back to our county, district and state to help further our success as NCAE4-HA members and 4-H staff.

We had three members who are attending National Conference due to scholarships and they are: Bridget Kirk, Duplin, Tara Taylor, Lenoir, and Meg Wyatt, Greene. Congratulations you all!

Patricia Cahoon will be running for Vice-President of NCAE4-HA in August and Meg Wyatt will be running for State Secretary. Please consider us for your new officers and we will see you in August in Rocky Mount.

Have a great summer!

Northwest District News

Baby Announcement

April Bowman, Forsyth County 4-H Agent, had her baby, Nate Rodney Bowman, Friday, May 30 at 11:30 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 10.5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Agent Update

Please help me welcome Shannon Wiley as the new Urban 4-H Agent in Guilford County beginning July 1. Shannon comes to us with a wealth of knowledge -she is a Caswell County 4-H Alumni. Her 4-H projects were livestock production and showing. She received her BS and MA from NC A&T State University in Animal Science and Ag & Extension Education, respectfully. Shannon has served as the Guilford County 4-H Program Assistant for the past 1 1/2 years.

4-H SET

4-H SET is not just a fad, it's a national 4-H movement targeted at addressing local, regional, national and global needs. Studies and observations have shown a decline of our country's competitiveness with regards to competencies in science, engineering and technology. Less and less of our population are taking on these challenges thereby relinquishing control and development of these growth areas to other countries; creating a potential national security challenge for future generations. With an ever increasing emphasis on the application of these disciplines (projected 1.25 million additional science and engineering jobs by 2012) the U.S. has designated the preparation of our youth to support ever more sophisticated skills in science, technology and engineering as a national priority.

When you think about it science is really nothing more than a logical process by which we investigate and explore the unknown. It is an iterative process much like our often referenced experiential learning model where activities are analyzed and shared to support a much broader application of the lessons learned. Engineering becomes the design of solutions that represent the culmination of our experiences as applied to specific situations and needs. But, how does Technology fit into all this. It would seem to be an integral component of both science and engineering. So, how do we identify and address this area of need for our youth?

It is important to keep in mind that youth are going to be exposed to technology no matter what any one else does, or doesn't do; much in the same way that the 4-H organization describes the inevitability of youth to develop. Video games, cell phones, MP3 players, GPS, computers, television, radio, digital cameras, internet, computer controlled transportation and manufacturing, decision support systems, artificial intelligence, plumbing, the wheel, and on, and on, and on. It all adds up to a global society that is being inundated with technological advancements. By organizing the skills and resources necessary, we can create an opportunity to positively influence this exposure, and support an exponentially more competitive development model for our youth.

Wait a minute... plumbing... the wheel? You bet, common technology that we often take for granted but technology none the less. Technology, in many cases is, a system improvement that marks change and an increase in quality of life. For example, the wheel is a form of technology that enabled much more efficient movement; plumbing supports a host of lifestyle needs supported by developed countries; agricultural BMP's are technological improvements that help us address specific challenges.

In our quest to define technology's scope for 4-H we need to keep the following discussion points in mind.

- In many cases the youth are already infinitely more capable with regards to manipulating technology than their adult leaders.
- There exists a great disparity amongst both youth and adults in their level of comfort towards the application and understanding of technology. This usually bears somewhat of a correlation with family and community economic standing.
- Technology is as much a distinct category of workforce development as a writing utensil is to English. Technology is a tool. The specifics of technology as a tool are, at times, very different depending on how it is being applied, or to what ends it is being applied toward.
- By and large it is found that successful professionals (skilled workers) in today's competitive global society, are able to...
 - "retool" their skills to support more dynamic careers and changing conditions, a commitment to life-long learning
 - recognize and employ proper technology to overcome specific challenges

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- apply a high level of media literacy while keeping abreast of current events, trends, and developments
- organize and analyze data in support of solutions to complex issues
- recognize and effectively confront complex ethical issues as they relate to technology
- collaborate and cooperate with geographically disbursed team members to support project success
- communicate using a variety of media formats

An advanced understanding of technology promotes an individual's ability to evaluate and scrutinize the application of it, allowing for a "global" view of its potential impact toward the immediate community, society, and the environment.

To better support the youth in our counties we need to be equipped to support our volunteers and youth in their exploration and application of technology. We need to be comfortable, as youth development professionals, with advanced topics that support the needs of our society. The challenge is to remain "tuned in" to what youth are being exposed to and then capitalizing upon that to positively shape their experience and develop useful skills that can be applied to their individual and community's success.

Terms Used in this Article:

International Technology Education Association (ITEA) Terms <http://www.iteawww.org/>

Technology - 1. Human innovation in action that involves the generation of knowledge and processes to develop systems that solve problems and extend human capabilities. 2. The innovation, change, or modification of the natural environment to satisfy perceived human needs and wants.

Educational technology - Using multimedia technologies or audiovisual aids as a tool to enhance the teaching and learning process.

Technology education - A study of technology which provides an opportunity for students to learn about the processes and knowledge related to technology that are needed to solve problems and extend human potential. Technology education focuses on (1) the use of technology as a knowledge base or as a way of teaching innovation using an engineering design process; (2) the development of an appreciation and fundamental understanding of technology through design skills and the use of materials, tools, procedures, and limited resources; (3) teaching in conjunction with mathematics, science, language arts, fine arts, and social studies as a part of a comprehensive education; (4) applying the use of tools and skills employed by a globalized skilled workforce that are necessary for communication, manufacturing, transportation systems, and other fields; and (5) applying technological principles and concepts, which results in the development of proficiency in abstract ideas and problem-solving techniques that build a comprehensive education.

Technological fluency - The capacity to use technology at a high level of proficiency to address or solve problems.

Technological literacy - The ability to use, manage, understand, and assess technology.

Constitution

When I first joined, Constitution was the committee, that fought over verbage such as "the" vs. "them". Now that I have served for a number of years on the committee, I see the real value of this committee and the importance it plays in the overall scheme of the association. However, it is up to chairs and other board members to make sure their actions are put into place (and the proper place).

Many of you witnessed the debacle at Winterboard when it become clear that we were not doing what the constitution said we needed to do. At our Annual Meeting in Rocky Mount we will be voting to realign the districts within the association with the new districts set up by NCCES. For you newbies, this clause was put in place when "Raleigh" realigned districts and the association didn't want to adjust with the new district lines.

Therefore we will be looking to vote to in August. Here is the clause from the constitution:

Article IV. Officers Section 3

The North Carolina Association of Extension Agents shall be divided into districts. The number of districts and counties to be included in each district shall be determined by a majority vote of the members in attendance at any Annual Meeting of the Association provided the total membership is notified in writing or via electronic media or the proposed change at least thirty days prior to the meeting.....

"When the ship has sunk, everyone knows how she might have been saved"

Italian Proverb

Rebecca Liverman
Constitution Committee, Chair

NCAE4-HA State Election Profiles

Office: State President



Name: Barbara Dunn Swanson

County: Randolph

District: NW

Education: MS in General Graduate Studies in Family and Consumer Sciences, Iowa State University, May 1992
BS Double Major in Teaching Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten Children Child, Parent and Community Services, Iowa State University, December 1987

Experience: Employed by North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Randolph County Center since 1999 as a 4-H Agent
1997 – 1999 – 4-H Program Management Specialist, Linn and Jones Counties, Iowa State University Extension
1994- 1997 – 4-H Youth Development Specialist, 15 counties in Southwest, Iowa, Iowa State University Extension
1988 – 1994 – 4-H & Youth Leader, Harrison and Shelby Counties Iowa State University Extension

Membership: Active member of NAE4-HA since 1989
Active member of NCAE4-HA since 1999
State Secretary 2003 – 2004
State Rapport Editor 2002 – 2003
State Committees: Recognition, Annual Conference Rapport

Active member of NWAE4-HA serving in the following roles;
President, President Elect, Rapport Chair, Vice President
Active member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, XI Chapter State Chair Elect: 2005
Chair: 2006; ESP Advisor 2007; ESP XI Chapter membership chair: 2003 & 2004;
State Chair, Iowa 4-H Agents Association, 1998
Iowa State University Extension Association member 1988 – 1997
Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alph Mu Chapter 1993 - 1999

Awards: NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award: 2002
NAE4-HA Diversity Award: 2005
NCAE4-HA Diversity Award: 2005
Victoria Jean Cope Award: 2001
NAE4-HA Communicator Award: 2000
NCAE4-HA Excellence in Teamwork: 2001
Epsilon Sigma Phi Xi Chapter State Mid Career Award: 2002

Statement: As a youth development professional for 20 years, I am committed to strengthening our 4-H Agents Association by providing leadership and service! As we are challenged to “make the best better”, we must be aware of how our commitment to youth development can make a difference in the lives of the youth and adults we work with. I promise to serve with confidence and purpose. I will listen to the board and membership as we together, build our NCAE4-HA legacy!

Election Profiles continued

Office-State President Elect

Name: April Dillon

County: Lincoln

District: Southwest

Education:

1994 – BS, Sociology, Minor, Genetics, NCSU

1996 – MS, Human Development & Family Studies, UNC-G

Current Position: Extension Agent, 4-H in Lincoln County



Awards:

2007 – Distinguished Service Award

2002 – Achievement In Service Award

2002 – TC Blalock Award

2002 – Lathan F. Smith Award of Excellence in 4-H

1999 – Communicator Award

Personnel Information and Statement:

My 4-H career began as 4-H Agent in Lee County in 1996. I worked in Lee County until transferring as 4-H Agent in Mitchell County in 2000. I came to Lincoln County as 4-H Agent in 2003. I have served as NCAE4HA Treasurer and multiple district offices. It would be my pleasure to serve NC 4-H professionals as NCAE4HA President Elect. Regardless of whether serving as president-elect or as a co-worker, I want to help other agents be the best they can be in both their professional and personal lives, which go hand in hand.

Office-State President Elect

Name: Jackie Helton

County: State 4-H Office

District: Northwest

Education: Berea College, Kentucky, Bachelors of Science, Agriculture, 1993

Current Position: Extension Assistant: Curriculum



Personal Information and Statement: Hello Fellow NCAE4-HA Members. As a candidate for President-Elect in August, I wanted to take some time to share my qualifications and desire to serve you in this role. I joined the association in the summer of 1993, the year we hosted the National 4-H Agents meeting in Winston-Salem. I got to know NCAE4-HA members well that year even though I didn't have a clue what was really going on. I was given a green hat and told to deliver video, screens, and other presenter items to various rooms of the Benton Convention Center. I can look back now and say proudly that I was one of Ivy's boys during the 1993 national meeting.

Since my start with the association 15 years ago, I have grown through leadership roles that I have held in the NW District. I served twice as the NW District Director and Vice-President. I have also had the pleasure of serving as NCAE4-HA Secretary and Vice-President where I learned to keep good minutes and grow our membership. Now I have made the decision to run for NCAE4-HA President-Elect to take the next step in providing leadership to the association that has supported me since 1993 if elected.

I look forward to talking with you at the NCAE4-HA meeting in August about my qualification and answer questions you may have for me. Thank you for the opportunity to run for NCAE4-HA President – Elect.

Election Profiles continued

Office- State Vice President Candidate

Name: Patricia Gray Cahoon

County: Carteret

District: Southeast

Education:

- MA Liberal Studies, concentration in Youth Organization Mgt, NC State University
- BS Business Management & Organizational Development, Mount Olive College

Current Position: Extension Agent 4-H & Youth Development since 2003

Former Position: Public Information Officer, Hyde County Schools

Professional Organizations

- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and N.C. Association of Extension 4-H Agents
- Southeast District Association of Extension 4-H Agents
- Epsilon Sigma Phi

Current & Former Offices/Committees:

- District President and District President-Elect
- Committees: Awards & Recognition, Public Relations & Info., Annual Conference and Programs
- SE District Officer's Agent Advisor

Awards:

- T C Blalock Young Agent Award, 1-3 Years
- NCCES Chet & Lucy Black 4-H Professional Development Scholarship
- NAE4-HA Achievement In Service

Community Involvement:

- Communities In Schools, former Executive Board Secretary, current Program Committee
- More At Four
- Healthy Youth Healthy Families
- Carteret County Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee

Professional Development

- Aspiring County Extension Director's Program
- Leadership Initiative in North Carolina (LINC)
- Real Colors Facilitator

Personal Information

I have two sons, Reggie, a graduate of Lees-MacRae College and employed with the Boy Scout of America; Jodie, NCSU graduate and equipment manager for the baseball and tennis teams at NCSU; a daughter, Leslie, Meredith College graduate and employed by Lonestar in the management program; and a daughter-in-law Jenny, Davidson College graduate and Social Services Coordinator at Eckerd Youth Alternative Camp. After a stressful week, my recovery occurs by becoming a weekend beach bum, enjoy reading especially non-fiction, like to travel and look forward to the day that my job does not consume me. I am also a late-night Spider Solitaire junkie.

Personal Statement:

I look forward to serving NCAE4-HA as the State Vice President and representing members across the state in the organization's quest to strengthen our goal to support and advocate 4-H professionalism. I would appreciate your vote and support in August.



Election Profiles continued

Office- State Vice President Candidate



Name: Laura Byrd

County: Union

District: South Central

Education:

- Doctor of Education in Community College/Higher Education Leadership, Western Carolina University, May 2007
- Masters of Art in Education in Two-Year College Admin., Western Carolina University, May 2003
- Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, Gardner Webb University, August 2001
- Associate in Applied Science, Business Administration, Mayland Community College, May 2000

Current Position: Extension Agent 4-H & Youth Development since February 2005

Professional Experience:

- North Carolina Cooperative Extension, 4-H and Youth Development 2005-present
- Mayland Community College Foundation, Executive Director 2002-2004
- Mayland Community College Foundation, Coordinator of Devel. 2001-2002

Awards:

- North Carolina 4-H Agents Association Educational Package Award 2007
- North Carolina 4-H Agents Association Exhibit Award 2007
- North Carolina 4-H Agents Association Interactive Website Award 2007
- North Carolina 4-H Agents Association Promotional Package Award 2007
- Southern Region 4-H Agents Association Exhibit Award 2007
- Southern Region 4-H Agents Association Interactive Website Award 2007
- Southern Region 4-H Agents Association Promotional Package Award 2007
- National Agents Association 4-H Agents Interactive Website Award 2007
- Outstanding Alumni, Mayland Community College 2002

Community Involvement:

- Member, 21st Century Community Learning Advisory 2007 - 2008
- Member, Smart Start Advisory Committee 2007 - 2008
- Member, Union County 4-H Foundation Board 2005 - 2008
- Member, Union County Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee 2005 - 2006
- Executive Committee Member, North Carolina Council of Resource Development 2002 – 2004

Memberships:

- President Elect, Southwest District Association Extension 4-H Agents 2007 – 2008
- Member, Southwest District Horse Council Association 2006 – 2008
- Vice President, Southwest District Association Extension 4-H Agents 2006 – 2007

Personal Statement:

I live in Mecklenburg County with my husband Julian and one son Miles. When not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

I look forward to serving NCAE4-HA as the vice president for the 2008-2009 year. I am a very hard working, persistent person and will give the job my full attention and give my very best at continuing the success of the association. Thank you for considering me as your vice president.

Election Profiles continued

Office: State Secretary

Name: Meg Perdue Wyatt

County: Greene

District: Southeast

Education:

MS in Agriculture & Extension Education, North Carolina State University,
December 2004

BS in Family & Consumer Science, Meredith College, May 2003

Experience:

Employed by NC Cooperative Extension, Greene County Center
since November 2006 as 4-H Agent

May 2005-November 2006 New Hanover County 4-H Agent

May 2000-August 2003 Franklin County 4-H Summer Program Assistant

Membership

Active NAE4-HA since 2005

Active NCA4-HA since 2005

State Committees: Rapport and PRI

District Offices: Secretary since September 2005

Awards

NCAE4-HA National Conference Scholarship for \$250, February 2008

Community Involvement

Vendor Chair for NC Sweet Potato Festival, since March 2008

Kids Voting USA

JCPC member since November 2006

NC Big Sweep-Greene County Coordinator

Meg Wyatt continued

Personal Statement

I have loved being a 4-H agent for over 3 years. I recently got married in March 2008 and honeymooned in Aruba. It was absolutely beautiful. In my spare time I enjoy reading, traveling, hosting dinner parties, and visiting with family and friends.

Personal Statement

I look forward to serving NCAE4-HA as the secretary for the 2008-2009 year. I will do my best to keep accurate records of the happenings that unfold at our meetings. I appreciate your consideration for NCAE4-HA in August in Rocky Mount.



Election Profiles continued

Office: State Treasurer-Elect

Name: Sara Drake

County: Rowan

District: NW

Education: MS in Family and Consumer Sciences with a specialization in Child Development and Family Studies, West Virginia University, December 2003
BS in Agriculture in Animal and Veterinarian Sciences, West Virginia University, May 2001



Experience:

2006 – Present, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, NC Cooperative Extension, Rowan County Center
2003 – 2006, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Alleghany County Center
2003-2003 Program Assistant, 4-H Youth Development, West Virginia University Cooperative Extension

Membership:

Active member of NAE4-HA since 2003
Active member of NCAE4-HA since 2003
State Committees: Public Relations & Information, Finance
Active member of NWAE4-HA serving in the following roles;
Treasurer-Elect, Treasurer, District Council Advisor
Active member of Epsilon Sigma Phi, XI Chapter, 2008

Awards:

NCCES Search for Excellence in Camping Team Award - 2007
North Carolina Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences – Community Partnership Award – 2007
NCAE4-HA Educational Piece Individual Communicator Award – 2006
NCAE4-HA T.C. Blalock Outstanding Young Agent Award, 1-3 Years Experience – 2005
NCAE4-HA Periodical Publication Team Communicator Award – 2005
Epsilon Sigma Phi Xi Chapter State Mid Career Award: 2002

2008 NCAE4-HA State Meeting

The North Central District invites you to the
2008 NCAE4-HA Annual Meeting
in Rocky Mount, NC, August 13-15, 2008.
Register on-line at the State Conference web site at :
<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/NCAE4HA/>

Upcoming Conferences

GALAXY Conference

Are you registered for the Galaxy Conference?

The Galaxy III Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana,
September 15-19, 2008.

“The Galaxy III theme is *"Celebrating the Extension System: Strengths, Diversity, and Unique Qualities."* The Galaxy conference is a wonderful opportunity for Extension professionals from all subject matter areas and all parts of the country to network, learn together, and continue to build programs that will serve the citizens of our communities now and well into the future. “

Go to <https://sharepoint.agriculture.purdue.edu/ces/galaxy/default.aspx> to register.



Future Annual Conferences

2009: Rochester, NY-October 25-29

2010: Phoenix, AZ-October 24-28

2011: Omaha, NE-October 24-28

2012: Orlando, FL-October 21-25

National Association of Extension 4-H Agents web site: <http://www.nae4ha.org>