



# 2024 NACDEP National Awards

Congratulations to our 2024 Retirees!

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I MEAN  
HAPPY RETIREMENT!  
AND GOOD LUCK  
WITH EVERYTHING  
TRAITOR

# DIVERSITY

## NACDEP Diversity Award – Team

### National Winner

#### *Collaborations that Work between 1890 and South's 1862 Extension*

Rachel Welborn

John Green

Michelle Eley

Jimmy Henning

Celvia Stovall

Ron Brown

Albert Essel

In 2023, the Southern Rural Development Center worked with 1890 and 1862 Cooperative Extension leaders across the South to gain insights from successful 1890/1862 Extension collaborations. Hearing from both leadership as well as on-the-ground project leads resulted in insights on how collaborations can be more successful.



Southern Rural Development Center  
1890 and 1862 Cooperative Extension leaders



# EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK

## Excellence in Teamwork

### National Runner-Up

#### *Partnering to Create PA Municipal Active Transportation Plans (ATP's)*

John Turack

Neal Fogle

Peter Wulfhorst

Matt Spindler

Er Yue

Cristy Halerz-Schmidt

Through funding from a Department of Health PA WalkWorks Grant, Penn State Extension teamed with Huntingdon County to prepare an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) with significant public input. Extension educators drew co-created knowledge from the planning process for replication, resulting in multiple enhanced PA ATP's.



Penn State Extension



# Excellence in Teamwork

## National Winner

### *Michigan Regional Housing Partnership Development and Training*

Eric Walcott	Bethany Prykucki	Katje Armentrout	Dave Ivan
Brad Neumann	Harmony Gmazel	Mary Reilly	Karly Creguer
Lindsey Gardner	Jinnifer Ortquist	Tyler Augst	Holly Madill
Andy Northrop	Julia Darnton	Will Cronin	Meghan Loughlin-Krusky

In 2023, MSU Extension staff facilitated the development of 15 Regional Housing Partnerships in Michigan, to transform housing access emphasizing equity and racial justice. Through partnership, inclusion, and Extension facilitation, the 15 regions secured \$65 million in funding to launch progress where it is most needed.



Michigan State University Extension



# EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

## Educational Technology – Team

### National Winner

#### *Remote Online Initiative*

Paul Hill	Genesis Schaerrer
Amanda Ali	Peter Fuller
Dominic Bria	

The Remote Online Initiative (ROI) program, facilitated by USU Extension, empowers Utah's rural workforce through specialized remote work training courses, career mentoring, and business consulting services. Therefore, the ROI program builds human capacity in rural communities Utah and has begun to scale its programming



Utah State University Extension



# EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

## Educational Materials- Individual National Winner

*Balancing Life Weekly Webinars Equip Leaders with Timely "Pro Tips"*



Crystal Tyler-Mackey  
Virginia Cooperative Extension

The Balancing Life webinar series is targeted to adults who are leading, educating, serving, and/or supporting families or communities. This series hosts a subject-matter expert on a relevant, timely topic for 30 minutes. Other agencies and organizations often use the recordings for educational content for their clients.



## Educational Materials– Team

National Runner-Up

*Future Opportunities for Rural Workforce and Rural Development-  
FORWARD*

Tanya Hall, Purdue Extension  
Michael Wilcox, Jr., Purdue Extension  
Mark White, University of Illinois  
Jeff Sherman, Oregon State University

Cheryl Burkhardt-Kriesel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Paul Hill, Utah State University  
Sheila Martin, APLU  
Joy Moten-Thomas, Fort Valley State University

The rural workforce development (WFD) ecosystem is often fragmented with limited Extension engagement. A team of 8 individuals across 7 institutions developed the FORWARD curriculum to help public and land-grant universities' programs advance WFD and strengthen career pathways for low-income workers/learners.



# Educational Materials – Team

## National Winner

### *Facilitative Leadership Workbook*

Kris Parker, Purdue Extension

Tamara Ogle, Purdue Extension

Will Cronin, Michigan State University Extension

Bethany Prykucki, Michigan State University Extension

Lindsey Gardener, Michigan State University Extension

Facilitative Leadership, an evidence-based curriculum, has built Extension and community partners' facilitation skills since 1998. Michigan State and Purdue Extension revised the accompanying workbook in 2003. This significant revision adds to the learning experience and provides a long-lasting resource for participants.



# EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

## Excellence in Community Development Programming - Individual

### National Runner-Up

*City of Perrysburg, Ohio's Business Retention and Expansion Initiative*

Joe Lucente

Ohio State University

The City of Perrysburg's leadership and business community are concerned about their local economy that is centered on tourism, service, and professional business industry sectors. Perrysburg leaders desired to learn of local business concerns and perceptions as a means of starting to form an economic development strategy.



# Excellence in Community Development Programming - Individual

## National Runner-Up

### *Build Your Future for Butte County Youth*

David Callister  
University of Idaho

Build Your Future for Butte County Youth seeks to break the cycle of poverty seen within Butte County. Extension Educator met weekly with Butte County School District Teen Living Class. Nine activities were used to teach the impact of education on lifetime earnings. Evaluations were conducted on seven of the activities.



# Excellence in Community Development Programming - Individual

## National Winner

### *Developing a County Strategic Plan using a Community-Centered Approach*



Peyton Beattie  
University of Florida

The objective for developing the Clay County strategic plan was to engage multiple levels of community to build a community-driven, five-year strategic plan. The goal of the plan was to engage the community with a bottom-up approach to ensure the plan was driven by the community rather than by county leadership.



# Excellence in Community Development Programming - Team

National Winner

*NH Housing Academy: a collaborative, locally driven approach*

Scott Slattery

Suzanne Cagle

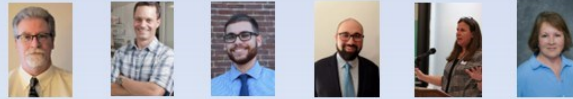
Michael Polizzotti

Nate Bernitz

Charlie French

Patricia Prescott

The NH Housing Academy program was implemented to train municipal officials and volunteers, building their capacity to engage local community members, identify challenges and barriers, and implement local solutions to address this crisis in ways that meet the needs of current and future residents.



University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension



# CROSS-PROGRAM

## Cross Program Award– Team

National Runner-Up

*WSU Extension Broadband Planning Support Project*

Michael Gaffney

Caroline Backman

Anthony Gromko

Debra Hansen

Trevor Lane

Christina Sanders

Dan Tueteberg

Nick Pappin

Dustin Loup

Sabrina Roach

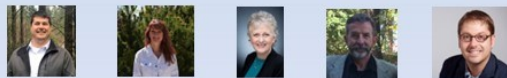
Dan Fagerlie

Shawna Beese

Kayla Wells-Yoakum

Martha Aitkin

For this \$6M statewide 2022/2023 project WSU Extension collaborated with the Washington State Broadband Office to support local capacity building for broadband access and digital equity through county BATs and drafting of county and tribal plans to advance broadband access, adoption and digital equity across Washington.



Washington State University





# Cross Program Award– Team

## National Winner

### *VCE Works Across Programs and Universities to Help Youth PROSPER*

Crystal Tyler-Mackey, Virginia Tech  
Kim Edmonds, Virginia Tech  
Jenny Thompson, Virginia Tech  
James Mason, Virginia Tech

Hermon Maclin, Virginia Tech  
Tiffany Freer, Virginia State University  
Swinson Nicole, Virginia State University

Helping Youth PROSPER in Virginia leveraged the powerful nature of the two institutions, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, working in full collaboration with colleagues across both universities and 3 disciplines to lead an impactful, community-engaged project while breaking down silos of programs and campuses.



# Cross Program - Individual

## National Winner

### *Grant County CyberMill -bridging the digital divide in frontier Oregon*



Didgette McCracken  
Oregon State University

The Grant County CyberMill nonprofit was developed to create opportunities for remote workers, entrepreneurs, locals and visitors by providing accessible community meeting space with the technology, space, and environment necessary for success. Currently, two Cybermill locations are open and operational in the county.



# INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

## Innovation and Creativity- Individual National Winner

*Empowering Futures: In-demand Careers in Health Care Industry Camp*



Meghan Thoreau  
Ohio State University

2-day high school camp explored careers in the healthcare. Sponsored by Pickaway WORKS in partnership w/ OSU Extension and OhioHealth Berger. Students met/shadowed healthcare professionals, offered 2-healthcare certifications, and fast-tracked to internship opportunities and college tuition benefits after high school.

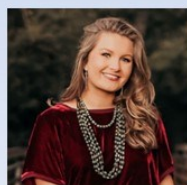


## Innovation and Creativity– Team National Runner-Up

*Mr. Étouffée's Path to Plate Program*

Morgan Walker, Prairie View A&M University  
Macy Smith, Texas A&M University

Mr. Étouffée's Path to Plate Program empowers 3rd-5th grade students with a unique blend of education in rice, dairy, crawfish, vegetables, food safety, and entrepreneurship. This transformative initiative focuses on building essential skills and knowledge, fostering a diverse skill set crucial for personal and professional.



# Innovation and Creativity– Team

National Winner

*BRIDGE2Health Fosters Community Capacity  
With Teens and Older Adults*

Crystal Tyler-Mackey, Virginia Tech  
Shannon Jarrott, The Ohio State University

Karen Tanner, Virginia Tech  
Jill Juris, Appalachian State University

BRIDGE2Health creatively addresses community needs by employing a community-based participatory approach to improve teen and adult mentors' resilience and health through intergenerational mentoring. B2H teen and adult mentors collaboratively address community-defined needs regarding health, mental health, and resilience.



## Trailblazer Awards



**Gae Broadwater**  
Kentucky State University



**Michelle Eley**  
North Carolina A&T State University



**Paulette Cooper**  
Prairie View A&M University  
Cooperative Extension



**Kenyetta Nelson  
Smith**  
Southern University and A&M College



**Adam Hodges**  
West Virginia State University



**Joy Moten Thomas**  
Fort Valley State University



**Iris Crosby**

University of Arkansas, Pine-Bluff



Thank you for blazing the trail.  
Your dedication and effort have  
paved the way for a historic  
milestone in NACDEP's journey.



# NACDEP Distinguished Awards

## Distinguished Service Award



***Nancy Bowen-Ellzey***  
Ohio State University

Nancy's dedication to NACDEP Finance Committee and transformative leadership as Chair and Treasurer has shaped the organization's trajectory. Her profound commitment extends to countless volunteer roles, leaving a lasting legacy of inspiration and service.



## Distinguished Career Award



***Brian Raison***  
Ohio State University

Brian is deeply involved in professional associations and committees, holding various leadership roles. He's committed to continuous education and has advanced from a non-traditional educator to a faculty member. Brian's notable achievements include strategic planning, online teaching expertise, and a dedication to DEI.





# Achievement in Collaboration

## Rachel Welborn

Southern Rural  
Development Center





# Congratulations Award Winners

 **NACDEP**  
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Development Extension Professionals