

The background of the entire page is a vibrant, high-quality photograph of a rural landscape. On the left, a white house with a prominent porch and a red house are partially visible, with American flags hanging from the porches. A large, mature tree with dense green leaves dominates the center-left. A paved path leads from the bottom center towards the houses. In the background, there are rolling green hills and a mountain range under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a pleasant day in a rural setting.

2022 NACDEP National Awards



DIVERSITY

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**Diversity
– Individual –**

**National
Winner**



*Diversity Learning Circle in the West
Central Mountains of Idaho*

University of Idaho Extension

Melissa Hamilton

Facilitated conversations can help communities engage in relevant civil discussions. In rural Idaho, a group of citizens came together to form a Diversity Learning Circle (DLC). The DLC challenged participants to be intentional about being anti-racist in a world where implicit bias and racism is integrated throughout society.

**Diversity
– Individual –**

**National
Runner –Up**

*Idaho Rural Biz-Rural Assistance for
Minority Businesses*

University of Idaho Extension

Paul Lewin

Dr. Paul Lewin's program aims to build capacity within nonprofit partners and University of Idaho Extension to deliver adult and youth programs that promote entrepreneurship among minorities. The program offers financial support, cultural competency, multilingual information access, and tools to effectively interact and serve these minority groups.

Diversity
– Team –

National
Winner

Welcoming Communities Project

*University of Minnesota Extension
St. Peter Public Schools
Greater Mankato Diversity Council*

**Toby Spanier • Neil Linscheid • Jocelyn Hernandez-Swanson • Nancy O’Brien
• Scott Chazdon • Julie Hawker • Tami Skinner • Mohamed Alsadig**

The Welcoming Communities Project collaborative team has worked together for over five years to engage rural southern Minnesota communities in an innovative cohort program to assess and strengthen diversity and inclusion efforts across sectors of their communities, from schools to law enforcement.

Diversity
– Team –

National
Runner –Up

*Building Awareness, Becoming an Ally:
A Continuum to Support Equity*

West Virginia University Extension

Tony Michael • Denis Scott

The training aims to help participants understand their cultural self while also deconstructing stereotypes. Through direct instruction and facilitated group discussion, participants examine concepts of diversity, equity, and unconscious bias. This initial-level training increases awareness and promotes understanding to inspire action that leads to positive personal, organizational, and community change.



EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK

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EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK



National Winner

Building Your Virtual Facilitation Skills



*Maine Sea Grant and University of Maine Cooperative Extension
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
Virginia Tech
Virginia Cooperative Extension
University of Vermont Extension*

• Kristen Grant • Suzanne Cagle • Megan M. Seibel • Crystal Tyler-Mackey • Mary L. Peabody

This program teaches the art and science of good facilitation in a virtual setting. As an outgrowth of the COVID-19 pandemic, it became clear that virtual meetings now play an important role in how groups function. The program was piloted early in 2021 and continues to grow and improve.

EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK

National Runner –Up (Tie)

Regional Meetings for ARPA Local Government Funding

*Michigan State University Extension
Michigan State University*

• Brad Neumann • John Amrhein • Bethany Prykucki • Eric Walcott • Harmony Gmazel • Tyler Augst
• Will Cronin • Mary Reilly • Andy Northrop • Arnold Weinfeld • Eric Scorsone • Mary Schulz

In 2021, the Michigan Association of Regions and MSU Extension hosted over 750 local and tribal government officials to explore American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund regional spending opportunities. The 14 workshops covered rules for ARPA spending, best practices, examples, and group dialogue related to regional collaboration.

EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK

National Runner –Up (Tie)

Marketing Hometown America Curriculum Update

*North Dakota State University
University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Iowa State University*

*South Dakota State University
Penn State University
University of Minnesota*

• Jodi Burns • Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel • Marilyn Schlake • Abbie Gaffey • Lynn Adams • Mary Weinand
• Jill Sokness • Kari O'Neill • Peggy Schlechter • Michael Dougherty • Daniel Eades • John Turack
• Peter Wulfhorst • Jody Hontvedt • Jennifer Hawkins • Rani Bhattacharyya • Neil Linscheid

Seven state teams collaborated to update the Marketing Hometown America curriculum. The team built upon each participating state's skills, experience, and knowledge to improve an already excellent Extension program. The team worked virtually and through the COVID-19 pandemic. The resulting new program materials are making an impact in communities.



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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**Educational Technology
– Individual –**



**National
Winner**

*Inland Northwest Artisan
Grains Podcast*

University of Idaho Extension

Colette DePhelps

The Inland Northwest Artisan Grains podcast developed as a programmatic adaption to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both an educational program and an IRB-approved research project, the podcast goal is to support the development of artisan grains values-based supply chains and production of value-added artisan grains products in the Inland Northwest region.

**Educational Technology
– Individual –**

**National
Runner –Up**

iFarm Immersive Theater

Ohio State University Extension

Brooke Beam

The iFarm Immersive Theatre provides clientele with an immersive educational experience. Using 360-degree videos, this mobile system allows educators to connect with learners across the state in a setting similar to an IMAX theatre. Research findings indicate respondents enjoy this new way to connect and learn from Extension programs.

Educational Technology
– Team –



**National
Winner**

***Community Coaching
Learning Circle***



Purdue University Extension

•Tanya Hall •Tamara Ogle •Patty Keating •Cindy Barber •Krista Pullen

Community development practitioners often coach community groups, yet have limited opportunities to develop the necessary knowledge and skills. Purdue Extension created a comprehensive interactive online non-credit course designed to mix theory with assessment, practice and reflection while using a dozen different tools to reinforce the learning.

Educational Technology
– Team –

**National
Runner –Up**

***Kürzi, An Interactive Media Device and Curriculum
Encouraging Health Decision Making in Youth***

*Ohio State University Extension
Akro Sense*

•Meghan Thoreau •Kenneth Burns

Our youth need better educational tools to encourage healthier lifestyles and improve career knowledge of healthcare professions. Kürzi technology paired with supportive health decision-making curriculum increases health literacy and healthier lifestyle choices for 6th – 8th grade youth in both formal and informal learning settings and allows for career exploration.



EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

– Individual –



**National
Winner—Tie**

Redlining in Michigan: History and Legacy of Racist Housing Policies

Michigan State University Extension

Craig Carpenter

Dr. Carpenter developed an extensive educational website on the history and legacy of redlining in Michigan. After a detailed history for every redlined Michigan city, it overlays historical redlining maps on present-day data to highlight the legacy of these policies on present-day segregation, in addition to summarizing current redlining research.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

– Individual –



**National
Winner—Tie**

The Confluence Project Snow Science Instructional Video

University of Idaho Extension

James Ekins

The west relies on snowpack as the largest natural water reservoir. University of Idaho Extension has partnered with The Confluence Project to offer a snow science unit. The program provides students with field-based experiences to help them understand climate issues. This educational video trains students on snowpack monitoring techniques.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

– Individual –

**National
Runner –Up**

Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing manual

Purdue Extension

Kris Parker

Purdue Extension's Beginner's Guide to Grant Writing program has been supporting new grant writers for 18 years. A fully revised and redesigned peer-reviewed manual incorporates a step-by-step manual outlining the grant process and main proposal elements. It includes workbook pages that follow along with the 2-day workshop.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

– Team –

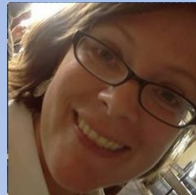


**National
Winner**

Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Governments



*Michigan State University Extension
University of Michigan*



•Wayne R. Beyea •Harmony Gmazel •Brad Neumann •Mary Reilly •Charles Gould Sara Mills

Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Michigan Local Governments is a policy and regulation manual developed by Extension educators, academic faculty, renewable energy and non-profit agencies. The Guidebook is a resource for communities on planning and regulation of solar energy systems of all types and scales.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

– Team –

**National
Runner –Up**

Building Rural Community Resilience through Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- *University of New Hampshire Extension*
- *Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development*
- *West Virginia University Extension*
- *Purdue Extension*
- *Penn State University Extension*
- *USDA-NIFA*

- *Do North Forest Incubator*
- *Town of Hardwick*
- *Iowa State University*
- *Kansas State University*
- *University of Tennessee*
- *National Science Foundation*

•Charlie French •Stephan Goetz •Kristen Devlin •Shannon Rogers •Molly Donovan •Doug Arbogast
•Daniel Eades •Roberto Gallardo •Ted Alter •Catherine Porter •Sarah Rocker •Jared Reynolds
•Geoff Sewake •Cornelia Butler Flora •Thomas Lyons •Timothy Wojan

Relatively little work has been done to characterize innovation in rural places. This book, Building Rural Community Resilience through Innovation and Entrepreneurship, demonstrates how innovation is thriving in rural places across the country and it lays forth a framework for cultivating an innovation ecosystem, as demonstrated through case studies.

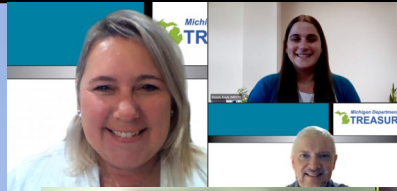


EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

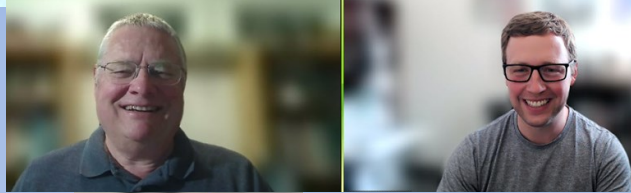
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DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMMING**

– Team –



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Fiscally Ready Communities



*Michigan State University Extension
Michigan Department of Treasury*

•Eric Walcott •John Amrhein •Tyler Augst •Roxanne Foster •Eric Cline •Kayla Rosen

The Fiscally Ready Communities program was created to assist communities establish, measure, and maintain policies and practices to increase operational and financial effectiveness and safeguards. This partnership between MSU Extension and the Michigan Department of Treasury helps local governments work towards fiscal health by sharing best practices in fiscal sustainability.



CROSS-PROGRAM

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– Team –

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Working on Wellness Environments

*Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Texas A&M Prairie View Extension*

**•Jamie Rae Walker •Rebekka Dudensing •Jenna Anding •Jodi Nerren •Valerie Jauregui •Kelsey Coats
•Victor Cantu •Emily Gunderson •Anna Stehling •Jeongseup Lee •Jaqueline White**

The Working on Wellness Environments program empowers local leaders to learn about, pilot test, and make Policy, System, and Environmental changes to the improve their communities. Through trainings and technical assistance participants have worked on a Farm-to School orchard, StoryWalk, Comprehensive Master Plan, walkability demonstrations, and health policies.



INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

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Utah's Trail Master Steward Program

Utah State University Extension

Jake Powell

As the nation's trail infrastructure faces increasing demands, construction and maintenance efforts remain ironically shouldered by volunteers with no formal training. The Utah Trails Master Steward Program provides a formal training process to empower volunteers of all levels to actively engage in the stewardship of Utah's trail resources.

INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

– Individual –

**National
Runner –Up**

Wahkiakum County Food Industry and Seafood Handling (FISH) Center

Washington State University Extension

Carrie Backman

Declining commercial salmon harvests on the Columbia River significantly impacts the region's resource based economy and culture. WSU Extension faculty, Carrie Backman worked with state and community partners to create a food processing facility to add value to the harvest and build new education opportunities for fishers and high school students.

INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

– Team –



**National
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*Building Capacity for Economic
Development in Indian Country*



University of Minnesota Extension



- Fawn Sampson •Jason Schlender •Dawn Newman •Xinyi Qian •Bruce Schwartz
- Holli Arp •DeeDee LeMier •Rani Bhattacharyya •Jody Horntvedt •Lisa Hinz •Ryan Pesch
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INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY

– Team –

**National
Runner –Up**

Southern Ohio Farm Show

Ohio State University Extension

- Brooke Beam •James Morris •Gigi Neal

Due to the pandemic, OSU Extension educators created the Southern Ohio Farm Show (SOFS), a weekly television-style program they produce and distribute. They have had viewers in 38 states and eight countries. Averaging over 1,700 views per episode, the SOFS has increased participation in Extension programs by 3000 percent.



CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

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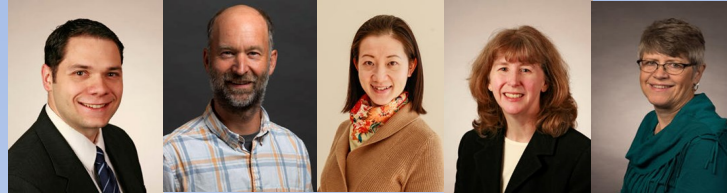


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NACDEP Distinguished Awards



Distinguished Career

**National
Winner**



Susan Kelly

North Carolina Cooperative Extension

Susan Kelly's Extension career journey began in 2004 as a County Extension Director with Community Development (CD) program responsibilities. Her impact in Florida and North Carolina communities demonstrate that CD can be positively influenced from a variety of vantage points within Extension, and can be supported by active NACDEP participation.



Congratulations to All National Winners

