

CES — Epsilon Chapter Newsletter



President's Message

As President of Chi Epsilon Sigma I would like to welcome all returning members and encourage any classified or unclassified LSU AgCenter employee to consider becoming a member. Our goal of 100 members was nearly achieved. The first annual conference held in May 2005 was a great success. The fraternity got off to a great start. Then came Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Unfortunately many of our members and co-workers were victims. The storms caused from little to extensive damage in all areas of our state. The focus of the entire LSU AgCenter was to help with the recovery efforts and which has become an ongoing challenge. With all of our waking hours being consumed with helping our family, friends and co-workers the activities of Chi Epsilon Sigma were not in the forefront.

But, this is a new year and I look forward, with the help of the Board of Directors, to be a productive fraternity. The membership drive is taking place now, which is only one month behind schedule. Among the activities scheduled for this year is of course our second annual conference. The dates have been set for April 7th & 8th and will be held at the Wesley Center near Alexandria. Registration information will be shared as soon as it is finalized. Other activities we are planning for this year are: awarding professional development scholarships in the fall, a service project for our communities and initiating two additional awards to be given at the annual conference.

I would like to introduce you to your Officers and Board of Directors:

- President—Mary Baronet
- President Elect - Danielle Bayham
- Treasurer - Susan Burchfield
(appointed after Roberta Joshua retired)
- Secretary - Jodi Monk
- Administrative Liaison – Dr. Rosalie Bivin
- Central Region Director - Gaye Richard
- Crescent Region Director – Vacant
- North Central Region Director – Angela Hood
- Northeast Region Director – Debbie Rodgers
- Northwest Region Director – Melissa Saenz
- South Central Region Director – Julia Mayet
- Southeast Region Director – Faye Ritchie
- Southwest Region Director – Karen Istre
- Departments Director – Danielle Bayham
- Administration Director – Sharon Salzer

We are here to make this an organization that works for you. Please contact any member of the Board of Directors if you would like to get involved.

Again, thank you for your support of Chi Epsilon Sigma – Epsilon Chapter, The National Support Staff Fraternity, LSU AgCenter.

Mary Baronet

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Second Annual CES Meeting

April 7 and 8, 2006

Wesley Retreat Center
Woodworth, LA

Registration Fees:

\$57 for double room

\$72 for single room

This fee includes room, meals and the conference room use.

Be sure to register for this fun event!

Chi Epsilon Sigma

The Chi Epsilon Sigma was formed over a year ago for support staff in the LSU AgCenter. This fraternity offers support staff opportunities for professional development, leadership and recognition. Officers and board members are excited about planning the 2nd annual conference and invite you to make plans to participate.

Every employee in the AgCenter has a role in improving the lives of the citizens of Louisiana. The recent hurricanes

have impacted everyone in the state and all of us have a part to play in the recovery in addition to traditional responsibilities. We have many exciting challenges and it will require a team effort for us to rebuild our state.

Support staff have an important responsibility in communicating effectively, using resources efficiently, coordinating cooperative efforts, and responding to clien-

tele. You make significant contributions each day in achieving the mission of the AgCenter and your efforts are noteworthy and appreciated. It is rewarding to work together and make a difference as we earn a living.

Dr. Rosalie Bivin
CES Administrative Liaison

Dates to Remember

- February 7** CES Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
All distance ed sites used for last meeting are available
- April 7 and 8** Chi Epsilon Sigma—Epsilon Chapter
2nd Annual Meeting
Wesley Retreat Center, Woodworth, La.

Don't forget!!

**Chi Epsilon Sigma
Membership
registration
Going on now!!**

**Registration is
only \$10 for a
full year!!**

Let Me Introduce You!

CES member Jodi Monk has been with the LSU AgCenter for almost 11 years. She is an Administrative Manager II and is located at Knapp Hall in Baton Rouge.

Wedding bells are chiming for Jodi and her fiancé Tim Davis. They will be wed on March 11, 2006.

Jodi has one stepdaughter who

is 14 and one stepson who is 10. She stays very active in her stepson's tournament baseball team. Jodi loves sports.

Jodi is very involved in her church and helps lead the worship service on Sunday mornings and also helps lead the congregation in singing.

Here are some of Jodi's favorite things:

Favorite color—Pink

Favorite aroma—Black cherry

Favorite food—Boiled crawfish

Favorite music—70's and 80's

Favorite song—Keeper of the Stars

Favorite TV show—CSI (all of them) and Law & Order

Favorite movie—X-Men

Chi Epsilon Sigma Member Awards

Another first for the Chi Epsilon Sigma – Epsilon Chapter is the development of 2 awards. The Board of Directors is currently in the process of setting the guidelines for each award. After the awards are established a call for nominations will be issued to all members. The awards committee will then have the difficult task of selecting the recipients. The recipients will be announced and the awards presented at our Annual Conference in April. Look for additional information on the Chi Epsilon Sigma – Epsilon Chapter Awards in the upcoming newsletter!

Joining Chi Epsilon Sigma

A newly organized Fraternity, **Chi Epsilon Sigma**, has been formed for support staff in the LSU AgCenter. This fraternity was developed with the help of the Staff Advisory Council who are a group of LSU AgCenter classified and unclassified employees that serve as advisors to the Chancellor. Any non faculty employee is considered support staff and is eligible to become a member.

The purpose of this Fraternity is to “maintain the standards and ideals, uphold the morale, prestige and respect of the LSU AgCenter support staff” and to develop working relationships and fraternal fellowship among employees. These are just a

few of the benefits of becoming a member of Chi Epsilon Sigma.

A membership form is attached for your convenience. The second Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 7 & 8, 2006. Additional information will be forthcoming, but it will provide professional development, social events and an awards ceremony. Check our web site for additional information on the annual meeting. Here’s the link: http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/professional_organizations/chi_epsilon_sigma/. Please join and see what we’re all about!

Name That Newsletter Contest

The Chi Epsilon Sigma—Epsilon Chapter Board of Directors is sponsoring a contest to name our newsletter. If you'd like to submit a name please e-mail it to Karen Istre at kistre@agctr.lsu.edu. A winning name will be selected before the next newsletter goes out. We'd like a name that is catchy. So put your thinking caps on and send in some suggestions!!

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this fraternity shall be to maintain the standards and ideas, uphold the morale, prestige and respect of the LSU AgCenter support staff; to develop an effective working relationship and spirit of fraternal fellowship among present and emeriti employees of the LSU AgCenter support staff; to encourage professionalism; and to recognize, share and reward professional excellence in job performance.

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2006 Membership Form
Chi Epsilon Sigma - Epsilon Chapter
The National Support Staff Fraternity

Name/Address:

Title: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Office Phone # _____

Provide Name of Unit:

Member Registration – New Member or Renewal **\$10.00**

Membership dues are due February 1, 2006

Make check payable to Chi Epsilon Sigma
(Write on the back of your check “For Deposit Only”)

Return this form and your check to:

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