

2021 Extension Award Winners

Ballance, Jean Woodley

FCS Team Northeast

Northeast FCS Team

Bertie, Edgecombe, Martin, Nash, and Pitt Counties

They “help put knowledge to work” and make positive changes. Teamwork was remarkable by FCS Agents from Bertie, Edgecombe, Martin, Nash, and Pitt Counties that provided fundamental programs during the pandemic. The northeast team embraced technology and skills not used regularly, and put knowledge to work, in no time.

Barnes, Carolyn Stanley and George Edward

Taylor Jones

Associate 4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent

Alamance

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Birkhead, Carol-Outstanding Award for County Extension Directors

Katherine Williams

County Extension Director

Wake

In her career with Cooperative Extension spanning almost 30 years, this applicant has spent each moment innovating and expanding the idea of what Extension can do for the community. Her time as CED of Wake County and vision for shared leadership and collaborative partnership has allowed Wake County Extension to not just grow, but to thrive- Katherine Williams, Wake County is forever thankful for your leadership to our team!

Brickhouse, Charles M.

Der Holcomb

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Alexander

Der Holcomb serves as the FCS Agent in Alexander County, North Carolina. Her passion to grow as a professional and the way she engages with her participants has set her up as an extremely successful Extension Agent. Der looks for programs to bring to the citizens of Alexander County, as well as ways to strengthen her district and state. She is truly a role model for other agents to emulate.

Britt, Lois G.-Award for Outstanding Extension Agent

Eddy Labus

Extension Agent, Livestock

Watauga County Cooperative Extension

Eddy Labus has been the Livestock Agent for Watauga County for over 12 years. He played a key role in the organization and development of Watauga Butchery's "member producer" network & cut sheet tracking system that the butchery integrated into the opening of Watauga County's first USDA certified/inspected meat processing facility in July 2020 during the height of the pandemic.

Cope, Victoria Jean- Award for 4-H Agents

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North Carolina

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Dalla- Pozza, Ada B. Professional Development

Der Holcomb

FCS Agent

Alexander County

As an FCS agent, Der demonstrates unparalleled enthusiasm for her work, bringing excitement to her participants, and energy for statewide program development. She's successfully implemented programs such as Teen Cuisine and Med instead of Meds, and continually rise to the challenge. She's a leader in her program area and sought out by many.

Dalla- Pozza, Ada B. Professional Development

Regina Moseley

FCS Nash and Edgecombe Counties

Nash

Regina Moseley, an Area Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent for Nash and Edgecombe Counties can be described in one word, EXCELLENCE! She is one of the most dedicated, organized professional extension agents and her energy is boundless. Regina works hard and is very successful at building a well balance program for the counties that she serves.

Extension Leadership Award

Heather Schaffer

Assistant Extension Agent, 4-H

Wake

Heather Schaffer is known in Wake County as someone reliable you can call on when you need to get things done. She is a kind, passionate, innovative leader that has helped Wake County 4-H grow and thrive to "make the best even BETTER" in our communities even through the upheaval of a global pandemic.

Hyatt, Fr. George & Mrs. Virginia

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Jones, R.E. Program Award

Wake County Center, NC Cooperative Extension

With over 1 million people living in Wake County, innovation and collaboration is key to getting out in the community to serve our residents. Bringing programs and partnerships that are unique to Extension like Food Security and Social and Economic Vitality has allowed our staff to engage non-traditional audiences in Extension programs. Each day, staff bring new perspectives and a passion for service to make Wake County Extension a special place to be.

King, Dr. Russell C. & Mrs. Connie H. Extension Program Teamwork Award

Northeast District CHROME Regional Ag Expo Extension Team

Billy Barrow (Bertie County)

John Lyttle (Halifax & Northampton Counties)

Brandon Pike (Halifax & Northampton Counties)

Beth Burchell (Halifax County)

Craig Ellison (NorthamptonCounty)

Jarette Hurry (Bertie)

The CHROME Regional Ag Expo covers Bertie, Halifax, Hertford, and Northampton Counties. Each year, agricultural agents from these counties work together to provide producers in the region the most current research through field demonstrations.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - Administrative Professional Award

Administrative Professional Award

Roben Jarrett

Administrative Assistant

Cooperative Extension - New Hanover County

Roben Jarrett is the Administrative Assistant for the busy Cooperative Extension Center and Arboretum in New Hanover County. She serves a myriad of administrative roles and also makes time to serve her professional association and the University's Staff Senate. Her graphic design skills are constantly put to great use designing and communicating our great Extension work for the multiple program areas and affiliated non-profits.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - FCS Agent Award

FCS Agent Award

Ashley Beard

Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

Yadkin

Ashley has been the FSC Agent in Yadkin County since June 2019. In efforts to build strong partnerships to establish the WIC Community Garden, it has created opportunities for all community members to gain new skills in at-home gardening, nutrition, and food preparation to aid in reducing the rates of food insecurity.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - Specialist Award

Specialist Award

Stephanie Ward

Assistant Professor, Dairy Extension Specialist

ANS

A colleague who regularly goes above and beyond the "call of duty" is Dr. Stephanie Ward, Assistant Professor and Dairy Extension Specialist in the Department of Animal Science. Since 2017, NC State's dairy extension program has benefitted from her leadership, her progressiveness and her wry humor, probably in reverse order.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - NC District Award

North Central District Team Award

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Yadkin County 4-H Walking for a Better Community

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4-H Agent & Youth Development

Yadkin County

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Northeast District Team Award

Tanya Heath, Edgecombe, Melissa Mabie, Edgecombe, Beth Burchell, Halifax, Jerry Edmonds,
Halifax, Sandy Hall, Nash, Kelsey Lichtenwalner, Edgecombe & Nash

4-H Livestock Project Success During COVID-19

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Beth Burchell

CED & Livestock Agent

Halifax

The Eastern Carolina Livestock 4-H Show and Sale team consist of 4-H Agents, Livestock Agents, and 4-H PA's in Edgecombe, Halifax, and Nash Counties. Each year they work together to plan the 2nd oldest livestock show and sale in North Carolina, regardless of the challenges!

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - SC District Award

South Central District Team Award

Selena McKoy, Jackie Helton, Greg Huneycutt, Brian Parrish, Kittrane Sanders, Colby Lambert, Tim Mathews (All Harnett County)

Leading the Pack - Virtually

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Harnett County Team N.C. Cooperative Extension, Harnett County Team
County Team

Harnett

In the age of COVID-19, the Harnett County Center staff came together as a team, time after time, to deliver high-quality, targeted programs in the face of a pandemic that left them distanced from the residents we serve. Over the past year, they've developed video content that is invaluable to how they serve their communities and connect with others across the state.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - SE District Award

Southeast District Team Award

Krista Johnson, Matt Strickland and Becky Spearman, Bladen County

School Garden Project

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Bladen Extension Office

Bladen

The Bladen School Garden Project was a team effort by all our agents. Through school partnerships, an environmental scan, and an opportunity due to COVID, we developed a virtual and in-person students that consisted of a Google site with 7 sessions, supplies for school gardens, and teacher resources.

NCCE Search for Excellence Awards (Sponsored by NC Grange) - Overall Team Award

Overall Team State Award

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Overall Agent State Award

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Ort Family- Scholarship for Outstanding Cooperative Extension Personnel

Steve Pettis

Horticulture Agent

Henderson County

Steve Pettis has been in the Green Industry for over 24 years and has worked in academia for over 15 years. Today Steve serves as a NC State Cooperative Extension Agent in Henderson County, NC, consulting with homeowners, business owners, and government officials. With UGA degrees in horticulture and plant protection and pest management, he specializes in plant health.

Research Friend of Extension Award

(Team Cont) Niki Maness, Carla Adams, Alex Kissinger, Adrienne Williams, Sarah Little, Lee Stiles, and Haylee Allen (TEAM) Amy Chilcote, Autumn Guin, Anne Greenaway, Sarah Kotzian, Maru Gonzalez, Kimberly Allen, Tabitha Barnes, Kenan Bridges, Amy Chilcote is nominating the team: 4-H Curriculum Specialist

EYFP Program Team

NC 4-H Empowering Youth and Families Program (EYFP) focuses on opioid prevention education for youth and their caregivers in rural North Carolina. In 2017 EYFP had 3 first adopter counties and is now operational in 15 communities in NC and TN. To date 100 families have participated in EYFP.

Smith, Jr., Lathan F. Award of Excellence in 4-H Award

Danny Lough

4-H Agent

Davie County

Danny Lough is dedicated, hardworking and an excellent example and role model for youth. Danny exudes science, positivity and creativity. His upbeat and friendly attitude, professional demeanor, expertise and commitment have helped Danny get off to a fantastic start as the new 4-H agent in Davie County.

Stewart, Dr. R. Marshall & Mrs. Jan -4-H Leadership Award

Angie Lawrence

EFNEP Nutrition Educator, 4-H Program Associate

Brunswick

Angie Lawrence serves as the EFNEP Nutrition Educator and 4-H Program Associate in Brunswick County. Since her start in 2010, she has made an impact on the lives of youth and adults by teaching and modeling healthy habits. Angie has a contagious smile and her love of what she teaches is evident in her programming.

White, Ila McIlwean- Family and Consumer Sciences Program Endowment Award

Taneisha; Shelina Armstrong; Bonner

Extension Agent, Family & Consumer Sciences

Pitt; Greene

This team consist of visionary leaders and serves Extension and its clientele with unparalleled dedication. Taneisha Armstrong is the FCS Agent in Pitt County. Shelina Bonner is the FCS Agent in Greene County. Their innovative and modern program Dinner In a SNAP, will benefit low resource families in their counties.

Zaslow, Dr. Sandra- Professional Development Award

Rhonda Peters

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Montgomery

Rhonda Peters is the FCS Agent in Montgomery County where she works passionately to help strengthen and improve the lives of families and children in the areas of health and wellness, financial literacy, food safety, and family and human relationships. Her passion to make a difference is evident in every facet of her work.

Zublana, Dr. Joe & Mrs. Lise- Program Impact Award

Inga Meadows

Extension Plant Pathologist - Vegetables & Herbaceous Ornamentals

NC State University Mountain Research Station

Inga Meadows is the Extension Plant Pathologist for vegetables (primarily tomatoes) and herbaceous ornamentals at NC State. She is based at the Mountain Research Station in Waynesville where she leads an extension and research program that aims to improve disease control of tomatoes, other vegetables, and greenhouse ornamentals.

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