



CHI EPSILON SIGMA

GAMMA CHAPTER SPRING 2025

A Message From Our President

Hello Chi Epsilon Sigma Members,

I'm excited to welcome you all to another great year with ChiES! Serving as your president is truly an honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of such an incredible group of professionals from across the state.

For the past two and a half years, I have worked as a Support Staff Assistant at the Logan County Extension Office, where I take on a variety of roles—from handling financials to creating newsletters to supporting my team in any way needed. One of the things I appreciate most about Chi Epsilon Sigma is the chance to meet so many dedicated individuals and exchange knowledge. Every office operates differently, and each time we come together, I learn something new.

Outside of work, life stays busy! My husband and I have three amazing kids who keep us on our toes. We love camping and spending quality time together as a family. I also enjoy being a Girl Scout leader, watching my son play basketball and baseball, supporting my oldest daughter in band, and indulging in my creative hobbies like cooking, sewing, and crocheting.

I look forward to working alongside each of you, learning from your experiences, and making this year a meaningful one for our organization. Thank you for all that you do—your dedication makes Chi Epsilon Sigma the supportive and inspiring group that it is. Feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Best wishes,

Katie Sandlin



Meet the 2025-2026 Chi Epsilon Sigma Board

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2025 Chi Epsilon Sigma Chapter Awards



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1st: Carolyn Morris, Taylor County
2nd: Christy James, Livingston County
3rd: Stephanie Caldwell, McCracken County

Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County
Annie Gish, Henderson County

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM

1st: Rohdene Rollins, Henderson County
2nd: Stacey Stephens, Harrison County
3rd: Cheryl Owens, Whitley County

Mawnie Belcher, Whitley County
Nancy Owens, Allen County
Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County
Cassie Richardson, Hardin County

JOVIAL

1st: Cheryl Burks-McCarthy, Daviess County
2nd: Tina Noe, Whitley County
3rd: Tessa Brown, McCracken County

Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County

GOOD FRIEND

1st: Kaitlin Travis-Heneisen, Livingston County
2nd: Billy "Nate" Russell, Whitley County
3rd: Rebecca Despaigne, Taylor County

Vickie Belt, Princeton
Romona Taylor, Boyle County
Cindy Sullivan, Gallatin County
Melanie Portwood, Clay County
Savannah Gilbert, McCracken County
Christy James, Livingston County
Becky Meadows, Whitley County
Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County
Cristy Soyars, Simpson County

NEW ACHIEVER

1st: Elizabeth Burton, Taylor County
2nd: Ashley Cassidy, Pendleton County
3rd: Angela Rodgers, Taylor County

Melissa Osborne, Daviess County
Landyn Houchens, Barren County
Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County
Vickie Belt, Princeton
Amber Adair, Henderson County

PRINT MEDIA

1st: Leslie Colvin, Pendleton County
2nd: Haley Davis, McCracken County
3rd: Allison Brimm, Whitley County

Marcy Ward, LaRue County
Audrey Frizzell, Graves County
Elizabeth Burton, Taylor County
Andrew Modica, Whitley County
Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

1st: Reagan Weedman, Whitley County
2nd: Connie Fields, Clay County
3rd: Michelle Padgett, Lincoln County

Ashley Cassidy, Pendleton County

Congratulations
to all who were recognized!

If you would like to see the award nominees slideshow, visit our website at
<https://chies.ca.uky.edu/chapter-awards>



2025 Chi Epsilon Sigma Scholarship Recipients



PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT - \$100

Vickie Belt of UKREC Princeton

HIGHER EDUCATION - \$100

Hannah Drury-Watkins of Woodford County

Michelle Proctor of Bullitt County

CHILD/GRANDCHILD

HIGHER EDUCATION - \$250

Hannah Howard

daughter of Stephanie Howard, Owen County

Georgia Wilson

daughter of Shellee Wilson, Boyd County



2025 Annual Conference Committees



It takes ALOT of work to put on a successful conference!
These are the committees that worked together to make it all happen.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Stephanie Howard, Chair

Brittany Browning & Hannah Drury

CONFERENCE THEME

Hannah Drury, Chair

Robyn Edgell, Katie Sandlin, Vickie Belt,

Ryan Linton, & Lisa Casteel

BREAKOUT SESSIONS & REGISTRATION PACKET

Ryan Linton, Chair

Josh Mullins, Georganne Collins,

Katie Sandlin, & Carol Thompson

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW & WELCOME

Marie Grimes, Chair

Robyn Edgell, Ryan Linton, Katie Sandlin,

Kim Campbell, & Georganne Collins

DOOR PRIZES

Vickie Belt, Chair

Tami Widelski, Lisa James, & Melissa Feddes

GREETINGS/CONCIERGE

Tami Widelski, Chair

Lisa Casteel, Kim Campbell, & Marie Grimes

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

Carol Thompson, Chair

Ryan Linton, Marie Grimes, & Melissa Feddes

ENTERTAINMENT/ACTIVITIES

Katie Sandlin, Chair

Ryan Linton, Brandy Garcia, Brittany

Browning, & Robyn Edgell

MEMBER/SPEAKER GIFTS

Robyn Edgell, Chair

Lisa James, Katie Sandlin, & Vickie Belt

REGISTRATION TABLE

Josh Mullins, Chair

Kim Campbell, Brandy Garcia,

& Stephanie Howard

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ryan Linton, Chair

Brittany Browning, Brandy Garcia,

& Carol Thompson

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hannah Drury, Chair

Melissa Feddes & Marie Grimes

NOMINATING

Kim Campbell, Chair

Vickie Belt, Katie Sandlin, & Marie Grimes

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Kim Campbell, Chair

Ryan Linton & Robyn Edgell

BUDGET

Georganne Collins

Central 1 & 2



Central 3 & 4



Central 5 & 6



Central 7 & 8



West 1 & 2



West 3 & 4



West 5 & 6



West 7 & 8



East 1 & 2



East 5 & 6



East 3 & 4



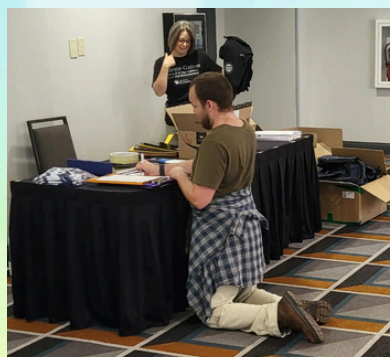
East 7 & 8



WK Admin Staff



“BEHIND THE SCENES” CONFERENCE PREP



Have you ever wondered how many boxes can fit into a county van?



IT'S ALOT!

