

Extension Professionals' Creed

I **believe** in people and their hopes, their aspirations, and their faith; in their right to make their own plans and arrive at their own decisions; in their ability and power to enlarge their lives and plan for the happiness of those they love.

I **believe** that education, of which Extension is an essential part, is basic in stimulating individual initiative, self-determination, and leadership; that these are the keys to democracy and that people when given facts they understand, will act not only in their self-interest, but also in the interest of society.

I **believe** that education is a lifelong process and the greatest university is the home; that my success as a teacher is proportional to those qualities of mind and spirit that give me welcome entrance to the home of the families I serve.

I **believe** in intellectual freedom to search for and present the truth without bias and with courteous tolerance toward the views of others.

I **believe** that Extension is a link between the people and the ever-changing discoveries in the laboratories.

I **believe** in the public institutions of which I am a part.

I **believe** in my own work and the opportunity I have to make my life useful to humanity.

Because I believe these things, I am an Extension Professional.



Epsilon Sigma Phi

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Epsilon Sigma Phi IOTA Chapter

Business Meeting

[https://usu-
edu.zoom.us/j/87469691790?pwd=L25ULzRLRHlvaUQyNIR
FK2M0QIZJQT09](https://usu-edu.zoom.us/j/87469691790?pwd=L25ULzRLRHlvaUQyNIRFK2M0QIZJQT09)

March 19, 2021

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Virtual Meeting
Zoom



EPSILON SIGMA PHI IOTA CHAPTER

Welcome & Introduction	Amanda Christensen
Extension Creed (Video)	Amanda Christensen
Minutes/Financial Report	Ashley Yaughner
- \$55 for National, \$15 for state (87 memberships in 2021)	
- Budget overview & 2020 carry over	
- Maren Wright Voss motion to approve, Tim Keady second - https://extension.usu.edu/employee/files/ESP2020MeetingMinutes.pdf	
Memorial for Deceased Members	Helen Muntz
Introduction of New Members	Mark Nelson
- 28 new members, 59 renewals	
Presentation of Awards	Andree' Walker Bravo & Amanda Christensen
Election Result	Amanda Christensen
2020 ESP National Conference Update: Virtual, October 6-8, 2020	Amanda Christensen
2021 ESP National Conference: Savannah, GA October 25 –29, 2021	
Installation of Officers	Helen Muntz
- Members voted via Qualtrics for new officers: Welcome Zuri Garcia as President-Elect!	
- President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer will be available positions next year – 1 year membership required.	
- National opportunities for leadership, Vice President and Second Vice President for Western Region Open. Justen Smith	

(Western Region VP, 2nd VP, and served as President at the national level), rewarding experience. – No minimum year requirement
- Scholarships: April 1st due date - espnational.org

ADJOURN

2019-2020 IOTA Chapter Officers

President:	Amanda Christensen
President Elect:	Mark Nelson
Secretary/Treasurer:	Ashley Yaughner
Past President:	Helen Muntz
Awards & Recognition Chair:	Andree' Walker Bravo

EPSILON SIGMA PHI AWARDS – 2021

Friend of Extension:	Carl Albrecht & Lyle Hillyard
Early Career Service:	Lendel Narine
Mid-Career Service:	Amanda Christensen
Distinguished Service:	Heidi LeBlanc
Continued Excellence:	Margie Memmott
Distinguished Team	Paul Hill & ROI Team
Diversity Team	Ashley Yaughner & HEART Team
Administrative Leadership:	No Submissions
Visionary Leadership:	Melanie Jewkes & Team



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Epsilon Sigma Phi is the National Honorary Extension Fraternity. It began in January 1927, in Bozeman, Montana. Utah's IOTA Chapter held its first meeting on May 9, 1927 at the Eccles Hotel located in Logan, Utah. The first initiation ceremony honored six candidates and was held in July 1927.

Purpose

The purpose of Epsilon Sigma Phi is to maintain the standards and ideas, to uphold the morale, prestige and respect of the Extension Service, to develop an effective working relationship and a spirit of fraternal fellowship among present and former Extension employees and to promote professionalism with the Extension Service.

Emblem

The official emblem of the Epsilon Sigma Phi has a wall of Troy built around the outside, symbolizing the protection which the fraternity gives to its members. The "E" on the stem of the key signifies Extension. The Greek letters are interpreted to mean Extension Service Veteran.