#### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT 9 HEADQUARTERS**



August 13, 2015

**Memorandum To:** All County Extension Agents and Extension Agents – Southeast Extension District 9

From: Dale A. Fritz, Ph.D., District Extension Administrator

**Subject:** Program/Personnel Updates – Southeast Extension District 9

#### **Congratulations**

- Congratulations are extended to the following agents and support staff member who received awards at the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Annual Meeting on August 12-14, 2015 in South Padre.
  - Bill Holcombe, Galveston County Extension Agent 4-H Distinguished Service Award
  - Starla Garlick, Jefferson County Extension Agent 4-H, and Melissa Mewa, Jefferson County 4-H
    Administrative Assistant Communication Awards Educational Piece Team and Periodical Publication Team
  - **Bill Holcombe**, Galveston County Extension Agent 4-H Communication Award Periodical Publication
- Congratulations is extended to the following agents and support staff who received awards from the Texas Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi. These awards were presented at the various professional association meetings this summer.
  - Dianne Gertson, Fort Bend County Extension Agent FCS Early Career Award
  - Sharon Trower, former Brazoria County Extension Agent FCS Mid-Career Award
  - Alexis Cordova, Liberty County Extension Agent FCS Mid-Career Award
  - Angela Bosier, Fort Bend County Extension Agent UYD Diversity Award
  - Sonja Steuart-Davis, Elizabeth Trejo, Sheryl Nolen, Tonya McKenzie, and Ashley Moore, Harris County Extension Agents Diversity Recognition Team Award
  - Bill Holcombe, Shane Jennings, Courtney Latour, Phoenix Rogers, Xiomara Diaz-Vargas, Marcus Glenn, and Joe Mask – current and former County Extension Agents in Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Harris Counties – Team Award
  - Allen Malone, Harris County Extension Director Distinguished Service Award
  - William Johnson, Galveston County Extension Agent Hort Tenure 25 Years Award
  - Dwight Callis, Fort Bend County Extension Agent 4-H Emeritus Retiree Service Award
  - Shannon Payne, Allied Fire Protection Friend of Extension Award
  - Melissa Anderson, Galveston County Administrative Assistant Ag/NR Meritorious Support Service
  - Diana Todd, Harris County Administrative Assistant Ag/NR Meritorious Support Service Award

### **Appointments**

William Roy Flora has been hired as the new Liberty County Extension Agent – Ag/NR effective September 1, 2015. Roy earned a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education with minors in Educational Administration and Animal Science from the Texas A&M University - Kingsville and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University. He currently serves as the Bexar County Extension Agent – Ag/NR and previously worked as an Agricultural Science Teacher at Tarkington, Refugio, Gonzales and Sharyland High Schools and Industrial Technology Instructor at Dayton and Alvis High Schools. Please join me in welcoming Roy to Liberty County and District 9.

# Resignations

- Emilee Bean, Jefferson County Extension Agent-Ag/NR, has resigned from her position effective August 25, 2015. Emilee accepted a position as Instructor of Soil and Crop Sciences with the College of Agriculture and School of Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences at Louisiana State University. She also plans to work on her doctorate degree. Please join me in wishing Emilee the very best in her new career path.
- **Lynna Wright,** Waller County Extension Agent-FCS, has resigned from her position effective August 31, 2015. Lynna plans to provide more care and attention to the health and well-being of herself and family members. Please join me in wishing Lynna the very best.

## Open Positions in District 9

The following positions are currently open in Southeast Extension District 9. If you have an interest in transferring to one of the open positions please let me know and apply at the GreatJobs website. Also, if you know of any other agent in the state who may be interested in transferring to the best District in the State, please let them know of these vacancies. In addition, if you know of any individual who may have an interest in working for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M, please let them know of these vacancies.

- Fort Bend EA-4-H-CEP
- Fort Bend EA-FCS-CEP
- Grimes CEA-Ag/NR
- Grimes EA-FCS-CEP
- Hardin CEA-Ag/NR
- Jefferson CEA-Ag/NR
- Liberty EA-CED-CEP
- Waller CEA-Ag/NR
- Waller CEA-FCS
- Waller EA-Ag/NR-CEP

If you have questions or comments, please let me know.