



PROFILE

Passion for creating a positive education experience for youth and adults through curriculum development and planning, with a focus on empowering youth and adults--alike to become positive catalysts in their communities and revealing the endless possibilities with a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



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EDUCATION

Currently Pursuing

**PhD in Agricultural Communication,
Education, & Leadership**
The Ohio State University

2013 - 2016

MAG in Agricultural Education
Oklahoma State University

2007 - 2011

BS in Agricultural Communications
The Ohio State University

SKILLS

Photoshop



InDesign



MS Office



HTML & CSS



Teaching



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017

Present

Extension Educator III, 4-H Youth Development

The Ohio State University Extension

Provided overall leadership to a comprehensive positive youth development program by designing, implementing, teaching and evaluating educational programming and developing new resources, based on needs for 32 community clubs, more than 100 adult volunteers, approximately 500 youth members and more than 8,000 learners within five school districts. This role also included developing robust programs specific to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to enhance lifelong learning to enhance workforce development. **Notable achievement:** Created the 4-H World Changers, a program to inspire the next generation of women and under-represented programmers, during 2020's global health pandemic, which has taught more than 200 youth in five six-week series, focused on various computer programming languages (HTML/CSS, p5.js, Scratch, block coding).

2016

2017

Director of Educational Programs

Ohio AgriBusiness Association

Worked with five member-volunteer committees to explore, develop and implement educational programming that meets the needs of the association's membership and the agricultural industry. This role involved supervising and coordinating in the identification, development and executing the ideas of the association's volunteer committees to enhance the educational opportunities for its members, while providing event planning support to the association's Educational Trust and the 4R Nutrient Certification Program. **Notable achievement:** Developed an ambassador program for college students studying agribusiness or an ag-related field to provide networking opportunities amongst Ohio Agribusiness professionals.

2016

2017

Ohio Regional Representative

Nutrients for Life Foundation

Worked with Ohio teachers and professionals in the agriculture industry to reinforce how important fertilizer is as an ingredient in food production. This role involved developing and presenting teacher professional development workshops, educating students, creating and maintaining teacher and industry relationships, as well as distributing Nutrients For Life resources. **Notable achievement:** Established the Nutrients for Life Foundation's Soil Science & Careers School Tour by working with agriculture businesses to enhance STEM education in Ohio classrooms, reaching more than 500 students in Central Ohio.



EXPERTISE

Committed to successfully completing each task, project and responsibility assigned.

Experience in working with diverse populations in formal, informal and virtual educational environments.

Strong contributor and collaborator in team settings and also can work independently.

Energetic communicator with the ability to flex training style.

AWARDS

2021
Achievement in Service Award
National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals

2020
Promotional Package - Team Regional Winner
National Association of Extension 4-H Agents

2018
Harding XL Partner of Excellence
Marion City School District
Harding High School

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

2015
2017
Executive Director
Ohio Certified Crop Adviser Program

Worked with Ohio Certified Crop Advisers and professionals in the agriculture industry to leader and direct the state’s Certified Crop Adviser Program. This role involved supervising the state’s 18-member board and more than 530 Ohio CCAs, while also creating industry relationships, working with International Certified Crop Adviser, approving continuing education units for workshops and seminars and facilitating both the international and state CCA exam.


2014
2016
Director of Communications & Member Education
Ohio AgriBusiness Association

Worked with more than 225 agribusiness organizations and agricultural industry professionals to advocate for Ohio agribusiness by creating a sustainable business climate through collaborative policy leadership, continuous education and effective communication. This role involved supervision of all aspects of association communications including social media management, event promotion, press release and news writing, graphic design, photography and videography. ***Notable achievement:** Lead program manager on the association’s high-quality membership campaign and strategy.*

2011
2013
Extension Associate Educator, 4-H Youth Development
Purdue University

Create and developed educational opportunities centered on 4-H’s program areas (STEM and agricul- ture, healthy living, and civic engagement) for 16 community clubs, 250 adult volunteers, and more than 550 youth members. This role involved collaborating with local, county and state agencies, partner organizations, businesses and schools to analyze needs, develop, implement and oversee vibrant and sustainable research based educational programs, and provide resources and expertise to the local community. ***Notable achievement:** From 2012-2013, the county’s Mini 4-H program (youth in K-2) participation increased by 75 percent, due to recruitment and outreach strategies.*

REFERENCES

 **Dr. Emily Buck, PhD**
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