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Gearing up for 2017: Enrollment, Awards and Week of PRIDE



Just a few important reminders:

Enrollment will soon be upon us. You will be asked to change your password. If there has been transition in leadership, please make sure that the previous information is given to those newly responsible for reporting. **February 15** is a big day on the calendar.

- This is the deadline for all communities that wish to nominate their projects for STAR Capital Awards.
- This is also true for Community Partner Nominations
- Growth and Action are available for Communities of Growth and Communities of Action. These are limited to 5 awards per round (February 15 and August 15) and are extremely competitive so

apply as soon as you can. The awards are for \$200 each. The link will be live after the first of the year.

- This is also the deadline for eligible Communities of Excellence to apply for Partners in PRIDE Grant Funding.

Don't forget to mark your calendars the week before Memorial Day Weekend for Week of PRIDE. The new guidebook is now online, [CLICK HERE](#) to view it. We will be having some other announcements concerning Week of PRIDE in the upcoming weeks, so keep your eyes open for updates!

Thank you for all that you do! *-Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager*
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Volunteers Impact PRIDE (VIP) Grant Program



Reminder: A new funding opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of our new partner, the Kansas Masons: Volunteers Impact PRIDE.

The Volunteers Impact Pride (VIP) grant program provides incentives to communities for projects that will enhance the quality of life in Kansas PRIDE communities.

The VIP program is designed to help communities help themselves through sweat equity and volunteerism at the local level.

Important Note: Only Communities in Good Standing with the Kansas PRIDE Program are eligible to apply for awards (meaning ALL awards).

Definition of Good Standing: Enrolled, Resolution of Government Support submitted, Quarterly Reports up to date.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the VIP Application for requirements and deadline details. This is a new opportunity and we are sure you have many questions. Do not hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu or by phone at 785.532.5840 –*Jaime Menon, Program Coordinator, Kansas PRIDE Program* jmenon@ksu.edu

I am currently a Senior at Kansas State University majoring in Agricultural Communications and Journalism. As a major in this field, we are required to share our experiences at an internship with a group of individuals in a professional setting.

On October 20th I had the wonderful privilege of expressing my love for interning at Kansas PRIDE. As you can see in my poster above, I explored what I learned and my fondest memories. Talking about Kansas PRIDE’s main goal of enhancing life for citizens of Kansas communities was an honor and this organization is not just a place to work, but is also a part of my family.

I am very blessed and thankful that I was given the opportunity to showcase my time at Kansas PRIDE, but there is still time to come and I look forward to learning more about the organization and meeting even more wonderful community members. *-Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Student Office Professional* madisonmb@ksu.edu

Madison Blevins: Internship Poster Presentation

Madison Blevins Communications Specialist Kansas PRIDE

- Primary Responsibilities
- Writing and Editing Press Releases and Newsletters
 - Contacting Kansas Communities
 - Editing Communication Documents
 - Conduct Interviews and Handle Social Media

- What I Learned
- Helping others is very rewarding
 - More about what I want to do after graduation

- Most Memorable Moments
- Seeing my first published article in the High Plains Journal
 - Making friendships with community members



Community Websites

Kansas PRIDE Communities 2016



Attention Communities!

On Kansas PRIDE’s website under the “About Us” tab, you will notice that we have a map and list of names with all of the Kansas PRIDE Communities of 2016. A few communities have sent us links to their local community websites, or Facebooks if you do not have a website, to allow people to click on that town name and send them straight to your website! If you would like us to create a link for your community, please email your community website or Facebook link to me at madisonmb@ksu.edu. If you aren’t sure if your community already has done this, [CLICK HERE](#) to see the map and list of names.

*-Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE
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Community Logos – Free to Your Community!



Reminder: If your community is interested in getting a Kansas PRIDE logo made specifically for your community, or if you would like to refresh the one that you already have, please contact the PRIDE office at 785-532-5840 or by email at PRIDE@ksu.edu. **This is a free service provided by Kansas PRIDE, Inc. to Kansas PRIDE Communities.**

Events Calendar

December 15 - Volunteers Impact PRIDE Applications Due

January 3 on - Enrollment Begins

February 15 - Growth and Action Grant Applications Due

February 15 - Community Capital Award Applications Due

February 15 - Partners in PRIDE Grants Due