

Positive Examples from Extended Term & Promotion (ET&P) Packets Handout #1

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Value of optional narrative: Example #1 – From the start, the letter below (reformatted here for space reasons) focuses reviewers on what the educator wants them to pay close attention to in the packet. This educator developed an effective roadmap for reviewers to follow when studying the packet. Certainly, reviewers can, should, and do look farther than what educators outline for them, but these narratives or opening letters are very appropriate avenues for educators to share what they see as their strengths and key accomplishments.

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October 22, 2008

Dear Peer Reviewers,

I am requesting your consideration for promotion to rank of Senior Extension Educator. I have taken seriously the task of compiling these materials with brevity and thoroughness in mind. In packet two, I have done as instructed, and provided only a few examples of my work articulated in packet one.

I have been serving at the rank of Associate for four years and I feel that the depth and effectiveness of my programming has grown substantially over this time. Extension education efforts that I'm most proud of include the High Plains Ranch Practicum, and the work of the Small Acreage Issue Team. I have been a leader in both of these efforts and I hope you'll agree that these, combined with my other efforts, represent a level of work commensurate with the rank of Senior Extension Educator. I'd like to specifically address the criteria outlined in the UniReg for the rank of Senior Educator:

- 1. Professional recognition, such as regional or national awards, letters of recognition, commendation from colleagues and peers.

 Details are in the Awards and Honors Matrix. Recently efforts of the Small Acreage Issue Team received two national awards. I was responsible for assembling the award application. I have received the Newer Employee Recognition Award, the state Achievement Award and several others.
- 2. Publications in refereed or professional journals or other widely disseminated venues.

 I have produced two publications in refereed journals including most recently the Journal of Extension. A number of my works have been widely distributed from writings in the Barnyards and Backyards magazine to writings in the Wyoming Livestock Roundup.
- Leadership in the resolution of complex problems, such as the development of interdisciplinary programs and projects requiring long-range educational planning.
 Again, I feel the High Plains Ranch Practicum and the Small Acreage Education and Outreach Project meet these criteria; however, other extension projects I'm involved in also would qualify.
- 4. Experience in planning, conducting, interpreting, and disseminating applied research, demonstration trials, field and home demonstrations, or community studies.
 - I'm currently co-PI on two large, interdisciplinary research projects looking at farm and ranch system-wide impacts on various production practices. Although still in early stages, these projects will begin incorporating extension components disseminating the results in the near future. Also, I've served on several committees during planning and initial functioning of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension Center, and been involved in other smaller research projects as detailed in the matrix.
- 5. Acknowledged administrative and leadership experience.
 - This has been substantial especially during the last year with the opportunity to serve an interim role as assistant to the associate director, and county coordinator in two counties. I am currently serving on the Civil Rights Review Team, have served on the Academic Planning Team, and the Evaluation Review Committee.
- 6. Leadership in training Extension Educators and other professionals. I have taught multiple sessions at EPIC, delivered programs at regional and national professional meetings, conducted multi-day trainings for colleagues, designed and conducted multiple ranch tours designed for colleagues and worked individually with several colleagues on specific issues.
- 7. Securing funding as a principal investigator of grant proposals designed to meet unique community needs. I have had many successes in receiving grants that I have been the principal author on as well as grants that I have been a contributing partner on. For 2007-8 I had a role in recruiting \$607,238. Details are in the Grants and Fundraising matrix.

I hope you'll agree that I am currently functioning at the level of Senior Extension Educator. I look forward to visiting with you during the peer review opportunities and welcome any questions you may have.

Value of optional narrative: Example #2 — Pairing the content and format of your goal statement from the beginning of year with a narrative statement at the end of the year is another effective way to structure an opening letter or narrative. In the example below (shortened here for space reasons to show only the first section from the goal statement with the corresponding section from the narrative), the educator is making it easy for reviewers to compare what he set out to achieve as the year started with what he ended up achieving.

Statement of Goals

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Listed below are the goals I wish to accomplish in 2009 regarding my three clientele groups.

Clientele Segment 1: UW Extension Educators

Outputs

Newsletter articles – continue monthly efforts for use in area educators' programming on topics of personal finance and small business management, with consideration given to expanding the distribution.

In-Service Trainings – develop and provide training on personal finance and small business management topics for UW Extension educators.

Outcomes

- Improved awareness of teaching materials available in personal finance and agricultural business startup and management.
- Capability to provide programs in personal finance and agricultural business startup and management.

Narrative to Accompany ET&P Packet University of Wyoming, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics 17 October 2008

As a state specialist with responsibilities in personal finance (60% of my time) and agricultural enterprise diversification and family business management (40% of my time), this year has been one of full activity. In my third full year here at UW I have deepened my initial programs in each of my two significant appointment areas.

In this document I outline how my efforts have addressed the three principal constituencies which I serve, namely UW Extension Educators, the public's needs in personal finance, and agriculture's need of diversification. Many, though not all, of my efforts directly support the Community Development Education (CDE) Initiative Team (and their work addressing family resource management, leadership and entrepreneurship) with which I am primarily affiliated.

Clientele Segment 1: UW Extension Educators

I supply information both formally and informally to our state's extension educators in a number of ways, including the following:

- Numerous informal resources (for instance, my newsletter on personal finance and small business management) are distributed directly to county personnel via email. Other resources I distribute in hard copy, such as brochures handed out or mailed.
- Several formal Extension publications have been or are about to be published (see the
 publications section of either my vita or T&P listing), and more are planned.
- Outputs such as Barnyards and Backyards, a product of the Small Acreage Issue Team I
 chair, continue to be useful to for educators in carrying out their work. With our full-time
 project coordinator on board we are continuing and refining its award-winning efforts.

Strong impact documentation in annual summary: Example #3 – Different job activities lead to different outcomes. Be sure to reflect those differences in the "Impact" column with as many specifics as possible. It's clear this educator...

.... anticipated and documented *varying* impacts for audiences based on their involvement in different programs, and

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Feb. 2004	New leader Training	- Taught 2 hour workshop	16 - Carbon County 4-H Leaders	implementation of the leadership program. Leaders in Carbon County learned the history, function, purpose, and structure of the 4-H program as well as managing risk while working with youth.
Oct. 2003	Impact Statements and Reports	Team taught 3 hour workshop - Developed handouts and presentation materials	15 - Extension 4- H/Youth Educators	77% of participants said they will use to develop county programs. Participants rated workshop a 4.46 (out of 5) based on usefulness of information.
	Non	-traditional 4-H Pro	ograms	
March 14-16, 2008	Balanced Leadership Leadership styles Personality assessment	Taught 4 hour session	22 Youth, Pinedale, WY	See Teaching/program evaluation section titled Balanced Leadership March 2008
March 1, 2008	Facilitation Skills	Taught 2 hour session	7 Youth, Cheyenne, WY	Participants learned effective facilitation techniques and led discussion/decision makin sessions
Nov. 2-4, 2007	Working with Differing Personality Styles Team and Individual Goal Setting	Taught 2 hour session Taught 1 ½ hour session	7 Youth State 4-H Leadership Team / Thermopolis, WY	See Teaching/program evaluation section titled Leadership Development Nov. 2007
	Facilitated decision making	Lead 2 hour session		

.... was able to administer some type of assessment tool with some of his programs. Information provided on pp. 5-7 of this revised document has been shared by Susan James.

Effective Evaluation and Impact Reporting

Learning Outcomes

- Awareness Created
- Knowledge Gained
- Attitudes Changed
- Skills Developed
- Aspirations Sparked

Action Impacts

- Behavior Changed
- Practices Adopted
- Decisions Made
- Policies Changed or Adopted
- Social Action Initiated

Less Effective Evaluation Rating Criteria

Date	Topic	Rating Criteria	Rating
2/27/08	Seed Planting Workshop	Various	Various- very good ratings received
6/22/08	4-H Camp	Overall reaction 1-5 (1 being poor)	Average 4.1

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Date	Topic	Rating Criteria	Rating
2/27/08	Seed Planting Workshop	Likert Scale – 1 – 5 (with 5 = Excellent) a) Learned at least on new concept b) Plan to implement one practice this year. c) Gained knowledge on planting seeds for maximum crop yield	a) 4.5 b) 3.2 c) 2.5 Participant Comment participant: I now understand the importance of rotation planting of seed.

Stronger Report of Evaluation Data

Date	Торіс	Rating Criteria	Rating
6/22-24, 2008	4-H Camp	a) Learned at least one new thingb) I made at least one new friend (social skills)	a) 100 percent of campers (60 youth, 6 adults)b) 75 percent of campers
		c) I feel more confident as a leader (Jr. Leader evaluation)	c) 90 percent (12 Jr. Leader age youth)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PRESENTED (annual summary)

DATE	SUBJECT	ROLE	AUDIENCE/ NUMBER	IMPACT
Feb – April 2005	Master Gardener Training – 6 hours/ week for 10 sessions	Coordinated all classes, taught 3 sessions; other sessions taught by UW and local specialists	New Volunteer Master Gardeners – 12 enrolled, 10 completed course	10 participants passed certification exam – pretest/post-test showed 92% increase in knowledge. Participants demonstrated increased skills and abilities in teaching and speaking before public. All reported confidence gained in analyzing and solving horticulture problems. Ten Master Gardeners volunteered 480 hours total contributing \$6,221 to CES.
May 2005	Veteran Master Gardener Volunteer Update	Developed and taught 4 hour update class.	Veteran Master Gardeners from 2003 – 2004 classes (22 total)	100 percent gained knowledge and skills reported in end of session evaluation.

Value of Volunteer Time adds powerful impact

http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html

2008 – Estimated value/hour of volunteer time

Wyoming: \$17.73

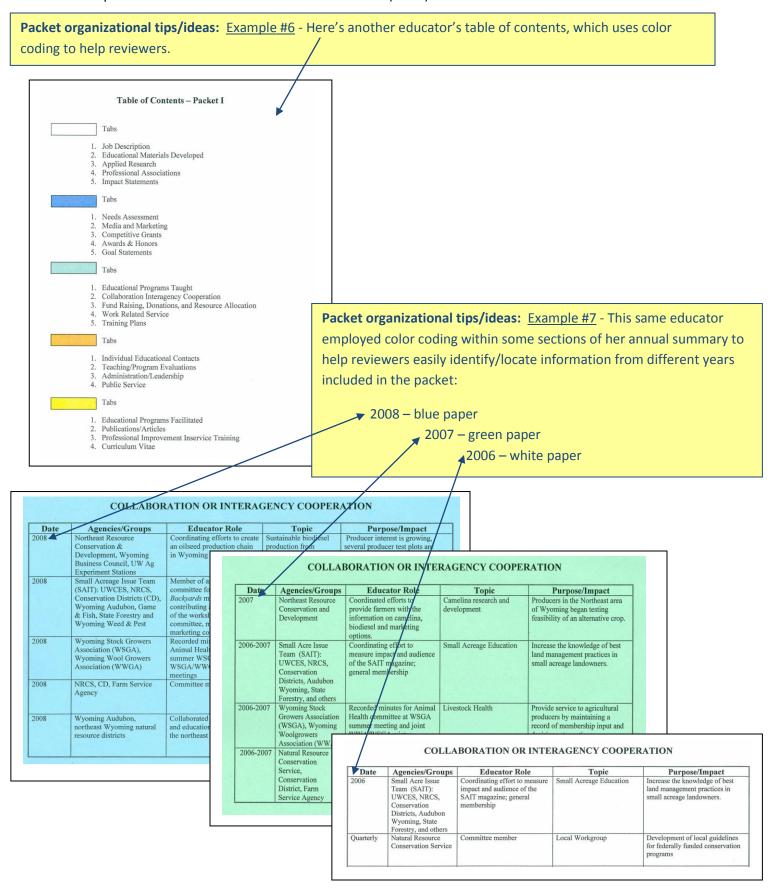
This concludes the guidance shared by Susan James from her records; examples on remaining pages and from Handout #2 are from packets of educators' listed on the cover page of this handout.

Indication of complete & comprehensive programming: Example #4–See Handout #2 (separate document) for this example.

Packet organizational tips/ideas: Example #5—As shown below (edited here to show the educator's 2-page table of contents on one page), a table of contents can help reviewers easily locate and retrieve information. Having each notebook section tabbed with the corresponding section number and/or title further enhances this organizing scheme and makes reviewers' jobs easier.

$Table\ of\ Contents$

Section 1
Section 2 Educational Programs Taught
Section 3 Educational Programs Facilitated
Section 4 Educational Materials Developed
Section 5
Section 6Collaboration or Interagency Cooperation
Section 7Program Evaluation
Section 8
Section 9
Section 10
Section 11Fundraising, Donations, Resource Allocations
Section 12Administration/Leadership
Section 13Professional Improvement/Training
Section 14Professional Associations
Section 15
Section 16
Section 17Appointment Letters
Section 18
Section 19



Packet organizational tips/ideas: Example #8 - This educator grouped/lumped individual contacts with a similar focus/ topic area into one row, making this section more compact and easier for reviewers to grasp. However, his totals for individual contacts on the same or similar topics also convey strong impacts for the educator and underscores that cumulatively, this educator's individual contacts were substantial in some single subjects or topic areas.

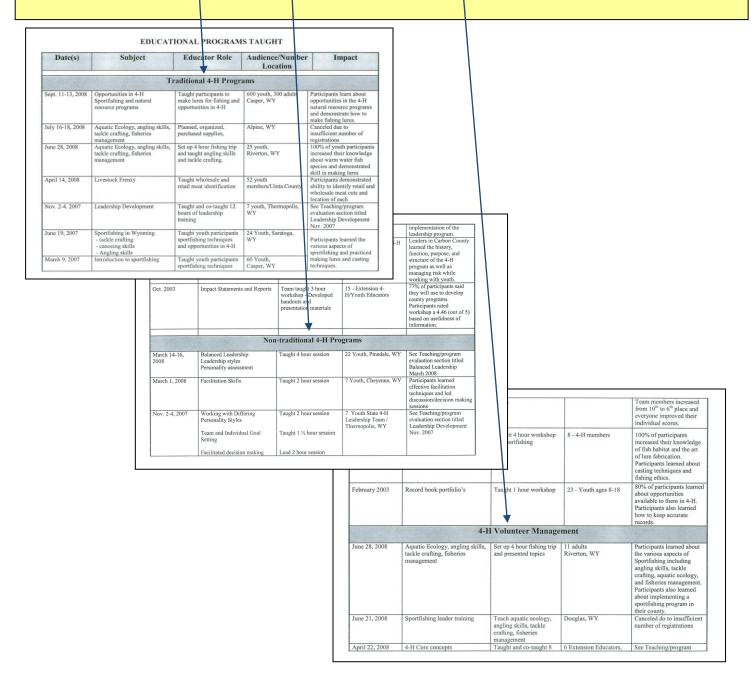
INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL CONTACTS (Oct. 2007 – Sept. 2008)

Date(s)	Topic	Educator role	\	Audience/Number Location	Impact
Year-round	Insect identification	Educator		~50 individuals, Uinta County	Insects identified and control strategies provided when appropriate
Spring - Fall	Lawn and Tree Calls	Educator		~30 individuals, Uinta County	Increase knowledge in integrated pest management, proper watering practices and general lawn care
Year-round	4-H Livestock	Information source		Dozens of questions from parents and 4-H'rs, Uinta County	Increase knowledge of 4-H beef and swine projects
Year-round	Hay Testing	Information source		2 individuals, Uinta County	Increase knowledge in how and where to send hay samples
Spring/Summer	Commercial Applicator Testing	Proctor		~20 individuals, Uinta County	Individuals were able to obtain a license by demonstrating knowledge
Spring/summer	Weed control/identification	Educator/consultant	ē	~10 individuals, Evanston	Weeds were identified and proper control technique discussed
Spring/summer	Cattle inventory and movement tracking spreadsheet	Educator		2 individuals, Evanston	Spreadsheet was developed to track receipt, movement and sale of yearlings

Packet organizational tips/ideas: Example #9 - Indicate in packet #1 which items are illustrated or further expanded on in packet #2. This educator used stars to indicate which items reviewers can find examples of in packet #2, again making the reviewers task easier.

Newslette Example	Year	Title 1	Educator Role	Distributi	ion	Frequency
*	2008	I (Develop concept for each volume Research information using peer- reviewed journals and textbooks Compose all articles with the exception of Kidz Korner (assistant does this) Design and format layout	distributio Albany ~	64 households; 250 n to local agencies 120 households; 50 n to local agencies	Bimonthly with specia editions
				Laramie MD office Carbon an Libraries,	n Centers: Rawlins, F es in Albany and Cart d Albany County ounty Public Health	
Education Example	nal Disp Year	lays:	Educator Role		Location	Number Reached
-						Number Reached
汝	2008	What's in YOUR Lunchbox Bulletin Board	Co-developed concept and design Researched and designed accompany education material (Nutrition Nibble)		Carbon Building 3 rd Floor Hallway	Approximately 10 people viewed
*	2008	Lunchbox	Researched and designed accompany education material (Nutrition Nibble	5)	Carbon Building	Approximately 10
*		Lunchbox Bulletin Board Healthy Aging—Mine and Body	Researched and designed accompany education material (<i>Nutrition Nibbles</i> d Developed Concept and Design	materials	Carbon Building 3 rd Floor Hallway Health Fairs (Older Adult Day, Rawlins; City of Laramie Health	Approximately 10 people viewed display

Packet organizational tips/ideas: Example #10 - Most sections within the annual summary need to be organized chronologically (preferably starting with most recent first and then working backward in time). However, there may be other sub-groups that can be made within the chronology. In this example, the educator's main program areas/audiences are "Traditional 4-H," "Non-traditional 4-H and "4-H Volunteer Management." He organized his multipage "Educational Programs Taught" section by listing items chronologically within those 3 subgroups. Similar subgroups can be helpful when documenting county-, area-, and state-level work.



Other tips/ideas for ET&P packets

- 1. Acronyms! Be sure to spell them out at least once in a single place and put that list where reviewers can easily find and refer back to it.
- 2. Be honest when you describe your responsibilities with various effort and activities.
- 3. If you include photos, include key details in captions:
 - Who is in the picture (include titles/organizations for those beyond CES)?
 - What is being illustrated and/or Why is it important?
 - When did it take place?
 - Where was the photo taken?
- 4. Write for reviewers who are not part of your initiative/issue teams, including reviewers beyond your area or department. Our organization is diverse and your packet will be reviewed by individuals who may know few if any aspects of your programs and other activities. Be organized and as concise as you can, but don't sacrifice important details. The clarity of your descriptions of your work can make a huge difference in how reviewers evaluate your efforts and the recommendations they make which can be important for your future!

