

NOMINATION FOR
Chapter Early Career Service Recognition
Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Zeta Chapter – Texas



Nominee's Name: Alexis Cordova
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Year Initiated into ESP: 2008

Position and Dates of Extension Employment:

County Extension Agent FCS, Liberty County January 1, 2006 Thru Present
County Extension Agent FCS, Calhoun County May 24, 2004 Thru December 31, 2005

Education: Master of Science
Bachelor of Science

Outstanding Professional Accomplishments:

2012 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Team Award for Superior Service
Epsilon Sigma Phi Alpha Zeta Chapter Diversity Team Award
2010 Communication Newsletters Southern Region Winner
2009 Florence Hall Award
Rotary Foundation of Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award
Awarded \$150,000 Potentially Preventable Hospitalization Grant for Liberty County
Awarded \$20,000 Susan B Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Grant

Outstanding Programmatic Accomplishments:

Alexis has become very involved in supporting community leadership and organizations. She has served as the Liberty County Rotary Club Treasurer for 3 years and previously served as Secretary. Alexis is a board member for the J.C. Burnham Foundation and the Health Awareness Coalition. She also serves on the Liberty/Dayton Go-Texas Rodeo Committee. Alexis also supports Extension through serving as Treasurer for the D9 TEAFCS association. Through this in-depth community involvement Alexis is able to leverage community interest and effort in Extending knowledge to improve child care quality, enhance a strong family foundation, improve family support and cohesiveness leading to higher levels of health and wellness of families who can be productive citizens of our communities.

Child care education:

Opportunities for child care professionals in Liberty County and surrounding areas are provided by Alexis to gain continued education to learn developmentally appropriate practices to maintain a safe learning environment for our youth. During 2012, two successful conferences were hosted. On January 21, 2012, 146 child care professionals attended the "Swing into Learning" Child Care Providers Training and gained 7 clock hours of instruction in the following areas: outside learning, bullying, professionalism, food safety and child abuse to meet their annual state licensing requirements. On August 25, 2012, 37 child care professionals attended an intense professional development opportunity to learn about parent communication in the 21st century, self-help skills, music and movement, and science.

4-H Program:

In a two agent county Alexia provided significant support to the 4-H program. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. In the Liberty County 4-H Program, which started September 1, 2011 and ended August 31, 2012, 337 youth, in third through twelfth grade, were registered as active 4-H members, 27 were registered as Clover kids, which are children between the ages of 5 and 8, and 92 adult leaders were registered to assist in leading educational activities and projects and assisting with the management of the program. In Liberty County, 4-H members conduct community service projects, provide leadership to the 9 community clubs around the county, and participate in many projects from livestock, photography, leadership, foods and nutrition, technology, horticulture, to shooting sports to name a few. Youth outreach efforts in schools and afterschool programs reached over 3165 children. Specific outreach programs included bullying, character and health education.

Liberty Youth Hunger Buster Summer Program:

Over 68 Volunteers contributed 5,023 hours towards the 4th annual Liberty Hunger Buster Program which strives to feed hungry children during the summer months, while school is out. In the rural communities, children are often unable to get to a designated school campus for a free lunch in the summer time, with no transportation. The program is a partnership between the Liberty Independent School District (LISD) and local churches. For 49 days, volunteers assisted the Food Service Department at LISD to provide children in Liberty and the surrounding rural communities with a nutritious lunch. 47,584 lunches were served which exceeded the amount of lunches served in past years. An Appreciation luncheon was held for the volunteers and key supporters, such as St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Capital Farm Credit and Liberty Independent School District. This program is a success because volunteers stepped up to assist with delivery and distribution of lunches.

Support Statement:

Alexis is very involved in the Liberty County community, serving in leadership roles on boards, committees, and effectively acting as a change agent by engaging others to become involved in issues seen as important to the community. She offers and supports a diverse array of programs, conferences, and initiatives that improve the health and wellness of families who can be productive citizens in the community. I am very pleased to nominate Alexis for recognition.