

NAoAB Biography

Johanna Reed Adams

Professional Story: Johanna Reed Adams, Ph.D. is a State Community Leadership Development Extension Specialist University of Missouri Extension and Extension Associate Professor in the Division of Applied Social Sciences in the School of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is responsible for the development and implementation of programming designed to respond to the growing need for community-based leadership. Her main focus is the EXCEL (EXperience in Community Enterprise and Leadership Development), the Step Up to Leadership programs and the newly developed Leadership Online For Today.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Masters in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Her research is in the field of leadership development.

She is a graduate of 2007-08 LEAD 21; the National Extension Leadership Development – NELD 2018 program, and 2019 recipient of the Rural Sociological Society Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach.

Band Story: Johanna Reed Adams began playing flute in 6th grade under the wonderful tutelage of Robert Smith and Paul C. Copenhaver in Moberly, MO and studied it and general music until graduating from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1981. While in undergraduate school she was lucky enough to be a member of Marching Mizzou under the phenomenal direction of Dr. Alex Pickard. Marching Mizzou besides Mizzou football games, produced the opportunity to go to the Liberty Bowl, and play annually at Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Cardinals football games. In addition to M2, she was in Mini Mizzou, the pep band. That experience afforded her so many wonderful memories of travel to other Big 8 school basketball and football games. They were fortunate enough to get to go to a couple of NCAA Basketball Tournaments as well as concert tours that took them to public & private schools and to Mizzou Alumni functions all over the Midwest.

Johanna has been active as a Marching Mizzou Alumni Band (M2AB) board member serving as President and an officer for the past 4 years. She learned a great deal in her tenure as President about membership, finance, volunteers, and most about planning for Homecoming. She found it to sometimes be a challenge but rewarding all the same. The M2AB family is very near and dear to her heart.