VAAE 2024 Summer Conference

JULY 15-18, 2024 CULPEPER, VA

WELCOME

VAAE Members,

This year has been a year of growth and renewal for our profession and our agriculture education programs. Attendance at our 98th Virginia FFA State Convention and our State FFA Leadership Camp is evidence that things are growing. We know that with growth comes growing pains at times as well. I am confident that as an organization we will continue to support each other through that growth and change.

This past year our leadership team has made a commitment to providing professional development that meets the needs of our profession. Many of you have stepped up and provided quality training for your colleagues. I hope you know how much we value each of you and your strengths. Thank you for taking the time to share them with us!

A lot of legislative advocacy and relationship building has taken place this year. We continue to bring awareness to the teacher shortage and are taking input from administrators across the state to see what we can do to support alternative licensure avenues. Additionally, we have legislation ready to put forth next session that will help us in collecting the necessary data to further our cause for extended contracts, member funding, and other supports.

Our efforts to work in tandem with teacher preparation programs in Virginia are strengthening. We look to offer more opportunities for students as it relates to choosing the agricultural education profession for their future career. We appreciate those who participate in the "Teach Ag Day" Campaign each fall. Please continue advocating for our profession.

As I retire from my current position, I am committed to supporting our incoming state leadership and continuing the work we started this year. I want to say a special thank you to the Virginia FFA State Staff who have gone above and beyond this last year to support our organization. I also want to say thank you to the VAAE officers for their support and efforts this past year as well. I truly believe we are continuing to make progress for our profession and our students. This is in large part because of our Team AgEd Family.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sarah Jo Jones

VAAE LEADERSHIP

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BUSINESS AGENDA

FIRST SESSION

Call to Order In Memoriam, Invocation VAAE Minutes VAAE Financial Report VAAE Proposed Budget (2023-2024) VACTE Update Virginia/National FFA Update Adjournment

SECOND SESSION

Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President-Elect Dakota Stroud, VAAE Secretary Andy Seibel, VAAE Executive Director -2024) Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President-Elect Brian Fisher, VACTE Representative Andy Seibel and Alison Jones 2023-24 VAAE Executive Committee

Call to Order Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President Advisory Council Update Brain Alexander, Council Chair Foundation Report Virginia FFA Foundation President Report Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President President-Elect Report Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President-Elect Introduction of New Teachers LaVeta Nutter, VDOE New Business Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President Proposed area nominations for VAAE President-Elect, VAAE Secretary, FFA Camp, etc. Announcements Adjournment 2023-24 VAAF Executive Committee

CONFERENCE Schedule

Sunday, July 14th

12:00-12:30 PM - Early Career Teacher Registration (Eat lunch before you arrive, or bring it with you) Eastern View High School

12:30-7:30 PM - Early Career Teacher Conference *Eastern View High School*

Monday, July 15th

8:00 AM - Early Career Teacher Conference *Eastern View High School*

12:00-1:30 PM - Registration Begins Eastern View High School Cafe

1:30 PM - Opening Session, Business Meeting 1 Eastern View High School Cafe

2:00-5:00 PM - SAE for All Training Eastern View High School Cafe

6:00 PM - Trivia Night Old Trade Brewery, 13270 Alanthus Rd, Brandy Station, VA 22714

CONFERENCE Schedule

Tuesday, July 16th

8:00-10:00 AM - Certification Workshops Eastern View High School

9:00-10:00 AM - Morning Workshop Rotation One Eastern View High School

10:15-11:15 AM - Morning Workshop Rotation Two *Eastern View High School*

11:15-12:15 PM - Vendor Hour Eastern View High School

12:15-1:30 PM - Lunch Eastern View High School Cafe

1:30 PM - Group Picture Eastern View Football Field

1:45-2:45 PM - CDE Fair Eastern View High School

2:50-4:00 PM - Roundtable Discussions Eastern View High School

6:00-9:00 PM - Retired Teacher Dinner (Dinner for all recognizing and learning from our retired teachers) Old House Vineyards, 18351 Corkys Ln, Culpeper, VA 22701

CONFERENCE Schedule

Wednesday, July 17th

9:00-10:00 AM - Morning Workshop Rotation One Eastern View High School

10:15-11:15 AM - Morning Workshop Rotation Two *Eastern View High School*

11:30-12:30 PM - Grab & Go Lunch, Business Meeting Eastern View High School Cafe

12:45-2:00 PM - Area Meetings Eastern View High School

2:15-4:15 PM - Make it Take It Workshops *Eastern View High School*

6:00 PM - VAAE Annual Banquet Tuscany Hall, 21125 Kettle Club Rd, Culpeper, VA 22701

Thursday, July 18th

8:00-12:00 PM - Microsoft Training (by Invitation) Eastern View High School Library

TUESDAY CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS 8:00-10:00 AM

Incorporating Industry Certifications in Your Agricultural Classroom with Lisa Barnett

Regardless of a student's post-secondary goals, industry certifications are valuable tools for achieving career success. Within the agiculture industry, certifications foster career development, boost employability and increase workplace productivity. Are you interested in incorporating industry certifications in your classroom? Then you're in luck! During this session, you'll learn tools and strategies to ensure your students earn the VDOE-approved certifications they need. Along the way, you'll even get teh chance to earn a certification for yourself, to learn firsthand what the credentialing process involves within the iCEV platform. *Note: Participants should bring their laptop or personal device for active involvement*.

Greenhouse Growers with Sunnie Wright

Industry certifications can be difficult to keep up with, especially with the busy schedules of agriculture teachers. We are here to help! We combine resources of industry suppliers, breeders, chemical companies, and state and local education facilities to keep you up to date in all aspects of growing and your school program.

Beef Quality Assurance with Katherine Carter

This workshop is for teachers who wish to offer the BQA High School Credential and/or the required BQA Training for Youth Cattle Working Participants. In addition to certification/recertification, we cover the logistics and details of the BQA HS Credential Curriculum and the requirements for accessing that curriculum; talk about the testing requirements handled by Safety First; and participate in some hands-on activities that are provided to support the curriculum. This program and trainer testing will fulfill requirements for initial certification and recertification. Teachers are responsible for determining the status of their current certification.

Hunter Safety with Zach Adams

This is a customized version of the New Hunter Education Instructor Training Certification. This class is intended to teach new certified teachers the curriculum that is involved in teaching Hunter Education. The main topics to be covered are learning the database for tracking classes, registering hours & mileage, and covering the "hands on" topics.

TUESDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 9:00-10:00 AM

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Horticulture Curriculum with MyCaert - Callie Schorfheide

Dive into Horticulture with the 5E Model! Plant science continues to be a top requested pathway for trusted and valuable resources. The Horticulture 5E Curriculum presents a library of lesson plans that may be used in a variety of horticultural pathways and courses. This library provides introductory lessons for those students getting acquainted with horticulture, as well as advanced materials for those students seeking more demanding coursework. A special segment of the workshop will focus on floral design and the newest tool, BloomyEdu.

The Food-Energy-Water Nexus Case Study Curriculum - Kendrick Spencer

The Food-Energy-Water Nexus can be used in a variety of agricultural science classrooms to help students explore the production decisions of agriculturalist based on the interactions of food, energy, and water. This 6 week curriculum will deepen students' understanding of how agriculture interacts with food systems, energy systems, and water systems within their local regions. We will present a 6-week curriculum that helps students to explore the interactions of the FEW-Nexus while also being instructed on production and management decisions with the FEW Nexus. We will provide a variety related projects that teachers can modify to their specific needs.

Chomping at the Bit - Blair Hoffman

If you teach an Equine Science class or coach a Horse Judging and/or Hippology team, this workshop will give you some basic knowledge and pointers to get started or brush up your skills! We will discuss the newly revised Equine Science competencies for the 8015 course, identify basic equipment, breeds, feeds, and terms. We will also practice judging a few halter and performance classes. You'll take back some basic horse sense that you can share with your students!

Middle School CDE: Coaching Problem Solving Share Time - Kate Hawkins

Creating practice materials for middle school CDEs can be challenging for problem-solving activities. Join us to exchange ideas and strategies that can help streamline this process. Participants are encouraged to bring digital or paper copies of their practice materials to share with the group.

CTE High-Quality Work-Based Learning Discussion - Ainsley Cockerille

Interested in promoting the value CTE students bring to the HQWBL experience by understanding how the Academic and Career Plan can be used to engage with business partners? Get the answers and more during this Career and Technical Education (CTE) High-Quality Work-Based Learning (HQWBL) discussion. Learn how the Academic and Career Plan can play a role in solidifying business partnerships and explore ways CTE HQWBL can be incorporated into your Agricultural classes.

TUESDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 10:15-11:15 AM

Greenhouse Growers Certification Exam - Sunnie Wright

This is the testing block for those participating in the Greenhouse Growers Certification course. (Only if involved in the 8AM-10AM class)

Systems for Your Systems - Sarah Jo Jones

Whether you're a veteran teacher of just getting started, you probably feel overwhelmed from time to time (as the need arises). In this workshop we will talk about ways to engineer your environment to alleviate some of your stress by using systems. We will look at some unique ways to structure your classroom, manage your FFA chapter, and your home.

Farm to School Programming - Jonathan Grimes

The Virginia Farm to School Program increases equitable access to fresh, healthy, Virginia grown food while providing hands-on learning opportunities in a variety of educational settings. Across Virginia, schools and community sponsors of federal child nutrition programs express a growing enthusiasm to provide nutritious food, support local farmers, and educate students about healthy eating, agriculture, and the environment.

National Board Certification - Katie Hawkins

We will walk through the steps needed to complete your National Board Certification. All components will be discussed and we will have a time for questions about the process.

Athletic Field Painting - Marc Moran

Have you ever wondered how those cool designs end up on football fields? Join Marc Moran in painting a VAAE design on Eastern View's football field.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 9:00-10:00 AM

Advancing Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) in Virginia - Bryan David and Scott Lowman

The VT/IARL CEA Innovation Center, in partnership with GoVa Region 3, is developing an initiative to teach CEA in VaFFA 6-12th grade classrooms. Building on the success of a program already in place called GO TEC®, which has already developed curricula and integrated a fully operational and self-contained vertical indoor unit (see image below) into several middle school programs, this new initiative seeks to engage a number of FFA teachers and their programs. FFA already has modules on related topics, such as lighting, that may be combined to develop a CEA credential for interested students. Additionally, future opportunities could include experiential learning opportunities for CEA applied research and development. The CEA Innovation Center plans to pursue grant funding to provide an indoor unit, all necessary supplies, training materials, and implementation support for FFA teachers and programs.

Preparing Students for the Spanish a Creed CDE - Cecilia Vega

This workshop will be an overview of Spanish Creed LDE including tips and tricks on how to prepare your first speaker.

Elevate with Canva - Lindsey Baber

This make-it-take-it style workshop will focus on how to utilize the Canva application in the classroom and FFA programming. Come ready to explore some of the things that Canva has to offer! Together, we will create useful tools for you to use throughout the school year.

Workshop attendees should bring:

Computer Any ideas for marketing your program Questions you have about using Canva An example lesson idea

Viticulture - Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch

This industry leader will address the need for vineyard workers, potential careers for students, and how she coordinated with a local school division to create viticulture curriculum.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 10:15-11:15 AM

National FFA Teacher Ambassador - Dakota Stroud and Elizabeth Eastep

Come join Virginia's National Teacher Ambassadors for FFA and learn about various educational resources and experiences offered by the National FFA Organization. Ambassadors will also be sharing the process of becoming a National Teacher Ambassador for FFA and the impact made on Agriculture Education and FFA.

Safety for a Well Rounded Ag Program - Brian Alexander and Jonathan Grimes

In any agriculture program, safety of the students is paramount! During this workshop, agriculture teachers and owners of Safety First, Brian Alexander and Jonathan Grimes, will share resources and lead discussion around safety for experiential content such as woodworking, welding, electricity, and animal handling.

Working Effectively with Administrators - Mark Hawkins

Learn and implement effective strategies and best practices for building positive relationships with school leaders. Content includes: How to communicate effectively and advocate for your program needs; Building and maintaining trust, staying relevant, and being a valuable resource to your school; and navigating the hurdles of the novice administrator. This workshop is led by Mark Hawkins. Mark taught Agricultural Education for 12 years before becoming an assistant principal where he has worked for the last 15 years.

Application Coaching - Brian Fisher

Do you have a FFA application you would like feedback on? Here's your chance! Bring your National Chapter, Proficiency applications, Star applications, etc. to this workshop and receive valuable advice from successful advisors in those areas.



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MAKE-IT TAKE-IT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS 2:15 -4:15 PM

Developing a Capstone Welding Project - Marc Moran

This Make-It, Take-it will feature an all encompassing final project that allows a student to hit on several cold metal and welding skills. It will go from layout, to cutting, fitting, set-up and assembly. Those who complete the workshop will walk away with the finished product, and a set of digital and hardcopy plans.

Alternatives to Fresh Florals - Renee Hypes

Discover innovative and sustainable alternatives to fresh floral materials in our engaging workshop. Learn how to incorporate dried flowers, artificial botanicals, and other creative materials into your horticulture projects and classes, ensuring year-round beauty and reduced environmental impact.

Metal Stamped Keychains - Ted Delano

Join us for a fun and creative Metal Keychain Stamping Workshop, where you can personalize your own unique keychain! This hands-on workshop is perfect for beginning agriculture students and is a great project for community events. No prior experience is necessary – just bring your creativity and a willingness to learn!

Steampunk Man Lamp on the Cheap - Lynne Phillips

Have you seen the \$200-500 Steampunk Lamps? You can learn how to make a lamp shaped like a person using plumbing parts instead of the metal pipes. Learn the cost-effective tricks to finding electrical and plumbing parts to keep your budget on track. Combine plumbing and electrical lessons for your students. End up with a cool desk lamp!

Kid Friendly Activities with Recyclables - Amy Beard

Want some fun activities to do with your local elementary school students but are on a tight budget? Tin cans, milk cartons, and soda bottles are great for making all kinds of things and it keeps them out of the trash! Come see how to make a bee house, milk carton bird feeder, and a tin can owl using recycled materials and make one of your own to take home.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dear VAAE,

I find myself in awe of how I have come to land among such an amazing group of professionals. This year, I get the opportunity to hear your ideas and concerns and to advocate for our association at every given opportunity. Ultimately, the products of the efforts of VAAE are educated, inspired and positively impacted future generations of agriculturalists. Thus, it is my great pleasure to represent this outstanding organization in the upcoming year.

The VAAE is fundamental for agriculture education within our state and in turn our agriculture industry and economy. It is not a far cry to say it is an agriculture teacher's duty to assist in the development of our nation's next group of leaders. Looking forward, it is my hope that we can work together to further opportunities for our VAAE members and see the benefits our students reap from us doing so. Our organization is so much more than teaching students about the different aspects of agriculture. We assist Virginia's students in building vital leadership abilities, acquiring financial skills for life-long gain, and developing the ability to appropriately and clearly communicate. I have learned that there is much more than what we do on a daily-basis at the school or even county level that impacts our ability to perform the fore-mentioned tasks.

I hope that each of you will continue to engage in activities and processes that allow our association to grow and thrive. I encourage you to ask questions and seek out opportunities to become more involved within our association. Through open communication, active networking and maximizing collaboration, the VAAE will continue to be the force it has always been, allowing us an impactful voice in legislative advocacy.

I'd like to thank Sarah Jo, Melissa, Dakota, Andy, Alison and the Executive Board for their guidance, support and patience while I learn the scope and duties of this role as well as all the facets in which I can work to serve the VAAE. I am truly honored to serve you this year and appreciate the opportunity immensely.

Best Regards,

Lindsay Tomlinson

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2023-2024 VAAE Award Winners

Outstanding Early Career Teacher: Michelle Fincham, Rappahannock County High

Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher: Matthew Nanny, Rappahannock High

Outstanding Program: Appomattox High

Teachers Turn the Key Scholarship: Dakota Stroud, Signal Knob Middle

Ideas Unlimited: Mandy Curry, Millbrook High

Teacher Mentor: Jessica Jones, Tunstall High

Retiring Teachers: Carole Brown, Tunstall Middle Andrew Schmitt, Buckingham Senior Amy Stevens, Read Mountain Middle

VAAE PRESIDENTS

Term	President	School/County Represented	Term	President	School/County Represented
1941-43 1943-45 1945-46 1946-47 1947-49 1949-51 1951-53 1953-55 1955-57 1957-59 1959-60 1960-61 1961-62 1962-63 1963-64 1964-65 1965-66 1966-67 1967-68 1968-69 1969-70 1970-71 1971-72 1972-73 1973-74 1974-75 1975-76 1975-76 1975-76 1975-77 1977-78 1978-79 1979-80 1980-81 1981-82 1982-83 1983-84 1984-85 1985-86 1986-87 1987-88	R.R. Tolbert H.F. Adams H.D. Seal S.W. Lee L.L. Beazley R.A. Wall L.E. Kent J.E. Peters J.E. Peters A.T. Poole J.H. Copenhaver J.L. Givens J.R. Cardwell E.M. Pennington E.J. Richardson Sherman Davis E.F. Wilson H.A. Hawkins R.B. Carter George Lancaster Jack Rudolph John Parker D.D. Wilson Boyd Roller Dennis Torrence Roy Loving Tulley Larew William Gwathmey Dean Sutphin Tom Burgess Lewis Williamson, Jr. Grayson Balderson James Huffman James Wright Rudolph Haden Bobby Waddell W.W. Cupp John Roberts John Downing	Culpeper Montross Ashland Courtland Disputanta Luray South Hill Andrew Lewis Spring Garden Stoney Creek Wytheville Winchester Halifax Louisa Galax Montross Wytheville Fishersville Appomattox Louisa Grayson Windsor Abingdon Strasburg Appomattox Fluvanna Narrows King and Queen Carroll Rockingham Nottoway Mechanicsville Botetourt Southampton Christiansburg Appomattox Penn Laird Nelson Northampton	1996-98 1998-99 1999-00 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2022-23	Dan Swafford Jimmy Burcher Andy Seibel Robert Nobblitt John Hennessee Bob Moss Jimmy Craddock Mike Wagner David Balderson Howard Hill Brian Alexander Darryl Holland Jeff Wilt Russell Jennings Teresa Lindberg Sarah Scyphers Jessica M. Jones Brian Fisher Katie Reams Howard Hill Jonathan Grimes Jessica M. Jones Teresa Lindberg Susan Hilleary Christy H. Kerr Melessa Suder Sarah Jo Jones	Montgomery Appomattox Augusta Madison Prince George Tazewell Pittsylvania Rockingham Hanover King William Wythe Henry Frederick Louisa Greensville Washington Pittsylvania Shenandoah Culpeper King William Wythe Pittsylvania Greensville Fauquier Augusta Culpeper Carroll
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VAAE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT - JULY '23 - JUNE '24

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	124
	Jul '23 - Jun 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Conference Registration Dues Received	36,098.56 23,294.46
Fruit Rebate	1,026.98
Indirect Public Support	8,000.00
Investments Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	36.88
Total Investments	36.88
Other Types of Income Miscellaneous Revenue	630.00
Total Other Types of Income	630.00
Program Income Membership Dues	2,090.88
Program Service Fees	14,016.91
Total Program Income	16,107.79
Retired Teachers Reception	100.00
Winter In-Service Registration	12,970.00
Total Income	98,264.67
Gross Profit	98,264.67
Expense	
Accounting Fees Ag Teachers Conference Expense	641.67 17,465,41
Bank Fees	184.58
Insurance - Liability, D and O Investmment Fees	150.00 3,210.66
Merchant deposit fees	1,326.25
NAAE Convention Operations	13,958.38
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	68.55
Total Operations	68.55
Other Types of Expenses	
Memberships and Dues	13,694.20
Other Types of Expenses - Other	2,200.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	15,894.20
Reconciliation Discrepancies	305.00
Retired Teacher's Reception Star Grant	131.04 4,497.05
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting National Policy Seminar	11,647.81 1,562.04
Region VI Conference	430.68
VACTE Conference Expense	2,010.82
Total Travel and Meetings	15,651.35
Winter In-Service	5,090.59
Total Expense	78,574.73
Net Ordinary Income	19,689.94
	Jul '23 - Jun 24
Other Income/Expense	our 20 - Juli 24
Other Income/Expense Other Expense	
Wingo/Swafford	1,625.00
Legacy	1,625.00
Total Other Expense	-1,625.00
Net Other Income	18,064.94

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VAAE PROPOSED BUDGET - JULY '24 - JUNE '25

Anticipated Revenue 2024 -2025	
Dues	\$22,000.00
Sponsorship/Support	\$10,000.00
Conference Exhibitor Fees	\$1,000.00
Conference Registration	\$33,000.00
Silent and Regular Auction	\$2,000.00
Winter Conference	\$9,000.00
Program Income	\$5,000.00
Interest/Investment	\$1,000.00
Fruit Rebate	\$1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$84,000.00
Anticipated Expenses	
Accounting	\$1,200.00
Banking/Merchant Fees	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$250.00
Dues Paid out to NAAE/VACTE/ACTE	\$16,000.00
National Policy Seminar	\$2,500.00
VAAE Winter Conference	\$7,000.00
VAAE Summer Conference	\$30,000.00
Office	\$1,000.00
VA Agribusiness Council Dinner	\$2,500.00
VACTE Conference	\$2,500.00
Dues Gift	\$1,500.00
Executive Directors	\$1,000.00
Travel	\$2,050.00
NAAE Convention	\$14,000.00
Total Expenses	\$84,000.00
Net	\$0.00

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