

VAAE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS



2024 WINTER IN-SERVICE

January 19-20, 2024
Culpeper, Virginia

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th

12:00–1:00 PM Registration

1:00–2:00 PM Welcome/Introduction Session

2:00–3:00 PM National FFA Award Applications with Brett Evans (National FFA)

3:05–4:50 PM – Workshops

- Hunter Safety Train the Trainer, Zach Adams (DWR)
- Beef Quality Assurance, Katherine Carter (VT, School of Animal Science)
- Middle School Idea Share, Dani Hodges (Appomattox Middle School)
- Edible Arrangements, Melanie Barrow (Henry County VCE)
- Teaching and Coaching Middle School Forestry, John Welsh (J. Frank Hillyard)

4:55–6:30 PM – Workshops

- ShopBot Information Session (*Virtual*), John Carpenter (Carroll County Middle) & ShopBot
- Department of Forestry Curriculum, Ellen Powell (VDOF)
- Boater Safety Introduction, Trevor Ruble (DWR)
- Dairy Judging Train the Trainer, Dr. Katherine Knowlton (VT, School of Animal Science)
- Electricity, Ted DeLano (Culpeper CTEC)

6:35–7:35 PM Dinner, Prepared by CTEC Culinary Students

7:40–8:30 PM – Roundtable Discussions

- Fruit Fundraisers, Kate Hawkins
- Engaging with Your Community
- Partnering with Your High School as a Feeder Program
- Public Relations and Social Media
- Starting an Alumni Program
- Brett Evans – Award Applications for National FFA
- Eric Fitzgerald – CTE Director Relations

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

6:00–8:15 AM Breakfast at Hotel

7:30–8:30 AM Conference Registration and Networking Time

8:30–12:00 PM – Certification Workshops

- CAT 10 Recertification, Marc Moran (Atlee High)
- Greenhouse Growers Certification (TENTATIVE)

8:30–9:30 AM – Workshops

- Utilizing Canva in Your Program and Curriculum, Emily Roy (James Wood High)
- AET Overview and Q&A, Cindy Green (Mechanicville High)
- 6 Week Food-Energy-Water Nexus Case Study Curriculum, Dr. Hannah Scherer (VT, ALCE)
- Work Smarter, Not Harder – Using AI Applications in AgEd, Melessa Suder (Eastern View High)

9:40–11:40 AM – Workshops

- Sheet Metal Roses, Susan Hilleary (Fauquier High)
- Sheep to Shape: Wool Felting in the Classroom, Devon Smith (Millbrook High)
- Terrariums, Jennifer Neil (Buffalo Gap High)
- Vet Science CDE Overview, Samantha Martynowski (Eastern View High)
- National Chapter and Degree Tips and Tricks, Madeline Young and Brett Evans (National FFA)

11:45–12:45 – Lunch, Prepared by CTEC Culinary Arts

12:50–2:30 (full time allotment if needed) – Workshops

- Greenhouse Maintenance, Cindy Green (Mechanicsville High)
- Parliamentary Procedure, Janae Pettit and Herb Hoffeditz (Broadway High)
- Level Up with FFA Educator Resources, National FFA Teacher Ambassadors
- Rainbow Trout, Don Rhodes (Rockingham Academy)
- Mushroom Inoculation (TENTATIVE), Kristin Beery (Valley Tech)