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2025 VAAE SUMMER CONFERENCE

CULTIVATING
APPALACHIAN
HOSPITALITY

JULY 14-17, 2025
WYTHEVILLE, VIRGINIA

"Rooted in tradition, growing through education."

WELCOME

DEAR VAAE,

As my term as President of the Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared and the profound impact you, our dedicated agriculture teachers, have on the lives of countless students and the future of our industry. It is with a heart full of immense gratitude that I thank you for this opportunity.

Over the past twenty years, I have had the distinct privilege of witnessing your tireless efforts, innovative approaches, and unwavering commitment to agricultural education. You stand on the front lines, shaping the minds of the next generation of farmers, scientists, engineers, and leaders. In classrooms, on farms, in laboratories, and at FFA events, you are not just teaching subjects; you are cultivating passion, fostering critical thinking, and instilling the values of hard work, stewardship, and community.

The challenges in education are ever-present, yet you consistently rise above them. You adapt to new technologies, integrate cutting-edge practices, and connect students to real-world applications, ensuring that agricultural education remains relevant, dynamic, and inspiring. From guiding students through complex scientific concepts to mentoring them in leadership roles, your dedication goes far beyond the typical workday. You are true mentors, often serving as a pivotal influence in your students' career paths and personal development.

I have seen firsthand the incredible Programs of Activities your Chapters' undertake, the confidence they gain through your guidance, and the vital role your programs play in strengthening local communities. Your work is not merely about growing crops or raising livestock; it's about growing people, nurturing potential, and ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for agriculture. This profound dedication, often unseen by many, is the bedrock of our profession, and it is something to be celebrated.

Thank you for your passion, your perseverance, and your profound belief in the power of agricultural education. It has been the honor of my professional life to serve as your President. Though my term concludes, my admiration for each of you will endure. Keep inspiring, keep teaching, and keep cultivating the future.

With deepest appreciation,

Lindsay Tomlinson

President, Virginia Association of Agriculture Educators

VAAE LEADERSHIP

VAAE President
Lindsay Tomlinson
Liberty High

VAAE Secretary
Jacob Lewis
Fort Defiance High

Appalachian Vice President
Mary Katherine Rhudy
Damascus Middle

Appalachian Secretary
Tori Alley
Pulaski County High

Appalachian Treasurer
Kelsey Davidson
Holston High

Northern Vice President
Miranda Locuratolo
Liberty High/CL Payne

Northern Secretary
Mandy Curry
Millbrook High

Northern Treasurer
Katie Bethke
Millbrook High

VAAE Past-President
Sarah Jo Jones
VA FFA

VACTE Representative
Brian Fisher
Strasburg High

Blue Ridge Vice President
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Riverheads High

Blue Ridge Secretary/Treasurer
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Southeast Vice President
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Southeast Secretary
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Elizabeth Duncan
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Caroline Middle

South Ridge Vice President
Tiffany Anderson
Magna Vista High

South Ridge Secretary
Alysha Lawless
Bassett High

South Ridge Treasurer
Kate Chilcott
James River High



BUSINESS AGENDA

First Session

Welcome	VA FB Young Farmers
Dinner	
Call to Order	Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President
In Memoriam, Invocation	Elizabeth Duncan, VAAE President-Elect
VAAE Minutes	Jacob Lewis, VAAE Secretary
VAAE Financial Report	Andy Seibel, VAAE Executive Director
VAAE Proposed Budget (2025-2026)	Elizabeth Duncan, VAAE President-Elect
VACTE Update	Brian Fisher, VACTE Representative
Virginia/National FFA Update	Andy Seibel and Sarah Jo Jones
VDOE Update	LaVeta Nutter, VDOE
Adjournment	2024-2025 Executive Committee

Second Session

Call to Order	Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President
Advisory Council Update	Brian Alexander, Council Chair
Foundation Report	Jennifer Armstrong, Foundation Director
President Report	Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President
President-Elect Report	Elizabeth Duncan, VAAE President-Elect
Introduction of New Teachers	LaVeta Nutter, VDOE
New Business	Andy Seibel and Sarah Jo Jones
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed area nominations for VAAE President-Elect, VAAE Secretary, VACTE, Camp, etc.	Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President
Adjournment	2024-2025 Executive Committee

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, July 14th

8:00 AM-4:00 PM - Early Career Teacher Conference
Wytheville Meeting Center

9:00 AM-12:00 PM- Farm Beats Microsoft Training (by invitation)
Wytheville Meeting Center

12:00 PM-4:00 PM - CAT 10 Recertification Review
Wytheville Meeting Center

1:00 PM-4:00 PM - Unlocking Career Potential: Free VDOE-Approved Certifications for Educators - Robert Limpert, iCEV
Wytheville Meeting Center

1:00 PM-4:00 PM - Cattle Working Clinic with Katherine Carter, Virginia Tech

4:00 PM-6:00 PM - Registration
Wytheville Meeting Center

6:00 PM-8:00 PM - Welcome Session and Dinner
Wytheville Meeting Center



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 15th

8:00 AM-11:00 AM - The Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET) General Session with Ben Meyer from AET
Wytheville Meeting Center

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Vendor Hour
Wytheville Meeting Center

12:00 PM-1:00 PM - Working Lunch with Area Meetings
Wytheville Meeting Center

1:15 PM-3:10 PM -Workshops
See workshop descriptions

3:00 PM-3:30 PM - Sponsored Snack by Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers

6:00 PM-9:00 PM - Retired Teacher Dinner (*dinner for all recognizing and learning from our retired teachers*) - Auction to follow

*Rocky Hollow Farm & Venue
151 Rose Hill Rd, Wytheville, VA 24382*

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 16th

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Industry Tours
Various locations, see Tours Descriptions

12:00 PM-1:30 PM - Lunch and VAAE Business Meeting
Wytheville Meeting Center

2:00 PM-4:05 PM - Workshops
See workshop descriptions

6:00 PM - VAAE Awards Banquet and Special Performance of *The Music Man*

*Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre
170 Malin Dr, Wytheville, VA 24382
<https://www.wohlfahrthaus.com/>*

Thursday, July 17th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Make It Take It Workshops
See workshop descriptions

MONDAY CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Unlocking Career Potential: Free VDOE-Approved Certifications for Educators - Robert Limpert, iCEV

Are you an educator seeking initial Virginia Licensure? Or do you want to equip your students with a competitive edge in their chosen career paths? This workshop offers a unique opportunity to achieve both! We are proud to offer 13 Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) approved certifications, and educators attending this session can earn one of these certifications for FREE to fulfill licensure requirements.

Attendees will sign up for their chosen certification course during the workshop and can then work at their own pace throughout the summer, making professional development flexible and accessible.

In today's competitive landscape, industry certifications are invaluable. For students, these credentials drive career growth, boost employability, and enhance workplace readiness, regardless of their chosen industry. In Career and Technical Education (CTE), certifications are particularly crucial for validating skills and opening doors to high-demand careers.

Join this session to discover how iCEV's industry certification platform simplifies the integration of these vital credentials into any learning environment. Learn how to empower yourself and your students to gain the skills and certifications necessary for future success!

MONDAY CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

12:00 PM-4:00PM - CAT 10 Recertification - Marc Moran, Atlee FFA *Wytheville Meeting Center*

Oops! What is the date again??? What do I need to do to get recertified?? This workshop will help you meet your recertification requirements for the Category 10 Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. Not certified? This workshop can help you prepare for the exam prior to taking it, but will not offer the initial exam.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Cattle Working Clinic - Katherine Carter, Virginia Tech

Begin at Wytheville Meeting Center, Carpool to Local Farm

A hands-on, deep dive into the components of the Virginia Youth Cattle Working Contest including how to complete the processing map, tips and tricks for preparing a safe and competitive team, and go chute side to practice cattle working on live cattle at a working operation. Put yourself in the shoes of your students and help them be better stockpersons.

INDUSTRY TOURS, TUESDAY MORNING

8:00 AM-12:00 PM - *Bus transportation is provided from and to the Meeting Center. You are free to drive your own vehicle if you prefer, but please carpool when possible.*

From Field to Fork: A Fresh Look at Carroll County Agriculture

Experience the heart of Virginia agriculture with a guided tour through Carroll County's green bean fields, a thriving peach orchard, and the packing lines of Virginia Produce Company. Led by Moir Beamer—owner of VPC and Virginia FFA Foundation board member—this tour offers an inside look at how fresh produce moves from farm to table in one of the state's most productive regions.

Roots & Ranches: Exploring Fort Chiswell Agriculture

Discover the heart of Southwest Virginia's ag industry with a guided tour of Bottomley Evergreens & Farms and G & G Livestock Ranch in Fort Chiswell. From produce and evergreens to cattle production and marketing, this tour offers ag educators a firsthand look at large-scale operations that connect classroom learning to real-world agriculture.

Streams & Sustainability: Aquaculture in Action

Dive into Virginia's aquaculture and conservation efforts with a tour of Cedar Springs Trout Farm and the Wytheville State Fish Hatchery. From family-owned commercial trout production to state-run fish stocking and habitat preservation, this tour offers ag educators a unique glimpse into aquatic agriculture, resource management, and the science behind sustainable fisheries.

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

1:15 PM - 2:10 PM Managing Your FFA Chapter - Laurel Bishop and Thomas Davis, Dinwiddie FFA

Wytheville Meeting Center

Ever feel like you're just barely keeping your head above water as an FFA Advisor? Are you constantly like a hamster on a wheel and always feeling behind? In this session, we will discuss how to empower your officers to take the lead and fully become student leaders. We will give tips and tricks that allow us as advisors to be as prepared and successful as possible, along with ways to manage our time and ensure that we are keeping ourselves on track to better serve our students. This session will help you unlock a new level as an advisor and hopefully allow you to take a breath!

1:15 PM - 2:10 PM Big Picture Planning - Dr. Natalie Ferand, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Learn how to focus on big picture goals to plan your courses that best to meet the needs of your students and community. We will discuss our individual purposes for teaching agriculture in relation to our specific locations, break down courses into manageable pieces, and how to transition these pieces to smaller lessons. - Similar to the workshop offered in 2022 if you attended then.

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

1:15 PM-2:10 PM - Introduction to Youth Dairy Science CDEs and Programs - Jeremy Daubert, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Learn more about the various Dairy-Focused CDEs that exist for Virginia FFA Members. In addition to dates and locations, gain access to the components of the CDE's and learn more about the educational events offered by Virginia Tech, the Youth Animal Science Program and the Virginia Tech Dairy Club.

1:15 PM-2:10 PM - A Deeper Look at Chapter Tools in AET with Ben Meyer, AET

Wytheville Meeting Center

In this session we expand our look at AET from the morning session with a focus on tools for your chapter such as POA, calendar, and the website. Bring your laptop for a chance to explore and navigate these tools together.

2:15 PM-3:10 PM - Connecting AET and FFA Applications with Ben Meyer, AET

Wytheville Meeting Center

Discover how AET and FFA applications work hand-in-hand to make recordkeeping more meaningful and efficient for your FFA members. This session will explore the connections between student records and award applications, helping you streamline processes and enhance student engagement. Bring your laptop for a hands-on experience that will allow you to apply what you learn in real time.

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

2:15 PM-3:10 PM - Flaws and All: Empowering FFA Officers to Lead Authentically - Caitlin Tatum, National FFA Ambassador

Wytheville Meeting Center

Challenging advisors to let go of the "FFA Perfect" mindset and set their officer team up for a year of success using National FFA Resources!

2:15 PM-3:10 PM - Igniting Student Passion with Virginia Farm Bureau's Young Farmers - Kelly Roberts and Dana Fisher, Virginia Farm Bureau

Wytheville Meeting Center

Unleash your students' potential by connecting them with Virginia's largest agricultural producer organization—Farm Bureau Young Farmers! Discover dynamic ways to spark excitement in your classroom, from hands-on partnerships with local Farm Bureau producers to immersive state-wide events designed for the next generation of agricultural leaders. Plus, get the inside scoop on an unmissable opportunity to join the American Farm Bureau Convention in Charlotte, NC, in January 2027, where your students can learn on a national stage!

2:15 PM-3:10 PM - The Power of Teacher Agency: Are you following policy or guiding it? - Demikia Taylor, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Policies shape what we teach, how we teach, and how we advocate for our programs but not all policies are written down. In this interactive workshop, we'll explore common rules (and unwritten expectations) that impact your daily work as an ag teacher. Together, we'll reflect on past experiences, share practical strategies, and imagine the future of agricultural education. You'll also learn how your voice and choices can influence policy at the school, district, and state level. This session is part of a pilot study for a dissertation, with an option to participate further. Come ready to connect, reflect, and explore: Are you following policy or guiding it?

TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

1:15 PM-3:00 PM - Middle School CDE/LDE Session

Wytheville Meeting Center

Join us for an interactive session where five experienced advisors will share their top study tips and preparation techniques for the five middle school-specific Career and Leadership Development Events (CDE/LDEs). Whether you're new to these competitions or looking to refine your current approach, this workshop offers valuable insight into how different programs support student success.

Following the presentations, we will lead a collaborative session revisiting the committees for each of these events. Participants will break into groups to build a shared databank of sample materials for each part of the competitions. This is a great opportunity for new teachers to gain clarity on event structure and expectations while veteran teachers can exchange ideas and enhance their existing strategies.

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM - From Safety to Sawdust: Practical Shop Training for Ag Teachers - Jonathan Grimes and Brian Alexander, Safety First

*Rural Retreat High School
321 E Buck Ave, Rural Retreat, VA 24368*

This hands-on session is designed specifically for agriculture teachers who manage shop spaces. Learn how to teach and reinforce critical safety practices in the ag mechanics lab, then build a simple woodworking project you can take back to your classroom. You'll leave with ready-to-use safety resources, instructional tools, and a student-friendly project plan.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM - From Interest to Impact: Getting Your Students into the Virginia Governor's School for Agriculture - Dr. Brett Miliken, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Maybe you've heard of the Virginia Governor's School for Agriculture (VGSA)—maybe you haven't. Either way, our time together will give you a clear picture of what VGSA is all about. We'll explore the program's mission to develop knowledgeable leaders in agriculture, strengthen STEM connections within the ag industry, and prepare students to tackle real-world challenges in agriculture and the life sciences. You'll learn about the exciting activities students take part in—from engaging courses and lab work to immersive field experiences, research projects, and public speaking. We'll also break down who's eligible to apply, how the selection process works, and the timeline for your rising juniors and seniors to submit their applications.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM - Pathways to Licensure - Dr. Natalie Ferand, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

this workshop will explain the three paths to teacher licensure in Virginia (undergrad, MS, and alternative), as well as program options (even beyond VT) for each pathway. This is a similar workshop that was given at winter, but there are some updates. This is also an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

2:00 PM-3:00 PM - Agriscience Fair Strategies for Success - Dr. Hannah Scherer, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Agriscience Fair is in a category all its own! Join us for an overview of the contest, resources for helping your FFA members through the process, and strategies for success. This session will be responsive to the needs of participants, so bring all of your questions.

WEDNESDAY WORKSHOPS

2:00 PM-3:00 PM - AET Q & A Session with Ben Meyer, AET

Wytheville Meeting Center

This time is specifically designed for participants to ask questions of their peers and Mr. Meyer. Bring your laptop to access theAET.com for hands-on assistance.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM - Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification

Katherine Carter, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

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.

3:05-4:05 - "Ask the Owls": Wisdom from the Field

Wytheville Meeting Center

In this moderated panel, participants will have the chance to tap into the knowledge and experience of seasoned agricultural educators and industry leaders—the “Older and Wiser Owls.” Designed as an open forum, this session invites questions, conversation, and candid advice on everything from classroom management and SAE ideas to career development and work-life balance. Whether you're a new teacher or simply looking to gain fresh perspective, this interactive session offers meaningful mentorship and shared insight for all who are not participating in the BQA Certification Workshop.

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Youth Equine Educational Events and Tips for Preparing Successful Teams - Hunter Liles, Virginia Tech

Wytheville Meeting Center

Do you have equine-interested youth in your program but limited horse knowledge or experience? Maybe you have equine experience but are unsure what the equine contests involve? Join us to learn more about what equine contests are offered, components of those contests, and national implications. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to review resources available for equine competition teams, take a look at examples of actual contest materials, and hear tips from other coaches about helping your teams to achieve success in these events.

9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Ikebana on a Dime: Engaging Students with Style! - Melessa Suder

Wytheville Meeting Center

Get ready to dive into the art of Ikebana—the Japanese art of floral arranging—with a fun, budget-friendly twist! In this hands-on, energy-packed workshop, you'll not only learn how to create your own stunning Ikebana-inspired arrangement, but also how to teach it in a way that captures your students' attention and sparks their creativity. We'll explore interactive teaching strategies, creative material substitutions, and classroom-friendly variations that fit any budget. Walk away with a completed arrangement, ready-to-use lesson plan, engaging resources, and ideas so fun your students will be asking, “Can we do this again?” Perfect for new and seasoned educators alike—this workshop will turn flower power into your teaching superpower!

THURSDAY WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Soil Matters - Stephanie Dean, Carroll County High School

Wytheville Meeting Center

In this hands-on workshop, we will investigate the composition and texture of soil samples from diverse locations, using the soil texture triangle to classify and compare them. Building on this scientific exploration, participants will then transform their findings into creative expression by painting with natural soil pigments.

9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Working With Your Local Nature Center And Owl Box Make It Take It With Lindsay Tomlinson, University of Lynchburg

Wytheville Meeting Center

Do you teach Ecology, Fisheries, Forestry, or Outdoor Recreation and Tourism? Would you be interested in learning about working with local nature centers and/or hands-on projects that help teach your competencies?

In this workshop we will talk about working with your local nature center and explore a lesson on our winged friends, bats and owls. We will construct owl boxes – a simple and fun activity you can do with your own students to help promote wildlife awareness and conservation.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ELECT

Dear VAAE Members,

Welcome to our summer conference in Wytheville! I am excited about a week of professional development and the opportunity to network with our colleagues. Professionally, this is one of my favorite weeks of the summer. Conference is a time to reconnect with friends, share our successes, encourage one another during our struggles, and plan future opportunities for youth in agricultural education and our communities.

We are currently teaching during an exciting time in Agricultural Education in the Commonwealth as we fully embrace the three-circle model. This year, thanks to a grant from Virginia Cooperative Extension, all schools will be able to track SAE projects through The AET. The data this generates will help tell the story of your students' SAE experiences and the impact they have on your program, school, and community. VAAE challenges you to use this as a tool to share these impacts with your community. This, in turn, will provide our state leadership with statistics needed to advocate for even greater support at the state level.

Looking ahead, the National FFA Organization Affiliation membership model will be fully implemented nationally in 2027. As a professional organization, we will need to rely on our peers to address challenges that may arise with this new mindset. Like every hurdle Virginia Agricultural Education has faced, we will continue to move forward by providing quality FFA programming to our students. Now is the time to establish partnerships to aid with the financial challenges.

Ultimately, our greatest impact is felt in our classrooms. Years ago, I noticed how much time athletic coaches invested in their athletes, sometimes at the expense of their classroom relationships. While FFA trips are rewarding, I began to reflect on the students who stay behind at school, unable to participate in the off-campus activities. While we celebrate our FFA shining stars, let's continue to invest in the students who remain in the classroom when we travel. How will you continue to engage and inspire all students in your program?

Our profession is unique and rewarding as we equip all students in SAEs, FFA, and the classroom. As you prepare for the upcoming school year, may you find joy working with the future of Virginia agriculture!

Sincerely,



VAAE President Elect

VAAE PRESIDENTS

1941-43	R.R. TOLBERT	CULPEPER
1943-45	H.F. ADAMS	MONTROSS
1945-46	H.D. SEAL	ASHLAND
1946-47	S.W. LEE	COURTLAND
1947-49	L.L. BEAZLEY	DISPUNTANTA
1949-51	R.A. WALL	LURAY
1951-53	L.E. KENT	SOUTH HILL
1953-55	J.E. PETERS	ANDREW LEWIS
1955-57	J.E. PETERS	SPRING GARDEN
1957-59	A.T. POOLE	STONEY CREEK
1959-60	J.H. COPENHAVER	WYTHEVILLE
1960-61	J.L. GIVENS	WINCHESTER
1961-62	J.R.CARDWELL	HALIFAX
1962-63	E.M. PENNINGTON	LOUISA
1963-64	E.J. RICHARDSON	GALAX
1964-65	SHERMAN DAVIS	MONTROSS
1965-66	E.F.WILSON	WYTHVILLE
1966-67	H.A. HAWKINS	FISHERSVILLE
1967-68	R.B. CARTER	APPOMATTOX
1968-69	GEORGE LANCASTER	LOUISA

1969-70	JACK RUDOLPH	GRAYSON
1970-71	JOHN PARKER	WINDSOR
1971-72	D.D. WILSON	ABINGDON
1972-73	BOYD ROLLER	STRASBURG
1973-74	DENNIS TORRENCE	APPOMATTOX
1974-75	ROY LOVING	FLUVANNA
1975-76	TULLEY LAREW	NARROWS
1976-77	WILLIAM GWATHMEY	KING AND QUEEN
1977-78	DEAN SUTPHIN	CARROLL
1978-79	TOM BURGESS	ROCKINGHAM
1979-80	LEWIS WILLIAMSON JR.	NOTTOWAY
1980-81	GRAYSON BALDERSON	MECHANICSVILLE
1981-82	JAMES HUFFMAN	BOTETOURT
1982-83	JAMES WRIGHT	SOUTHAMPTON
1983-84	RUDOLPH HADEN	CHRISTAINSBURG
1984-85	BOBBY WADDELL	APPOMATTOX
1985-86	W.W. CUPP	PENN LAIRD
1986-87	JOHN ROBERTS	NELSON
1987-88	JOHN DOWNING	NORTHAMPTON
1988-89	MARK LAYNE	WYTHE

VAAE PRESIDENTS

1989-90	ALBERT CARTER	APPOMATTOX
1990-91	A.W. MITCHELL	KEEZLETOWN
1991-92	BOBBY ORROCK	SPOTSYLVANIA
1992-93	RON DAUGHTREY	SUFFOLK
1993-94	MIKE COX	PULASKI
1994-95	GARY THOMAS	PITTSYLVANIA
1995-96	TONJA CUPP ROMERO	SHENANDOAH
1996-98	DAN SWAFFORD	MONTGOMERY
1998-99	JIMMY BURCHER	APPOMATTOX
1999-00	ANDY SEIBEL	AUGUSTA
2000-01	ROBERT NOBBLITT	MADISON
2001-02	JOHN HENNESSEE	PRINCE GEORGE
2002-03	BOB MOSS	TAZEWELL
2003-04	JIMMY CRADDOCK	PITTSYLVANIA
2004-05	MIKE WAGNER	ROCKINGHAM
2005-06	DAVID BALDERSON	HANOVER
2006-07	HOWARD HILL	KING WILLIAM
2007-08	BRIAN ALEXANDER	WYTHE
2008-09	DARRYL HOLLAND	HENRY
2009-10	JEFF WILT	FREDERICK

2010-11	RUSSELL JENNINGS	LOUISA
2011-12	TERESA LINDBERG	GREENVILLE
2012-13	SARAH SCYPHERS	WASHINGTON
2013-14	JESSICA M. JONES	PITTSYLVANIA
2014-15	BRIAN FISHER	SHENANDOAH
2015-16	KATIE REAMS	CUPEPER
2016-17	HOWARD HILL	KING WILLIAM
2017-18	JONATHAN GRIMES	WYTHE
2018-19	JESSICA M. JONES	PITTSYLVANIA
2019-20	TERESA LINDBERG	GREENEVILLE
2020-21	SUSAN HILLEARY	FAUQUIER
2021-22	CHRISTY H. KERR	AUGUSTA
2022-23	MELESSA SUDER	CULPEPER
2023-24	SARAH JO JONES	CARROLL
2024-25	LINDSEY TOMLINSON	LIBERTY



VAAE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT - JULY '24-JUNE '25

VAAE PROPOSED BUDGET - JULY '25-JUNE '26

Anticipated Revenue 2025 - 2026		
	Dues	\$23,000
	Sponsorship/Support	\$8,500.00
	Conference Exhibitor Fees	\$1,500.00
	Summer Conference Registration	\$33,000.00
	Silent and Regular Auction	\$2,500.00
	Winter Conference Registration	\$9,000.00
	Program Income	\$5,000.00
	Interest/Investment	\$1,000.00
	Fruit Rebate	\$750.00
	Total Revenue	\$84,250
Anticipated Expenses		
	Accounting/taxes	\$1,500.00
	Banking/merchant fees	\$3,000.00
	Insurance	\$250.00
	Dues paid to NAAE/VACTE/ACTE	\$17,500.00
	National Policy Seminar	\$2,500.00
	VAAE Winter Conference	\$8,500.00
	VAAE Summer Conference e	\$22,000.00
	Office	\$1,500.00
	VA Agribusiness Dinner	\$2,500.00
	VACTE Conference	\$2,500.00
	Dues - Gift to members	\$1,500.00
	Executive Directors	\$1,000.00
	NAAE Convention	\$20,000.00
	Total Expenses	\$84,250.00

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Conference Registration	29,347.50
Dues Received	24,758.60
Fruit Rebate	659.93
Indirect Public Support	8,000.00
Investments	
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	14.14
Total Investments	14.14
Program Income	
Monthly Membership Dues	2,876.94
Program Service Fees	10,687.96
Total Program Income	13,564.90
Retired Teachers Reception	80.00
Winter In-Service Registration	11,000.00
Total Income	87,425.07
Gross Profit	87,425.07
Expense	
Accounting Fees	613.34
Ag Teachers Conference Expense	19,251.17
Bank Fees	289.30
Insurance - Liability, D and O	150.00
Merchant deposit fees	1,230.01
NAAE Convention	20,245.79
Other Types of Expenses	
Memberships and Dues	13,747.61
Other Costs	500.00
Total Other Types of Expenses	14,247.61
Star Grant	8,867.05
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	743.60
National Policy Seminar	1,249.92
Travel	1,600.00
VACTE Conference Expense	760.00
Total Travel and Meetings	4,353.52
Investment in Endowment	10,000.00
Winter In-Service	4,237.12
Total Expense	83,484.91
Net Ordinary Income	3,940.16
Net Income	3,940.16

2024-2025 VAAE AWARD WINNERS

OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER TEACHER:
BETHANY GROOMS - NELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

**OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
TEACHER:**
KATIE BETHKE - MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM:
MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

TEACHERS TURN THE KEY SCHOLARSHIP:
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