

Monday, July 15th		Time	Presenter	Description	Room
Early Career Teachers Conference					
Registration		Noon - 1:30			
Opening Session		1:30 PM			EV Cafe
SAE For All Training		2PM-5PM			EV Cafe
Trivia Night at Old Trade		6PM - until			
Tuesday, July 16th		Time	Presenter	Description	Room
Certifications		8AM-10AM			
Incorporating Industry Certifications in Your Agricultural Classroom			Lisa Barnett	Regardless of a student's post-secondary goals, industry certifications are valuable tools for achieving career success. Within the agriculture 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 the 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			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.	
BQA			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			Zach Adams (DWR)	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.	
Workshop Set 1 - AM		9:00AM-10:00AM			
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.	
Food-Energy-Water Nexus Case Study Curriculum (confirmed-waiting for description)			Kendrick Spencer		

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		Nikki Finley	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.	
Workshop Set 2 - AM	10:15AM-11:15AM			
Greenhouse Growers Certification Exam (only if involved in the 8AM-10AM class)		Sunnie Wright	This is the testing block for those participating in the Greenhouse Growers Certification course.	
Systems for Your Systems		SarahJo 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.	
Virginia Farm to School Program		Bee Thorp	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 Bethke	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.	
Vendor Hour	11:15AM-12:15PM			
Lunch	12:15PM-1:30PM			
Group Picture on Football Field with VAAE Logo	1:30 PM			
CDE Fair	1:45PM-2:45PM			
Roundtable Discussions	2:50PM-4:00PM			
FFA				
Middle School				
Agribusiness Pathway				
Animal Systems Pathway				
Biotechnology Pathway				
SAE/AET Trouleshooting				
Environmental and Natural Resources Pathway				

Food Science Pathway				
Plant Systems Pathway				
Power, Structural and Technical Systems Pathway				
Retired Teachers Reception and Dinner for All Attendees	6PM-9PM			
Wednesday, July 17th	Time	Presenter	Description	Room
Workshop Set 1 - AM	9:00 AM-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 Creed CDE		Cecilia Vega	Overview of Spanish Creed CDE including tips and tricks on how to prepare your first speaker.	
Elevate with Canva Viticulture		Lindsey Baber Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch	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. Materials needed: Computer Any ideas for marketing your program Questions you have about using Canva An example lesson idea that you need help with creating materials for	
Workshop Set 2 - AM	10:15 AM-11:15AM			
National FFA Teacher Ambassador		Dakota Stroud	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.	
Livestock Evaluation: What to look for and how to teach it		Zack Jones	This workshop will go over the basics of livestock evaluation and some basic teaching strategies for teaching it to students.	
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/Lesson Plan 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.	

Lunch/Business Meeting - Grab and Go Lunch	11:30AM-12:30PM			
Area Meetings	12:45PM- 2:00PM			
Appalachian				
Blue Ridge				
Central				
Northern				
Southeast				
South Ridge				
Make-it Take-it Workshops	2:15PM - 4:15PM			
Developing a Capstone Welding Project		Marc Moran	This Make-It, Take-it will feature a 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.	
Banquet - Tuscan Hall	6PM-8PM			
Thursday, July 18th	Time	Presenter	Description	Room
Microsoft FarmBeats - <i>by invitation only</i>	8AM-Noon	Cheri Bortleson		