

**2023 VAAE Summer Conference**  
**July 18-21, 2023**  
**Blacksburg, Virginia**

**Monday, July 17th**

10:00 AM - 6:30 PM - XLR8/Early Career Teacher Conference  
*Graduate Life Center, Auditorium*

**Tuesday, July 18th**

8:00 AM - XLR8/Early Career Teacher Conference *Graduate Life Center, Auditorium*

10:00 AM - Registration Begins *Graduate Life Center, Multipurpose Room*

11:00 AM - Vendor Set Up *Graduate Life Center, Multipurpose Room*

12:00 PM - Lunch (*on your own*)

1:30 PM - Business Meeting *Graduate Life Center, Auditorium*

**VAAE – Opening General Session Agenda**

Call to Order .....Melessa Suder, VAAE President  
In Memoriam ..... Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President-Elect  
Minutes ..... Thomas Davis, VAAE Secretary  
Financial/Auditing Reports ..... Andy Seibel, VAAE Executive Director  
Tentative Budget (2023-2024) .....Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President-Elect  
VACTE Update..... Teresa Lindberg, VACTE Representative  
FFA Update .....Andy Seibel, VA FFA Specialist  
Adjournment ..... 2022-23 VAAE Executive Committee

2:30 PM - Above Suspicion Training *Graduate Life Center, Auditorium*

3:30 PM - Area Meetings *Graduate Life Center - Various Locations*

4:00 PM - Break/Time with Vendors *Graduate Life Center - Multipurpose Room*

4:30 PM - Round Tables *Graduate Life Center, Various Locations*

6:30 PM - Trivia Night @ Rising Silo - *Hosts: Cindy Green and Dr. John Hillison*

## Wednesday, July 19th

8:00-12:00 PM - Tours (*Kentland Farms, Meat and Food Science Centers, Turf Grass Facilities and Hahn Gardens, Vet School and Equine Facilities*)

*\*Meet at Graduate Life Center to ride state transportation to each destination*

12:00 PM - Lunch *Graduate Life Center, Multipurpose Room*

1:00 PM - CDE Fair *Graduate Life Center, as directed*

5:30 PM - Retired Teachers Reception *German Club Manor - 711 Southgate Drive*

6:30 PM - Retired Teacher Dinner (**all registered conference attendees are encouraged to attend**) - *German Club Manor*

## Thursday, July 20th

8:00 AM - Business Meeting - Graduate Life Center - Auditorium

### VAAE – Second General Session Agenda

Call to Order .....Melessa Suder, VAAE President  
DOE Update..... LaVeta Nutter, Agriculture Education Specialist  
Advisory Council Update ..... Brian Alexander, Council Chair  
FFA Foundation Update ..... Jennifer Armstrong, Foundation Director  
President's Report .....Melessa Suder, VAAE President  
President-Elect Report ..... Sarah Jo Jones, VAAE President-Elect  
Introduction of New Teachers ..... LaVeta Nutter, Agriculture Education Specialist  
Old Business  
New Business .....Nominations from Areas - VAAE Secretary, Advisory, Camp, etc.  
Molly Wilson ..... VT Admissions  
Announcements  
Adjournment ..... 2023-24 VAAE Executive Committee

9:00 AM - Morning Workshops *Graduate Life Center, Various Locations*

12:00 PM - Lunch *Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room*

1:00 PM - Afternoon Workshops *Graduate Life Center, Various Locations*

6:00 PM - VAAE Awards Banquet *The Inn at Virginia Tech*

### **Friday, July 21st**

9:00 AM - VT Admissions - How to Ace Your Essay, Helping Your Students with Their Virginia Tech Application

9:45 AM - Make it Take it Workshops (Virginia Tech Meat Center, Woodworking)

12:00 PM - Lunch (*on your own*)

1:00 PM - Livestock Judging Clinic *Alphin-Stuart Arena*

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE