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NYAAE Professional Development Conference

The Cornell Agricultural Education Outreach staff, NYAAE Executive Council, and the New York State Education Department invite you to join us at the 2024 Professional Development Conference for Agricultural Educators at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, NY on June 16th through the 18th, 2024.

The goal of the annual professional development conference is to enhance the quality of instructional programs for secondary agricultural educators through in-service education with activity based workshops that address the needs of our constantly changing agricultural and agriscience programs. Sessions are designed to both raise the scientific rigor of agricultural courses and provide middle, high, and postsecondary educators with new technologies and resources for their classrooms.

This high-quality professional development opportunity meets the Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) criteria pursuant to Section 80-6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. By attending this conference each teacher will receive more than 24 professional development hours.

This conference has something for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing each of you in June!

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Conference Highlights



Hands - on, engaging workshops and tours offered in multiple areas covering agricultural literacy, classroom instruction, industry information and more.

Teacher to teacher learning opportunities, best practices, and invaluable engagement allow participants to earn up to 24 hours of CTLE credit.



[NYAAE has partial scholarships available for both current and pre-service educators.](#)
[Follow this link to apply!](#)

"Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace."

-CONFUCIUS





Cost to Attend

NYAAE is committed to making conference accessible to all educators who wish to participate so we have chosen the below price points to fit the needs of all conference participants. Registrants will have the opportunity to add on additional dues to the NY Farm Bureau, NY Association of Career and Technical Education, and the Association for Career and Technical Education. In order to keep costs affordable for all participants, the New York Association of Agricultural Educators is subsidizing \$150 per registrant.

Rates below reflect an early registration price valid between 1/15 and 3/15/24. Fees will raise by \$60 from 3/16-5/1/24. **REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 11:59PM ON 5/1/2024!**

Current Educator

- Full Conference, lodging- \$550
- Full Conference, no lodging- \$500
- One Day, no lodging- \$320

Pre-Service Educator

- Full Conference- \$350

Out of State Educator

NOTE Due to the capacity of this year's conference, we will open registration to our of state participants after March 15, 2024.

- Full Conference - \$610

Payment, Cancellation, & No Show Policy

- Payment for participation in the 2024 NYAAE June Professional Development Conference is due by May 10th, 2024.
 - A late payment fee will be added to all registrations that we have no payment or PO on file by May 10th, 2024.
 - Additional late fees may apply if payment is delayed further.
- Those who register between 1/15 and 3/15/24 will be able to pay with credit card or submit a PO.
 - After 3/15/24, only credit cards will be accepted as payment through the registration system.
- Registration fees will increase by \$60 on March 15th, 2024- be sure to register early.
- Should you need to cancel your registration, our policy is:
 - \$100 Cancellation fee 31-days from the start date.
 - \$300 cancellation fee incurred for cancellations within 30 to 15 days from the start date.
 - Full payment is still due and no refunds will be given for cancellations within 14-days of the conference.
- No show policy:
 - Those who register for our conference but do not attend, will still be responsible for their full conference payment.
 - Conference materials **will not** be given to those who do not pay for their registration or no show our conference.

Payments should be made to:
NYAAE
300 Kennedy Hall, Cornell University
Ithaca, NY 14853

NYAAE Good Standing Policy

The NYAAE Good Standing Policy means that an NYAAE member (current or pre-service) or soon to be member, is in good financial standing with the organization. This means that all payments for conferences and events are made on time and in full, all scholarship contracts are executed in a timely manner and all FFA payments/filings are made on time (if applicable).





Pack your bags!

- Warm clothes for cool days and evenings (jeans and sweatshirts)
- Closed toe shoes for tours
- Casual summer clothes for all work-shops and sessions (shorts and shirts)
- One dress outfit for the awards banquet
- Toiletries
- Laptop/charger
- Notebook/writing utensils

Lodging Information

All participants will be lodged in a double occupancy room at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, NY. Participants will not have to call the hotel to make reservations, all room assignments will be made through NYAAE. If any participant would like to request a single room, this can be done through the registration portal and will have an additional fee of \$129. Registrants will be able to make a roommate request for their double room through the registration portal when it opens in January of 2024.

Welcome to Auburn, NY

The City of Auburn is rich in history, arts and culture, offering a great array of museums, historic sites and national landmarks such as the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park and the Seward House Museum. Auburn is also known for a thriving arts scene featuring the Auburn Public Theater and the Schweinfurth Art Center. Located in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region of New York State, Auburn is the county seat of Cayuga County and its largest community. Auburn and the surrounding areas are rich in both agriculture and agricultural education programs with many dairies, wineries, FFA chapters, and programs.

Draft Conference Schedule

Sunday, June 16th	
1:15pm	Registration (leave bags in car)
1:45pm	Keynote Speaker: Morris Morrison
2:45pm	Break
3:00pm	NYAAE Business Meeting
4:45pm	Check into Hotel room
5:30pm	NYAAE Awards Banquet Social Hour
6:15pm	NYAAE Awards Banquet Dinner
Monday, June 17th	
7:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Local Agricultural Tours (3 tour options)
12:30pm	Lunch on Tours
1:30pm	Tours Continue
4:30pm	Return to Hotel
5:30pm	Dinner at Hotel
7:00pm	Evening Workshops- Press On!; Sweeten Up Your Curriculum with Chocolate; Fun In Fundamentals; Inquiry Investigators
Tuesday, June 18th	
7:30am	Breakfast
8:30am	Morning Workshops- Culture of Creativity; Milk Matters- Exploring Composition and Sensory Delights; Teaching Etiquette 101; Maximizing Production of Classroom Grow Spaces
10:00am	Break (Sessions Repeat)
10:30am	Morning Workshops- Culture of Creativity; Milk Matters- Exploring Composition and Sensory Delights; Teaching Etiquette 101; Maximizing Production of Classroom Grow Spaces
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Conference Concludes

Workshop Descriptions

PRESS ON!

Mary and Randy Coolbaugh, Marcus Whitman CSD

In this workshop you will have an opportunity to put together your own DIY flower press, press your first round of flowers, create a floral frame and a bookmark! Come learn a few techniques on how to press flowers and learn how to make a variety of items that will compliment any floral design class or unit. Randy and Mary Coolbaugh have been growing flowers for many years, however they did not establish Coolbaugh's Flower Shed until 2019. Mary will walk you through the best flower to press, different techniques when it comes to pressing and designing many student friendly projects. Randy will teach you all about resin and building your own press!

SWEETEN UP YOUR CURRICULUM WITH CHOCOLATE

Matthew Sweeney, Royalton Hartland CSD and Deborah Sweeney, Wilson CSD

Are you looking for an engaging, interactive, and student-driven way to SWEETEN up your Food Science or Agricultural Science curriculum? Look no further...we have the answer for you! In this workshop, participants will obtain the knowledge and skills needed to provide a 2-week chocolate unit as we take you through the process from start to finish. Students will employ organizational and culinary skills while working as a team to create their own Valentine's Day sweet treats. Recipes for top-of-the-range and microwave cooking will be available along with a demonstration of tasty confections for participants to enjoy.

PUTTING THE FUN BACK IN THE FUN-DAMENTALS

Carol Wright, Canton CSD and Julia Hudyncia, Oppenheim-Epharatah-St. Johnsville CSD

Are you looking for fun and different ways to build classroom community with your students? Do you need engaging games, tips, and tricks to improve your classroom environment? Then look no further than this session! We will teach participants new ways to build a fundamental level of trust and rapport with students in your classrooms while still having a little bit of fun in the day.

INQUIRY INVESTIGATORS!

Mary-Elizabeth Foote, Schuylerville CSD

Are you ready to take your classroom from being teacher-driven to student-led? Do you want your students to be independent and search for answers rather than just asking for help the second they aren't sure? If so, inquiry-based learning is for you! Let's set-up a lab notebook, explore the purpose of challenge questions, jump into two inquiry-based labs that can be used in several different classes and conclude by previewing NAAE's opportunities for furthering inquiry-based learning in the classroom!

Workshop Descriptions

MAXIMIZING PRODUCTION OF CLASSROOM GROW SPACES

Rayne Ives, Remsen Central School

Does your school lack a greenhouse? Have no fear! You can still grow a substantial amount of plants for a plant sale with grow racks. This workshop will compare different kinds of grow racks, what they can be utilized for, and money saving tips. Additionally, this workshop will explore off-season use of grow racks and greenhouse spaces for hydroponic tulip production as an additional income stream for your program.

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF CREATIVITY

Todd Eick, Medina CSD

Struggle with creativity? Or looking for different ways to be creative? How about sub plans that may actually get followed when you're at an FFA event (or mental health day)? Then you're in the right place! Let me share 12-16 different lessons with you... and some that don't have a "correct" answer! Join me in a creative venture at the Artful Harvest Cafe and let me serve you up a bowl full of piece of mind... served with a side of ease.

MILK MATTERS: EXPLORING COMPOSITION AND SENSORY DELIGHTS

Taylor Pelcher and Hannah Moyal, Cornell University Dairy Foods Extension Team

During this workshop, staff from the Cornell University Dairy Foods Extension team will guide participants through an exploration of milk composition, delving into its diverse components. Engaging in a hands-on milk sensory activity, attendees will have the chance to sample various milk types, gaining a deeper understanding of the intricate composition that defines milk.

TEACHER ETIQUETTE 101

Mandi Millen, Cazenovia CSD and Paula Burnor, Canastota CSD

Do you really know classroom and behavior etiquette? Think you could give madam or mister manners a run for their money? If you had a meeting with important dignitaries, would you know how to behave? In this workshop test your knowledge in attire, punctuality, effectiveness, communications, and general behavior. Learn some important tips to pass on to students for their important presentations and moments beyond the classroom.