



# 2023 VAAE Winter In-service Workshop Descriptions

## **FAST - Intro to Ag and OSHA (Lee Watson & Autumn Timpano)**

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## **FFA Teacher Ambassadors - Beginner (Amy Whitten, Mackenah Roberts, & Melissa Sease)**

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## **Agrisafe - Cultivating a Healthy Mind (Knesha Rose-Davison & Laura Siegel)**

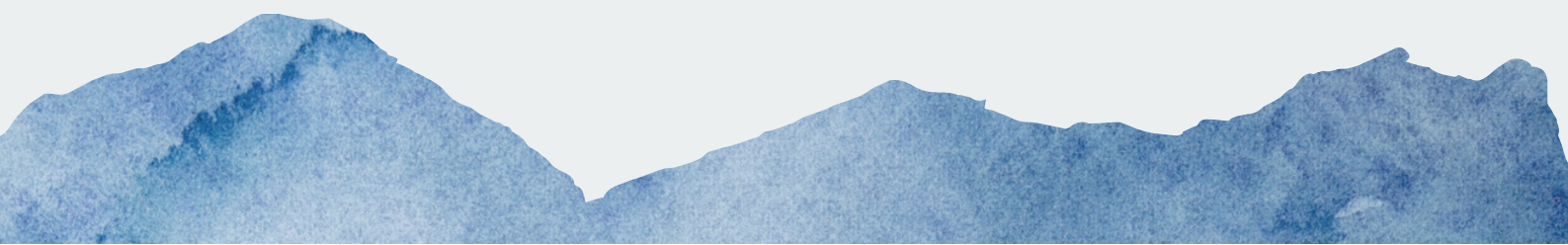
This module opens an introductory discussion of mental health among teens and young adults with guidance from an adult educator. Focus is placed on decreasing stigma, improving mental health literacy, and positive coping skills for teens and young adults. The module showcases a high school agricultural student's understanding of the agricultural mental health crisis, helping to frame mental health distress to academic and future career success.

## **Workforce Development in Forestry (Rachel Harris)**

Take advantage of an opportunity to learn about the demand for skilled labor in the forest industry and ways you can help to address the shortage. The forest industry in Virginia has many sectors with countless positions available from forest management to IT and more. The building blocks for educating and training individuals for this workforce exist, and you can help implement them to broaden the opportunities of your students!

## **Do's and Don'ts of Grant Writing (Oaklee Anderson - Wyoming FFA Foundation)**

Oaklee Anderson serves as the Foundation Director for Wyoming and has made a name for herself in the area of grant writing. Gain the knowledge of how to write a successful grant and create a framework to make all future grant writing easier. She will also be sharing a list of nationwide grants available throughout 2023. Oaklee is traveling across the country to be with us so let's fill the room!





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## **BQA Certification/Recertification (Katherine Carter)**

This session will provide participants with the VA BQA HS Credential Training required for certification to deliver BQA HS Credential to Virginia students enrolled in applicable agriculture education classes. This session will also provide a recap of the National BQA Training that is required in tandem with the VA BQA HS Credential Training. Topics will include details of both programs, an overview of the student testing procedure through SafetyFirst, expectations of instructors, and end with the instructor evaluation required for VA BQA HS Credential Certification. Attendees will be expected to have completed and passed the National BQA Online Certification prior to attending this session – details will be forwarded to all registered participants prior to the conference. As a reminder, recertification for all BQA instructors is required every three years. For questions or additional information, please contact Katherine Carter at carterke@vt.edu.

## **Chapter Communications 101 (Dakota Stroud)**

Innovative and effective ways to increase positive and effective communication with students, members, and parents without overwhelming the teacher. Make sure to bring your laptop so you can set-up your own email, text, and calendar automations!

## **National Chapter Tips and Tricks (Miranda Locuratolo & Stephanie Loring)**

During the workshop we will go over what the National Chapter Application entails. We will work through how to fill out form 1 and 2 and then work with participants on starting to fill out their National Chapter. Please bring your computer so you can begin the application process.

## **Moving from a Provisional License to a Full License (LaVeta Nutter)**

I have my provisional license, now what? Learn what the requirements are to obtain full licensure and how to make it happen.

## **Perkins Funding - How Can I Use it? (Dr. Natalie Ferand & Lindsey Tomlinson)**

Ever wondered what Perkins funding is or how it works? This workshop will present a brief history of the legislation and break down how funding is allocated at the state level. We will also discuss how and for what items you can use Perkins for in your program. Knowledge is power! Learn more about the system to better advocate for your program.

## **CAT 10 Recertification - Not Initial Licensure (Marc Moran)**

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.





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## **Parliamentary Procedure (Codi Jo Wheelbarger & Janae Pettit)**

Have you always wanted a Parly Team but have no idea where to start? Codi Jo and Janae will walk you through the process of preparing a team for the CDE.

## **Incorporating a Monthly Floral Subscription into a Horticulture Program (Elizabeth Borst)**

If you have ever considered having your students participate in a monthly floral subscription service this is the workshop for you. We will look at the benefits of the monthly subscription and what is in the details. I will have floral recipes for each month as well as vendors for supplies and costs. We will look at how to organize one through a simple spreadsheet and google forms.

## **A Deep Dive into National FFA Website Resources (Dr. Karen Hutchinson)**

The National FFA Website offers a large amount of materials helpful in any Agriculture Education course, but it's not always the easiest to navigate. Learn how to navigate the site and find all the hidden gems. This workshop is great for all teachers, but especially for those in their first few years of teaching.

## **FAST Animal Handling (Lee Watson & Autumn Timpano)**

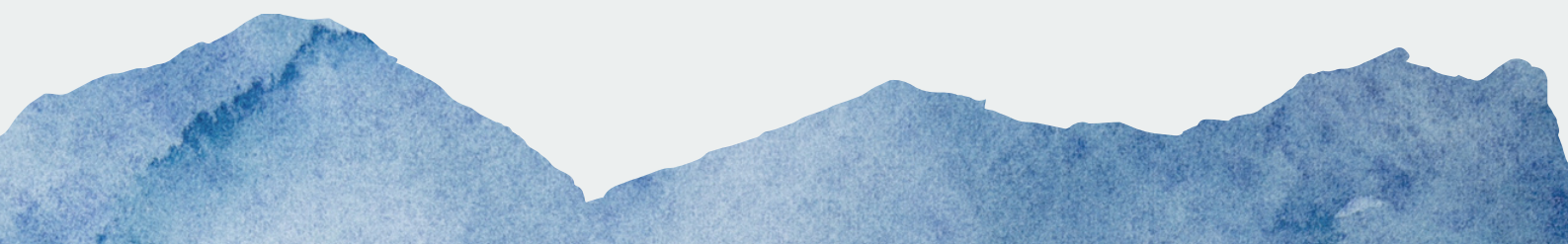
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## **All About Small Animals, Jennifer Neil**

Let's talk about small animals! Come see a demonstration on how to muzzle a dog and administer dog CPR. Both are fun and easy ways to get students out of their seats and learning skills they could use later. We will end our time with a round table discussion on interesting ideas to use while teaching small animal care.

## **Floral Arranging (Endless Creations Florist)**

A local florist will lead you through the creation of two arrangements you can make with your students using floral materials you could obtain from Wal-Mart or your local grocery stores.





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## **Affordable Sawhorse Project (Ted Delano, CTEC Buildings and Trades Instructor)**

For the cost of three 2x4's and a few fasteners you can have students building a sturdy sawhorse. Quick and easy to build, any level student can successfully build this project and the best part is they are great to use around the shop.

## **Making Butter and Mozzarella with Students (Susan Hilleary)**

Even though Americans are drinking less liquid milk each year, cheese and butter consumption continues to rise. Teachers will practice a lab making two simple dairy products to increase students' hands-on experiences and exploration the dairy foods industry. Teachers will have hands-on experience making both butter and mozzarella cheese and have class handouts to go along with this lab.

## **Livestock Coaches Clinic (Shirley Kaufman)**

Do you have FFA members interested in participating in the Livestock Judging CDE but don't know where to start? This workshop will set you on the right path to success with those students.

## **FFA Teacher Ambassadors Advanced (Amy Whitten, Mackenah Roberts, Melissa Sease)**

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## **Agribusiness Curriculum (Sherry Heishman)**

The agribusiness curriculum integrates with every pathway. The workshop will be set up as a round table to share and help expand your class projects, activities, case studies and problem sets. Specific examples of class activities for high school or dual enrolled classes and using CASE Agribusiness Foundation will be shared. Participants will receive access to the curriculum for the dual enrolled course (AGR 143 Intro to Agribusiness and Financial Management) and bring your favorite ag business lesson to share.

## **Cybersecurity Lessons and Resources for Middle School Agriculture (Dr. Hannah Scherer, Kate Hawkins, and Amy Whitten)**

Looking to update your middle school curriculum? Consider integrating cybersecurity with agriculture topics in fun and engaging ways. Participants will learn about a new collection of resources developed by agricultural educators and scientists that introduce middle school youth to basic concepts of the emerging field of cyber-biosecurity.

