



FAAE Mid-Winter Professional Growth Conference
North Florida Technical College, Starke FL
Agenda - January 9th – 12th, 2025



FAAE MID-WINTER PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday, January 10th ~ Sunday, 12th, 2025

North Florida Technical College
609 N Orange St., Starke FL 32091

Lodging NOT Included in Conference Registration.

Want Extra Professional Development?

FAAE Pre-Conference ~ Thursday, Jan 9th

New Teacher Workshop: Years 1-3 Teaching Ag

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2025 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PRICES	
<i>Lodging NOT Included. Participants must make their own arrangements for travel & lodging.</i>	
FAAE MEMBER MIDWINTER (FRI-SUN)	\$100.00
FAAE NON-MEMBER MIDWINTER (FRI-SUN)	\$200.00
FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL (ADDITIONAL COST)	\$20.00
NEW TEACHER THURSDAY PRE-CONFERENCE (ADDITIONAL COST)	\$30.00

Have an idea for a workshop that should be a part of our conference? Scan this code & tell us

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University of Florida: Tre Easterly, PhD

New Ag Teacher Pre-Conference ~ Thursday, January 9th

9:00am – 9:30am	Set-Up Time for Presenters	
9:30am – 10:00am	Pre-Conference Registration Check-In	BLDG 1: FR. OFF. CONF. RM.
10:00am – 10:15am	Welcome & Introductions ~ FAAE New Teacher Rep, James Sharpe	
10:15am – 12:30pm	Pre-Conference AM Workshop Sessions	Bldg 9 Rm #26
10:15am – 11:15am	Workshop #1: Grants & Ways to Fund Your Program ~ Brett Wasden	
11:15am – 11:30am	Transition / Snack Break	
11:30am – 12:30pm	Workshop #2: Proficiency & State Award Apps ~ Stacy Young	
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch catered by Call Street Cafe	COPPER CAULDRON (CAMPUS CAFÉ)
1:30pm – 4:00pm	Pre-Conference PM Workshop Sessions	
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Workshop #3: Resource Sharing ~ K. Van Heusen, F. Johnson, A. Forstater	
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Transition / Snack Break	
2:45pm – 3:45pm	Workshop #4: “What I Didn’t Know, I Needed to Know” ~ Katrina Lynn	
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Closing Wrap-Up	
6:00pm – 8:00pm	FAAE Board Meeting	BLDG 10-6: AG ROOM

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2025 FAAE Mid-Winter Conference Logistics & Locations:

- PD Workshops & Business Meetings – Thursday, January 9th – Sunday, January 12th:
 - North Florida Technical College, 609 N. Orange Street, Starke FL 32091
 - All participants must check-in via the school’s main front office.
- Industry Tours – ONLY Friday, January 10th:
 - Tour 1: Frog Song Organics (arrive @ 10:00am; depart @ 11:00am)
 - Address: 18825 SE 24 Ave, Hawthorne FL 32640
 - Tour 2: Working Food Comm. Center (arrive @ 11:30am; depart @ 12:30pm)
 - Address: 219 NW 10th Ave, Gainesville FL 32601
- Dinner Social – ONLY Friday, January 10th:
 - 21 on Main Frozen Yogurt, Co.
 - Address: 165 SW 4th Ave, Lake Butler, FL 32054
- Suggested Lodging:
 - Holiday Inn Express Starke, 15111 S. Highway 301 Starke, Florida 32091
 - <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/starke/gnvsk/hoteldetail>

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Mid-Winter Conference ~ Friday, January 10th

- 8:00am – 8:30am **Set-Up Time for Presenters/Registration**
- 8:30am – 8:45am **Registration {Goody Bags}** **BLDG 1: FR. OFF. CONF. RM.**
- 8:45am – 9:15am **Welcome & Introductions ~ FAAE Board** **BLDG 10: AG ROOM**
FAAE First General Business Meeting
 - Nominations Open for Election of Incoming FAAE Board Members
- Depart by 9:15am **Industry Tour Instructions (Depart by 9:15am; please carpool)**
 - Tour 1: Frog Song Organics (10:00am – 11:00am)
 - Tour 2: Working Food Comm. Center (11:30am – 12:30pm)
- 9:15am – 1:45pm **Session 1: Industry Tours – Gainesville Area (Please carpool)**
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- 12:30pm – 1:45pm **Lunch: Lunch on your own, please arrive back to NFL Tech Campus by 1:45pm**
- 1:45pm – 2:00pm **Registration {Goody Bags}** **BLDG 1 Front Office Conference room**
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm **Session 2 (60-minutes)**
 - Quail Forever Conservation Organization ~ Nicole Itzkowitz
 - Banquet Planning 101 ~ Carrie Peck
 - Livestock Judging Selection and Evaluation ~ Liz Whitehead, Bradford IFAS
- 3:10pm – 4:10pm **Session 3 (60-minutes)**
 - Plant Sciences: Greenhouse Management for Effective Engagement ~ Luke Harlow, Bradford IFAS
 - Harvesting Innovation: Using AI to Grow Ag Ed & FFA Success ~ Will Smith (Must Bring Laptop)
 - How to Feed a Market Animal for the Fair ~ Liz Whitehead, Bradford IFAS
- 4:20pm – 5:00pm **FAAE Second General Business Meeting {Door Prize}** **BLDG 10: AG ROOM**
 - Nominations Close for Election of Incoming FAAE Board Members
 - Board & Area Updates
 - Wrap-Up of Day 1
- 6:30pm – 8:00pm **Dinner Social Event @ 21 on Main Frozen Yogurt, Co.**
 - **Additional Cost - \$20 per person**
 - BBQ Dinner & Frozen Yogurt (catered by David Harris & Keith Kirby)
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Saturday, January 11th

- 8:30am – 8:45am **Registration {Goody Bags}** **BLDG 10: AG ROOM**
- 9:00am – 10:00am **Session 4 (60-minutes)**
 - National Poultry Improvement Program ~ Arthur Smith, FDACS
 - Cutting Edge Curriculum ~ Lindi Kocher, myCAERT
 - Modifying Your Way to an Inclusive Classroom ~ Buddy, Deborah, & Brittany Coleman
- 10:00am – 10:15am **Break (snack & beverage station)** **BLDG 10 AG Hallway**
- 10:15am – 11:15am **Session 5 (60-minutes)**
 - Rabbit Care & Showmanship 101 ~ Teresa Jerrels
 - Growing the Future: Innovative Equipment for Hands-On Ag Education ~ Harold Rutledge, Learning Labs, Inc
 - Small Engines 101 ~ James Sharpe
- 11:15am – 12:00pm **FAAE Third General Business Meeting {Door Prize}** **BLDG 10: AG ROOM**
 - Ideas Unlimited Presentations
 - Election of Incoming FAAE Board Members
 - Opportunities in NAAE ~ Nelson McCracken, NAAE Region V VP
- 12:00pm – 1:15pm **Lunch / Sponsor Showcase catered by Downtown Grill** **BLDG 10: AG Hallway**
 - Sponsor Remarks ~ Cutting Edge Curriculum / myCAERT
- 1:15pm – 2:45pm **Session 6 (90-minutes)**
 - Plumbing Demonstration 101 ~ Stacy Young
 - Learn & Earn with Fern Trust ~ Victoria Register Hunter, Fern Trust
 - Milk Quality & Products CDE 101 ~ Cassie Groff
- 2:45pm – 3:00pm **Break (snack & beverage station)** **BLDG 10 AG Hallway**
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm **Session 7 (60-minutes)**
 - Mental Health ~ Trace Foreman
 - Unique Ways to Engage with your Community ~ Stacy Young
 - Tips on how iCEV can be your Easy Button ~ K. Plante & A. McAllister, iCEV
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm **FAAE Fourth General Business Meeting {Door Prize}** **BLDG 10: AG ROOM**
 - Ideas Unlimited Winner Announcements
 - Committee Meetings & Wrap-Up of Day 2

Sunday, January 12th

9:00am – 12:00pm FAAE Committee Reports & Board Meeting