



National Extension Association  
of Family & Consumer Sciences

## 2022 NCEAFCS Annual Conference Report from VP Professional Development and Recognition

### AWARDS

- 19 award applications were received; 5 state-only applications and 14 state/national applications.
- From those 9 were team awards and 10 individual awards.
- 77 Acrylic/Crystal awards will be given out at the August 17<sup>th</sup> awards banquet. Second place award winners and award teammates that are not members of the association will receive an awards certificate during the ceremony.
- There was no registration drawing for this year since the national conference will be held in North Carolina.
- Information about the Southern Region, which we are part of, and national winners has been released to State VP's. The awardees, State VPs, and others have been asked not to make this information public until after the national meeting. I can share that this year North Carolina has:
  - 6 Southern Region winners
  - 6 National winners
- This year NEAFCS Conference (national) will be in Raleigh, so please consider attending since the cost ends up being less than going to an out-of-state conference. Support our colleagues who will be recognized then or volunteer as a 2022 NEAFCS Ambassador to help at the conference.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Upcoming Conferences for the Year
  - NEAFCS Annual Session, September 12-15, 2022 - Raleigh, NC
  - Extension State Conference, October 3-5 2022 - Greensboro, NC
  - NCECA State Meeting, October 24-26, 2022 - Raleigh, NC
- Advancements, Certifications, and Promotions:
  - **Southeast District: Cassidy Hall** - Master of Science in Nutrition from Appalachian State University. and Title Promotion to Associate Agent both in May 2022. **Ana Michelle Estrada** - Master of Youth, Family, and Consumer Sciences (M.R.) from North Carolina State University in August 2022.
  - **South Central District: Rhonda Peters** - Masters of Youth, Family and Community Science from NC State University in December 2021. **Andrea Sherrill** - Title Promotion to Associate Agent in June 2022. **Ashley Beard-Szilvay** - Public Health Nutrition Practice Graduate Certificate, Appalachian State University this August 2022.
  - **Northeast District: Olivia Patchel** - Title Promotion to Associate Agent in June 2022
  - **North Central District: Courtney Tevepaugh** - Master of Science in Nutrition, Public Health Nutrition concentration, at Appalachian State University in December 2021.

- Jennifer Brown** - Certified National Diabetes Prevention Program facilitator - August 2021 (a 6-hr CDC-Recognized Lifestyle Change Program), National Nutrition Certification from Utah State University Extension - January 2022. **Vincent Webb** - Title Promotion to Associate Agent in June 2022.
- **Steps to Health program** - The STH Program recognized this year's PSE Ambassadors at the State Extension District Sessions we had in the Spring. We want to acknowledge these colleagues today for their work. I would like Jayne McBurney, Steps to Health Program Coordinator, to come to the front:
    - Jennifer Brown (FCS Area Agent, Person & Granville Counties): Platinum
    - Meghan Lassiter (FCS Agent, Brunswick County): Platinum
    - Caren Maloy (Partnership Development Extension Associate, Steps to Health): Platinum
    - Virginia Lopez (FCS Agent, Forsyth County): Gold
    - Nancy Abasiekong (FCS Agent, Cleveland County): Silver
    - Alyssa Anderson (FCS Agent, Lee County): Silver
    - Tracy Davis (FCS Agent, Rutherford County): Silver
    - EB Odom (FCS Agent, Northampton County): Silver
  - **Safe Plates program** - This year, the Safe Plates Team began the Safe Plates Distinguished Educator program to recognize outstanding FCS agents for their accomplishments increasing facilitation of food safety programs and/or partnerships across the different districts. I would like Ellen Shumaker, Safe Plates Program Director, and Mary Yavelak, Safe Plate Retail Program Manager to come to the front: Hayley Cowel, Safe Plates Distinguished Educator in Home Food Preservation; Der Holcomb, Safe Plates for

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