



BETTER TOGETHER

Service Awards Banquet

Thursday, June 23, 2022



Kentucky Association of
County Agricultural Agents
Annual Meeting | June 22-24, 2022

Welcome to the **Service Awards Banquet**

Buffet Dinner Menu

Salads

Mixed Garden Greens
Mediterranean Salad
Italian Pasta Salad
Redskin Potato Salad

Entrees

Beef Tips with Bourbon Glaze
Sautéed Chicken Breast with Tasso Cream Sauce

Sides

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Sautéed Zucchini and Squash
Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Assorted Pies & Cakes

Drinks

Water, Iced Tea, and Coffee

Welcome

Kevin Lyons, *KACAA President*

Invocation

Chris Schalk, *Barren Co. ANR Agent*

Introduction of Guests

Adam Huber, *Allen Co. ANR Agent*

Recognition of Sponsors

Presented by Greg Drake, *KACAA Philanthropy Director*

Introduction of Extension Administration

Brandon Bell, *Conference Chair*

Dr. Craig Wood,

Assistant Extension Director

Agriculture, Natural Resources and Horticulture

Dr. Laura Stephenson

Associate Dean and Extension Director

Keynote Address

Mark Haney

KY Farm Bureau President

Honorary County Agent

Presented by David Fourqurean & Eddie Melton

Extra Effort Award

Presented by Jason Phillips

Extension Leader Award
Presented by Kristin Hildabrand

Outstanding Specialist Award
Presented by Dr. Barry Barnett

Excellence in Agriculture Award
Presented by Kevin Lyons

AA & DSA Awards
Presented by Jessica Sayre

Memorial Service
Presented by Brandon Sears & Glenn Williams



Eric Baker
Estill Co. ANR Agent
1997 - 2021



Bonnie Sigmon Roark
Laurel Co. HORT Agent
2004 - 2022

Closing Remarks
Kevin Lyons, KACAA President

Extra Effort Award

Brooke Hogancamp
Family and Consumer Sciences Agent
Carlisle County

Brooke is a very outgoing individual. She is eager and ready to help with a smile and pleasant attitude. She is open to suggestions and has great ideas when contributing to numerous projects. Some noteworthy projects that she has had a hand in assisting in Women in Agriculture, Bounty of the County, Angels on Earth, Project Full Plate, 3rd grade AG Day, WAVE AG Day, and 4-H FCS and Ag Outdoor Cooking Project.

Brooke understands the value of agriculture, since she grew up on a farm. With the help of her husband, Brooke raises chickens, goats, rabbits, sheep, blueberries, blackberries as well as bee hives. She also raises a vegetable garden and has recently added 10 acres of Christmas trees.

When asked, "What was your perspective on agriculture?" She replied, "in a rural area like ours, I think Agriculture is a necessity whether you live on a farm or not. Having access to ag resources opens doors for families to invest in their future". Overall, Brooke is a great asset to the Cooperative Extension Service and other agriculture agents in the area agree.

Extension Leader Award

Joe Duncan
Warren County

Joe Duncan owns and operates 320 acres on Walnut Hill Farm of beef cattle and grain operation in the Rockfield community of Warren County.

Joe graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agriculture and a minor in Biology. He later went on to the University of Kentucky and earned a Master's degree in Agronomy. After graduating, Joe first worked at the University of Illinois Champagne as a Crop

Variety Testing Coordinator 1972 to 1975. Later Joe went on to work at the KY Department of Revenue where he assigned value to land according to its agriculture value. From 1977 until 2005, he worked as a professor for SKYCTC and was also the coordinator for the young and adult farmer program in Warren County.

Joe has contributed to the agriculture sector in multiple ways in the Mammoth Cave Area. Joe served as the Mammoth Cave Area Ag Alumni Director for several years where his biggest accomplishment was raising and securing a \$10,000 endowment for Mammoth Cave Area students attending the University of Kentucky. He has also been recognized in a number of other organization including the '83 Outstanding Young Ag Alumni for Mammoth Cave, '87 Outstanding National Ag Teacher, the National Corn Growers/DuPont Award Excellence Recipient Award in '90, 1994 Young Farmer Association Advisor of the Year Award, and the '97 Outstanding Ag Alumni for Mammoth Cave.

Joe has also been a valued Extension leader for the UK Cooperative Extension Service. In 2018, Joe secured \$100,000 from the Warren County Fiscal Court for the future building of the Warren County Extension Office. Currently, he serves as the Warren County Extension District Board Chairman, Warren County Agriculture Foundation president, Extension representative on the Ag Development Council, and Co-Hosts the morning Ag Connections Radio Show with Joanna Coles on Talk 104.1 FM/WKCT 930 AM in Bowling Green.

Outstanding Specialist Award

Dr. Kenny Burdine

Dr. Kenny Burdine grew up in Jessamine County where his family produced tobacco and raised cattle and sheep. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Economics in December of 1999 and began working as an Extension Associate in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 2000. He pursued his graduate degrees on a part-time basis, completing his M.S. in 2003 and PhD in 2011. Kenny joined the Agricultural Economics faculty in 2012.

Kenny's extension program is locally driven and he works closely with ANR agents. His program provides education to livestock industry stakeholders related to general marketing, price risk management, profitability, and decision-making. Recent programming includes the Beef Business Foundations video series, Cattle Market Notes Weekly, and profitability conferences for cow-calf and backgrounding operations. He also developed the Master Marketer program earlier in his career and was heavily involved in the Master Cattleman program. Kenny also has an active applied research program and teaches a livestock marketing class on campus each fall. He and Kim still call Jessamine County home - they have three children: Jacob (24), Julianna (21) and Nathan (20).

Excellence in Agriculture Award

Warren Beeler

Warren Beeler is one of the most well respected individuals in Kentucky agriculture. He is a tremendous advocate for farmers, youth, and families. Warren graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1977 with a B.S. in Animal Science. He has judged livestock shows for 45 years in 43 states.

Warren is presently a livestock farmer, and serves as the General Superintendent of the North American International Livestock Exposition. From 2016-2020, he served as the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. Mr. Beeler served in several capacities with the KY Department of Agriculture from 1999-2016 including the Director of Shows and Fairs, and the Director of Livestock Marketing.

His involvement with commodity groups, 4-H and FFA youth, Extension, KY Farm Bureau, and economic development districts has made a lasting impact on farmers and agribusinesses in the Commonwealth. He makes over 200 presentations annually to diverse audiences to promote agriculture awareness. Warren and DeeDee have been married for 39 years. They have 5 children and two grandchildren.

2022 AA Awards

County Agents Receiving the Achievement Award

Jessica Bessin

Mercer Co. HORT Agent
7 Years of Service

Jessica has served Mercer County farmers and residents as the county's first ever Horticulture Agent since 2014. In the past seven years, Jessica has started a new beekeeping club, trained Master Gardeners, created an insect club for youth, partnered with the local Farmers Market, and works with commercial growers to improve growing practices. As for homeowners, she offers a wide range of educational horticulture programs for both adults and youth in the community.

Chris Schalk

Barren Co. ANR Agent
9 Years of Service

Chris strives daily to provide the very best customer service and timely program to clients. Chris uses the county council structure to steer the direction of programming. The development of a small ruminant producers group, programming in the growing Amish community, and the Tri-County Hay & Straw Auction have made long term impact. Partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce and local school systems have brought new clients to Extension.

2022 DSA Awards

County Agents Receiving the Distinguished Service Award

Courtney Jenkins

Magoffin Co. ANR Agent

13 Years of Service

Courtney Jenkins has served as a County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources for nearly 13 years. She works with local leaders and advisory councils to develop valuable agricultural programs in Magoffin County. Courtney is well-known for all aspects of her programming, but most recently for facilitating the establishment of Magoffin County's first Farmers' Market and procuring nearly \$300,000 in grant funds to build a permanent market facility in downtown Salyersville.

Amanda Sears

Madison Co. HORT Agent

16 Years of Service

Amanda serves as the horticulture agent in Madison County, Kentucky. While she covers topics ranging from sick trees to identifying insects to lawn care, her passion is fruit and vegetable production and helping her clients live happier, healthier lives. The project that has meant the most to her is her work with Liberty Place, a women's addiction rehabilitation center, where she taught hands on gardening classes.



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