A Note from the President

A key objective of the NYSACCE4-HE is to provide professional development opportunities to meet the present and emerging needs of the membership. The Association has been instrumental in supporting grants to districts, the NYSACCE4-HE annual conference, the NAE4-HE conference, and Capital Days. Recently, four districts have received financial support through the professional development grant. They utilized this money for “Gorilla Magic”, Rocketry, and NYSERDA Energy programs. This money is still available and your district can benefit as well! Applying is easy and the benefits are numerous! The Association also encourages members to be a presenter at this year’s CCE Centennial Conference. Take some time to submit a proposal to highlight the wonderful work you are doing on behalf of youth!

With 149 members, this association, your association, is working hard to provide opportunities for collaboration, skill building, prioritizing and reevaluating, with a commitment to our profession; all crucial for program and staff survival in demanding times. The entire NYSACCE4-HE Board of Directors has a common goal, to make the best better for our membership.

—Jennifer—

Have you met?

Chris Colahan, Director Peconic Dunes 4-H Camp
What is your favorite professional development? The annual NYSACCE4-HE Conference
Favorite food? Salmon Auburi
Hometown? Philadelphia
Favorite movie? The American Astronaut
Visited and/or lived? Japan, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Thailand, Bali, Guatemala, and Belize.
Retirement plans? Join the Peace Corps!
Book? Ender’s Game
Contact? cpc49@cornell.edu or CCE Suffolk 631-727-7850

Sarah (Shufon) Westcott, Community Educator, Schenectady Co.
What is your favorite professional development? The NYSACCE4-HE Conference—it was my first one and I finally got to put names with faces and make connections!“
Family? Married less than a month to Tim, got married in Vegas—Elvis was not involved! Two dog “kids”, Charlotte and Dexter, both rescued Pitbulls who run agility trials.
Bucket list? Go to Europe
Favorite dessert? Ice cream
Vacation? Love the beach, go to Cape Cod for 1 week every summer.
Contact? sds254@cornell.edu or CCE Schenectady 518-372-1622

Melissa Watkins, 4-H Program Educator, Cayuga Co.
What is your favorite professional development? The NYSACCE4-HE Conference
Family? Husband, Paul (married 5.5 years) and dog, Mylee (1 year old)
Hobbies? Grad School (!!), knitting, spending time with family, and home improvements.
Allergies? Onions
Favorite Dessert? Mint Cookies and Cream Ice Cream
Music? Dave Matthews
Birthday? November 26th
Been in Extension? Just over 2 years
Book? Last Child in the Woods
Contact? mew235@cornell.edu or CCE Cayuga 315-255-1183 x224

Jamila Simon, New York State 4-H Program Coordinator for Youth Leadership Development / Community Action / Citizenship
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John Bowe passes the candle of the responsibility of NYSACCE4-HE Treasurer to Steve Billings while Vice President Brenda Carpenter looks on at the Annual Meeting, October, 2010.

Q. How does my district apply for a professional development grant or to be a presenter at the CCE Centennial Conference?
A. Contact Rachel Williams (rrw33) or Elaine Noble (emn9) for a grant application and to propose a workshop visit: https://cceconferences.wufoo.com/forms/cce-system-conference-request-for-proposals/

New York State first hosted a National Association of National 4-H Agents in 1966. Where was that conference held?

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