

# ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

ALL ONLINE ONLY WORKSHOPS WILL BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY, JULY 22 AT 8:00AM.

WORKSHOPS MARKED WITH A \* WILL BE RECORDED DURING THE SESSION.

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Connecting the Classroom to the Show Ring: Transforming Ag Science with ShowSmart
JudgingCard for First Year Teachers
So, Your Students Want to be Veterinarians...
Planning for FMLA & Maternity Leave: A Guide for Ag Teachers
Teach Turfgrass Management with Confidence
Growing Healthy Gardens & Healthy Youth
Roadmap to Success: Tips for Student Trips
We Can Show a Guinea Pig?
Major Muscles of the Equine In Clay, A StepByStep™ ANATOMY IN CLAY®
Planting and Cultivating the Social Media Seed
AgricultureU & Stukent CTE
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## EARLY CAREER WORKSHOP SUGGESTIONS

All workshops marked with (\*) are predetermined to be highly useful to the members who are at the forefront of their careers. These workshops range in topic but will provide early career teachers with insight and skills needed to successfully build a lasting career as an agricultural science teacher in Texas.

## IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

All workshops marked with (^) will be recorded and made available to all members following the event, These videos can be accessed at [conference.texasagteachers.org](http://conference.texasagteachers.org).

## PROMOTION OF PRODUCT, SALE, OR SERVICE (-)

All workshops marked with (-) are denoted to be a workshop that promotes a relevant product, sale, or service that will solve a problem, benefit, and/or enhance your classroom and program.

# IN-PERSON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

Location	8:30 - 9:30 am	9:45 - 10:45 am	11:00 - 12:00 pm	1:30 - 2:30 pm	2:45 - 3:45 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Selena Auditorium</b>	1) Common Legal Issues for Teachers*^	2) Are They Trying to Kill My Program?!^	3) Agriscience and Administrators - How to Support Each Other*^	4) Team Ag Ed Round Table*^	5) TEA Updates^	6) Engagement in Action: Facilitation Strategies That Transform Learning*^
<b>Selena Rotunda</b>	7) Unlocking Data Insights with AI for Agriculture Educators -	8) Zero Maintenance Chapter Websites Via AET*^ -	9) Leatherworking Skills for SAE and Classroom Instruction	10) Florist turned Teacher: Guidance to get your Classes Blooming!^	11) Grooming 101	12) Houston Horticulture Competition: Blooming with Success! ^
<b>Rehearsal Hall</b>	13) The Journey of Roses: How Do We Get From There to Here?	14) Easy-Peasy Flower Subscriptions: Flower of the Month Simplified^	15) Finance 101 from Your Credit Union - 15) TEA Update	16) Planning Floral Arrangements using Canva ^	17) Mastering the Art of Floral Recipes and Wholesale Strategies	18) Double the Blooms: Confidently Conquering Stacked Floral Design Classes
<b>101/102 Saratoga</b>	19) Develop Your Chapter Sponsorship Package	20) Texas FFA Foundation Programs - Leadership Opportunities & Outcomes*	21) Creating an FFA Chapter Press Kit*	22) How to Market your Ag Program/FFA Chapter in a Non Ag Community*^	23) Creating a Culture of Gratitude^	24) How Can I Affect What Happens on Capitol Hill? -
<b>Watergarden A</b>	25) AET Basics* -	26) Golden Horizon and National Chapter Award using AET *-	27) Getting Started with Agriscience Fair Projects^	28) What They Don't Teach You About Money	29) Don't Drop the Ball: How to Involve Athletes in FFA*^	30) FFA Travel 101*
<b>Watergarden B</b>	31) Winning Strategies for Dairy Cattle Evaluation 31) Food Science Friday	32) Ducks Unlimited... Cultivating Opportunities	33) Floral Weddings 101: Elevating Your School Program for Big Events	34) Gamifying the Ag Classroom*	35) FFA Local Auctions- How to make it the Community Event of the Year	36) Teaching Ag with Your Spouse, How Do You Do It Without Going Crazy?
<b>Henry Garrett A</b>	37) How to Judge the Skills Contest	38) How to Train a Quiz Team	39) Beef Cattle Fitting Techniques from Stock Show University -	40) TVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program -	41) Using AET to Approve Student Skill Records* Focus on Vet Science Cert.	42) School Livestock Trailer Safety and Backing*
<b>Henry Garrett B</b>	43) Creating Handmade Flowers for a Budget-Limited Floral Class^	43) Creating Handmade Flowers for a Budget-Limited Floral Class^	45) Animal Science Labs - Hands On Style^	46) Where There's Smoke, Dirt and Flowers There's Profit	47) Teaching a Food Science Program of Study With Respective FFA Teams^	48)SPED & Functional Academics Inclusion in the classroom*^
<b>Henry Garrett C</b>	49) Building a Successful AG Mech Program*	50) Ensuring Safety & Efficiency in Agricultural Mechanics Labs* -	51) Enhancing Instruction with NCCER Curriculum and the Hammer Math -	52) Basic Woodworking	53) Wired for Success: Mastering the Electrical Section of the ATMS Contest	54) Dual Credit Welding
<b>Henry Garrett D</b>	55) AI in Action: Boosting SAE, FFA, and Classroom Success for Ag Teachers ^ -	56) Beef Grilling 101 in the Classroom -	57) Tips and Trick for Agriscience Fair Manuscripts	58) How to Get Students Involved in Urban Ag Programs^	59) Beef Up Your Curriculum -	60) Preparing for Retirement (Changes In Social Security)
<b>225 AB</b>	61) Service for Life*	62) Opportunities in Urban Agriculture	63) Fundraising- Motivating Students -	64) CDE Blitz - Hands on and Interactive CDE Intro for your Classroom	65) How to Prepare Your Students for a Collegiate Judging Career	66) Sweet Sheep Genetics presented by NAAE
<b>225 C</b>	67) Veterinary Feed Directive, VCPR and Alternative Therapies	68) Show Animal Biosecurity, HPAI & H5N1: What you Need to Know!	69) Cricut 101^	70) The Role of the Cooperating Teacher in Texas A&M Student Teaching	71) Google Classroom for Practicum/WBL Classes	72) Growing Minds, Growing Futures: AgriLife Learn's Toolbox* -
<b>225 DE</b>	73) Area / District Treasurer Swap Shop	74) Farming is Risky Business: Interactive Simulation to Teach Risk Management^	75) Greenhouse Maintenance			

# IN-PERSON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY JULY 24, 2025

Location	8:30 - 9:30 am	9:45 - 10:45 am	11:00 - 12:00 pm	1:30 - 2:30 pm	2:45 - 3:45 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Selena Auditorium</b>	76) Supporting the Heart of Ag Education: A Workshop for Spouses of Ag Teachers^	77) Mission in Motion: Designing a Dynamic Program of Activities!^^	78) Alternatively Certified Ag Teachers: How to Survive and Succeed^^	79) Texas Major Livestock Shows^^		
<b>Selena Rotunda</b>	80) Best Practices for Integrating Entrepreneurship Into Agriculture Courses -	81) Maximizing ATAT Curriculum: Finding & Implementing Resources*	82) Training a Quality Milk Quality Team	83) Cutting Edge Ag: Crafting with Glowforge & Cricut		
<b>Rehearsal Hall</b>	84) Flower of the Month Club and Recipes	85) Building Your Professional Floral Design Portfolio for Students	86) Repurposing, Reusing and Foraging	87) Banquet and Event Planning		
<b>101/102 Saratoga</b>	88) Score Like the ScanMan Mini: e-Rubrics for Area & District Leadership -	89) Social Media, QR Codes, and Marketing Materials, Oh My! -	90) AET Online Testing Platform	91) What is the Texas FFA Foundation LEAD Series?		
<b>Watergarden A</b>	92) Advanced Animal Science Roundtable	93) Training a Vet Science CDE Team	94) LDE Teams Beyond the Rules*	95) Building a Brand: Using Social Media to Create Your Chapter Brand		
<b>Watergarden B</b>	96) Show Rabbits. There's 52 breeds... What do I even look for?	97) Digital Learning Curriculum for Invasive Plant Pests/ Species -	98) AI Tools for Ag Teachers: Work Smarter, Not Harder*	99) Building Connections through Class Circles*		
<b>Henry Garrett A</b>	100) Swine Validation 101*	101) Heifer and Steer Validation 101*	102) Sheep & Goat Validation 101*	103) Documenting SAE Visits on the Go with AET! -		
<b>Henry Garrett B</b>	104) So you are Teaching Ag Mechanics Now What?^	105) Best of the Best Floral Edition^	106) Best Lab Practices^^	107) No Greenhouse? No Money? No Problem!^		
<b>Henry Garrett C</b>	108) Breezy TA: The Ultimate AI Sidekick for Educators	109) AAE: Breakdown of the Newest CDE	110) Engaging in the Political Process: How to Make an Impact!	111) Don't Just Hope to Retire..... Plan for it!		
<b>Henry Garrett D</b>	112) Building a Relationship with Local Media Outlets to Promote Your Chapter^^	113) Teaching Artificial Insemination: Modern Practices for Future Ranchers	114) How to organize your Vet Science Curriculum - Year at a Glance	115) Vet Math for Dummies		
<b>225 AB</b>	116) Aquatic WILD: Exploring Environments and Habitats -	117) Stop the Bleed for Ag Teachers	118) What is GBL? Making the Connection to What we Already Do in SBAE.^	119) Where There's Smoke, Dirt and Flowers There's Profit^		
<b>225 C</b>	120) Canva in the Classroom - Introduction and Basics to using Canva*	121) What's New at iCEV: Tools, Features & The Future of iCEV^^	122) Incorporating Industry Certifications into Your Ag Program*			
<b>225 DE</b>						

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

## **1) Common Legal Issues for Teachers\*^**

*Paul Jordan- Sneed, Vine, and Perry*

Paul Jordan with Sneed, Vine, and Perry will present common legal issues that ag science teachers face and how to deal with them.

## **2) Are They Trying to Kill My Program?!^**

*Julie Anderson- Prosper Independent School District*

Sometimes it feels like the Administration is making decisions, and implementing policies, that are aimed at inhibiting Ag programs. Come here and learn about what you can do to maximize funding, provide opportunities, and help your program get the support that it needs. We will have time to answer your burning questions to get you the information you need!

## **3) Agriscience and Administrators - How to Support Each Other\*^**

*Taylor Christie, Loren Sell- Superintendent Perrin Whitt CISD, and Spenser Adams- Region 10 ESC*

Join a panel of ag teachers, administrators, and superintendents and discuss how to bridge the gap between agriscience educators and school administrators, this session aims to foster mutual understanding & collaboration between these crucial roles within educational institutions. Participants will explore strategies for effective communication, resource sharing, and joint goal-setting.

## **4) Team Ag Ed Round Table\*^**

*Ray Pieniazek- ATAT, Aaron Alejandro- Texas FFA Foundation, Jennifer Jackson- Texas FFA Association, Les Hudson-TEA*

Directors from Team AGED will answer questions about current happenings in each organization.

## **5) TEA Updates^**

*Les Hudson- TEA*

This session will update Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource teachers on the changes to the programs of study and courses with the Program of Study Refresh and the TEKs revision. This session will also address opportunities for AFNR teachers to participate and give feedback on future AFNR course revisions.

## **6) Engagement in Action: Facilitation Strategies That Transform Learning\*^**

*Krysti Kelley, Chelsea Hatch, and Clarissa Darby- Texas Tech University*

This workshop will equip educators with practical techniques to create interactive and student-centered learning experiences. Participants will explore research-backed facilitation strategies that promote critical thinking, collaboration, and active participation in the classroom.

## **7) Unlocking Data Insights with AI for Agriculture Educators -**

*Sheryl Roehl, Lily Werst, and Joseph Vega- The University of Texas at Austin - WeTeach-CS*

Join us for a session for an introduction to the basics of AI, Machine Learning, and data literacy using a Teachable Machine to identify plants with nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium deficiencies. We will assemble the FarmBeats Student Activity Kit to measure the soil moisture of various soil textures. Data will be collected, graphed, and analyzed.

## **8) Zero Maintenance Chapter Websites via AET^ -**

*Russell Ewell- AET*

Tired of having to update a chapter website constantly? Leverage the things you're already doing in AET to populate a zero-maintenance chapter website. POA calendar, officers, contact info, and supporter sign-up sheets all from a click of a button. Assign specific students to push the best-selected photos from SAE record keeping to post.

## **9) Leatherworking Skills for SAE and Classroom Instruction**

*Aaron Heizer- Maker's Leather Supply and Monica Patrick*

Maker's Leather Supply owner, Aaron Heizer will highlight valuable skills needed for custom leatherworking, and Monica Patrick will discuss how to incorporate basic leatherworking skills in SAEs and classroom instruction.

## **10) Florist Turned Teacher: Guidance to Get Your Classes Blooming!^**

*Julie Rogers, AIFD CFD TMFA*

A presentation on the basics of the floral industry and how to navigate it as a teacher. Advice about the floral recipe and lesson planning, wholesale floral policies and practices, education, and accreditation. Plus time for Q and A about the floral industry from a 35-year veteran TMF Advanced and AIFD member with experience in Retail, Wholesale, Importer Sales, Freelance, Direct Sales, and Teaching.

## **11) Grooming 101**

*Leah King*

Want to launch a grooming service in your program and not know where to start? Come learn how to start offering grooming in your school and leave with the tools to help launch and implement. We will go through the basics of grooming to help get you started.

## **12) Houston Horticulture Competition: Blooming with Success!^**

*Courtney Champagne*

This workshop is designed to help prepare their students to shine in the Houston Horticulture Competition. We'll break down the competition's structure, scoring, and preparation strategies in a fun and engaging way. Whether you're a first-time coach or a seasoned pro, you'll walk away with fresh ideas, insider tips, and ready-to-use resources to help.

## **13) The Journey of Roses: How Do We Get from There to Here?**

*Oscar Fernandez- Equiflor*

A sequel to last year's The Birth of a Rose. Join us for an hour packed with information to take back to your classroom how you get the rose from field to arrangement.

#### **14) Easy-Peasy Flower Subscriptions: Flower of the Month Simplified^**

*Kayla Hughes*

Flower subscriptions and "Flower of the Month" services don't have to be complicated! In this workshop, you'll learn how to create beautiful, professional-quality arrangements that are perfect for subscription services—without the high cost. These easy-to-follow recipes are designed to be simple to make, teach, and sell, while still capturing the elegance of a floral shop arrangement.

#### **15) Finance 101 from Your Credit Union -**

*Meredith Hartmann- VATAT Credit Union*

Join us for a brief overview on understanding your credit score, improving your financial well-being, vehicle purchasing tips, as well as information on how the VATAT Credit Union can help improve your quality of life through financial stability. Followed by Q&A.

#### **16) Planning Floral Arrangements Using Canva ^**

*Georgia Dunn*

Do you have a hard time planning out arrangements? Do your students need a visual aide to assist them through the design process? Digitally design your arrangements using Canva to save time, ease your anxiety, and plan out effective lessons for your students. This workshop will teach you how to use Canva and I will share tips on successful arrangements.

#### **17) Mastering the Art of Floral Recipes and Wholesale Strategies**

*Cassie Sanders AIFD CFD TMF- Texas State Florists' Association*

Dive into the essential skills of crafting foolproof floral recipes that ensure stunning arrangements every time. From selecting the perfect combination of blooms to calculating quantities with confidence, you will learn how to streamline your design process for consistent success. Discover how to maximize your budget, navigate vendor relationships, and access high-quality blooms year-round.

#### **18) Double the Blooms: Confidently Conquering Stacked Floral Design Classes**

*Cassie Sanders AIFD CFD TMF*

Juggling multiple classes in the same period? No problem! This workshop is tailored for teachers tackling the challenge of managing and planning for stacked floral design classes, such as beginner and advanced levels taught simultaneously. Discover practical strategies to streamline your lessons, create flexible curriculum plans, and effectively engage students with varying skill levels.

#### **19) Develop Your Chapter Sponsorship Package**

*Aaron Alejandro- Texas FFA Foundation*

This workshop provides strategies to create a compelling sponsorship package. Learn how to identify potential sponsors, structure sponsorship tiers, and craft a proposal highlighting chapter strengths. Attendees will receive a customizable package template to engage local businesses and community leaders.



## **20) Texas FFA Foundation Programs - Leadership Opportunities & Outcomes\***

*Chanda Orren, Aaron Alejandro, Kassie Montford- Texas FFA Foundation*

A review of Texas FFA Foundation Leadership Development Opportunities including Ambassadors, The LEAD Series, Ford Leadership Scholars, Summer Leadership Team, and Internship Opportunities. Learn how to register/apply, tips for application success, and more.

## **21) Creating an FFA Chapter Press Kit\***

*Aaron Alejandro, Kassie Montford, and Chanda Orren- Texas FFA Foundation*

Learn how to build a professional press kit to promote your FFA chapter's achievements, programs, and events. The session covers essential components like bios, event highlights, photos, press releases, and strategies for media outreach and audience targeting. Walk away with a customizable template and tips for maintaining an updated kit.

## **22) How to Market Your Ag Program/FFA Chapter in a Non-Ag Community\*^**

*Tanner Smith*

How to increase booster club participation, how to start up and manage a buyers group for county show, how to market your ag program/FFA chapter to be relevant in a district that does not understand ag, and get superintendent/school board/city council support. This session will be interactive meaning the crowd can throw out suggestions.

## **23) Creating a Culture of Gratitude^**

*Kassie Montford, Chanda Orren, and Aaron Alejandro- Texas FFA Foundation*

Explore ways to foster gratitude within your FFA chapter. Learn how to motivate students, recognize achievements, and express appreciation to sponsors and volunteers. The session offers practical tips for embedding gratitude into daily activities and chapter events.

## **24) How Can I Affect What Happens on Capitol Hill?**

*Aaron Alejandro, Kassie Montford, and Chanda Orren- Texas FFA Foundation*

Gain practical insights into advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. Understand the legislative process, effective communication with lawmakers, and grassroots mobilization. Learn how to build relationships with elected officials and stay informed on key legislative issues impacting agricultural education.

## **25) AET Basics\*-**

*Vanessa Kirby- AET*

Learn about the basics of navigating AET and tips on improving the record book experience for you and your students. This includes creating new accounts, managing old accounts, setting up courses and important Student PROFILE areas, and setting up successful SAE projects. Bring your laptop to follow along!

## **26) Golden Horizon and National Chapter Award Using AET\* -**

*Vanessa Kirby- AET*

Come learn how to incorporate your student leadership in the development of your chapter's Strategic Plan (POA) in AET. Tips from this workshop can help you facilitate this process and help you complete the National Chapter Award, Golden Horizon application, and other valuable program reports.



### **27) Getting Started with Agriscience Fair Projects^**

*Clarissa Darby- Texas Tech University*

Curious about how to start with Agriscience Fair projects? In this workshop, we're starting from page one—breaking down the basics of the FFA Agriscience Fair and guiding you through the first steps of helping students choose topics, develop research questions, and begin their projects with confidence.

### **28) What They Don't Teach You About Money**

*Taylor Christie and Mitchell Lowrie*

We educate middle-income families, teachers, coaches, and others in the community about the importance of having a solid financial structure. We will teach valuable concepts that can be utilized outside of what your school district offers in order to help you hit your retirement goals.

### **29) Don't Drop the Ball: How to Involve Athletes in FFA\*^**

*Taylor Christie*

Believe it or not, it is possible to be an athlete and an FFA member. Maybe even more surprising, it is possible to do both and do them well. So, how do you get athletes involved in FFA? This workshop will provide tips and tricks on how you can involve athletes in your FFA chapter, but also how you can successfully share them with their coaches.

### **30) FFA Travel 101\***

*MaKenzy Mulder, Tyler Lovell, and Lauren White*

This workshop will focus on travel documentation, off-campus student management, and Ag vehicle maintenance. The goal of this workshop is to give new and experienced teachers resources, ideas, and checklists for managing student travel. The presenters range from 2 years of experience to 10+ years of experience.

### **31) Winning Strategies for Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

*Baylee Kate Adams, Justin Dilorio, and Lynn Woolever-Telleen*

This workshop will equip ag teachers with practical tools and strategies to effectively train their students for the Dairy Cattle Career Development Event (CDE). Participants will learn the essentials of evaluation, including key judging criteria, building student confidence, and utilizing resources like practice classes and paperwork practice.

### **32) Ducks Unlimited... Cultivating Opportunities**

*Tom Johnson, Scott Grant, and Mark Horobetz- Ducks Unlimited*

Ducks Unlimited is proud of the relationship we have built with the FFA. At this workshop, we will highlight some great opportunities that we have to offer. We will give updates on our Industry Certification Program, our TRAP program, our Regional Field Days, Scholarships, and our very successful and proven fundraising ideas and opportunities. Please come and learn what we have to offer.

### **33) Floral Weddings 101: Elevating Your School Program for Big Events**

*Baylee Kate Adams, Ashlyn Childress, Ashley Bishop, Megan Brundrett, Shannon Tidwell, and Courtney Champagne*

This workshop is designed to guide floral design teachers in incorporating wedding floral services into their school programs. Participants will learn how to manage the logistical, creative, and business aspects of executing weddings while providing real-world learning experiences for their students.

### **34) Gamifying the Ag Classroom\***

*Magan Escamilla and Shannon Tidwell*

Join us for a fun-filled workshop that will equip teachers with creative strategies to enhance engagement in ag education through games. Learn how to modify familiar home games for classroom use, promote movement and collaboration, and effectively review content before tests. Transform your classroom into an exciting learning environment where students thrive!

### **35) FFA Local Auctions- How to Make it the Community Event of the Year**

*Matt Byrd, Allison Ragsdale, Nathan Jordan, and Mandi Byrd*

In demanding times where every dollar counts, local FFA Auctions can help provide a cushion to get you through the year. We will provide all of the details needed to host a successful event and for you to showcase your programs. From planning and securing an event host what is the best option for your department and how to get started?

### **36) Teaching Ag with Your Spouse, How Do You Do It Without Going Crazy?**

*Monty and Charlotte Main, Josh and Andrea Shafer, Kahyon and Leigh Ann Freeman*

Do you teach agriculture science classes...and so does your spouse? Come hear from teachers who are married and are both agriculture teachers. We will discuss the pros and cons of both working together in the same department; and of working at different schools. GREAT for pre-service or young teachers who MIGHT marry a fellow ag teacher.

### **37) How to Judge the Skills Contest**

*Joe David Lehmberg and Brent Wicker*

Going through the rubric and what each part means. (Also, using the e-rubric) Why or why not points should be deducted? What you should be looking for, making sure that judges are consistent and uniform.

### **38) How to Train a Quiz Team**

*Aerin Schulze and Megan Koehn*

The ins and outs of training a quiz team.

### **39) Beef Cattle Fitting Techniques from Stock Show University -**

*Tess Mittag and Aaron Boyce- Sullivan Supply*

During this presentation from Stock Show University® and Sullivan Supply®, we will be covering the tips and tricks for grooming a beef heifer or steer on show day. Items that we will be covering include; adhesive options, color matching while painting, clipping, show day equipment, show ring essentials, etc.

#### **40) TVMA Certified Veterinary Assistant Program -**

*Larisa Respondek- TVMA*

How to integrate the TVMA CVA Program into your Vet Science course. The new Instructor Certification Program launched in June 2025.

#### **41) Using AET to "Approve Student Skill Records" Focus on Vet Science Cert.**

*Roger Hanagriff- AET*

Learn how you can use your AET platform to help students track employability-ready skills while they work, for example, in Veterinary Medicine. This workshop will focus on how students can track skills as part of their SAE project, how you, as the teacher or employer, can view their work and provide evaluations, and finally, how you can approve or deny their work. This can develop a student report.

#### **42) School Livestock Trailer Safety and Backing\***

*Chance Walther*

The workshop would not just consist of tips and tricks of not only backing trailers for stock shows, but it would also have information on trailer preparation for shows, trailer wiring information, and trailer items that are a must-have for trips. I would also introduce an idea my teaching partners and I have had of an AG Teacher Rodeo Trailer maneuvering contest to practice driving skills.

#### **43) Creating Handmade Flowers for a Budget-Limited Floral Class^**

*Tamara Seely and Kristen Moore*

This workshop will teach you how to handmade various faux flowers to use your creations in a budget-limited floral class. Don't let your budget limit what your students get to learn (and you get to teach)!

#### **44) Texas Farm Bureau: Lesson Plans, Resources & Student Programs, Oh My!^\***

*McKenna Bush- Texas Farm Bureau*

Overview of Texas Farm Bureau lesson plans, classroom resources, grant programs, student programs, and more.

#### **45) Animal Science Labs - Hands On Style^**

*Beverley Schroedter, Amy Dieta, Amberley Sunvision, Taylor Greahney, and Ashley Tanguay*

Animal Science Labs are sometimes a struggle to develop, set up, and grade. A team of teachers will create a workshop in which you can complete hands-on activities and take home an implementation plan.

#### **46) Where There's Smoke, Dirt, and Flowers There's Profit^**

*Alan Linson*

The workshop teaches the basic design of quality products that help students practice welding before AWS certifications. It gives you, as a teacher, an easily saleable quality product based on current data. Also includes how to sell and where to sell your finished products. Not everything built in your shop goes to a contest but money earned in your shop helps get you to contest.

#### **47) Teaching a Food Science Program of Study With Respective FFA Teams^**

*Kyla Williamson*

Teaching Food Technology, Food Processing, offering a certification and streamlining your LDEs and CDEs to match your curriculum. I can also provide vendors and partnerships I like to use in my community as well as recommend purposeful professional development. I train the Ag Advocacy, Job Interview, Public Relations, Food Science, Poultry Judging, and Milk Quality teams.

#### **48) SPED & Functional Academics Inclusion in the Classroom\***

*Carly Lopez*

This workshop will talk about different ways to accommodate ag classes for special education IEPs & functional academic students. It will include sample projects, and worksheets and give ideas on ways that you can include your school's functional academics, SPED, and 18+ programs within your FFA chapter.

#### **49) Building a Successful AG Mech Program\***

*James Merrifield and Eric Crager*

Would be geared toward 1st through 5th year teachers or someone needing to revamp their shop performance. We will go over what it takes to have competitive shop projects and keep ALL shop kids engaged. Will focus on the expectations of the program, ag teachers, and students.

#### **50) Ensuring Safety & Efficiency in Agricultural Mechanics Labs\* -**

*Jonathan Grimes- Safety First*

This workshop equips educators with essential safety protocols and best practices for managing a secure and efficient agricultural mechanics laboratory. Participants will learn about liability concerns, proper shop and equipment maintenance, and a comprehensive curriculum that streamlines lesson planning through video tutorials, lecture notes, and online assessments.

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#### **52) Basic Woodworking**

*Michael Bowen*

Join a panel and learn the basic knowledge and skills to integrate woodworking into your curriculum. Participants will learn fundamental skills, including safety, tool use, and basic techniques while exploring engaging student projects. Additionally, the workshop provides an overview of more advanced techniques, and project ideas, and you walk away with valuable resources for the class.

### **53) Wired for Success: Mastering the Electrical Section of the ATMS Contest**

*Dr. Randy S. Lund- Texas A&M University*

This workshop will equip teachers with the skills and knowledge to excel in the ATMS contest's electrical section. Participants will review key principles, practice wiring, troubleshoot, and interpret schematics. By the end, they'll confidently approach the contest with accuracy.

### **54) Dual Credit Welding**

*Jesica Thornburgh*

This presentation explores the benefits of incorporating Arclabs Trade School programs into high schools to provide students with hands-on training in welding and skilled trades. By partnering with Arclabs, schools can offer career-focused education, industry certifications, and direct pathways to high-demand jobs, helping students graduate with employable skills.

### **55) AI in Action: Boosting SAE, FFA, & Classroom Success for Ag Teachers^**

*Randy Lund- Texas A&M University and Dr. Jason Peake*

Discover AI tools designed to enhance every aspect of agricultural education, from streamlining SAE project planning and tracking to optimizing FFA competition preparation. This workshop will also explore how AI can support engaging classroom instruction with custom lesson plans, assessments, and interactive resources, giving ag teachers more time to focus on student success.

### **56) Beef Grilling 101 in the Classroom -**

*Erin Stutts-Texas Beef Council*

Join the Texas Beef Council as we walk you through the process of teaching grilling in your classroom. This hands-on, engaging content is sure to get your students excited about beef and culinary exploration.

### **57) Tips and Tricks for Agriscience Fair Manuscripts**

*Justin Pulley- Tarleton State University*

This workshop will provide teachers with a look into writing agriscience fair manuscripts as well as touching on the research topics that should be included in these manuscripts.

### **58) How to Get Students Involved in Urban Ag Programs^**

*Allison Miller, Alyali Marciano, Ivory Ashby, & Larry Florence*

This workshop will help give an overview as to different programs that you can add to your Animal Science and Plant Science pathways. We will be going over different enterprises that have been successful for our urban program as well as how we grow our program.

### **59) Beef Up Your Curriculum -**

*Julie Hodges*

Texas Beef Council, along with our partner, National Ranching Heritage Center, are excited to provide FREE classroom resources in areas of nutrition, health, culinary, and ag science. Come join us for an interactive workshop and bring home classroom-ready activities.

## **60) Preparing for Retirement (Changes In Social Security)**

*Tommy Neal and Keaton Davis Willett- Edward Jones*

We're back again to discuss planning for retirement and what YOU can start doing now to fuel your retirement accounts. We're discussing retirement options, what to do with your current investment vehicles, and where to save money in the most tax-efficient way. We are also discussing how your children's projects can save money tax-free! There will also be a Q&A session.

## **61)Workshop Name: Service for Life\***

*Brian Martin, Madison Dunn, Jessica Chandler, and Kelley Foreman*

Join the Advisors of the Rusk FFA as we share how to integrate State and Nationally Recognized Community Service Projects into your Chapters POA and help your students live out the line of "Living to Serve."

## **62) Opportunities in Urban Agriculture**

*Dr. Bob Williams- East Texas A&M University*

This workshop will consist of a panel discussion regarding opportunities for subsistence and entrepreneurial agriculture in urban environments and how existing AFNR courses and innovative SAEs might be used to prepare students to pursue careers or side gigs in this field. We will also explore interest in pursuing approval of an innovative Program of Study in urban agriculture.

## **63) Fundraising- Motivating Students -**

*Justin Armes, Liz Treptow, Brady Wilson, and Tammy Elkins- Seitz Fundraising*

Motivating students is the key to a successful fundraising effort for your chapter. We will provide tips, resources, and plans for teachers to use in the classroom. Our goal is simple-- "helping teachers energize their students to have a successful fundraising campaign".

## **64) CDE Blitz - Hands-on and Interactive CDE Intro for Your Classroom**

*Charlotte Main*

Inspire students to participate in CDE teams with a mini CDE fair...all in your classroom...and without breaking the bank!! Easy ways to set up CDE stations to help students see what a contest is all about. A survey for all students is provided so it's easy for you to implement this in your classroom.

## **65) How to Prepare Your Students for a Collegiate Judging Career**

*Vance Christie- Weatherford College, Quest Newberry- Blinn College,  
Will Dickison- Angelo State, & Kara Blackwell- Tarleton*

Sit in on a panel of college and university faculty as they provide an overview of their programs, and provide information on what type of student is typically most successful on their teams. Coaches from livestock, wool, meats, and horse programs on the junior college and university level will provide insight into how they prepare students in-house and through preparatory programs.



### **66) Sweet Sheep Genetics presented by NAAE**

*Alissa Smith- NAAE*

As we push the boundaries of livestock advancements, new challenges, and groundbreaking solutions emerge. Here is your chance to immerse yourself in genetics while gaining a hands-on activity to introduce to your classroom the latest genetic innovation. In this workshop, you will crossbreed sheep and predict which genetic diseases may show up – diseases the industry is working hard to eliminate.

### **67) Veterinary Feed Directive, VCPR and Alternative Therapies**

*David Sessum, LVT- Texas A&M University Veterinary Science Certificate Program*

VCPR, Veterinary Feed Directive, and Alternative Therapies such as Pulsed Electromagnetic Field and chiropractic work on livestock requirements will be discussed to help teachers understand the requirements veterinarians must comply with for these different services if performed on livestock

### **68) Show Animal Biosecurity, HPAI & H5N1: What you need to know!**

*Dee Ellis, DVM, and Nikki Boutwell- Texas A&M Veterinary Science Certificate Program*

This workshop is designed to discuss biosecurity best practices for ag teachers to implement with students and their show animals and barns. How to prevent disease spread to include the new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza and the correct response. Learn practice and useful ways to protect your barns and students.

### **69) Cricut 101 ^**

*Samantha Cornett*

In this workshop, you will learn the basics of how to use a Cricut, the materials needed, and how to incorporate it into your classroom. You will also gain knowledge in how to use this to spruce up your Homecoming Mums and Garters to make them more marketable.

### **70) The Role of the Cooperating Teacher in Texas A&M Student Teaching**

*Dr. Randy S. Lund, Dr. Tim Murphy, Dr. Gary Briers, and Mrs. Erin Stutts- Texas A&M University*

Cooperating teachers play a vital role in shaping the future of agricultural education by mentoring Texas A&M student teachers. This workshop will provide an overview of expectations, best practices, and effective strategies for supporting student teachers in their professional growth.

### **71) Google Classroom for Practicum/WBL Classes**

*Amy Podlewski*

Practicum or Work Based learning with students all over the place can make it difficult to keep them and you all on track! Google Classroom is a great resource that can be used to keep your students organized and submit required work in a timely fashion. Help your students keep up with their WBL requirements, IBC certification training, and much more.



## **72) Growing Minds, Growing Futures: AgriLife Learn's Toolbox \*-**

*Taylor Herbert and Kwency Ashley*

Explore AgriLife Learn's online educational resources that cover topics from human nutrition to horticulture, child care to animal science, and more! Learn about our online courses, curriculum, and other educational materials that are designed for your classroom, and discover the online courses that can provide you with professional development hours or CPE credits. (Spoiler Alert: there are a ton!)

## **73) Area / District Treasurer Swap Shop**

*Jayson Hill*

A swap shop to bounce thoughts and ideas off one another to make sure we are serving our districts and areas as efficiently as possible. There are 12 areas and 66 districts in Texas FFA- are we all doing it differently? The same? Topics to cover: record keeping methods, bank statement reconciliation, paying bills, auditing records, treasurer's reports, budget planning, tax reporting, etc.

## **74) Farming is Risky Business: Interactive Simulation to Teach Risk Management ^**

*Aubrianne Meek- Custom Ag Solutions*

Farming is Risky Business (FRB) is a no-cost, simulation-based workshop for agriculture educators, made possible through a partnership with the USDA. Participants explore risk management and crop insurance by making real-world production and marketing decisions in a fun, interactive classroom scenario. The workshop equips teachers with engaging tools to bring these concepts to life for students.

## **75) Greenhouse Maintenance**

*Jeff Bridgewater- Greenhouse Megastore*

The presentation will focus on the common issues with school greenhouses. The presentation will include a focus on ventilation, heating, covering maintenance along general sanitation practices for the greenhouse.

## **76) Supporting the Heart of Ag Education: A Workshop for Spouses of Ag Teachers^**

*Jason and Jessica Reeves, Tyler and Sara Burke, Miles, and Kayla Guelker, and Tanner and Taylor Christie*

Join us for an insightful workshop designed to empower spouses of ag teachers! Learn practical strategies for balancing the unique challenges of supporting an ag educator while maintaining a strong and healthy relationship. Whether you're new to this role or looking to enhance your support, this workshop will provide valuable tools, tips, and a supportive community to help you thrive as a partner.

## **77) Mission in Motion: Designing a Dynamic Program of Activities!\*^**

*Jennifer Jackson, Bre Fowler, and Ashlee Laird- Texas FFA Association*

This highly engaging workshop will equip participants with the knowledge and tools to develop a dynamic, comprehensive, and actionable Program of Activities that reflects their chapter's goals and engages all members. The workshop will be hands-on, encouraging collaboration and creative problem-solving.

### **78) Alternatively Certified Ag Teachers: How to Survive and Succeed\*^**

*Brandon Otto, Ali Lide, Rhett Wilson, and Jessica Mayhew*

Gain tips, tricks, and strategies on how not only to survive but to succeed in the Ag teaching profession as an alternatively certified ag teacher. Presenters range in teaching experience from year 2 through year 20. With the proper tools you too can succeed in this rewarding profession.,

### **79) Texas Major Livestock Shows\*^**

*Sterling Pieniazek- State Fair of Texas*

Join us for an interactive round table workshop designed to support both new and seasoned agricultural science teachers in navigating the ins and outs of Texas's major livestock shows. This open forum will provide a space to ask questions and discuss best practices related to livestock show and contest entries, rule changes, validation, student preparation, and more. Whether you're preparing for your first major show season or looking to refine your program, this collaborative session offers practical insights and peer support to help you succeed.

### **80) Best Practices for Integrating Entrepreneurship Into Agriculture Courses -**

*Denise DuBois and Sofia Scott- Realityworks, Inc.*

Do your students understand the importance of vision, diplomacy, coaching, and team building? Whatever career path they choose, entrepreneurship skills like these will help them succeed. In this session, we'll share tips and best practices for integrating entrepreneurial skills into any agriculture program to teach students the skills they'll need for future business success.

### **81) Maximizing ATAT Curriculum: Finding & Implementing Resources\***

*Lily Pruitt West and Beth Zuilhof*

Explore the ATAT-provided curriculum resources and learn where to find them and how to use them effectively in your ag classroom. This workshop will cover various ways to implement these materials to fit your teaching style and program needs. Save time and enhance your lessons with ready-to-use resources designed by Ag Teachers for Ag Teachers.

### **82) Training a Quality Milk Quality Team**

*Glenn Grimm*

This workshop would help assist teachers learn the ins and outs of training a milk quality CDE team.

### **83) Cutting Edge Ag: Crafting with Glowforge & Cricut**

*Ashlyn Childress & Mary Edwards-Texas FFA*

To learn vinyl and laser cutting, start by mastering the design software (e.g., Cricut Design Space, Adobe Illustrator), and practice loading materials and setting machine parameters. For vinyl, focus on cutting and adjusting settings for different materials. For laser cutting, learn to set power, speed, and frequency for various materials. This workshop will provide basic projects.

#### **84) Flower of the Month Club and Recipes**

*Susan Piland AIFD CFD TMF and Cassie Sanders AIFD CFD TMF- Texas State Florists' Association*

TSFA Instructors will show you new recipes and add to your current Flower of the Month club designs. The budget-minded designs may be easily replicated by your beginner to advanced floral design students.

#### **85) Building Your Professional Floral Design Portfolio for Students**

*Cassie Sanders AIFD CFD TMF- Texas State Florists' Association*

This workshop is crafted for teachers eager for their students to build and refine a standout floral design portfolio that is easy to use and grade. This session will provide everything you need to create a portfolio that truly blooms. Discover the secrets to capturing your designs with style, learn about essential portfolio requirements, and gain tips for presenting your work to industry standards.

#### **86) Repurposing, Reusing and Foraging**

*Amy Neugebauer AIFD CFD TMFA- Texas State Florists' Association*

Make the most of your floral design budget with this innovative class on ways to repurpose elements of your designs, reuse a variety of items, and forage for components to incorporate into your design. Lessons learned in this class will help you save time and money.

#### **87) Banquet and Event Planning**

*Cheryl Vaughan CFD PFCI TMFA and Debbie Woltmann- Texas State Florists' Association*

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of event design and banquet planning. Students will learn to conceptualize, plan, and execute event decor, focusing on themes, color schemes, floral arrangements, and overall ambiance creation. Practical projects will allow you to design within your budget from initial order to delivery and set up.

#### **88) Score Like the ScanMan Mini: e-Rubrics for Area & District Leadership -**

*Alyssa Ewell and Russell Ewell- JudgingCard*

As many areas and districts move to scoring in the JudgingCard e-Rubric system, individuals in district and area leadership will need to know more about how to set up and use the e-Rubric system for speaking events and LDEs. This workshop will dive into the facilitation of contests and judge experience using the rubric system.

#### **89) Social Media, QR Codes, and Marketing Materials, Oh My! -**

*Melissa Rosenbusch-Spicer, Jessie Stewart, and Mikaela Rosenbusch- Bloom for Good*

Toto, I don't think we are in Kansas anymore! Students today thrive on the use of technology in and outside the classroom. That's why it is more important than ever that we use these tools to promote our programs and fundraisers. Follow us down the yellow brick road as we explain how we can assist with every digital aspect of marketing you need in this turnkey program.

### **90) AET Online Testing Platform**

*Russell Ewell- The AET*

Explore how AET's new free testing platform can save you time and engage your students. Let your students take already written exam sets or build your own from shared bank questions. Train students for CDE/LDE/SAE and monitor their progress across attempts. TX LDE FFA Quiz resources are available and written by Liz Treptow!

### **91) What is the Texas FFA Foundation LEAD Series?**

*Aaron Alejandro, Kassie Montford, and Chanda Orren- Texas FFA Foundation*

Discover the Texas FFA Foundation LEAD Series, focusing on leadership development and advocacy. Learn how the program strengthens agricultural education and how teachers, alumni, and supporters can get involved to benefit FFA chapters.

### **92) Advanced Animal Science Roundtable**

*Kassie K. Loe & Nikki Reed*

Round table lesson and idea share for Advanced Animal Science. Bring your best lesson to share, your input, and questions, and join the discussion. Let's make this year the most engaging yet!

### **93) Training a Vet Science CDE Team**

*Magan Escamilla*

Join us for a workshop where you'll learn effective strategies for training a successful Vet Science CDE team. Discover how to set expectations, foster student engagement through interactive practices, and track progress, all while creating a positive learning environment that encourages collaboration and growth.

### **94) LDE Teams Beyond the Rules\***

*Katelyn Ebrom and Kyla Williamson*

Geared towards new to the profession ag teachers. How to select team members and train LDE teams; what to look for in students, how to assess students' qualifications, how to motivate/inspire students, and how to retain students/team members. Where do you fit team practices in? Allocating time and taking feedback. Winning or not; how to take teams to move towards a winning program and mentality.

### **95) Building a Brand: Using Social Media to Create Your Chapter Brand**

*Taylor Christie and Traci Broom*

In the age of social media, it is essential to use it to your chapter's benefit. Social media can create a strong brand for your program, especially amidst budget cuts. We will share tips, tricks, and best practices for using social media to grow and promote your FFA chapter.

### **96) Show Rabbits. There are 52 Breeds... What Do I Even Look For?**

*Katie Lisle, Kendall Lisle, Philip Lisle, and Charlie Snider*

Do you have basic knowledge of rabbits? Are you wanting to learn more about the process behind posing, conditioning, and showing? Join the Lisle Family of Fort Worth's Finest Rabbitry to discuss the 52 breeds of rabbits and the various market classes that the American Rabbit Breeders Association recognizes. We will discuss the basics of evaluation, and then dive into explaining each breed and market characteristics.

### **97) Digital Learning Curriculum for Invasive Plant Pests/Species -**

*Maureen Victoria and Mark Hainline- Sam Houston State University*

Digital learning content, lesson plans, and student activity ideas covering invasive species for plant and soil science, landscaping, or horticultural science teachers. Student activity recommendations are curated by a "think tank" of current plant science teachers. Resources will be available to teachers for immediate implementation in classrooms.

### **98) AI Tools for Ag Teachers: Work Smarter, Not Harder\***

*Brittney Avant, Amanda Thompson, Lilly Pruitt West, and Noel Sherer*

Join a panel of ag teachers and learn how to use AI to streamline lesson planning, create or modify resources for ag topics you're less confident in, and save time on daily tasks. This workshop will provide practical strategies to help you work more efficiently, so you can focus on what you love—teaching and growing your ag program. Discover how AI can be your best tool for reducing stress.

### **99) Building Connections Through Class Circles\***

*Georgia Dunn*

Making lasting connections with students is imperative to a positive classroom culture. By using relationship-building techniques including Class Circles, you can learn more about your students and provide a safe and welcoming environment for them to learn. Come gain experience on how to effectively manage circles and practice other relationship-building techniques.

### **100) Swine Validation 101\***

*Tammy Glascock- Texas FFA Association*

The basic procedures for planning (chair selection, dates, locations), the actual validation process, completing paperwork, and other useful tips will be covered by experienced teachers who conduct successful validation programs each year. The session will also cover any revisions for the upcoming year. This workshop is a must for young teachers and teachers serving as chairs for the first time. Experienced teachers may learn some new tricks as well!

### **101) Heifer and Steer Validation 101\***

*Toby Long, and Greg Clark*

The basic procedures for planning (chair selection, dates, locations), the actual validation process, completing paperwork, and other useful tips will be covered by experienced teachers who conduct successful validation programs each year. The session will also cover any revisions for the upcoming year. This workshop is a must for young teachers and teachers serving as chairs for the first time. Experienced teachers may learn some new tricks as well!

### **102) Sheep & Goat Validation 101\***

*Patrick Padgett and Michael Collins*

The basic procedures for planning (chair selection, dates, locations), the actual validation process, completing paperwork, and other useful tips will be covered by experienced teachers who conduct successful validation programs each year. The session will also cover any revisions for the upcoming year. This workshop is a must for young teachers and teachers serving as chairs for the first time. Experienced teachers may learn some new tricks as well!

### **103) Documenting SAE Visits on the Go with AET! -**

*Vanessa Kirby- The AET*

Do you document your SAE visits at students' homes or the school facility? Come learn how to use the SAE Visit tool on the mobile version of AET. This tool allows you to give direct feedback to students and rate them on skills. Parents receive a copy, and an entry is added to your Teacher Journal (Extended Contract) log! It is an excellent tool for providing documentation to the administration!

### **104) So You Are Teaching Ag Mechanics, Now What?^**

*Monty Main*

This workshop will focus on tips and tricks that new to Ag Mechanics teachers can use to keep students engaged, involved, and plugged in throughout the year. I plan to share my timeline that I have used in my classroom for twenty-plus years along with a list of simple easy-to-follow activities and projects I have used in all Ag Mechanics classes. I'll also share some pitfalls to avoid.

### **105) Best of the Best Floral Edition^**

*Leslie Dohnalik and Allison Talbott*

Come take a look at our most loved labs, designs, and hands-on activities that get the whole class up and going! Get a first-hand look at our favorite projects that push our course requests through the roof, and even sometimes get all of the staff involved at Travis High School.

### **106) Best Lab Practices\*^**

*Jenna Jones and Travis Dube*

Join a panel of experienced teachers as they share their best practices for classroom management techniques in a laboratory setting.

### **107) No Greenhouse? No Money? No Problem!^**

*Jordan L Kaminski and Travis Gonzales*

No greenhouse? No money? Lots of non-traditional students? We've got you covered! This workshop will focus on how to work with what resources you do have in a horticulture program and how to make the most out of your Plant Science Pathway! We will also discuss SAE opportunities and how to work these into your curriculum.



### **108) Breezy TA: The Ultimate AI Sidekick for Educators**

*Randy S. Lund- Texas A&M University*

Discover how Breezy TA can revolutionize your teaching by simplifying lesson planning, generating targeted feedback, and personalizing student engagement. This workshop will provide practical demonstrations and strategies to help teachers reduce burnout and focus more on what truly matters—educating and inspiring students.

### **109) AAE: Breakdown of the newest CDE**

*Justin Wood*

Breakdown of each contest part. Diving into the different aspects of the contest and how to train teams for each portion.

### **110) Engaging in the Political Process: How to make an impact!**

*Jeff Klose*

This workshop will help ag teachers develop the confidence to form positive relationships with their elected officials from the local level to the national level. It will discuss how to reach out, who to talk to in the office, how to schedule appointments, and how your FFA chapter can engage as well without breaking laws in regard to political activism in a public school setting.

### **111) Don't Just Hope to Retire..... Plan for it!**

*Jonathan Price- Value Teachers*

Learn about your TRS, what you are building in your pension, what rules for retirement you have to meet, get updates on how to reduce your tax bill and save more money at the same time, and learn good strategies on how to build wealth as a public school teacher! Don't just HOPE to retire..... PLAN for it! Also, Social Security made some BIG changes that helped us!

### **112) Building a Relationship with Local Media Outlets to Promote Your Chapter \*^**

*Ashley Dunkerley- Texas FFA Association*

Your FFA chapter is making an impact—now it's time to make sure your community knows about it! In this workshop, you'll learn how to build strong relationships with local media outlets to share your chapter's success stories, events, and initiatives. From writing effective press releases to conducting engaging interviews, this session will equip you with the tools to collaborate with newspapers, reporters, and more.

### **113) Teaching Artificial Insemination: Modern Practices for Future Ranchers**

*Jarrold Montford- Montford Cattle Service*

Designed for agricultural science teachers and their students, this workshop explores the history and application of Artificial Insemination (AI) in beef cattle. Participants will explore industry and ranch goals related to AI and hands-on techniques for teaching students how AI can accelerate herd improvement. This workshop will equip future ranchers for success in modern cattle management.



#### **114) How to Organize Your Vet Science Curriculum - Year at a Glance**

*Stacey Winters*

Do you teach Vet Science or Practicum in AFNR (Vet Focus)? Do you want ideas on how to organize your school year? What to focus on? What topics or skills to emphasize? This workshop will give a Year-At-A-Glance (YAG) for curriculum topics and hands-on activities for your CVA students.

#### **115) Vet Math for Dummies**

*Amy Podlewski*

Struggling with teaching Veterinary Math? How about training your Vet Science teams? Let's do some practice problems together and practice techniques that can be used to make it "dummy" proof.

#### **116) Aquatic WILD: Exploring Environments and Habitats -**

*Sara Jose and Steven Chumbley- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department*

Join us to learn more about Aquatic WILD, a K-12 curriculum guide focused on aquatic animals and their habitats. This session will include up to 3 activities that you can incorporate into your programs as well as information on attending workshops to get the full 55-activity guide.

#### **117) Stop the Bleed for Ag Teachers**

*John Moore and Charles Clanton-Smith Emergency Safety Department 2*

The "Stop the Bleed for Ag Teachers" workshop is a comprehensive, hands-on training designed to equip participants with life-saving skills, focusing on the ability to assess and respond to trauma in a variety of scenarios that Ag Teachers face daily. Presented by Smith County Emergency Services District #2 Firefighters, Lieutenant John Moore and Chief Charles Clanton.

#### **118) What is GBL? Making the Connection to What We Already Do in SBAE^**

*Garrett T. Hancock and Dr. Justin Pulley- Stephen F. Austin State University*

This workshop explores the integration of role-playing, simulation, and project-based learning techniques into game-based learning environments. Workshop clinicians will share practical insights and real-world examples of how SBAE instructors are already leveraging GBL strategies in their classrooms.

#### **119) Where There's Smoke, Dirt and Flowers There's Profit**

*Alan Linson and Hank Hollywood*

Join the Ennis FFA advisors to learn basic designs of quality products that help students practice welding before AWS certifications. Leave with simple, sellable, and quality product ideas based on current data. Not only will you get project ideas but also information on how and where to sell your finished products. Not every project built in your shop goes to a contest but the money earned in your Ag mech shop will help you get your chapter to contests. Includes multiple successful fundraising projects and strategies to make money for your chapter with limited effort.

## **120) Canva in the Classroom - Introduction and Basics to Using Canva\***

*Becca Barkley*

Introduce some basic ways to use Canva in the classroom. Presentations, recorded assignments, worksheets, and more.

## **121) What's New at iCEV: Tools, Features & The Future of iCEV \*^**

*Team iCEV*

To stay up to date with ever-changing educational standards and industry expectations, the iCEV platform is continually updating and innovating to best serve your Ag programs. Recently, iCEV has added a new pre- and post-testing feature, new and updated courses, course features, and more to the platform. Join this session to hear about iCEV's latest features and updates, plus a preview of what to expect for the upcoming school year!

## **122) Incorporating Industry Certifications into Your Ag Program\***

*Team iCEV*

Industry certifications give students a competitive edge. In CTE, certifications drive career growth, boost employability, and enhance workplace readiness. Join this session to discover how iCEV's industry certification platform makes it easy to integrate certifications into your Ag program — helping students gain the skills and credentials they need for future success!