



CCE System Conference

Foundations and Futures - sustainability and innovation across our system

Save the Date - April 4th - 6th, 2017

Location: Online

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CCE System Conference description

CCE System Conference is a three-day dynamic event scheduled for April 4-6 and designed to bring together people (physically and virtually) from across New York State to share results of their work in extension. Through both live virtual and accompanying offline activities participants will build a deeper understanding of the CCE system and campus county programs opportunities.

Face-to-face concept – New this year – the Conference will be encouraging in-person gatherings on Day 1 of the Conference as association staff or regional staff meet together to participate in a single track of system-wide presentations and facilitated dialogue. There is also the option for individuals to join and participate on their computers.

Motivating learning and sharing. In addition to the opportunities to have face to face dialogue on Day 1, the CCE System Conference will encourage virtual community building with activities designed to help participants get acquainted and feel comfortable and motivated. Ice breakers, actual games, and a [gallery for photos](#) of all participant's examples are planned as a demonstration of gamification in the workplace during the Conference. <https://hbr.org/2011/05/if-all-of-work-were-gamified> . A candid discussion around our new political climate and what it means to CCE, as well as an internationally-known key note speaker, Jones Loflin, who will inspire and engage us.

What will participants learn?

At the completion of the conference participants will:

- be able to share with others new ideas about skills and technology to enhance CCE work.
- know more about technology-based opportunities for teaching and learning.
- be acquainted with others showcasing effective, impactful practices and programs.

What will happen at the virtual conference?

The CCE System Virtual Conference will be held for 3 days.

Each day participants will have a chance to:

- **Connect** – ideas about current work to ideas presented.
- **Grow** – multimedia experiences are an essential component of the virtual conference. The videos, demonstrations and simulations will provide background on many new topics. Presentations will be saved and catalogued for further review or review by other colleagues.
- **Demonstrate** – Participants will be asked to share their own experiences and ideas with their fellow participants.

- **Reflect** – At the end of each day participants will have a chance to reflect on what they learned and consider how they will apply new ideas to their current work. The reflection will assist Conference Organizers in evaluating the conference experience.

Connect: social warm ups & games

Research about building a learning community points to the value of ice-breakers as important, relevant activities that ready individuals to learn new ideas – even in a virtual environment. These ideas will be put into place through ice breakers (day 1), discussions and activities.

Motivators: Experience Points and Badges for completing elements

There is a growing body of evidence that points to virtual badges and competition as motivators for learners to want to excel. CCE Systems Conference will use badging as a method that provides verification of completion.

Badges are provided to participants who:

- participate in three presentations in any one topical track;
- are involved in 3 or more activities focused on one of the conference goals (skill development, innovative teaching and learning or impactful practices and programs); and
- are involved the social aspects of the conference (gallery).

Additionally, there is a “Leveling Up” feature that assigns “experience points” to participants for their time spent engaged in the conference. Participants will be able to see how they compare to their colleagues on engagement and they will be able to move up through 10 levels of activity.

CCE System Conference Guidelines

Questions and suggestions? Planning committee members will respond to direct email within 24 hours of receipt. If participants have a question that would be relevant to other participants, please post it to the q and a forum on the discussion board. If participants have specific questions that can only be answered by the instructors, you may want to e-mail the instructors directly. Technical questions about connecting should be sent to "CCE Help Desk" cce-helpdesk@cornell.edu.

Online etiquette. In the online environment, it is expected that participants communicate in a manner that is respectful of others. Use respectful language and tones when communicating with other participants and the instructor. Also, observe common rules of grammar and punctuation. Communicate in a clear and succinct manner maintaining the level of academic integrity expected in a face-to-face course. If you are not familiar with “netiquette” conduct please review the core rules of netiquette.

Engagement with community and external tools. Enrollment in CCE Systems Conference assumes that participants are consenting to involvement with outside entities in the pursuit of educational interests and engagement. Outside interests may include and are not limited to reviewing websites, writing in blogs, and being a part of the CCE Systems Conference discussion group.

Badging. Completion of a presentation includes completing: watching the presentation and completing the evaluation. Some items require the participant to self-check a completion box. The expectation is that participants will fairly assess completion. Completion may be done daily or can be done following the conference while reviewing recordings to receive a badge.

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