

Concurrent Session Speaker Bios

Bio Sketch for: Nancy Hudson (Spice It Up – Discovering Delicious Flavors)

Nancy Hudson is the Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator for Fulton County. She has worked in Indiana Extension for 7 years and has 3 years' experience in Kentucky Extension. She also taught Family and Consumer Sciences to high school students in Northern Kentucky for several years. Nancy has two daughters and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading and loves to bake.

Bio Sketch for: Angie Abbott (Ask Angie)

Angie Abbott is the Associate Director and Program Leader for Purdue Extension in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Angie is a registered dietitian and Extension Specialist in the area of nutrition education programs that target limited resource audiences. She received her BS degree in dietetics from Ball State University and also completed her Master's degree and post-graduate dietetic internship through Ball State University. Angie is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree from Creighton University in Educational Leadership.

Bio Sketch for: Jan Dougan (StressLESS)

Jan Dougan, Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator in Dubois County, has over 21 years of experience in health and human sciences community programming in the Indiana and Kentucky Extension systems. She has earned a bachelor's degree in home economics from Indiana State University and a master's degree in community counseling from the University of Evansville.

Bio Sketch for: Linda Curley (It's Raining Cats and Dogs – Exploring Ways that Animals Improve our Health and Well-Being)

Linda Curley is a Health and Human Sciences Educator with Purdue University Extension in Lake County. She holds a Master's degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. Prior to becoming an Educator, Linda worked with the Family Nutrition Program and delivered nutrition education to youth and adults in underserved communities. During her early career, Linda worked for a local school district providing remediation services to children struggling in traditional grade school classroom environments.

Bio Sketch for: Cindy Barnett (Without a Will)

Cindy Barnett was born and raised in West Terre Haute, IN. After she graduated with her BS and MS degrees from Indiana State, she began her Extension career. During her 30+ years with Purdue Extension, she has served in five counties working with Indiana's youth and families. Currently, she is the Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator in Whitley County. Cindy has one daughter, Katie, who recently graduated from Purdue University.

Bio Sketch for: Vicki Hadley and Mary Ann Lienhart-Cross (Emergency Financial and Health First Aid Kit)

Vickie Hadley is the Health and Human Sciences Educator in Allen County and also the County Extension Director.

Mary Ann is the Health and Human Sciences Educator in Elkhart County as also the County Extension Director. Both of them work in the subject matter of Family Resource Management.

Bio Sketch for: Barbara Beaulieu (Strengthening Families with Love and Limits)

Barbara Beaulieu serves as the Human Development Specialist with Purdue Extension in the College of Health and Human Sciences, in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. She has served in this role for almost four years, supporting statewide Extension programs that focus on children and families across the lifespan. As a graduate of Purdue University, Barbara launched her career working for Extension in Florida. After being in educational settings and focused on early childhood educator programs for a number of years, she is delighted to return to Purdue and Extension. Barbara holds a Master's of Science degree from University of Florida in Extension Education and has completed coursework towards a doctorate degree in Education.

Bio Sketch for: Lindsey Pedigo and Molly Hunt (Connecting with Nature to Improve Your Health)

Lindsey Pedigo is a Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator in Howard County. Lindsey has always been interested in health and received her Master of Public Health degree from Purdue University. In her role as an Extension Educator, she has had the opportunity to be part of The Nature of Teaching: Health and Wellness team that has created a curriculum focused on improving childhood health by connecting children with nature.

Molly Hunt is the Health and Human Sciences Educator in Delaware County. Molly has been with Extension for five years, previously covering Blackford and Jay counties. Molly holds a BS from Indiana University Bloomington's School of Public and Environmental Affairs and a MPA from Ball State University's School of Political Science. She specializes in public health and wellness education, specifically focusing on nutrition, physical activity and workplace wellness. Molly is the mother of two wildly active young children and wife to a busy husband. She is passionate about making health attainable for all.

Bio Sketch for: Meagan Brothers, Jane Horner and Molly Hoag (Secrets to Aging Successfully: It's all Greek to Me!)

Meagan Brothers has worked for Extension in Southwestern Indiana for nearly two years, with her specialty area being Human Development.

Jane Horner is the Health and Human Sciences Educator in Cass County. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Science degree in Education. She is a member of the Family Resource Management team and represents Purdue Extension on the Center for Families at Purdue University.

Molly Hoag is the HHS Extension Educator in Wells County for the past 7 ½ years. Molly enjoys teaching programs in health and wellness by helping others make healthy lifestyle choices.

Bio Sketch for: Brittney Schori (Every BODY Needs to Move)

Brittney Schori is a Purdue University Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator in LaGrange County. Brittney typically provides evidence-based programs on topics such as stress management, physical activity and awareness programs. She discovered her passion to help educate others about health and wellness while in graduate school. Brittney is a strong advocate for eating healthier and exercising on a regular basis. Brittney enjoys cooking, running and teaching group fitness classes in her free time.

Bio Sketch for: Harriet Armstrong, Naomi Bechtold, Gracie Marlatt and Diana Stone (Understanding Your Credit Reports and Scores and Why this is Important)

Harriet Armstrong, a HHS Educator in Bartholomew County, is a graduate of Purdue and has worked in a variety of other education positions: high school Family & Consumer Science teacher, college instructor, home living skills program director, adult remediation instructor, and human services vocational education assistant. She is has been married to her husband, John, for 36 years and has two grown daughters.

Naomi Bechtold has been an Extension Educator for Purdue Extension-Marion County for nine years, the first six in 4-H Youth Development and for the past three in HHS. As an Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC®) her focus is personal finance empowerment education for underserved adults and youth. Naomi received her MBA from Lehigh University and AB in Public Policy from Duke University. She and her husband Marty have two children.

Gracie Marlatt has served as the HHS Educator with Purdue Extension–Rush County since 2009. A Purdue University graduate, she began her career as the Extension Youth Agent in Rush County. As the HHS educator, Gracie provides FRM programming including Captain Cash says and Smart Choice Health Insurance. She is excited to able to be able to utilize Your Money Your Goals. Gracie also serves on the Midwest Women in Agriculture Team and is a member of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Diana has served as the HHS Extension Educator in Shelby County for the past 15 years. She has a Family and Consumer Science teaching degree and a Master’s Degree in Education. Diana taught middle school and high school students for ten years prior to becoming an Extension Educator. As a part of Purdue Extension, Diana shares financial information with consumers with the goal of helping consumers become financially fit. For the past several years, a program called Captain Cash has been presented to local fifth grade students as a part of their financial literacy program

Bio Sketch for: Bryan Overstreet (The Code Red Document – A Contingency Planning Tool)

Bryan Overstreet has been with Purdue Extension for 12 years, after a 20 year career with the co-op system as an Agronomist. He has been the ANR Educator in Jasper County all 12 years and is in his 3rd year as CED. He has also filled in as ANR Educator in Pulaski County in the past.

Bio Sketch for: Karen Richey (Why We Eat What We Eat)

Karen Richey, Marshall County Extension Director and Extension Educator focuses her programming efforts on food safety and nutrition. She serves on the Purdue Extension Food Safety Advisory Board, Dining with Diabetes Task Force and curriculum development for Master Volunteer Program. Over the 25 years as a Purdue Extension Educator, she cherishes the opportunities she has had to help people have a better life through Purdue Extension programs.

Bio Sketch for: Mark Kepler (Let it Be Me)

Mark Kepler is a 32 year Purdue Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator. For the past 10 years in Fulton County, he has lead their local Leadership Academy and has graduated 180 adults that are making contributions in their communities. Like most in Extension, Mark conducts a variety of programs ranging from teaching police how to capture escaped farm animals to placement of international students on Indiana farms for visits.

Bio Sketch for: Marilyn Sink (Safe Disposal of Unneeded Medications)

Marilyn Sink is the HHS Extension Educator in Clark County. Before joining Extension last fall, she was the project director for substance abuse coalition in Glasgow, KY. During her tenure with the coalition, Marilyn helped establish six permanent medication disposal sites, promote semi-annual medication take-back days, as well as provided education to adult and youth on topics various related to medication.

Bio Sketch for: Russ Query (Diving Deep into Facebook and Understanding Millennials: Should Everyone Get a Trophy?)

Russ is the Web Application Developer for HHS at Purdue University. Russ enjoys trying to understand new technologies through practiced application. Russ has two children; daughter Rachel (27) and son Jared (24), and one grandson Austin (6). For fun, Russ loves to exercise through weight lifting and running, and has completed six full marathons and several half marathons. One fun fact about Russ is before the age of 11, he had over 100 stitches in his head from falling so much.