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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

National Events

2023 4-H PYD Virtual Academy
Camp Experiences for Youth to Thrive
April 25-27, 2023

State Events

January 17-18: 4-H Educator Meeting

Want more dates added to this list? Got a special event you want to promote to members?

Looking for some feel good stories for state/local 4-H Programs!

Send them [HERE!](#)

New IEPYE Website

Check out the new IEPYE Website! Stay connected for news and events for the Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education Association.
<https://go.illinois.edu/iepye>

Congrats to the State Award Winners!

SERVICE AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE

SHELBY CARLSON AND MYLA MUNRO

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

AMY HENSCHEN

COMMUNICATOR AWARDS

SOCIAL MEDIA PACKAGE/CAMPAIGN (TEAM)

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VIDEO PROGRAM

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SPECIALTY AWARDS

EXCELLENCE IN PEER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMIE BOAS, SHELBY CARLSON, MARTHA EBBESMEYER, AMY
HENSCHEN, KASEY KEMME, SARA MARTEN, MYLA MUNRO,
JENNIFER PETERSON, MYNDA TRACY

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

MARILU ANDON, SHELBY CARLSON, KIM MORRISON, ANNETTE
REESE, SUSAN SLOOP

EXCELLENCE IN 4-H CLUB SUPPORT

JAMIE BOAS AND SYDNEE SHAFER

EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMMING

JAMIE BOAS, MAGDALENA CASPER-SHIPP, ALCHA CORBAN,
ELISHA HUGHES, SARA MARTEN, MYLA MUNRO, MYNDA TRACY

FIRST TIME ATTENDEE

MARIA GUTIERREZ

EXCELLENCE IN AG LITERACY PROGRAMMING

KATIE BUCKLEY, ALCHA CORBAN, BRITTANY HAAG, EMILY
SADDLER

EXCELLENCE IN CAMPING

MARTHA EBBESMEYER, JOHNNA JENNINGS, JODI
BAUMGARTNER, ALLIE JOHNSTON, ANGELA MILLER, BECKY
GOCKEN

EXCELLENCE IN NAT. RES./ENVIRONMENT ED.

SHELBY CARLSON, DUANE FRIENDS, CURT SINCLAIR

EXCELLENCE IN WORKFORCE DEVEL. PROGRAMMING

SHELBY CARLSON



Volunteer with Me in 2023: Creating and Maintaining a Motivated Volunteer Base.

We are excited to announce this year's Central Illinois Volunteerism Conference!!

Save the date for **7/7/23**.

We are planning to have the conference in-person in Springfield at Memorial Learning Center.

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at the conference this year, please click [HERE](#) for the RFP to be filled out (due 1/18/23).

A message from a retiree

Diane Baker

It's been just over four years since I joined the ranks of IEPYE Life Membership (time still goes just as fast once you retire!). Throughout my 30-year Extension career, I worked in a variety of 4-H positions in northwestern Illinois with most of my career in the Quad Cities area doing a mix of traditional, urban and military work. While I do miss the people that we meet in the 4-H profession, I highly recommend retirement! I'm enjoying time with family and friends and I'm quite excited about my recent promotion to "Grandma!" Both of my kids have returned "close to, but not in, the nest" which I love! Jacob is working as a Crop Specialist for Gold Star FS and helping here on the family farm. Abbey is a Field Specialist for IL FBFM and she and her husband Dylan just welcomed our first grandson to the family. Grandma Daycare opens in November! Since retiring, I've been working half-time with Ag in the Classroom in Whiteside County which I love! I still get a regular dose of kids and caring adults and enjoy my evenings, weekends and summers relaxing (who am I kidding, I still don't know how to relax, but I sure am enjoying life). What do I miss most about working for Extension? I miss the kids, the parents and my professional colleagues. My greatest professional joy during my career was our professional association. I was actively involved throughout my career at the state and national levels – serving in several national leadership roles throughout my career. Times can be rough in the 4-H profession, but my network of colleagues throughout the state and across the nation continued to inspire and renew my spirit just when I needed it most. I encourage each of you to invest in yourself by being actively involved in our professional association. It can be tricky to find the right balance between your personal life, your job requirements and your association involvement, but I challenge each of you to be intentional about including some level of professional association involvement in your short-term and long-range personal goals. The best friendships and the most rewarding experiences of my profession are all thanks to my involvement in IEPYE and NAE4-HA (now NAE4-HYDP).