

Rural Summit 2020

Wednesday April 29

Noon-5pm: Highlighting Rural in the Kirkwood Region

2-4pm Mount Vernon: "The Secret to Retail Success" & guided walking tour

4:30pm Swisher – "Destination Retailers"

5:30pm- 7pm: Rural Summit Welcome, Cedar Ridge Winery & Distillery, Swisher, IA
Sponsored by The Bill Menner Group and Trusted Energy

Thursday April 30

7:30-9am Continental breakfast

7:30-9am Registration

9am Conference Welcome

- Kirkwood Community College President Lori Sundberg
- Iowa Rural Development Council Chair Sandy Ehrig

9:15am Past Summit Takeaways: Kelly Bay, Emmetsburg. and Benji Nichols, Decorah

9:30am Conference Opening Keynote. Steve Siemens.
"Visualize or Fossilize! A New Decade to Make Good Happen."

10:30am Networking Break

11:00am Break-out Sessions #1, #2 and #3

Facilities and Projects: New Resources for Funding

Critical Issues: Rural Health and Health Care

Facing the Future: Communities and Agriculture

12:15pm Lunch: Exhibitor Overview + Empowering Rural Iowa Policy Implications

1:30pm Break-out Sessions #4, #5 and #6

Facilities and Projects: Community Vitality through the Arts

Critical Issues: New Strategies for Essential Public Services

Facing the Future: Investing in Yourself: The Role of the Private Sector

2:30pm Transition Break

2:45pm Break-out Sessions #7, #8 and #9
Facilities and Projects: Rural Technology Hubs
Critical Issues: Rural Workforce Innovations
Facing the Future: Communications 2025

5:00pm Rural Recognition Awards Reception

6:30pm Dinner on your Own

Friday May 1

7:00am Buffet Breakfast; Community Networking Time

8:00am Welcome Back, Day 2

8:10am Roundtable #2: Community Colleges and their Rural Impact

9:10am *50 Ideas in 50 Minutes*

10:00am Break

10:15am Roundtable #3: The Road to a Rural Vision:

11:00am Closing Keynote David Williamson.
"Turn It Up! Leadership Lessons from 50 Years of Rock'n'Roll"

11:45pm Adjourn