

Rural Summit 2021

Wednesday August 18

1pm-5:00pm: "I Built This Rural Business" - Visits on-your-own to rural innovators in the region

5:30pm- 7pm: Rural Summit Eve Reception
Cedar Ridge Winery and Distillery
Sponsored by The Bill Menner Group and Trusted Energy
Shuttle Bus Service from Hotel Kirkwood

Thursday August 19

7:30-9am Continental breakfast

7:30-9am Registration

9am Conference Welcome

- Kirkwood Community College President Lori Sundberg
- IRDC Chair Mark Reinig

9:15am Conference Opening Keynote. Honorable Helen Miller, former Iowa State Representative
"How Iowa Makes Me Feel"
Sponsored by America's SBDC-Iowa

10:00am Filling Your Toolbox: Sponsor Introductions and Networking Break

10:30am Break-out Sessions, Round 1

Critical Issues: Growing Your Own: Driving New Entrepreneurship Efforts

Facilities and Projects: Innovations in Public Assets

Sponsored by Iowa American Water

Facing the Future: Connecting Ag and Community:

11:30am Networking Break/Team Reconnect – Transition to Lunch

12:00pm Lunch + Empowering Rural Iowa Policy Implications Roundtable

1:30pm Break-out Sessions, Round 2

Critical Issues: Making the Most Out of Federal Funding

Facilities and Projects: Community Vitality through the Arts

Sponsored by CultureALL

Facing the Future: Communications 2030

2:30pm Break for Networking/Exhibitors/Transition to Break-outs

3:00pm Break-out Sessions, Round 3

Critical Issues: Opening Doors: Being a Welcoming Community

Facilities and Projects: Dealing with Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings

Facing the Future: Philanthropy Leading the Way

4:00pm Networking/Community Team Reconnect

5:00pm Rural Recognition Awards Reception
Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau/Renew Rural Iowa

6:30pm Dinner on your Own

Friday May 1

7:30am Buffet Breakfast; Community Networking Time

8:30am Welcome Back, Day 2

8:40am Filling Your Toolbox: 50 Ideas in 50 Minutes

9:30am Exhibitor Time with Snacks

9:50am Roundtable: Solutions to a Child Care Crisis

10:45am Closing Keynote Gary Kroeger
"Leaving LA – and Coming Home"

11:30pm Parting Message and Adjournment