

2023 Iowa Rural Summit

Monday April 10



Pre-Conference Opportunities

10:00-3:00 2023 Annual Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Conference. Lunch provided. Garden Room, Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa

Register for this event at <https://go.iastate.edu/53TIBU>

1:00-5:00 Rural Site Visits

5pm- 7pm: Welcome Reception at Reiman Gardens
Gateway Hotel and Conference Center Garden Room
Sponsored by The Bill Menner Group and Trusted Energy

Tuesday April 11

7:30-9am Registration and Continental breakfast
Sponsored by Iowa American Water

9am Conference Welcome, Gateway Hotel Prairie Ballroom

9:15am Conference Opening Keynote, Prairie Ballroom.
Danielle Nierenberg, President, *Food Tank: The Think Tank for Food*
Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control

10:00am Celebration of Sponsors and Exhibitors, Prairie Ballroom

10:30am Networking Break

11:00am Break-out Sessions, Round 1

Critical Issues: *Addressing Rural Food Access*, Prairie South Meeting Room
Sponsored by Iowa's Healthiest State Initiative

Facilities/Projects: *Building Momentum: Recent Child Care Successes*, Prairie Central
Sponsored by First Children's Finance

Facing the Future: *FINDing Rural Dentists*, Prairie North Meeting Room
Sponsored by Delta Dental

12:15pm Lunch, Garden Room
Empowering Rural Iowa with Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg
Sponsored by D.A. Davidson

1:30pm Break-out Sessions, Round 2

Critical Issues: *Local Cheerleaders and Welcome Wagons*, Prairie North

Facilities/Projects: *Public Libraries Driving Innovation*, Prairie Central

Facing the Future: *Rural Hospitals as Economic Engines*, Prairie North
Sponsored by Iowa Association of Business & Industry

2:30pm Short Break with Light Snack/Transition to Break-out Rooms

2:45pm Break-out Sessions, Round 3

Critical Issues: *Leveraging a Downtown Assessment Team Visit*, Prairie South\
Sponsored by Bolton & Menk

Facilities/Projects: *Expanding Community Assets through Leaders and Volunteers*,
Prairie Central
Sponsored by Wellmark

Facing the Future: *Rural Business Succession and Cooperatives*, Prairie North
Sponsored by UNI Advance Iowa

3:45pm Hotel Check-in and Meet the Vendors!

5:00pm Rural Recognition Reception, Garden Room
Sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau/Renew Rural Iowa

5:30pm The Rand Fisher Rural Leadership Awards Ceremony, Garden Room
Sponsored by IADG Community Foundation

Wednesday April 12

7:30am Buffet Breakfast/Community Networking Time, Garden Room
Sponsored by ITC Midwest

8:30am Welcome Back, Day 2

8:40am Roundtable #1: *Powerful Rural Businesses: 10KSB Alums*, Prairie Ballroom
Sponsored by DMACC/Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

9:45am Break/Check Out

10:15am 45 Ideas in 45 Minutes, Prairie Ballroom
Sponsored by Iowa SBDC/ISU Economic Development and Industry Relations

11:00am Closing Keynote: Carrie Henning-Smith, "Rural Vitality Through the Lens of Social Well-being" Prairie Ballroom
Sponsored by Delta Dental

11:50pm Parting Messages and Adjournment