



2021 C2A3 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Sunday, September 19 – Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Central Lakes College (Brainerd & Staples, Minnesota)

- ❖ *The conference attire for this year is casual. We encourage you to wear comfortable clothing and perhaps consider showing your spirit by wearing your College's swag.*
- ❖ *Masks are required in all indoor settings on the Central Lakes Campus. However, every effort has been made to select the appropriate campus venues so there will be opportunities to remove the masks.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Attendees: Faculty and Advisory Council Representatives, SARE Representatives

Optional: Other Partner Representatives and Guests

(Lunch on your own. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.)

1-2:30 pm Hotel Check-in

Location: Timberlake Hotel, 1212 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479

2:30-3 pm Conference Check-in

Location: Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479

3 pm Welcome to Minnesota + Introductions

Location: CLC Commons

To join virtually: [Welcome to Minnesota](#)

(Meeting ID: 930 5984 9033, PW: C2A32021)

3:15-5 pm Option #1: Byron Bus Tour (in person only)

Location: Depart from CLC Commons

- 8-10 minute bus ride, please be prepared for a walking tour

3:15-5 pm Option #2: Visioning Session with Jimmy Bramblett and State Conservationists

Location: B205

To join virtually: [Welcome to Minnesota](#)

(Meeting ID: 930 5984 9033, PW: C2A32021)

Attendees: Presidents or their designee

Optional: Advisory Council members are welcome to attend and observe

6 pm DINNER (in person only)

Location: Timbers Restaurant, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479

Speaker: Mike Kutzke

Attendees: All Participants and Invited Guests

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7 am** **Breakfast, Timberlake Hotel (for those staying there)**
Fruit, rolls, coffee, juice available at the college until 10am.
- 7:45 am** **Check-in**
Location: Central Lakes College Ag & Energy Center
26505 County Road 2, Staples, MN
- 8 am** **Welcome and Introductions, Hosted by Central Lakes College**
Location: Ag & Energy Center
To join virtually: [Welcome, Purpose, NRCS Agreement](#)
(Meeting ID: 976 7570 4309, PW: C2A32021)
- Comments from Dr. Hara Charlier and Ryan Galbreath (NRCS)
 - Louis Aspey, Associate Chief, NRCS
- 8:15 am** **Purpose of Consortia – Dr. Tracy Kruse**
Location: Ag & Energy Center
To join virtually: [Welcome, Purpose, NRCS Agreement](#)
(Meeting ID: 976 7570 4309, PW: C2A32021)
- Overview of C2A3, History, etc. Current overarching goals (for purposes of NRCS reps and new members). Highlight Successes from past year.
 - Faculty Workshop/Lunch n’ Learn
 - SARE Grant Update
 - Cooperative Agreement Update
- 8:35 am** **Jimmy Bramblett – Introduction to NRCS goals related to C2A3**
Location: Ag & Energy Center
To join virtually: [Welcome, Purpose, NRCS Agreement](#)
(Meeting ID: 976 7570 4309, PW: C2A32021)
- 8:50 am** **Minnesota Model of NRCS Agreement – Ryan Galbreath & Keith Olander**
Location: Ag & Energy Center
To join virtually: [Welcome, Purpose, NRCS Agreement](#)
(Meeting ID: 976 7570 4309 PW: C2A32021)
- 9:15 am** **Updates from colleges (5 – 7 minutes each)**
Location: Ag & Energy Center
To join virtually: [Welcome, Purpose, NRCS Agreement](#)
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- Clark State College
 - North Dakota State College of Science
 - Illinois Central College
 - Ivy Tech Community College
- 10-10:30 am** **BREAK**

10:30-12 pm Tour of Ag & Energy Workshops #1 (in person only)

- Water Quality Research Tour
- Cover Crops
- Kernza, Hazelnuts, Hemp
- POD, LLG, Vineyard, Apple Orchard
- Drone Experience
- Ride-n-Drive
- Technology Trailer

12:15 pm LUNCH

Location: CLC Commons

To join virtually: [C2A3 Annual Conference Speaker & Updates](#)

(Meeting ID: 971 4015 9558, PW: C2A32021)

Speaker: Monica McConkey, Rural Mental Health Specialist

1:15 pm Updates from Colleges (5 – 7 minutes each)

Location: Commons

To join virtually: [C2A3 Annual Conference Speaker & Updates](#)

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- Northcentral Technical College
- Northeast Community College
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Richland Community College

1:45 pm Break

2- 3:15 pm Advisory Council Visioning Session – Finalize Recommendations for Goals

Location: C168

To join virtually: [Advisory Council Visioning Session](#)

(Meeting ID: 972 2049 5657, PW: C2A32021)

- Future Planning Opportunities: (Breakouts/Round Robins)
 - Curriculum Partnerships
 - Applied Research
 - Classroom/Student Learning/Global Leadership Joint Opportunities
 - Faculty Workshops/Lunch n' Learn Opportunities.

2-3:15 pm Board Member Only Meeting

Location: B103 + virtual option provided

2-3:15 pm NRCS Meeting

Location: Virtual (link to be provided by NRCS)

Attendees: NRCS representatives only

3:15 pm BREAK

3:30-5 pm CLC Staples Campus tour (in person only)

- Machine Shop
- Diesel
- Heavy Equipment
- Robotics
- Solar Array

OR

Tour of Ag & Energy Workshops #2 (in person only)

- Water Quality Research Tour
- Cover Crops
- Kernza, Hazelnuts, Hemp
- POD, LLG, Vineyard, Apple Orchard
- Drone Experience
- Ride-n-Drive
- Technology Trailer

6 pm DINNER (in person only)

Location: Timbers Restaurant, 1220 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479

Speaker: Video Greetings from Minnesota Senator Tina Smith

Attendees: All Participants and Invited Guests

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7 am Breakfast, Timberlake Hotel (for those staying there)

Fruit, rolls, coffee, juice available at the college (Brainerd Campus) until 10am.

8 am Participants travel to Brainerd Campus

Location: 501 W. College Drive Brainerd, MN (approx. 30-minute drive)

7:30-9:45 am Board members join virtual Advocacy meetings

Attendees: Board members only + virtual option provided

9:45-10:30 am Board members travel to Brainerd Campus

Location: 501 W. College Drive Brainerd, MN (approx. 30-minute drive)

10:30-11:30 am Board Meeting – Approve New Goals

Location: C205

To join virtually: [C2A3 Board Meeting](#)

(Meeting ID: 915 4756 3413, PW: C2A32021)

Attendees: Board of Directors

Optional: Advisory Council members and NRCS representatives

8:30-11:30 am

Faculty Track

Location: C205

Attendees: Faculty, Partner Representatives

Optional: Advisory Council Representatives, Other Guests

- 8:30-9:30 Faculty Track

To join virtually: [Faculty & Partner Representatives](#)

(Meeting ID: 912 4004 8644, PW: C2A32021)

- 9:30-10:15 NRCS; Alan, Candi, Direct hire, Student Interns, Chief's Field Office Award, Group Volunteer Award
- 10:15- 10:30 BREAK (participants may go on campus tour or attend Board meeting)
- 10:30-11:30 Brainerd Campus College Tour to include these areas and NRCS input/expectations (tour is in-person only)
 - Horticultural Landscaping Greenhouse
 - Animal Science

11:30-12 pm Boxed Lunch provided for participants to take with them

Conference Adjourned

Conference Speakers



Mike Kutzke

Mike Kutzke is a speaker, trainer, and life-long learner. He is interested in technology, social media and how people and groups adapt to change. He has an M.S. Degree in Social Sciences from North Dakota State University and a B.A. Degree in criminal Justice from Minnesota State University. Mike presents on a wide-range of topic areas and takes pride in his ability to blend humor, information, and adult learning principles in his training events.



Monica Kramer McConkey

Monica Kramer McConkey has 25 years of experience in the behavioral health field as a counselor, program supervisor and administrator. She has a Masters Degree in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Minnesota. Her focus throughout her career has been to increase access to, and remove the stigma often attached to mental health services in rural underserved areas. Monica grew up on a farm in northwestern Minnesota and has intimate understanding of the dynamics leading to farm stress and its impact on farm families. She currently works as one of two Rural Mental Health Specialists in Minnesota providing support to farmers and their families through a contract with the MN Ag Centers of Excellence. Monica also travels throughout the country educating and speaking on rural mental health and resilience through her business Eyes on the Horizon Consulting, LLC.