



COMMUNITY COLLEGE ALLIANCE
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A partnership between USDA and member institutions in Illinois, Indiana,
Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio & Wisconsin

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

Revised agenda

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (revised)

9:50 **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)

10:20 **Break**

10:30 am **Updates from colleges (5 – 7 minutes each)**

Location: Ag & Energy Center

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- Clark State College
- North Dakota State College of Science
- Illinois Central College
- Ivy Tech Community College

11:15 **Break**

11:30 **Updates from Colleges (5 – 7 minutes each)**

Location: Commons

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

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

1:00 pm Bus Tour of Ag & Energy Center

2:15-3:15 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.

2:15-3:15 Board Member Only Meeting

Location: B103 + virtual option provided

2:15-3:15 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 (weather permitting)

Tour of Ag & Energy Workshops #2

- 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