Tips to Prepare for a Great Annual Session Experience Ivelisse Colón (NC), NCEAFCS Vice President of Professional Development and Recognition

Whether you have previously attended the NEAFCS Annual Session or this is your first one, it's a good idea to prepare ahead of time so you can get the most out of the conference. Here are some tips for you:

- Clear Your Agenda Try finishing tasks, deadlines, and projects while at home so you can clear your mind and focus on having a great experience in Raleigh.
- ➤ Set Up Away Email Set your email ahead of time to respond automatically while you are away. In it, you could refer your customers to a colleague if needing immediate assistance.
- ➤ Dress Smart We have two hotels for this conference and although I wouldn't advise wearing sweatpants and flip-flops, I would recommend bringing appropriate clothes and comfortable shoes for the days ahead. Also, don't forget the awards banquet. Bring your best to celebrate your and your colleagues' success!
- ➤ The Right Sessions for You— A week before the conference, check the agenda and select those sessions you're interested in attending. Remember, it's about using your time wisely and getting the most out of what's offered!
- ➤ Essential Free Time In addition to the sessions, it's important to connect with friends and colleagues from near and far. So, plan some time to share with them, have fun, and experience what Raleigh offers you!

Make this event the best experience of the year! Embrace the time together, make new friends, learn new things, and celebrate the uniqueness of Extension's FCS!

