

Professional Development the NEAFCS Way!

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Now, our Professional Development has webinars, annual session, book clubs, QR Codes to collect feedback, and evolving virtual meet ups. What would our predecessors think of our professional development? Our predecessors helped establish some of these practices. For this, we are a supportive, resourceful organization for NEAFCS members. Hopefully, you are working on 90 Ways to Celebrate Our 90th Anniversary to appreciate our rich existence.



Education through annual session and webinars, Excellence recognized with scholarships and awards, Experience such as the Leadership Experience provide many opportunities for professional development as an individual. These opportunities allow us to learn from other FCS educators from all regions of our nation. I encourage each member to apply for an award to recognize your excellence in your profession or to participate in the Leadership Experience to grow yourself through this year long experience as a mentor or mentee. These professional development opportunities meet many needs.

Annual session, Awards, Ambassadors, and Advocacy are more ways NEAFCS members can gain professional development. Ask leadership or visit the NEAFCS, if you need to know more.

Focused on the mission and goals of the Land Grant University Extension System, the NEAFCS Board created a Strategic Plan to guide our organization for 2025-2028.

Celebrating 90 years in 2024 is a great professional accomplishment. We are headed to 100 years in 2034!

Sustaining our profession by adapting to our changing world is essential. I encourage NEAFCS members to use resources such as Share Your Story Template under Public Affairs on the NEAFCS website to let everyone know about the FCS profession. We are professionals with the NEAFCS creed in mind.

Don't hesitate to contact Marcia Parcell, VP for Professional Development, should you have questions or need assistance with this process. Her email is mparcell@purdue.edu