

## Latest Leadership Experience Class is Chosen

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**Of the many opportunities NEAFCS offers, participating in the Leadership Experience may be the most beneficial. This program helps you develop the skills and confidence needed to improve leadership skills.**

The Leadership Experience program was developed to grow leaders from within the association through Professional Development and Mentoring. It enhances the opportunities and skills for Mentees by providing guidance, support, encouragement, and empowerment needed for a successful career. This is done by focusing on developing skills in self-confidence, self-esteem, job satisfaction, work-life balance, and more.



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EXPERIENCE**

Mentees are matched with an experienced Mentor. These Mentors are given the opportunity to share their knowledge and passion for FCS and NEAFCS, while positively impacting the life of another professional. They often find they are also renewing their own inspiration to grow as Extension professionals by gaining new insights from their Mentee.

The committee chose nine mentees and paired them with nine excellent mentors. We are so excited these individuals are willing to invest in developing their leadership skills or in the abilities of others. We are pleased to announce the following cohort pairs this year:

- Sara Attig (IL) mentee will be mentored by Brad Averill (GA)
- Alicia Boatwright (AR) mentee will be mentored by Caroline Everidge (IN)
- Haily Burgher (IA) mentee will be mentored by Roxie Price (GA)
- Chi Catalone (PA) mentee will be mentored by Susan Conner (TN)
- Jenna Dyckman (UT) mentee will be mentored by Christi Demitz (MI)
- Jessica Gardner (NC) mentee will be mentored by Anna Mae Kobbe (PA)
- Anna Goff (AR) mentee will be mentored by Lora Lee Howard (KY)
- Katie Golden (AR) mentee will be mentored by Darlene Minniefield (AL)
- Maria Gonzales (LA) mentor will be mentored by Diana Romano (OK)

Although not all applicants were chosen for this year, we encourage those applicants and all of you to apply next year for the Leadership Experience.

**We are excited about these Leadership Experience Mentees and Mentors and wish them success as they are investing in themselves, their profession, and their future in NEAFCS. We look forward to great things this year with this cohort!**

