

**RSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JULY 13-15, 2014**

Theme: “Achieving Balance Through: Innovation, Technology, and Career Pathways”

TENTATIVE OUTLINE

Sunday, July 13

1:00-5:00 Registration
1:00-2:00 RSA Committee Meetings
2:30-4:30 Board of Directors Annual Meeting
5:45-6:45 Sunday Reception
6:45-9:00 **Dinner: Introduction and Welcome – Dr. Bruce Fraser; Edward Engel Presiding;**
Pre-dinner speaker – **Mr. Dean Norton, President of the New York Farm Bureau**

Monday, July 14

8:30-9:45 **Early Bird Session: Dr. John Sipple, New York State Center for Rural Schools, presiding.**
9:45-10:30 **Break-Visit Exhibitors**
10:30-11:45 **Concurrent Sessions 1:**

- **“Imagine*Inspire*Innovate: The Children and Youth Learning Initiative at Alfred University”**
- **“Sullivan County BOCES CTEC Pre-Tech/STEM Program”**
- **“ ‘From the Top’ Effective Dropout Prevention Strategies Associated with Graduation Rates as Identified in NYS Rural School Districts”**
- **“Madison-Oneida BOCES Virtual AP Program”**

12:00-1:15 **Luncheon, Conference Planning Chair Ms. Jacklin Starks, presiding;**
FFA Luncheon Speakers

1:30-2:45 **Concurrent Sessions 2:**

- **“The Influence of Wireless Devices on Student Engagement in the Rural School Classroom”**
- **“Sharon Springs CS iPad Project: Year One Summary and Fact Sheet”**
- **“A Centralized Bus Maintenance Facility and Service-A Case Study for Rural Schools”**

2:45-3:15 **Afternoon Dessert Reception**
3:15-4:30 **Concurrent Sessions 3:**

- **“Panel Discussion on Career and Technical Education Initiatives in New York State”**
- **“Central Early Childhood Direction Center Community Awareness Project”**
- **“Project SOAR: Successful Opportunity for Positive Academic & Behavioral Results”**

6:00-7:00 **Monday Reception**
7:00-9:00 **Dinner - Mr. Edward Engle, Presiding**
Speaker: **Mr. Rick Timbs, Executive Director of the Statewide School Finance Consortium**
Awards - Executive Director **Dr. Bruce Fraser Presiding**
9:00-11:00 **Mixer**

Tuesday, July 15

8:00-9:45 **Presentation: New York State Education Department**
Presenters: **Dr. John King, Commissioner of NYSED**
Dr. James Dawson, Board of Regents, NYSED

10:00-11:15 **Concurrent Sessions**

- **“Partnerships for STEM Education: Creating Opportunities for Place-Based, Interdisciplinary STEM Learning and Teaching Experiences Across Generations”**
- **“Opening Doors to Global Awareness”**
- **“Increasing Learning Modalities Through the Use of Commercial Wireless Internet: (A Strategy to Level the Digital “Playing Field” for Children in Poor Rural Communities)”**

11:30-12:00 **Cracker-barrel Session – Conference Planning Committee**
12:00-1:00 **Closing Lunch**