



# Galaxy III Gazette

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## Tuesday, September 16 Schedule:

- **7:30 am:** Registration, Welcome Tables open, Auction Item Check-In
- **8 am:** Life Members/Retirees room open
- **8 am—10:45 am:** *Opening General Session with Keynote Speaker* (Convention Center—Sagamore Ballroom 2nd Floor)
- **11 am—5 pm:** Exhibits open (Convention Center—Exhibit Hall E)
- **12:30 pm—4 pm:** Poster Session #1 (Convention Center—Exhibit Hall E)
- **1:30 pm—3 pm:** Concurrent Session #1
- **3:30 pm—5 pm:** Concurrent Session #2
- **6 pm—States' Night Out**



## The Planning Behind Galaxy III

By Katherine Kuykendall

A lot has gone on behind the scenes of the Galaxy III Conference. The challenge to bring the ideas and traditions of six different Extension associations is certainly not an easy task.

Just ask Diane Baker, the chair for the Galaxy III Steering Committee, who has been working with the committee on this conference for three years.

At a co-worker's urging, Baker applied to be the chair for the Galaxy III Conference. Now, she is grateful for the extra encouragement she received.

"It has been lots of fun to work together with Extension professionals from a wide variety of disciplines," said Baker.

The Galaxy Conference, which happens only every five years, is planned under the leadership of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) and has a 14-member steering committee to organize the conference.

The committee is made up of two representatives from each Extension association in JCEP (12 people total), one representative from the host state,

and one chair selected by JCEP. The committee for Galaxy III was formed in 2005.



Diane Baker, Galaxy III Steering Committee Chair

As chair of the conference, Baker has provided leadership to the steering committee during bi-annual meetings in Indianapolis for the past three years and regular conference calls. She also has the responsibility of reporting to JCEP with information and updates.

This is not the first conference that Baker has been involved

with. Since she started with Extension, she has been a member of NAE4-HA and has always participated in national conferences. She also served on the Galaxy I Steering Committee in Cincinnati, Ohio.

No conference can be planned by the committee alone. Extension colleagues from across the nation submitted nearly 800 proposals for educational sessions, which provided the conference with an abundance of professional development opportunities. In addition, Baker explained that Purdue Extension and the city of Indianapolis have exhibited great hospitality to the conference and JCEP.

Baker and the other 13 members of the steering committee have had a great time planning the Galaxy III Conference. Now, it's time for others to enjoy the product of their hard work.

"We hope that all of our Extension colleagues will take advantage of the Galaxy III Conference offerings as well as enjoy the sites of Indy," said Baker.

## Galaxy III Concurrent Sessions

Concurrent Sessions are a highlight of Galaxy! Learn from colleagues across the country in a variety of program areas. Seven different sessions are scheduled Tuesday-Thursday.

Short abstracts of each session are available in your Conference Program booklet; full abstracts are posted on the Galaxy Web site under the Conference Proceedings tab. There are a variety of concurrent sessions including:

**Association Sponsored Sessions** - JCEP affiliated professional associations selected the topic and the presenter of these sessions. In several cases, the

association vice president and/or award winners are the presenters.

**Exhibitor Seminars** - opportunities for companies and businesses to present their most updated research and/or latest products.

**Life Member/Retiree Sponsored Sessions** - are designed for those interested in topics related to retirement and life after Extension.

**Competency Building/Program Development Workshops** - teach a specific skill set needed by Extension professionals. A program development workshop describes a program-

ming initiative that leads to outcomes and impacts.

**Research and/or Evaluation Reports** - summarize theoretical, systematic inquiries related to the advancement of theory and practice.

**Roundtables** - designed to promote open discussion around a significant or major issue or theme. Rather than making a formal presentation, Roundtables are a briefing on educational programs, techniques, or projects that utilize research findings or "best practices" in their program design with time for Q&A with table participants.

## Galaxy Exhibits & Poster Sessions

Exhibit Hall E in the lower level of the Convention Center is the location Tuesday and Wednesday for Commercial Exhibits at Galaxy.

Eighty-eight exhibitors in 125 booths are scheduled to be on display.

The Exhibit area will be open on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Poster sessions will share Exhibit Hall E with the exhibitors. Poster Session #1 will be on display 12:30-4 p.m. Tuesday. Poster Session #2 will be set up 8-11 a.m. on Wednesday.

Poster Session #3 will be on display Wednesday from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Be sure to join us for the box lunch in the Exhibit Hall on Tuesday. Lunches will be available at three different time slots: 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. NOTE: Box lunches must be eaten in the Convention Center.

For delegates from NAE4-HA and NEAFCS who have a business meeting during the early lunch times, don't worry...we'll save fresh lunches for you at the later time slot.



### AWARD WINNER PHOTOS –

Because pictures will NOT be taken during the banquets, photographers will be available Thurs, 3-5 p.m. (NEAFCS, 3-4:30 p.m.). Specific locations are located on page 133 in the program booklet.

Arrive for your photo by region:

North Central 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Northeast & West 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

South 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Overflow 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*(available if you are unable to attend an earlier time)*

Jerry Hunter and Kelly Hunter will take NAE4-HA and NEAFCS pictures. Billy Warrick will take ESP and NACDEP pictures. Photos will be available for purchase via Website: 4x6 - \$6; 5x7 \$10; 8x10 \$20.

NEAFCS/NAE4-HA state delegations, call photographers by Tuesday or Wednesday and provide them with additional information for group photos, so they can plan on numbers and settings. Call Hunter's Studio—Jerry or Kelly: 812-689-5145 or Kelly's cell: 812-350-4631.

## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Farrah Gray

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Farrah Gray as our opening keynote speaker at Galaxy III! Join us in the Sagamore Ballroom at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning for the Opening General Session.

Dr. Gray was named as one of the most influential Black men in America by the National Urban League's Urban Influence Magazine. At 21 years old, he was recognized by Ebony Magazine as an entrepreneurial icon, business mogul and best-selling author. Raised in the impoverished South side of Chicago, Dr. Gray defied the odds and became a self-made millionaire by the age of 14. At the age of 21, he became Dr. Farrah Gray, receiving an Honorary Doctorate degree of Humane Letters from Allen University. This was in recognition of his ingenious economic mind and distinguished commitment to the development of values such as leadership, integrity and scholarship. In his rise from poverty to national and international prominence as an entrepreneurial icon and pre-eminent power speaker, Dr. Gray has inspired millions around the world.



Dr. Gray will be selling and autographing his book, "Reallionaire: Nine Steps to Becoming Rich from the Inside Out," at the end of his presentation in the Sagamore Ballroom. The book will be \$15.00. Please make checks payable to the Farrah Gray Foundation.

## Additional Information

### • States Night Out

Tonight is a time for each State to gather together for fun, fellowship, and food! Still looking for a location for your State's meal? Visit one of the Galaxy Welcome Tables, or check out the Indy Dining Guide at [indy.org](http://indy.org).

### • Health & Fitness

For all of our fitness friends in the group, we have an opportunity for you! Join us at 6 a.m. in the Westin Lobby each morning (Tuesday—Friday) for a walk, run, and/or networking with other fitness fans at Galaxy!!

### • Auction Items

Still have auction items to turn in for the Wednesday night All-Associations Auction? Please bring them to the Wabash Ballroom in the Convention Center (Lower Level) from 7:30 a.m.—4 p.m. today (Tuesday).

### • Cell Phone Reminder

Cell phones are a regular part of business life. Unless you are on a break, please respect your colleagues and speakers during meals and meetings by turning off your cell phone or setting it to vibrate-only mode. Thank you for your consideration!



## UPDATES:

- Room host reminder: stop by Volunteer Room CS01 for final instructions.
- Need copies of presentation materials? Please visit the business center in the Convention Center.
- Willing to help with decorations? Please meet at 2 p.m. today in Conference Room East.
- Concurrent Session 4 cancellation: Florida 4-H Chaperone Certification Program, CC207