



**Colorado Department of Higher Education  
Fall 2023 Faculty-to-Faculty Conference  
*Agriculture Pathways in Postsecondary Education*  
Colorado State University SPUR Campus - 4777 National Western Drive, Denver  
Terra Building  
Friday, September 22, 2023  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Conference Goals:**

- ✓ Review academic pathways that prepare students for careers in agriculture and related fields; identify opportunities to strengthen existing pathways and expand options for students at the associate and baccalaureate level.
- ✓ “Revisit, Revise, and Renew” existing Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreements (STAAs: associate to bachelor’s degree pathways) to improve their Simplicity, Transparency, Equity, and Portability.
- ✓ Identify potential obstacles to more frequent use of STAAs and recommend course changes and other strategies for overcoming these obstacles.
- ✓ Strengthen collaborative and collegial relationships among faculty from different institutions, as well as between faculty, academic advisors, and industry partners.

**8:30-9:00 Gather and Light Refreshments (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)**

**9:00-9:15 Welcome/Opening Remarks: CDHE Team (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)**

**9:15-10:15 Panel Discussion of Workforce and Industry Needs and Connection to Higher Education (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)**

- *Renee Welch, Director of Career Connected Learning and Workforce Development, CDHE*
- *Ashley House, Vice President of Strategy and Advocacy, Colorado Farm Bureau*
- *Rebecca Perrin, Agriculture Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8*

**10:15-10:30 Break**

**10:30-11:15 Group discussion**  
*(Continue conversation from the morning and discuss new and innovative ways to make agricultural pathways more accessible for students)*

**11:15-11:30 STAA presentation (Chris Rasmussen, CDHE)**



**11:30-12:30 Lunch (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)**

**12:30-3:30 STAA Working Sessions (faculty groups aim for consensus on one of three outcomes by the end of the conference:**

- 1. STAA does not need to be revised; agreement will be reviewed again in five years;*
- 2. STAA does need to be revised; faculty will work on revisions and submit to DHE for next steps;*
- 3. STAA is no longer a viable option for students*

(NOTE: STAAs can be found on the CDHE website at [Transfer Degrees | Higher Education \(colorado.gov\)](https://www.colorado.gov/transferdegrees)

**Ag Business and Ag Education (Pueblo Chile Conference Room)  
GE Council Representative: Danen Jobe (CCCS)**

**Animal Science and Equine Science (Palisade Peach Conference Room)  
GE Council Representative: Wayne Artis (CFAC-PPSC)**

**Fermentation Sciences (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)  
GE Council Representative: Helen Caprioglio (CSU Pueblo)**

**Horticulture Business Management (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)  
GE Council/DHE Representative: Renee Welch**

**Soil & Crop Sciences (Pumpkin/Alfalfa Classrooms)  
GE Council/DHE Representative: Ruthanne Orihuela**

**3:30 Conference Ends**

