



**2023 Advanced Year**  
**Alumni Gathering (Year 3 completers)**  
Tuesday, August 15 – Wednesday, August 16  
Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, IL

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

<b>9:30 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Greetings and Introductions</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:45 am</b>	<b>“Power of Popups”</b> <i>Pam Schallhorn, University of Illinois Extension</i>
<b>11:45 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:15</b>	<b>“Housing Basics”</b> <i>Craig Smith, City of Paris, Illinois</i> <i>Jayne Lourash, Laborers Home Development Corporation</i>
<b>2:15 – 2:35 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:35 – 3:45 pm</b>	<b>“Libraries as Catalysts for Economic Development in Local Communities”</b> <i>Dan Bostrom, Reaching Across Illinois Library System</i>
<b>3:45 – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>“Community Foundations”</b> <i>John Stremsterfer, Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln</i>

**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**

<b>8:30 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Greetings &amp; Announcements</b>
<b>8:45 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>“Disaster Preparedness”</b> <i>Resa Shaner, Crawford County Development Association</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:30 noon</b>	<b>Break</b>

<b>10:30 – 11:45 am</b>	<b>Rural Transportation Opportunities”</b> <i>Dave Patton, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs</i>
<b>11:45 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>Building Momentum: Recent Child Care Successes</b> <i>Joshua Laraby, Grow Fairfield</i>
<b>2:15 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:30 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Relief. Recover. Refinance</b> <i>Angela Gardner, USDA Rural Development</i>