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## Add to Commissioners Court for Monday

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From Justin A. Hansard <Justin.Hansard@ag.tamu.edu>  
Date Tue 2/18/2025 12:21 PM  
To Angelia Richardson <arichardson@co.montague.tx.us>

Angelia,

Can you add the following for me to be approved for out of state travel to Arlington, VA/Washington D.C. for April 6-10<sup>th</sup> for Public Issues Leadership Development Conference via Texas A&M AgriLife. I have been selected as one of the county agents from the state to attend this meeting.

Here is a copy of the email to add in the packet as well. Thanks.

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference (PILD) Attendees,

I look forward to working with each of you as we prepare for the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference in Arlington, VA, April 6-9, 2025. If you have not already registered for the conference and made hotel reservations, I encourage you to do so before the room block at the Hyatt fills. Registration and hotel information can be found [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, April 9, time is set aside for Capitol Hill visits. I will serve as the liaison for scheduling the visits through The Texas A&M System's Office of Governmental Relations, Washington D.C.

- **Please refrain from scheduling your own Capitol Hill visits and let me know if you've already made any contacts.**
- **If departing on April 9th, please schedule a departure as late in the day as feasible. It is preferable to schedule your return trip on Thursday, April 10th.**

My office will work on advance preparations for your time on Capitol Hill. To help us, please provide the following information no later than March 1st:

- Your present home county
- Your present hometown
- Your primary childhood hometown, if in Texas
- Name(s) of your U.S. Congressional representatives (all who represent any portion of your county)

Prior to your Capitol Hill visits, the PILD program includes "state planning time", Tuesday, April 8th, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. and "state's night out" (dinner, compliments of Dr. Avery) TBA. At that time, you will receive final details about Wednesday's schedule.

We will prepare folders of organizational information for you to distribute. However, one pocket of the folder will be left empty so that you may add local interpretive information. **Please collect such information about program highlights and impacts relevant to the district represented by your member of Congress and take four sets of materials with you to the conference.** You will not see the folders until the state planning time, but I'll provide advance information about the selected state materials.

**Please complete the required [Texas A&M AgriLife – Washington, DC Travel Form](#) no later than March 1st.**

You will receive your travel authorization to attend 2025 PILD from the Director's office, which will include reimbursement instructions for those that will be reimbursed by the Director's office.

Finally, a TEAMS meeting will be scheduled for the middle of March with members of ELT and the Office of Federal Relations in preparation for your visit to Washington DC. I will follow up later with the date and time of this virtual meeting. Please make every effort to participate in this meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks

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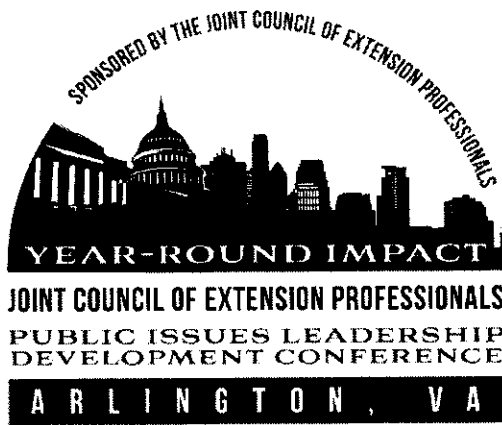
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## 2025 PILD Conference DRAFT Schedule

The Public Issues Leadership Development Conference planning committee is hard at work lining up speakers and activities for attendees! Please check back regularly for updates to this rough draft schedule. Exact session times and names of presenters will be listed as soon as confirmed. **ALSO:** The situation in Washington DC is fluid, so all sessions are subject change at any time, based on speaker availability.

Special note: Some years PILD includes pre-conference webinars. Currently, we are working to incorporate those sessions into our onsite conference. If that changes, this schedule will be updated.

For questions about this draft schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out to Daphne Richards, the 2025 conference planning chair, by email: [drichards@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:drichards@ag.tamu.edu)

<b>Sun, April 6</b>			
Approximately 3:00 PM	PILD Planning Committee Dinner	Location - TBD	
TIME TBD	Registration opens	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Twilight Monument Bus Tour	This tour is always a highlight, and most conference attendees would say that it is not to be missed!	Additional registration required. Participation is limited, so sign up asap. Price increases \$10 after early bird registration closes.
<b>DAY 1 Mon, April 7</b>			
Focus: The Cooperative Extension System: Structure & Funding			
7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Poster Set-up	Check in at Registration, Regency Ballroom Foyer	
8:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Welcome Day 1	Regency Ballroom	PILD Chair and JCEP President
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	APLU Overview	Regency Ballroom	
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	ECOP Overview	Regency Ballroom	
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	ECOP Focus	Regency Ballroom	

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Program Team Overview	Regency Ballroom	Dr. Brent Hales
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Program Action Teams Overview	Regency Ballroom	Dr. Thomas Dobbins
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	General Lunch	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	JCEP/Extension Directors Luncheon	Location: TBD	By Special Invitation
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Extension Directors Meeting	Location: TBD	By Special Invitation
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Ignite Session	Regency Ballroom	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	TBD	Regency Ballroom	
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	BREAK	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Association Meetings	Location: TBD	
Evening, Day 1, TIME TBD	Evening Reception	National 4-H Council Reception at their Headquarters	SEPARATE PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED
<b>DAY 2 Tue, April 8</b>	Focus: Year-round Impact		
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	General Breakfast	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Welcome Day 2	Regency Ballroom	PILD Chair
8:35 AM – 9:35 AM	Ignite Session	Regency Ballroom	
9:35 AM – 10:30 AM	BMPs for Congressional Visits	Regency Ballroom	House/Senate Staffer
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	TBD	Regency Ballroom	
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	General Lunch	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Poster Session	Regency Ballroom	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	TBD	Regency Ballroom	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	BREAK	Regency Ballroom Foyer	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Cap-note Speaker	Regency Ballroom	Dr. Lupita Fabregas

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Recognition & Conference Wrap-Up	Regency Ballroom	Conference Chair & JCEP Board
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	State Planning Time for Hill Visits	Location: TBD	
Evening, Day 2	State's Night Out	Coordinated by Individual States	
<b>Day 3 Wed, April 9</b>	Capitol Hill Visits	Coordinated by Individual States	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast On Your Own		
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Congressional and Agency Visits – <b>Please plan with your state administrators for these visits BEFORE PILD.</b>		
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own		
<b>Thu, April 10</b>	JCEP Board Meeting	Location: TBD	