

# Daniel P. Collins

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## Professional Summary

As a dynamic and skilled facilitator with a vast background in volunteering and community advancement, I have become an accomplished leader and lifelong learner of practices to enable youth and adults a better understanding of their own learning. I have been a dedicated and hardworking individual who is able to work alone or collaboratively with others in building lasting relationships that reflect investment of time, energy, and resources.

## Personal Summary

I have a passion for youth and adult leadership development through experiential learning activities and group dynamics. Through that passion, I have mentored individuals in many vulnerable populations including the advancement of those with physical and developmental disabilities or handicaps. I continue to endorse and participate in volunteerism through community engagement, youth leadership, and service learning. I have high interest in working with youth camping programs to enhance outdoor skills as well as coaching, teaching, and playing volleyball.

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## Education

- **Doctor of Education – Agricultural and Extension Education (emphasis in Leadership and Adult Learning)**  
*North Carolina State University* *Raleigh, NC* *Expected Graduation Summer 2020*  
Dissertation Topic: LGBTQ Alumni Perceptions of Central Appalachian Youth-Serving Organizations
- **Master of Science in Education – Health & Phys. Ed., emphasis in Health Promotion & Sport Performance**  
*Virginia Tech* *Blacksburg, VA* *August 2010*  
Project Title: Grayson County 4-H Youth Health Rocks Program Report
- **Master of Science in Education – Career & Technical Education, emphasis in Extension Education**  
*Virginia Tech* *Blacksburg, VA* *May 2006*  
Project Title: Group Dynamite (Reworked with permission from Michigan State University).
- **Bachelor of Arts in Health & Physical Education (Pre-K to 12) with an endorsement in Driver's Education**  
*Emory & Henry College* *Emory, VA* *May 2005*

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## Current Work Experiences

**Doctoral Research Graduate and Teaching Assistant, Agricultural and Human Sciences** **Aug. 2017 - Present**  
**North Carolina State University - Raleigh, NC**

- Teaching Assistant for leadership curriculum under Dr. Jackie Bruce.
- Research Assistant under Drs. Jackie Bruce, Katie McKee, Barbara Kirby, Jay Jayaratne and Travis Park.
- Student Editor for the Journal of Leadership Education (JOLE); Editor: Dr. Jackie Bruce
- Member of the Association for International Agriculture and Extension Education (AIAEE).
- Member of the Association of Leadership Educators (ALE).
- Member of the Appalachian Studies Association (ASA): attended the ASA Conference; Asheville, NC (2019)
- Trained in Project Safe (Safe Spaces) NCSU Campus - NCSU GLBT Center; Raleigh, NC (2017)
- Research Topics:
  - **Collins, D. & Jayaratne, K. S. U.** (2019-20) Tools and Techniques of Effective County 4-H Programs; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Delphi Study with Virginia and North Carolina 4-H Agents]
  - **Collins, D. & Morgan-Fleming, J.** (2018-19) School Personnel Perceptions on Accommodations for Students with Special Considerations; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Oaks Leadership Scholars Project]

- Bruce, J., **Collins, D.**, & McKee, K. (2017-18) Study on Inclusion & Equity Training Opportunities for 4-H Professionals; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Class Project]
- Collins, D., Kirby, B. & McCollum, S. (2017-18) Cultural Awareness of 4-H Teens and Volunteers; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Poster Submission - 2018 American Association of Agricultural Education: Charleston, SC]
- Presentations:
  - Collins, D. (2017) Dealing with Difficult People; NCSU - Raleigh, NC
  - **Collins, D.** & Morgan-Fleming, J. (2019) Impacts for Students in Special Populations: Making Meaning of School Personnel Perceptions; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Poster - Oaks Leadership Scholars: NCSU Campus]
- Recognition:
  - Outstanding Research Poster - Association of Leadership Educators (2019)
  - Founding Mothers Student Scholarship Award - Association of Leadership Educators (2018)
  - Graduate Assistantship - NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (2017-20)

### **Support Staff, 4-H Awards**

**Mar. 2017 - Present**

### **State Coordinator, 4-H International Exchange Program**

**Oct. 2017 - Present**

### ***North Carolina 4-H Youth Development - Raleigh, NC***

- Assist Extension Associate with awards registration, processing, judging and information dissemination.
- Maintain teamwork with the 4-H team and 4-H field staff with the NC Cooperative Extension Service in highlighting awards and international opportunities.
- Coordinate all aspects of the North Carolina 4-H International Exchange Programs.
- Member of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA).
- Attend the States' 4-H International Exchange Coordinators Conference: Portland, OR (2017); Denver, CO (2018) & Las Vegas, NV (2019).
- Organized Events:
  - Collins, D. (2018-20). Inbound Host Family Trainings, Inbound Welcome and Farewell Orientations, and Outbound Preparation Orientations for NC 4-H International Exchanges; Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. & McCollum, S. (2017-20). District Activity Day and State Contest Judging Packets (Northeast, North Central, Southeast, South Central, and West Districts); Various Regions of NC
- Presentations:
  - McCollum, S. & Collins, D. (2020). The Skinny on 4-H Record Books: NC 4-H State Volunteer Leader Conference - Durham, NC
  - Collins, D. (2018-19). Host Family Orientation - Costa Rica and Japanese Delegates; Inbound Exchange - Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. & McCollum, S. (2019). International Lowdown; NC 4-H State Volunteer Leaders Conference - Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. (2018). Experiencing Global Culture; NC 4-H State Volunteer Leaders Conference - Durham, NC
  - Collins, D. (2018). 4-H: Global Experiences and Opportunities for Teens; South Central and North Central Teen Retreats - Reidsville, NC
  - Collins, D. (2017). Experiencing Global Culture; NC 4-H State Teen Council Conference - Raleigh, NC
- Recognition:
  - Rookie of the Year Award - States' 4-H International Exchange Program (2018)
  - Outstanding Program Award - States' 4-H International Exchange Program (2018-19)

## **Past Youth Development Experience**

### **Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development**

**Apr. 2015 - Sept. 2016**

#### ***Sampson County - Clinton, NC***

- Directed all facets of the Sampson County 4-H program through practical, hands-on youth and adult learning.
- Handled the planning and marketing of programming through communication using e-mail, grant-funded resources, social media, local media, flyers, pamphlets and bulletin boards.
- Maintained club development and management for 8 clubs that ranged from animals to cultural programming and attended the North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference - Shaping the Future: Raleigh, NC (2015).
- Professional Development:
  - Building Bridges through Diversity - NC State University Office of Diversity; Raleigh, NC (2016); Basics of Embryology - NC State Department of Poultry Sciences; Raleigh, NC (2016); Evaluation Principles for the Seasoned Extension Agent - Southeastern District, NCCES; Carthage, NC (2016); New 4-H Agent Training - Raleigh, NC (2015).
- Associations and Committee Memberships:
  - Past Sampson County Young Professionals Organization, Rotary, and Kiwanis Member.
  - Member of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA), attended the National Conference: Portland, OR (2015) - National Camping and Environmental Education Task Force (2015-16)
  - Member of the North Carolina Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NCAE4-HA) - State Programs Chair (2015-16), attended Winter Conference: Winston-Salem, NC (2016) and State Conference: Asheville, NC (2015) - Southeast District Programming Committee (2015-2016)
- Organized Events:
  - Collins, D. (2016) Sampson County 4-H Staff Development (NC State and Biltmore Estates)
  - Collins, D. (2016) Sampson County Ag Day; Clinton, NC (1000 attendees and vendors) [Committee Chair]
  - Collins, D. (2015) Sampson County 4-H Achievement Night Awards; Clinton, NC (300 attendees)
  - Collins, D. (2008-16) Annual Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign Display; Galax & Marion, VA and Clinton, NC
  - Collins, D. (2007-16) Summer Adventure Series Workshops (attendance range of 25-120 each year) Southeast
- Presentations:
  - Collins, D. (2016) Wonders of Science Day Camp: Basics of STEM with NC 4-H; Clinton, NC
  - Collins, D. (2016) Science Explosion: Bubbleology {Greensville/Emporia 4-H Science Camp} Emporia, VA
  - Collins, D. & S. Johnson (2016) Steps to Health for 3rd Grade - Clinton City Schools; Clinton, NC
  - Collins, D. (2016) Juntos: The 4-H Club Perspective; Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. (2016) United Way of Sampson County: 4-H Needs; Clinton, NC
- Recognition:
  - Southeast District Teen Programming Award - Team (2016)
- Supervision:
  - 4-H Program Assistant – Elizabeth Rowe (2015-2016) \*hired; 4-H Teen Court Program Assistant – Danelle Graham and contract workers; 4-H Prevention Coordinator – Denise McIntyre; 4-H Youth Inspire Program Assistant - Denise McIntyre and contract workers; 4-H Juntos Coordinator – Daysi Hurtado and contract liaisons and Summer Intern – Coleman Simpson (2015).

### **Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development**

**Jan. 2012-Oct. 2014**

#### ***Smyth County - Marion, VA***

- Directed all features of the Smyth 4-H program through practical, hands-on learning that engaged youth and adults to further their opportunities through 13 educational delivery modes. Over 1200 youth and over 50 volunteers enrolled.
- Handled planning and marketing of programming through communication using e-mail, grant-funded resources, social media, local media, flyers, pamphlets and bulletin boards.

- Managed fund development with fundraising, endowment contributions and donations from local supporters along with United Way-Virginia Highlands.
- Maintained 46 in-school/after school clubs with special interest programming that enhances the Virginia Standards of Learning. Member of the Virginia 4-H STEM Committee.
- Revitalized the Smyth County 4-H Volunteer Leader Association.
- Associations and Committee Memberships:
  - Member of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA).
  - Member of the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), Virginia Association of Extension 4-H Agents (VAE4-HA), and the Virginia Extension Service Association (VESA).
  - Virginia 4-H All Star Newsletter Editor (2007-2015), Southwest District All Star Advisor (2008-2014), and Virginia 4-H All Star Executive Committee (2001-2015).
  - Virginia Lifesmarts Competition – Judge (2013); Girl Scouts of Southwest Virginia Advancement Summit (2013); Virginia State 4-H Congress, Dean of Men (2013); Youth Awards Committee, Smyth County Chamber of Commerce [Chair] (2012-2014)
- Professional Development:
  - Attended the National Youth Leadership Council – MONUMENTAL Service Learning Conference: Washington, DC (2014), Fundamentals of Diversity: Appreciating Differences [VCE In-service – Michele Deramo] Blacksburg, VA (2014), Effective Strategies for Team Building and Group Dynamics with Michelle Cummings, Petersburg, VA (2013), National Camping Institute: W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center, (2008), Jackson’s Mill 4-H Center, WV (2012)
- Presentations:
  - Collins, D. (2014) The Science in Bubbles: Virginia 4-H State Congress; Blacksburg, VA and (2011) Bubbleology: Enhancing the VA Math Standards of Learning with FUN! Virginia Association of 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference, Mountain Lake Hotel; Pembroke, VA.
  - Collins, D. (2013) Smyth 4-H: The Who, What, When, Where and HOW!; United Way-VA Highlands-Chilhowie, VA
  - Collins, D. (2012) Effective Strategies for Camper Behavior Management, 4-H Camp Development; Abingdon, VA; (2011-12) Sing, Sang, Sung: 4-H Camp Sing-along!, VA State Staff Training; Holiday Lake 4-H Center, VA;
- Organized Events:
  - Collins, D. (2013) Smyth County 4-H Achievement Night Awards; Chilhowie, VA (120 attendees)
  - Collins, D. (2012-14) Smyth County 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Watershed Field Day (Partnership with Smyth Schools with over 500 attendees annually)
  - Collins, D. (2009-16) Annual Teen Adventure Trip (Washington, DC, Virginia Beach, VA and Hershey, PA)
- Supervision:
  - Full time 4-H Program Assistant – Laurinda Sturgill (2012-2014), Summer Intern – Judith Gullion (2012), and a Virginia Tech Graduate School Thesis Project – Emi Scott (2012).

**Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development**  
**Grayson County - Independence, VA**

**Feb. 2007-Jan. 2012**

- Directed the Grayson County 4-H program through experiential, hands-on learning activities that engage youth and adults to further their opportunities through 13 educational delivery modes.
- Reported to Grayson County Board of Supervisors and the Grayson County School Board on 4-H happenings and successes/struggles for each calendar year.
- Managed scheduling of events, programs and happenings of 4-H in Grayson County using multiple modes of communication that include telephone, e-mail, school funded resources, Grayson County 4-H Google Site, Grayson 4-H Calendar, Grayson 4-H Blog and the Grayson Extension website, flyers, pamphlets and 4-H Facebook page.

- Constructed curriculum tools with programmatic emphasis on learning objectives, helpful hints and alignment with the Virginia Standards of Learning.
- Increased fund development with fundraising and donations from local supporters and Twin County United Way.
- Maintained 23 in-school/after school clubs with programming that enhanced Virginia Standards of Learning with experiential learning activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- Recruited, trained, managed and retained quality recurring and episodic adult volunteers.
- Collaborated with co-workers in multiple programming capacities for vital research based education delivery.
- Partnered with the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR-UP) in Grayson County and Galax City Schools for programming in Reality Store and Career Awareness.
- Piloted the national curriculum, Exploring Your Environment, in the Grayson County 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool program for implementation evaluation with Dr. Kathleen Jamison, Virginia 4-H Curriculum Specialist.
- 4-H Japanese Exchange Program (Year-Long) – 1 Delegate at Galax High School and local family (2007-08)
- Associations:
  - Member of National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA).
  - Member of the Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), Virginia Association of Extension 4-H Agents (VAE4-HA), and the Virginia Extension Service Association (VESA).
- Professional Development:
  - National Training on Health Rocks: National 4-H Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD (2010-12); Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA (2010); Children, Youth and Families at Risk National Conference, Inner Harbor Conference Center, Baltimore, MD (2009); Virginia 4-H Afterschool Training, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA (2009); Bridging the Gap between 4-H and FCS: Virginia Cooperative Extension, Charlottesville, VA (2008); New 4-H Extension Agent Training (2008-09); Doing a (dis)Service: Reimagining Special Education, Bob G. Raines Educational Forum, Abingdon, VA (2007); and Character Counts Train-the-Trainer (2007)
- Committees:
  - Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center: 4-H Board Member (2008-2014); SWVA 4-H Educational Center 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration [Chair] (2010); Teaching Team for Virginia 4-H Master Camp Director Training (2008-2012).
  - Programming: Health Rocks Development Committee (2010-2012); 4-H Foods, Nutrition and Health Curriculum Committee (2008-2012); Twin County Health Living Community Action Team [Chair] (2012); Character Counts Curriculum Committee (2007-2010); Grayson County Effective School Wide Discipline Committee (2008-2012); GEAR-UP Committee (2007-2012); Virginia 4-H STEM Committee (2008-2014).
- Organized Events:
  - Collins, D. (2010-12 and 2016). Health Rocks Camp with National 4-H Curriculum; Abingdon, VA and Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. (2011-14). Southwest District 4-H Day at the Capitol Delegation; Richmond, VA (100 attendees annually)
  - Collins, D. (2011 & 12). Area 3 4-H Contests (6 surrounding counties); Independence and Chilhowie, VA (over 400 attendees each year)
  - Collins, D. (2007-12) Grayson County 4-H Ag Field Day (Partnership with Grayson, VA and Alleghany, NC Schools) (300 4th grade attendees and over 60 volunteers annually)
  - 2009 All Star Conference
- Presentations:
  - Collins, D. (2011-12) The Power of the “E” Middle School Afterschool Program (Organizer); Independence Middle School, VA.
  - Collins, D. (2011) Kids Tech University: Health Rocks in SWVA, Virginia Tech - Blacksburg, VA
  - Collins, D. (2010) Launching Tomorrow's Leaders: Galax High Teams/Clubs - Galax, VA

- Collins, D. (2010) Safety at Camp: Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Camp Development; Abingdon, VA; (2009-10) Master Camp Director Training: Virginia 4-H Camping; Wirtz, VA and Wakefield, VA; and (2007) Diversity at Camp: Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Camp Development; Abingdon, VA
- Collins, D. (2008) Working with 4-H Youth: Twin County Master Gardeners - Galax, VA
- Collins, D. (2008) Facilitator/Group Responder: Youth Issues Forum: Grayson/Carroll/Galax High Schools; Southern Growth
- Recognition:
  - Promotion from Associate Extension Agent to Extension Agent (2012)
  - Virginia 4-H All Stars C. Dean Allen Award of Service (2012)
  - Virginia 4-H All Stars Bradshaw Service Award (2011)
  - Virginia 4-H Innovative Programming Award - Virginia 4-H Coloring Book (2010)
  - District Team Programming Award - Grayson Unit with 4-H/FCS/ANR (2007)

### **Educational Programming Assistant**

**Mar. 2005-Aug. 2006**

#### ***Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center – Abingdon, VA***

- Aided with programming efforts for the 4-H Center in Low Ropes Course and Environment Education groups for the 4-H Center during the non-camping season.
- Solicited programming for group conferencing that involved team building and environmental education.
- Reported activities to the Center and Program Directors, as well as the Board Members of the 4-H Center.
- American Camp Association (ACA) Associate Member (2005); American Camp Association Winters Conference: Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA (2012); ACA Visitor Standards Training: Accreditation Process, Williamsburg, VA (2013) and 4-H Camp Master Camp Director (2006).
- Founding member of the Virginia Camp Staff Alumni Association (2006).

### **Seasonal Programming Staff**

**May 2000-Aug. 2004**

#### ***Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center – Abingdon, VA***

- Worked collaboratively with other programming staff to plan and implement 4-H Camp programs for 13 counties in Southwestern Virginia. Supervised 16 Seasonal Camp Staff Members (2004-06).
- Developed class programming for Low Ropes Course initiatives (2000-2001), Counselor in Training (2002), Nature Science (2003) and High Ropes Course Initiatives (2004).
- Planned and developed seminars for pre-camp training to ensure covered topics for ACA accreditation.
- Ensured safety and experiential learning in an outdoor setting for youth 5-13, teens 14-19 and adults 19 and older.
- Assisted with county camping programs with scheduling, operation and training according to ACA standards.

### **Coaching & Mentoring Experience**

#### **Head Volleyball Coach**

**Nov. 2017 - Present**

#### ***NC Elite Volleyball Club – Raleigh, NC***

- USA Volleyball (USAV) and Carolina Region (CR) Coaching Member
- Head Coach of the 2018: 14-White [10 athletes/1 assistant] (Club Rank: 3rd) and 2019: 15-Silver [10 athletes/1 assistant] (Club Rank: 4th).
  - 2018: Charlotte Grand Prix (Bronze Medal) - Charlotte, NC
  - 2018: Carolina Region Tournament Runners-Up (Silver Medal) - Greensboro, NC
  - 2019: Carolina Region Tournament Runners-Up (Silver Medal) - Raleigh, NC

**Head Volleyball Coach****Oct. 2014-Mar. 2015*****Carroll Viper Volleyball Club – Westminster, MD***

- USA Volleyball (USAV) and Chesapeake Region (CHES) Coaching Member
- Head Coach of the 2015: 16-Anacondas[10 athletes/1 assistant] (Club Rank: 2nd) and 2015: 14-Pythons [10 athletes] (Club Rank: 1st).
  - 16s: Placed 1<sup>st</sup>/Silver Division: Potomac Elite Invitational; 1<sup>st</sup>/Silver Division: Maryland Jrs 15/16s.
  - 14s: Placed 2<sup>nd</sup>/Frederick Volleyball Club Invitational 13/14s; 2<sup>nd</sup>/Gold Division Maryland Jrs 13/14s.
  - Had to leave due to job in NC, teams compiled: 16s: 1<sup>st</sup>/Consolation Division: Montgomery Village Club 16s Invite and 14s: 1<sup>st</sup>/Frederick Invitational 13/14s; 2<sup>nd</sup>/Gold: Velocity 13/14s; 2<sup>nd</sup>/47 14 Club: PSU Happy Volley

**Part-Time Assistant Volleyball Coach****Jul. 2012-Apr. 2015*****Emory & Henry College – Emory, VA***

- Assist the Head Volleyball Coach with program direction of a competitive NCAA Division III program.
- Prepare for contest dates with game management, on-court coaching, drill management as well as equipment management.
- Support the Head Coach in athlete recruitment through direct connections with potential student athletes and parents.
- Aid in group travel arrangements as well as academic progress of 16 seasonal student athletes.
- Old Dominion Athletic Conference Semi-Finalists (2012-2015)
- Presented:
  - Collins, D. (2012) Putting Fun into Volleyball Practices, VA High School Coaches Assoc.; Hampton, VA

**Head Volleyball Coach****Oct. 2012-Apr. 2013*****Club Synergy – Boone, NC***

- Head Coach of the 2012: 17-Navy[10 athletes] (Club Rank: 1st)
  - 2013: Monument City Classic Bronze Bracket Runner-Up - Richmond, VA; Carolina Region Tournament Gold Semi-Finalists - Greensboro, NC; Carolina Region Tournament Gold Semi-Finalists - Sparta, NC; Capitol Hill Classic 23<sup>rd</sup> place out of 70 - Washington, DC; 2013: Big South Tournament 36<sup>th</sup> place out of 90 - Atlanta, GA and 2013: Carolina Region Final Gold Ranking: 6<sup>th</sup> out of 14 CR teams.

**Head Volleyball Coach****Aug. 2008-Feb. 2010*****Grayson County High School – Independence, VA***

- Managed the interscholastic volleyball program for Grayson County High School that developed student athletes through skill and fundamental drills and tactics including GCHS Volleyball Camps for youth.
- Planned, implemented and evaluated practices for the development of student athletes for strategy in matches.
- Worked collaboratively with school administration to ensure that student athletes met requirements for Virginia High School League eligibility for each season and maintained academic progress for all student athletes.
- Was an active member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA), USA Volleyball (USAV) Member
- Virginia High School Coaches Association (VHSCA) and Grayson County High School Athletic Boosters.

**Assistant Volleyball Coach****Aug. 2006-Feb. 2007*****Virginia Intermont College – Bristol, VA***

- Assisted the Head Volleyball Coach with program direction of a competitive NAIA program with contest dates, academic progress of student athletes, game management, on-court coaching, practice and drill strategies, equipment management and recruitment.

**Teaching Paraprofessional – Multiple Handicapped Classroom**  
**Bristol Virginia Public Schools -- Bristol, VA**

**Aug. 2006-Feb. 2007**

- Assisted with all classroom duties along with 3 other teaching paraprofessionals and one teacher.
- Maintained constant communication with administrators, teachers, and parents on classroom happenings.
- Supported all functions of the classroom and school with faculty meetings, reporting and group outings for a functional curriculum for students with disabilities.

**Research Conference Presentations**

- Bruce, J. & Collins, D. (2020) Making Meaning of LGBTQ Alumni in Central Appalachian Youth-Serving Organizations; Poster Presentation - NC State Graduate School - Graduate Student Research Symposium: Raleigh, NC (Conference Cancelled)
- Bruce, J. & Collins, D. (2019). Focusing Rural Youth Leadership Development through Ethics and Service Opportunities; Poster Presentation - Association of Leadership Educators Conference: Albuquerque, NM
- Bruce, J. & Collins, D. (2019). Why are Rural Regions Losing Future Leaders?; Roundtable Discussion - Association of Leadership Educators Conference: Albuquerque, NM
- Collins, D. & Jayaratne, K.S.U. (2019). Barriers, Challenges, and Alternatives for Planning International Youth Visitor Exchange Programs: Implications for International Agriculture Extension Education; Oral Presentation; AIAEE Conference - Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
- Bruce, J. & Collins, D. (2019) Making Meaning of the Experiences of Queer Students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Poster Presentation - NC State Graduate School - Graduate Student Research Symposium: Raleigh, NC
- Bruce, J., Collins, D., & McKee, K. (2018) Teaching Intersectional Social Justice at the Apex of Leadership; Poster Presentation - Association of Leadership Educators Conference: Chicago, IL
- Bruce, J. & Collins, D. (2018) Rural youth leadership development: Focusing on youth in central Appalachia; Roundtable Discussion - Association of Leadership Educators Conference: Chicago, IL

**Publications**

- Bruce, J., Collins, D., & McKee, K. (2019) Teaching Intersectional Social Justice at the Apex of Leadership; NCSU - Raleigh, NC [Application Brief Published - Journal of Leadership Education]

**Grants Secured and Managed**

***Sampson County, NC***

- **Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)** **Total Funding: \$219,600.00**
  - *4-H Teen Court - Restitution and Community Service*
    - 2016-2017: \$76,900 and 2015-16: \$77,500
  - *4-H Youth Inspire and Interpersonal Skill Development*
    - 2016-17: \$35,700.00 and 2015-16: \$29,500.00
- **Sampson County United Way** **Total Funding: \$28,000.00**
  - Community Funding 2015: \$12,000.00 and 2016: \$16,000.00

***Smyth County, VA***

- **National Rifle Association (NRA) Foundation** **Total Funding: \$5,200.00**
  - 2013-14 – Smyth County Shooting Sports Association Grant: \$5,200.00



- **21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Learning Center Grants (Smyth County Schools)** **Total Funding: \$60,000.00**
  - 2012 and 2013: Chilhowie Elementary School - \$100,000 (15% per year)
  - 2012 and 2013: Saltville Elementary School, Co-applicant - \$100,000 (15% per year)
- **United Way Virginia Highlands** **Total Funding: \$8,000.00**
  - 2013 and 2014: Basic Needs Grant - \$4,000/year

**Grayson County, VA**

- **Twin County United Way** **Total Funding: \$11,000.00**
  - 2009: \$5,000.00; 2010: \$3,000.00; and 2011: \$3,000.00
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Learning Center Grants (Grayson County Schools)** **Total Funding: \$90,000.00**
  - 2011-2013: Independence Middle/Grayson County High School - \$300,000 (10% per year)
  - 2008-2011: Mt. Rogers Combined School/Bridle Creek Elementary - \$300,000 (5% per year)
  - 2008-2011: Fairview Elementary School/Baywood Elementary School - \$300,000 (5% per year)
  - 2008-2011: Independence Middle/Elementary School - \$300,000 (5% per year)
  - 2008-2011: Fries Middle School/Providence Elementary School - \$300,000 (5% per year)
- **Virginia 4-H Foundation** **Total Funding: \$1,500.00**
  - 2010: 4-H New Initiatives Grant – Virginia 4-H Coloring Book with Emily Nester - \$1000.00
  - 2009: 4-H New Initiatives Grant – 4-H Clover Chefs Program with Erin Kvach - \$500.00
- **Walmart** **Total Funding: \$1,000.00**
  - 2009: Community Grants for Youth (Walmart of Galax, VA) - \$1,000.00
- **USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Grant** **Total Funding: \$2,000.00**
  - 2009-2010: Baywood Elementary School and Independence Elementary School (\$1,000/year)

**Extracurricular Involvement**

***Alpha Phi Omega (APO) – National Service Co-Ed Fraternity***

- Pi Omicron - Ruth Hancock Pledge Class (Emory & Henry College - Emory, VA) 2004
- Life Membership 2008
- National Alpha Phi Omega Convention Attendee (Boston, MA) 2008
- Region III and Section 81 Volunteer Staff 2009-2013
- Section 81 Chair & Conferencing Coordinator 2009-2013
- National Alpha Phi Omega Convention Voting Delegate (Atlanta, GA & Anaheim, CA) 2010 & 2012
- Chapter Advisor – Iota Lambda Chapter (NC State University) 2015-Present
- Presentations:
  - Collins, D. (2016) Alumni Involvement with APO - Section 80 Conference; Raleigh, NC
  - Collins, D. (2012) Executive Committee Roundtable: APO - Section 81 Conference; Roanoke, VA
  - Collins, D. (2010) Putting Fun into Chapters: APO - Section 81 Conference; Radford, VA

**4-H Youth Development**

- Adult Volunteer 2000-Present
- Virginia 4-H All Star 1999-Present
- Southwest District All Stars, Big Chief 2002-2006
- Southwest District All Star, Scribe 1999-2002

*Volleyball*

- Northeast Tennessee Volleyball Officials Association
- Appalachian Officials Association

2000-2005

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