Dear Colleagues,

The 2022 KSRE Annual Conference Planning Committee will be glad to see you at this year’s event. This year’s theme is “Connect, Collaborate, Create.” We look forward to engaging in connections, collaborations, and creative ideas with all of you.

We have an exciting array of topics this year. Here are just a FEW highlights:

- We will hear from our new K-State President, Richard Linton, and have an opportunity to contribute ideas to the new K-State strategic planning process.
- We will hear key updates from our KSRE leadership team.
- We will have chances to learn and practice new skills in communication, facilitation, technology, mental health, diversity/equity/inclusion/belonging, and more!
- We will celebrate our successes with award presentations.
- We will have time to work together in our Program Focus Teams.
- Perhaps most importantly, we will have time to network and have FUN together during the Tuesday reception (at the beautiful Flint Hills Discovery Center) and several snack breaks (did someone say Call Hall ice cream?).

We will all be gathered for some sessions, and at other times you will attend break-out sessions of your choice. We are excited to listen, learn, and come away with a renewed excitement for the future and fresh ideas to keep us moving forward together as a system.

Best wishes, and see you soon.

2022 Planning Committee:

Committee Chair: Megan Kennelly, Department Head and Professor, Plant Pathology

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