QUICK PITCH SPOTLIGHT

With a limited amount of time to share their big ideas, quick pitch contestants were challenged to present their rural-focused ideas with conference participants and a panel of judges. With only three minutes to convey their idea, conference attendees heard about an array of topics relating back to rural, prompting conference participants to think outside the box. Judges selected winners from each podium and conference attendees voted for their favorite pitch.

QUICK PITCH ENTRIES

Agrarian Freedom Project
Katie Meiklejohn, Agrarian Freedom Project
Helmville, Montana

Augmented Reality: A Saving Grace for Besmirched Museums
Greg Ptacek, Neligh Economic Development
Neligh, Nebraska

Bringing Attorneys to Greater Nebraska
Katie Samples, Great Nebraska Connections and University of Nebraska Law Student
Logan Hoyt, University of Nebraska Law Student
Lincoln, Nebraska

Creative Placemaking: Transdisciplinary Engagement as Research
Sandra Williams, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Department of Art and Art History
Lincoln, Nebraska

CSA in the USA: The Next Quarter Century
Steven McFadden, Good Medicine Consulting
Lincoln, Nebraska

Discovering Hidden Treasures: Qualified Teachers in Your Back Yard
Wendy McCarty, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Kearney, Nebraska

Does the Law of Our Land Deliver the Best from Rural Nebraska?
Richard Wakeford, Birmingham City University
Winchcombe, Glos, United Kingdom

Early Childhood Development: Sound Investment for Rural Communities
Rebecca Swartz, University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension, The Learning Child Team
Lincoln, Nebraska

Jump Start New Farmers with Philanthropy
Bob Stowell, Valley County Economic Development
Ord, Nebraska

Lakota Nation Building at the Keya Wakpala Resilient Green Development
Scott Moore y Medina, Blue Star Studio Inc.
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Online Entrepreneurial Hub for Rural Youth
Philip Sigillito, AmeriCorps Corporation for National and Community Service
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Protein Production is Key to a Strong Rural Nebraska Future
Lukas Fricke, Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska
Ulysses, Nebraska

Providing Local Access to Higher Education Through Rural Partnerships
Scott Mickelsen, University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
Curtis, Nebraska

Rural Nebraska Regional Comprehensive Strategic Planning
Lowell Schroeder, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District
Norfolk, Nebraska

The Great Question Challenge
Jordyn Lechtenberg, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program Mat Habrock, DuPont Pioneer
Lincoln, Nebraska

The Nebraska Waterstop Tour – “The Ties That Bind”
Larry Weixelman, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Emerging Technologies
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Winners

Judges Vote:
Podium 1:
1. Katie Meiklejohn, Agrarian Freedom Project
2. Wendy McCarty, Discovering Hidden Treasures: Qualified Teachers in Your Back Yard

Podium 2:
1. Bob Stowell, Jump Start New Farmers with Philanthropy
2. Jordyn Lechtenberg and Mat Habrock, The Great Question Challenge

Popular Vote:
Katie Meiklejohn, Agrarian Freedom Project