

UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

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County Extension Director/ Family & Consumer Sciences Agent Wakulla County Northwest Extension District

Profile

As the County **Extension Director in Wakulla** County, FL, I am the administrative leader for a team of faculty, program assistants, and staff for Wakulla County Extension. I continually work to increase outreach, collaboration, and professionalism in our local area through partnerships and other collaborations. I serve the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners to provide superior customer service to residents.

As the Family & Consumer Sciences agent, I design, deliver, and evaluate educational programs in the areas of health and wellness, mental health first aid, food safety, and financial literacy.

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Educational Programs

Promoting Healthy Living for Individuals and Families in Wakulla County This program provided education to individuals and families, including 4-H youth, in the areas of health and wellness, nutrition and healthy food preparation, mindfulness/mental health, and food safety and food preservation.

Promoting Healthy Financial Habits in Individuals and Families in Wakulla County This program provides education to individuals and families, including 4-H youth, in the areas of family resource management, saving, credit, debt reduction, tax preparation, and budgeting.

Promoting Leadership, Engagement, and Development in Wakulla County This program focuses on providing guidance and vision for programmatic planning. I also serve as the liaison between faculty & staff, county government, and university administration. I am responsible for the Extension budget as well as the Wakulla County Extension Center facilities. Other duties include faculty and staff training, appraisals, marketing, program planning, resource allocation, customer satisfaction, and advisory committee training.

Experience

County Extension Director and Family & Consumer Sciences Agent UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County April 2022 – Present

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent UF/IFAS Extension Wakulla County April 2017 – April 2022

County Extension Director and Family & Consumer Sciences Agent UF/IFAS Extension Manatee County April 2004 – December 2016

Professional Preparation

Master of Science, Agricultural Education & Communication, University of Florida, 2002

Bachelor of Science, Microbiology & Cell Science and Nutritional Sciences, University of Florida, 2000