

MONROE COUNTY CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICIAL 2019 BALLOT*Check up to seven (7) Candidates***3-year
term****One current member is up for re-election for a three year term**

- **Sara Lynn Scott, City of Rochester**

Sara has served one full term on the CCE-Monroe Board of Directors and sits on the Fund Development Committee. In her work life, Sara oversees program development and horticultural activities for the City of Rochester's Department of Recreation & Youth Services. Sara is an advocate for community gardens and garden education in K-12 programs. She holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Master's Degree in Secondary Science Education. Sara proudly lives in the City of Rochester, NY with her partner and three cats.

The candidates listed below are new applicants for a three year term

- **Valarie Avalone, Monroe Community College**

Valarie lives in Webster, NY with her husband Bob, their dog Axel, and two Siamese cats Mystic and Blaze. She is the Director of Institutional Planning, Effectiveness and Accountability at MCC. In addition, she is a trainer/facilitator for the Society of College and University Planning and served on their Board of Directors. She was a member of the High Falls EcoDistrict Critical Team, the City of Rochester's Stakeholder Advisory Committee for their Climate Action Plan and the Steering Committee of the New York Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education. She is a sought-after-presenter and evaluator/consultant on strategic planning, change management, leadership development and sustainability topics. Meeting the needs of the community requires nimbleness and strategic focus to fortify the quality CCE exemplifies. Embracing the challenges and capitalizing on the opportunities will ensure the organization an even more successful tomorrow. As a candidate for the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors, Valarie hopes to share her skills and expertise to further advance the mission, values and goals of the organization.

- **Jennie Brant, Farmer, Educator**

Jennie is a Rochester-based farmer and educator who joined the CCE board in Spring 2018. Long ago, following a degree in Public Health from Rutgers University, Jennie pursued both farming and teaching as ways to learn and travel, and never looked back. Since 2010 she's been volunteering, apprenticing, and managing farms of all different sizes, structures, and soils across the country. Putting down roots back in Rochester was an easy decision to be close to family; her farm is focused on small scale sustainable production with vegetables and laying hens. As an educator, Jennie teaches in school gardens and in classrooms as well. Jennie invests her excitement about agriculture, passion for education, and experience in public health into serving our community through CCE board membership.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Anthony Colangelo, Operations Manager, Dehm Associates</u> In 2015, Anthony left an eight year career on Wall Street and moved to Western NY to work with local family-owned dairy farms. Anthony lives in Pittsford, NY with his fiancé Anne and works in Geneseo as the Operations Manager at Dehm Associates LLC, a consulting firm that helps dairy farmers better understand the financial components of their business. Anthony received a BS in Finance and Marketing from Marist College and is enrolled in Class 17 of LEAD NY, an agriculture leadership program through Cornell University. Anthony is also a graduate of Cornell's Academy for Dairy Executives and alumni of TEN-The Entrepreneurs Network of Rochester. Anthony wants to utilize board membership to educate and excite people about Agriculture as well as contribute to building a stronger Rochester community by connecting people to the resources available through Cornell Cooperative Extension.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Joseph Dean, Crisis Intervention-Prevention Specialist, Francis Parker RCSD #23</u> Joseph brings a sense of expertise in the area of youth development, a strong passion for outdoor education and a positive energy to the CCE board. He believes in supporting our local community and has a continued commitment to sustainable living. Currently, at Francis Parker #23, he has started a gardening program, which provides a hands on educational learning to RCSD youth. This program is community based and focused on empowering students to eat healthy and understand where the food they eat comes from. He plans to continue supporting the CCE board in growing to meet the needs of our local RCSD schools in providing opportunities for outdoor education. Joseph resides in the City of Rochester, NY and holds an A.A.S. degree in Social Behavioral Science from Monroe Community College, a B.S. degree in Psychology from SUNY Brockport, and certification from Cornell University in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Susan Figaro Grace, MEd, RD, CWC</u> Susan Figaro Grace is a Registered Dietitian and Health Nutrition Coordinator with Rochester Institute of Technology. Sue is a graduate of RIT's Nutrition Management Program. She holds a Master's Degree in Community Health Education. As a certified wellness coach, she is passionate about helping individuals achieve their wellness goals. As the former Nutrition Program Leader and Regional Coordinator for Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Monroe County, she can assist in the education and training of staff as well as help establish strategic partnerships and funding for CCE of Monroe. She resides in Fairport, NY and enjoys cooking, exercise, reading and spending time with her family.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Katherine Streeter, MBA, RD, CDN, St. Ann's Community</u> Katherine's connections to CCE are many-from student intern to employee to advisory committee member to past Board member. She is a graduate of Cornell University's College of Human Ecology, and has 17 years' experience as a Registered Dietitian. She also earned her MBA from SUNY at Buffalo. Since returning to Rochester (her childhood hometown) 10 years ago, she has worked for St. Ann's Community, most recently in the role of Clinical Informatics Coordinator. Katherine and her partner Christopher currently live in Irondequoit, NY.

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2. Return this ballot in an envelope to the address below.
3. Print your name on the envelope (to verify being an eligible voter), seal, stamp and mail. The envelope will be separated from the ballots prior to counting to ensure anonymity.
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