

## Board Member Bios

Corey Mosher – Corey is a partner at Mosher Farms in Bouckville, a fifth generation fruit, vegetable, grain and hop farm. The farm employs approximately 30 full/part time employees on roughly 1500 acres. Corey came to the farm fifteen years ago, after attending Indiana University. He was a member of the Empire State Food and Agricultural Leadership Institute's LEAD program, graduating in April 2015. He is also currently a board member on the New York Vegetable Growers Association. Corey, his wife, and four children live in Hamilton.

Nathan Durfee – Nate is a full time partner on his family farm in Chittenango. Along with his two brothers and parents, he operates an 800-cow dairy farm. Nate has a long history of working with Madison County CCE, starting as a 4-Her and more recently serving as a member of the CCE Agriculture Advisory Committee for the last 10 years. Nate is also an active member of Madison County and New York Farm Bureaus, serving for three years as the President of the Madison County Farm Bureau.

Laura Shoemaker – Laura grew up on a dairy farm in Madison County and has been involved with the dairy and equine industries her whole life. She attended Morrisville State College where she earned an Associate's Degree in Agriculture Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Business. Laura is currently an appraiser with Farm Credit East in the Cooperstown office.

Tara Truett – Tara has been a resident of Madison County for 49 years. She is a retired educator and currently works part-time as the Director of Madison County Reads Ahead, a program that provides tutoring for people seeking their high school equivalency diploma, basic education needs or those seeking English As a Second Language assistance. She has a Master's Degree in Special Education, as well as a degree in Administration and Supervision from St. John's University in Queens. Tara has been connected with CCE since the early 80's when she worked with the Head Start program, the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program, as well as being a past 4-H leader and long time 4-H supporter.

Robert Blanchet – Rob currently serves as the Dean of Admission at Morrisville State College. His career in higher education includes past leadership roles at The College at Brockport and SUNY Cobleskill. He received his M.A. in Organizational Communication from The College at Brockport and his Doctorate in Executive Leadership from St. John Fisher in August, 2016. Rob, his wife, and two children reside in Cazenovia, NY.

Sue Bookhout – Having lived in Colorado for 15 years, Sue has several years of experience as a Forest Health biotech with the US Forest Service. She honed her business and non-profit management skills at the Aspen Global Change Institute, and later as a public-relations professional for the outdoor industry. Sue received her B.S. in Natural Resources from Cornell University, and while a student, worked in the campus CCE office. She is a past board member of Montana based Conservation Hawks and an active member of the NYS Outdoor Writers Association. Sue lives in Fenner with her two German shorthaired pointers and owns SB Media Group, LLC, which specializes in web design and digital marketing.

Jessica Burch – Jessica is the Marketing Coordinator for Environmental Design & Research. Jessica is a graduate of Morrisville-Eaton Jr., Sr. High School, Morrisville State College (AAS in Journalism) and University at Albany (BA in Communications). Over the years her volunteer work has included Girl Scouts' of CNY, Community Action Partnership for Madison County, and Cazenovia Children's House. Jessica currently resides in Cazenovia with her husband David and their sons, Jacob and Ryan.

Monica Cody – Monica moved to Madison County in 2006 and has taken increasing roles in her husband's 4<sup>th</sup> generation dairy farm, first while working as an Engineer and Continuous Improvement Project Lead at Bristol-Myers Squibb, and now full time while raising their four children. She studied Bioengineering and Engineering Management at Cornell University. She currently serves on the Town of Fenner Planning Board and has previously served on the YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County's board and as Greater Syracuse Society of Women Engineers' president for four terms. Monica is presently pursuing "ag-vocacy" initiatives to provide agriculturally-accurate books to libraries and schools.

David Hatch – David is currently employed by Farm Credit East in Homer as a Tax Specialist. He graduated from Cornell in 1978 with a BS in Ag Economics and Agronomy. He has been with Farm Credit for over 30 years, serving farms in Onondaga, Cortland and Madison counties. David provides accounting and tax preparations services to farmers. He has been active in several community organizations in Chittenango. David and his wife Elaine live in Chittenango and have three grown children.

Beth Lamb – Beth has been employed as the School Business Administrator for Stockbridge Valley Central School for 19 years. She previously worked as an Agricultural Education Teacher at Tri-Valley Central School in Sullivan County. Beth has a B.S. & M.A.T. from Cornell University and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from Syracuse University. She has been involved in agriculture and education all of her life, growing up as a 4-H and FFA member in Wyoming County, NY. Beth, her husband Neil, and daughter Megan, live in Hamilton where they grow gladiolus and cut flowers and market them seasonally at the Hamilton Farmers' Market.

Mathew Webber – Mat is a life-long Cazenovia resident where he grew up on a dairy farm. Mat, now retired, was the Project Watershed program director for the Izaak Walton League of America. This stream monitoring and water resource education program went to many schools and engaged over 3000 students every year. Data collected is used by state and local government agencies. Mat also brought the Project Watershed program to Cornell Cooperative Extension in Onondaga County where it brings a hands-on outdoor experience to city kids. Mat is a member of the Cazenovia Advisory Conservation Committee, informing the various Town Boards on projects that may impact the environment in that town. Mat has a large garden, and gives presentations throughout the region on growing garlic.

Lorna Wilson – Lorna is Principal Broker and Owner of Hamilton Village Real Estate. She grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania, has a BS in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology from The Pennsylvania State University. She was a 4-H member and club leader. While looking for a science project for her 4-H club, she applied and received a National Science Foundation grant to teach teenage girls about STEM subjects, relating them to driving and maintenance of cars. She lives on a small horse farm with her husband and business partner, Reg. They have two daughters and sons in law and three grandchildren.