Speakers

Anna Fellegy – Vice President of Academics, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

“Famous Dave” Anderson
Dave Anderson is best known as “Famous Dave” founder of Famous Dave’s of America, with over 180 restaurants and growing. Famous Dave’s has received unprecedented recognition as one of the “Hottest Concepts in America” by Nation’s Restaurant News reaching over $400 Million in sales. Dave has helped found several publicly traded companies on Wall Street, creating over 20,000 new jobs and Billions in sales.

Dave’s life story has been featured in two best-selling books on the New York Times Best Seller’s List... In Dave’s own life, he has experienced adversity, frustration, and bankruptcy as well as tremendous success. Dave received a prestigious Presidential appointment, which required a full senate confirmation and has served several governors in advisory positions. Dave has appeared on all major networks including: Regis and Kathy Lee, CNBC's The Next Big Idea with Donny Deutsch, The Discovery Channel, The Food Network, FOX Morning Show, The Travel Channel, and The Oprah Winfrey Show to receive Oprah's Angel Award for his leadership work with at-risk youth.

This highly successful entrepreneur was in the bottom half of his high school class but has earned his Master’s Degree from Harvard University without an undergraduate degree and has received an Honorary Doctorate Degree for his life’s work.

Breakout sessions:

Lois Hoffbauer
Lois Hoffbauer and her husband Doug have been vendors at the Duluth Farmer’s Market for 30+ years. They raised two boys on their little farm, and they are enjoying their grandchildren. She and her husband had professional careers until three years ago when they decided to “pull the plug” on their jobs and make a living on their farm. They have had an amazing time farming full time, and have now expanded their marketing to three farmers markets, four days a week. Lois and her husband are involved in their community and have recently started a program called “Growing for a Cause”. They plan to keep up this pace for many more years.

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Rob Holcomb
Rob Holcomb, EA, has been an Extension Educator with the University of Minnesota since 2004. Rob works on the development and delivery of educational programs dealing with agricultural risk management with emphasis on farm analysis, business planning, labor management, and taxation. Rob has been an instructor for the Minnesota Income Tax Short Course since 2010 and in 2011 began serving as the tax school faculty director. Rob and his family reside in Marshall, Minnesota. Email: holcombr@umn.edu

Doug Thompson
Doug Thompson joined the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 2006 as the Northeast Minnesota Program Director. He has been with the Conservancy approximately 15 years. Prior to serving with the Minnesota Chapter, Doug worked as the Director of Conservation Programs for the Central/Western New York Chapter, and as the Director of Protection for the Wisconsin Chapter. He began his career as an environmental attorney with law firms in both New York and Kansas City. He holds a BS in wildlife conservation from Louisiana Tech University, a MA in natural resource economics and rural sociology from Auburn University, and a JD from the Syracuse University College of Law. In 2011, Doug took a sabbatical from the Conservancy, and received an LLM in Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy from the University of Arizona College of Law where he focused on developing resource management partnerships with American Indians in Minnesota. Email: dthompson@tnc.org

Bob Olson
Bob Olson is a Cooperative Development Specialist with special emphasis in value-added agriculture and conventional farming/ranching enterprises. In this capacity he helps businesses plan for long-term viability by developing feasibility studies, marketing assessments, and business plans. Bob is also Acting Director for Food Alliance Midwest, an affiliate of the Portland-based nonprofit Food Alliance, North America’s leading certifier for sustainably produced foods. He assists brand managers and food processors in using Food Alliance’s certification to differentiate their products in the marketplace. He also helps businesses to place these certified products in a variety of retail and foodservice venues. Email: bob@foodalliance.org

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Faye Henagain
Faye Henagin is the youngest of Seventeen from a small farm in Hillman, MN. She has worked in various Resorts and Restaurant’s throughout Minnesota the past twenty-six years. Faye graduated from FDLTCC in spring of 2008 with both AA/AS in business. She received the presidential merit award as well as two community service awards. She is a single mother of three. She opened her first restaurant, Henagin’s Hideout in Cloquet, MN Jan 2011 and the building sold in April 2012, and then reopened Henagin’s Hideout at her new site in Nov 2012 in Carlton, MN.

Adam Bailey
Adam’s first business was a rental property at the age of 18. He then went on to purchase the 3rd Base bar at the age of 22 with a partner and was bought out after two years and sold cars for about 6 months. Adam then bought the Lumber Jack Lounge in 2008 and it is now know as "The Jack". He has great short-term success and has turned The Jack into a very busy bar worth just under 1 million dollars. He works on average 60 hours a week and loves what he does. He is the stepfather of Madelynn and a younger son Qwentin, and the father of Emmet, his youngest with his wife of Katie of 5 years. He says, "owning a business is very stressful to family life, but it certainly can be done. I do my best to have one day a week where I don’t even go to the bar." His parents are retired and he has a brother (Nathon) and a sister (Shanna). He looks forward to eventually either expanding in the field that he’s in or branching out into other areas of business.