



Special Invitation to Women Involved in Agriculture

You are invited to connect with us as fellow advocates for agriculture!

We are sure you will enjoy these energetic and informative speakers, so the Washington State Dairy Women extend this non-member special invitation to Ag Teachers, 4-H Leaders, and other women who are connected to agriculture.

Please join us Monday, January 19th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, for only \$25, lunch included!

Washington State Dairy Women Public Relations Forum
Hampton Inn and Suites
19324 Alderwood Mall Pkwy, Lynnwood, WA 98036

January 19th Speaker Line Up:



Marie Bowers Stagg



Krista Stauffer



LeAnne Poier Marshall



Chelimo Saina

Questions: Gloria Edwards 360-273-7313, or gloria.wsdw@hotmail.com
See registration form for more details – reply requested by December 20th.

Marie Bowers Stagg. Marie is a fifth generation farmer, growing up on her family's grass seed farm in Harrisburg, Oregon. She graduated from Washington State University, worked at the WSU Creamery and studied Ag Economics and Management. After college she worked for Northwest Farm Credit Services before returning to the farm. When she's not outside working, she's online connecting with both rural and urban consumers. She is Vice President of the AgChat Foundation, Past President of Oregon Women for Agriculture, and has an active online presence through her OregonGreen blog, Facebook page, and Twitter account. Marie says "If you're not part of the conversation, then you're left out of the conversation." She enjoys going into urban communities to talk about agriculture and has been actively involved in legislative issues for many years. In 2012, she received the Agri-business Council of Oregon's "Ag Connect" award for outstanding programs that connect citizens with Oregon agriculture.

Krista Stauffer: Krista is a wife, mother of three and first generation dairy farmer in Addy, Washington. With a passion for writing, photography and advocating for agriculture, Krista reaches out to consumers through her 'The Farmer's Wifey' blog, Facebook page, and Twitter. Her work has been featured in Progressive Dairyman, Pink Tractor, Growing Georgia and her local paper where she writes a regular column. Krista says "I want consumers to feel farming". She is one of the founders and administrators of the 'Ask the Farmers' blog and Facebook page, featuring women involved in all facets of agriculture across the US. Through her work with CommonGround, she recently participated in a media event in New York City, including interviews with various news stations across the US focusing on why all farmers should be sharing their stories. On top of farm life, motherhood, and social media, Krista also serves on her local Farm Bureau board.

LeAnne Poier Marshall: LeAnne works in Executive Business Support at Microsoft, and served as a 2002 Washington State Alternate Dairy Ambassador. Do you ever wonder if you are doing enough to protect the data on your computer and in your email accounts? Do you routinely back up the data on your computer? Do you follow best practices for creating passwords and keeping them secure? As a special favor to the Washington State Dairy Women, LeAnne has agreed to walk us through the basics of computer and online security. In her role at Microsoft she has trained numerous employees, an experience that allows her to combine technical expertise with her strong people skills. LeAnne says "The Dairy Women have done so much for me personally, I would be happy to give back to them." We are thankful for this opportunity to hear from LeAnne and learn more about something that is playing an increasingly important role in our everyday lives.

Chelimo Saina: Chelimo owns, and has been building from the ground up, a 200 acre dairy in the area of Kibuswa, Cherangani district, in rural Kenya. Chelimo recognized a dire need to help the ladies of the community who were victims of domestic violence. In a society where women traditionally stand behind the men, there were few options for women who needed a fresh start. Using her own skill set and the lessons she had learned from her father, a former Assistant Minister of Agriculture for Kenya, Chelimo developed a program to help abused women become the bread winner of their family. By working on the farm, women are able to borrow from the profits of the dairy to purchase a plot of land and build a modest home. Although her dairy program has only been operational for a few years, the success rate is already making an impact within the community, with five women graduating and becoming proud land owners as a result. You will be amazed by all this young woman has accomplished, and her vision for empowering women and improving the quality of community life in rural Kenya.

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NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

January 19th, 2015

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Return this completed non-member registration form along with \$25 by Dec. 20th

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What is your Connection to Agriculture?	

We look forward to seeing you on January 19th!