



2024 ACDS Conference Agenda

The Arkansas Community Development Society is an education non-profit organization whose purpose is to advance community development and the community development profession. Come join us as we discuss key ingredients for creating a successful community, with an emphasis on natural disaster preparedness, retail, and workforce development.

Share ideas and be inspired as we recognize innovative and exceptional accomplishments of communities and individuals during our ACDS Community Development Awards program. You will not want to miss the opportunity to network with community development influencers from across Arkansas and share success stories and resources to help your community flourish.

- 8:00 AM Registration & Breakfast Begins
- 9:00 AM Welcome
- 9:10 AM Interactive Activity
- 9:30 AM Keynote Session: Food for Thought: Eclipse 2024
- 11:00 AM Networking Break
- 11:10 AM This is a Disaster – What you don’t know and need to know when a disaster hits
- NOON Lunch & Annual Meeting
- 12:45 PM ACDS Awards Session
- 1:00 PM Icebreaker Activity
- 1:20 PM Educator Workforce & Your Community: What’s Possible, Measurable, and Sustainable
- 2:20 PM Networking Break
- 2:30 PM Retail Role in Economic Development
- 3:30 PM Closing Remarks

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