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**Luncheon Speaker – July 21, 2021**

**Dr. Alex Elswick, Assistant Extension Professor**

**“Wounded Healers”**



Dr. Alex Elswick serves as Assistant Extension Professor and Extension Specialist for Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, the first position of this nature in the nation. Dr. Elswick received his undergraduate degree from

Centre College and completed both his masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Kentucky. He co-founded a non-profit organization called Voices of Hope-Lexington which mobilizes community resources to support people in recovery from substance use disorders. He also helped create a Collegiate Recovery Community on UK’s campus, which supports college students in recovery.

Dr. Elswick’s presentation will draw from this quote from Elizabeth Kubler Ross, “The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.” His presentation will help you explore how to use your lived experiences in the service of others.

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**Banquet Speaker – July 22, 2021**

**Dr. Steve Isaacs, Extension Professor and Storyteller**

**“Water from Another Time”**



Dr. Steve Isaacs has worked at the University of Kentucky for more than 24 years as an Extension farm management specialist. He serves as co-director of the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership Program and as director of the University of Kentucky Income Tax Seminars. Dr. Isaacs is a beloved undergraduate instructor, teaching Ag Management Principles and Human Resource Management. He has delivered hundreds of Extension presentations and workshops, authored or co-authored more than 250 print or electronic publications and direct or co-direct over \$7 million of externally funded projects. His numerous awards and recognitions include the UK Alumni Association Great Teacher Award, the Gamma Sigma Delta Master Teacher Award, the Joe T. Davis Outstanding Advisor Award, the MD Whitaker Outstanding Extension Specialist Award, and the Honorary American FFA Degree. A native of rural East Tennessee, Dr. Isaacs is a gifted storyteller. His talk will lead you on a journey through stories and an exploration of water from another time.