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Dinner & Networking with Alumni and Industry Guests

When: Sunday, January 31, 2027, 6:30-8:00 p.m. CST

Where: Sumitomo Biorational Company | 1900 Innovation Wy Ste | Libertyville, IL 60048

What: This dinner brings together student delegates, AFA alumni, and industry professionals for meaningful conversations about careers, leadership, and the future of agriculture sustainability. Alumni and industry guests will share their professional journeys, lessons learned, and perspectives on navigating the transition from student to professional, creating opportunities for students to build authentic connections across the AFA network and industry.

How: Student delegates will be preassigned to seats, while alumni and industry guests may choose where they sit. Seating arrangements are designed to encourage discussion among students, alumni, and professionals, allowing participants to exchange experiences, explore career pathways, and expand their professional networks.

Why: The purpose of this dinner is to strengthen connections between current students and the broader AFA and agriculture sustainability community. By engaging with alumni who once stood in their shoes and professionals currently shaping the industry, students gain valuable insights, mentorship, and relationships that can support their personal and professional growth.

Your Role: As an alumni or industry guest, you will serve as a connector, mentor, and conversation partner for students. Through sharing your experiences, career journey, and perspective on the agriculture sustainability industry, you will help students better understand opportunities within the field while strengthening the network that supports future agricultural leaders.

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