Sunday, April 21

3:00 p.m. **Mix and Mingle Registration**

4:00 p.m. **Welcome and Orientation** with 2024 AFA Student Advisory Team

5:00 p.m. **Kickoff Speaker: State of the Animal Industry**

Hear the “30,000-foot view” on current trends, challenges and opportunities that are impacting the livestock and companion animal industry. Learn more about what the industry is facing from issues at the farm and ranch level to production facilities of feed and medicine.

5:45 p.m. **State of the Animal Industry: Executive Panel Discussion**

Gather insight from executives who represent unique and important players in the livestock and companion animal industry. This will provide an opportunity to ask individual questions of company leaders who are developing innovative solutions in animal pharmaceuticals, feed manufacturing, livestock handling, companion pet care and more.

6:45 p.m. **Reflection** with 2024 AFA Student Advisory Team

7:00 p.m. **Industry and Delegate Networking**

Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting.

7:30 p.m. **Dinner with Industry Guests and Kansas City AFA Alumni**

8:30 p.m. **AFA Alumni Social** *invite only*

8:30 p.m. **Student Networking Time**
Monday, April 22

7:15 a.m.   Tour Groups Begin Departing (To Go Breakfast/Coffee Break)
8:00 a.m.   Animal Industry Tours
            Visit livestock association offices, feed manufacturing facilities, pharmaceutical development spaces and more to see first-hand what a career in the livestock and companion animal industry could look like for you.
4:00 p.m.   Tour Debrief and Reflection with 2024 Student Advisory Team
4:30 p.m.   Arrive back at the hotel and prepare for dinner.
6:30 p.m.   Animal Institute Delegate Dinner with Animal Health Corridor
8:30 p.m.   Return to hotel from dinner
Tuesday, April 23

8:15 a.m.  **Partner Breakfasts**
Hear from AFA Partner Companies regarding career opportunities and innovative products they are bringing to the industry.

9:15 a.m.  **Networking Break**

9:30 a.m.  **Animal Agriculture Table Topics**
Explore hot topics and important concepts in the animal agriculture, companion animal and animal health industries through multiple table topic discussions from industry and research experts.

**Animal Table Topics Examples:**
- Advocating and Lobbying for Animal Agriculture
- California Proposition 12, the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative
- Crisis Communication in Animal Agriculture
- Labeling and Marketing New Veterinarian Technologies
- Exploring Animal Nutrition and Feed Additives
- U.S.’s Animal Health Corridor
- Impacts of Animal Disease Outbreaks
- Sustainable Animal Agriculture Practices and Efforts
- Animal Antibiotics Stewardship
- Cattle Carbon Cycling
- Animal Identification and Traceability

10:50 a.m.  **Food & Coffee Break**

11:05 a.m.  **Careers in the Animal Industry Roundtables**
Discuss career paths and opportunities with a variety of industry professionals from the livestock and companion animal industries who will share their insight and advice. You will rotate four times for this session.

- Academia and Research
- Advocacy and Education
- Communications and Marketing
- Innovative Technology and Entrepreneurship
- Livestock and Companion Animal Sales
- Animal Breeding and Genetics
- Animal Nutrition
- Ranching and Feedlot Management
- Government and Industry Affairs
- Supply Chain and Logistics
- Veterinarian and Animal Health
- Animal Technology

12:45 p.m.  **Final Reflection** with 2024 AFA Student Advisory Team

1:00 p.m.  **Lunch and Departure**