2024 AFA Crop Institute Agenda

July 21- July 23, 2024
St. Louis Union Station
1820 Market St. St. Louis, MO 63103
*Schedule is Subject to Change

Sunday

2:45pm  Mix and Mingle Registration

3:45pm  Welcome and Orientation
  • 2024 AFA Student Advisory Team Hosts

5:00pm  Dinner with Alumni/Industry Professionals
  • Hot Topics or Competencies in the Industry Dinner with Alumni and Industry professionals
  • Casual

6:00pm  Delegates Night to see the City
Monday

7:15am  Students Load Tour Busses
7:30am  Tour Groups Begin Departing
8:00am  Crop Industry and Research Tours
        Visit corporate and association offices, research and development laboratories, production farms and orchards to see first-hand what a career in the crop and soil science industry could look like for you.
3:00pm  Adjourn Industry Tours
4:00pm  Food and Beverage Break
4:40pm  Tour Debrief and Reflection (*main room)
5:00pm  Keynote Speaker: State of the Industry
        Hear the “30,000-foot view” on current trends, challenges, and opportunities that are influencing crop, soil and agronomic science. Learn more about what the industry is facing from new technology potential, on-farm challenges to overcome and new insights for the future.
5:45pm  Break
5:50pm  State of the Industry: Executive Panel Discussion
        Gather insight from executives who represent unique and important players in the crop and soil science industry. This will provide an opportunity to ask individual questions of company leaders who are developing innovative solutions in crop health, seed genetics, on-farm sustainability and more.
6:55pm  Industry, Alumni, and Student Networking
        Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting before dinner
7:30pm  Dinner with Industry Guests and AFA Alumni
8:30pm  Delegate Reflection
8:30pm  AFA Alumni Social *invite only*
Tuesday, May 21

8:15am  Partner Breakfast
9:15am  Industry and Student Networking
  • Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting after partner breakfast
9:30am  Table Topic Discussions
  • Explore a variety of hot topics within the crop industry. You will rotate three times, with 20-minute rotations.
10:50am Food and Beverage Break
11:05am Career Roundtable Discussions
  • Explore a variety of career paths within the crop industry. You will rotate four times, with 20-minute rotations.
12:45pm Final Reflection
1:00PM Delegate Group Photo
1:00pm Lunch and Departure