



EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS.

AFA Leaders Conference

Discovering Career Paths with Track 1

When: Friday, November 13, 2026 | 3:30-4:45 PM CT

Where: Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center | Kansas City, MO

What: This roundtable session will connect first year college students with industry professionals to get a closer look at the different career paths available in agriculture, food and natural resources.

How: Industry guests will share background information and highlights of their professional career journeys. Table conversation will be casual in nature but prompted by the session moderators, *Kellie Bray* and *Kristie Larson*. Discussion will focus on career opportunities and decision making in career management.

Why: AFA has identified [six core competencies](#) that provide a foundation for young professionals to find success as leaders in the agriculture and food industry. These six competencies are deeply woven into the AFA Leaders Conference design. *Discovering Career Paths in Agriculture* focuses on the Career Management and Relationship Development competencies. Specific behaviors we are looking for in Track 1 delegates in this session:

- Uses professional goals and interests to discern useful development opportunities
- Gain familiarity with appropriate networking tactics
- Practice active and engaged listening

Your Role: We are inviting you to participate as a roundtable guest to discuss your career journey in the agriculture and food industry. Our expectation is for you to be willing to articulate the different opportunities that have been available to you throughout your career, and how you have navigated and “flexed” for those opportunities to accomplish your goals. We encourage you to lean into your unique background and experiences, sharing the moments and lessons that have shaped your career. You will be seated at a roundtable with students, with two moderators guiding the discussion and helping facilitate a conversational, interactive experience.



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