



**2024 AFA + NACD Sustainability Institute**  
Sunday, February 11- Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina  
1380 Harbor Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101

*\*\*Schedule is subject to change, for the most up to date schedule, please see the institute app.*

**Sunday, February 11**

**2:00 PM Mix and Mingle Registration**

*Get registered for the event and meet other student delegates participation in the AFA + NACD Sustainability Institute.*

**3:00 PM Welcome and Orientation with AFA and NACD**

**4:00 PM Kickoff Speaker: Sustainability and the Future**

Hear from our Kickoff Speaker the “30,000-foot view” of how all-encompassing the term sustainability really is, where it shows up in our daily lives, trends, challenges and opportunities in the near future.

**4:30 PM The Fight for Sustainability in Public Service: Executive Panel**

Gather insight from executive leaders regarding their experience within the public service industry and how sustainability fits into their careers.

**5:30 PM Student Reflection**

**6:00 PM NACD and Student Networking**

Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting.

**6:30PM Dinner with Industry Representatives**

Network with National Conservation Foundation, NACD, and AFA Sustainability delegates and guests with plated meal.

**7:30 PM AFA Sustainability Institute Social**

Casual setting with NACD.

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## Monday, February 12

- 6:30 AM      **Student To- Go Breakfast and Tour Departure**
- 7:00 AM      **Begin Departure of Tours**
- 8:00 AM      **Sustainability & Conservation Tours**
- 3:00 PM      **Adjourn Sustainability & Conservation Tours**
- 3:15 PM      **Student Reflection on the bus**
- 4:30 PM      **Food and Beverage Break**
- 5:00 PM      **The Future of Sustainability Executive Panel**  
  
Gather insight from executive leaders regarding their experience within sustainability and climate action and how it impacts the future.
- 5:45 PM      **Executive Panel Roundtable Discussions**  
  
Explore hot topics and important concepts of sustainability within food, agriculture and natural resources through multiple table topic discussions from our executive panel participants plus more!
- 7:00 PM      **Industry Dinner**  
Network in an informal setting with career professionals in the sustainability field.

**Tuesday, February 13**

**7:30 AM Conservation Partners Breakfast**

Enjoy a breakfast with a NACD region representatives from your region as well as many others within the conservation community.

**9:10 AM What is \_\_\_\_\_ doing for Sustainability?**

Choose two companies that you would like to learn an in-depth knowledge on their sustainability practices. Get a 30-minute in-depth conversation.

**10:15 AM Food & Beverage Networking Break**

**10:30 AM Sustainability and Conservation Career Roundtables**

Students will preference and experience four roundtables to learn more about careers in conservation, sustainability and natural resources. Professionals in each area will share their career journey to how they ended up in their current role.

**Career Roundtable Topics**

Academia and Extension

Apparel and Textiles

Conservation

Fisheries

Livestock/Ranch Management

Food Waste

Forestry

Soil and Nutrient Management

Research and Development

**12:30 PM Reflection**

**12:45 PM Grab and Go Lunch and Depart from the Hotel**

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