Subject: **Why You Should Apply for the AFA Animal Institute—From a Fellow Student**

As someone who’s had the incredible opportunity to attend an [AFA Leader Institute](https://www.agfuture.org/experiences/sustainability-institute) I want to personally encourage you to apply for the 2026 AFA Animal Institute, presented by Merck Animal Health! Trust me when I say that this is an experience you don’t want to miss!

**Here’s why you should apply:**

**Hands-On Learning with Industry Innovators**  
Explore the animal agriculture industry through tours of livestock operations and animal health companies, gaining real-world insight into career opportunities.

**Exclusive Networking and Professional Development**  
Engage in discussions and panels with industry leaders and AFA partners, learning from professionals who are shaping the future of animal agriculture.

**Shape Your Future in Animal Agriculture**  
Broaden your network, build confidence, and gain clarity on career paths in this essential sector.

The institute will be held **April 12–14 in Kansas City, Missouri**, located in the heart of the Animal Health Corridor. Best of all, **there is no cost to attend**—just cover your travel.

Be sure to apply by **January 25**. Click here to create an account and access the application.

If you have questions or want to chat about my experience, I’d love to connect.

Best,

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