



EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS.

AFA Leaders Conference

Sprouting Your Professional Career with Track 1

When: Friday, November 7, 2025 | 10:30-11:45 PM

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

What: This session is designed for first year college students to receive expert advice on developing their professional image and skills. The session is split into three main categories: LinkedIn profile development, interview tips & tricks and best practices for the AFA Opportunity Fair.

How: A session facilitator will prompt questions and discussion areas for each subtopic to help guide conversations between industry professionals and Track 1 delegates.

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. *Sprouting Your Professional Career* narrows in on the Career Management and Interpersonal IQ competencies. Specific behaviors we are looking for in Track 1 delegates in this session:

- Focuses energy on opportunities that feed into personal goals
- Works to create resources and profiles that depict personal strengths and values
- Practices asking for guidance for personal and professional decision-making

Your Role: We invite you to participate as a roundtable guest to discuss the three categories (Interviews, LinkedIn, AFA Opportunity Fair) with Track 1 delegates. This will be a facilitated discussion, with prompts from the speakers for the table conversations. You will function as a sounding board and resource for students to ask questions about LinkedIn, interview and career fair best practices.



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