



## 2022 AFA + NACD Sustainability Institute

Sunday, February 13- Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista – Disney Springs Area  
1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard | Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830  
\*Schedule is subject to change

### Sunday, February 13- Day 1

#### 2:00 PM Registration

*Get registered for the event and meet other student delegates to the inaugural AFA & NACD Sustainability Institute.*

#### 3:00 PM Welcome and Orientation- AFA and NACD

#### 3:30 PM Kickoff Speaker: What is Sustainability?

*Description: 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, and trends, challenges, and opportunities in the near future.*

##### Objectives:

- *Introduce trends, challenges, opportunities in conservation and sustainability efforts from across the value chain*
- *Provide high-level overview to set expectations for the institute experience*

#### 4:00 PM Sustainability and the Future: Executive Panel

*Description: Gather insight from executive leaders regarding their opinion of the future of their companies as it relates to sustainability, conservation, and natural resource management.*

##### Objectives:

- *Demonstrate through narrations of personal backgrounds that the path to success looks different for every professional*
- *Expose participants to diverse opportunities of careers related to sustainability and conservation*
- *Provide students with an overview of current industry trends that weigh heaviest on the minds of industry leaders*

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Kansas City, MO 64153

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509 Capitol Court NE  
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- 5:00 PM      **Dinner with Industry Guests**
- 6:15 PM      **Reflection and Preparation for Day 2**
- 6:30 PM      **Student Networking**

**Monday, February 14- Day 2**

- 7:00 AM      **Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM      **Industry Innovation and Challenges Panels**
- Two panels highlighting new and emerging innovation and recent industry challenges being addressed by professionals working daily to move the food industry forward.
- Climate Action: Challenges and Solutions – *What actions are industry leaders taking on climate change and improving industry sustainability. Understand the latest opportunities and the challenges that are in this space.*
- The Economics of Sustainability – *Hear from topic experts how industries balance business profits and environmental awareness on local, national, and global scales.*
- 10:45 AM      **Student Activities**
- 12:00 PM      **NACD Leadership Luncheon**
- 2:30 PM      **NACD Conservation Expo and Breakout Session Exploration**
- [NACD Breakout Sessions:](#)
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Natural Resources Policy and Protection  
District Operations and Partnerships (virtual)  
Stewardship and Outreach  
Conservation Innovation
- 5:15 PM      **Student Reflection**
- 6:00 PM      **National Conservation Foundation Auction Reception**
- Description: *Network with National Conservation Foundation and NACD with appetizers.*
- 7:00 PM      **Students Explore Disney Springs**
- Description: *Explore Disney Springs area with other Sustainability delegates.*

## Tuesday, February 15- Day 3

### 7:30 AM Partner Breakfast

Description: *Hear from AFA Partner Companies regarding career opportunities and innovative solutions they are bringing to the table regarding sustainability, conservation, and natural resource management.*

### 8:45 AM NACD Annual Meeting- General Session

### 11:15 AM Career Roundtables: Sustainability and Conservation

Description: *Students will preference and experience three roundtables to learn more about careers in conservation, sustainability, and natural resources. Two+ professionals in each area sharing their career journey to how they ended up in their current role.*

#### Objectives:

- *Illustrate the diverse opportunities in conservation and sustainability*
- *Expose students to deeper understanding of skills and expertise necessary for various careers*
- *Demonstrate through narration of personal backgrounds that a path to success looks different for every professional*
- *Provide exposure to diverse industry concepts, business, people, and philosophy through exposure to local, national and international public and private sector organizations*

### 12:30 PM Final Reflection and Lunch

### 1:30 PM Departure