EMPOWERING YOUNG LEADERS.

# 2027 AFA Sustainability Institute

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Valent/ Sumitomo Biorational Sustainability Center
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Libertyville, IL 60048

Agriculture Future of America (AFA) is a nonprofit dedicated to advancing agriculture through education, leader development, and industry partnerships. AFA Leader Institutes connect students with hands-on learning, career exploration, and industry professionals nationwide.

The AFA Sustainability Institute presented by Valent brings selected students together for a three-day program exploring the opportunities, challenges, and innovations shaping agricultural sustainability. Through interactive learning and engagement with industry leaders, students examine key issues affecting food and agriculture, explore career paths, and build connections to support their pursuit of careers in sustainability.

During the Institute, industry professionals and partners are asked to:

- Describe current issues and challenges in agricultural sustainability.
- Explain sustainability career opportunities across the agricultural industry.
- Respond to student questions using clear, accessible language appropriate to their level of experience.
- Help students explore career and experiential learning opportunities.
- Facilitate meaningful discussions that help students build professional connections.

By the end of the AFA Sustainability Institute, students will be able to:

- Identify key issues and emerging trends in agricultural sustainability.
- Compare career opportunities in agricultural sustainability.
- Ask questions that deepen their understanding of sustainability practices, innovations, and career pathways.
- Reflect on how career exploration, experiential learning, and professional connections inform their career interests.
- Develop a professional network with peers, industry professionals, and AFA alumni.

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