



2022 AFA Crop Science Institute Agenda

Sunday, July 17 - Tuesday, July 19, 2021

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel

1230 J St. Sacramento, CA 95814

*Schedule is Subject to Change

Sunday, July 17

3:00 p.m. **Mix and Mingle Registration**

4:00 p.m. **Welcome and Orientation** with 2022 AFA Student Advisory Team

5:00 p.m. **Kickoff Speaker: State of Crop Science Industry**

Hear the “30,000 foot view” on current trends, challenges, and opportunities that are influencing crop, soil, and agronomic science. Learn more about what the industry is facing from new technology potential, on-farm challenges to overcome, and new insights for the future.

5:45p.m. **State of the Industry: Executive Panel Discussion**

Gather insight from executives who represent unique and important players in the crop and soil science industry. This will provide an opportunity to ask individual questions of company leaders who are developing innovative solutions in crop health, seed genetics, on-farm sustainability and more.

6:45 p.m. **Industry Networking**

Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting

7:15 p.m. **Dinner with Industry Guests and Sacramento Area Alumni**

8:30 p.m. **Tour Preparation and Reflection** with 2022 AFA Student Advisory Team

8:30 p.m. **Alumni Social** (invite only)

9:00 p.m. **Student Networking** on own

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Monday, July 18

6:30 a.m. Tour Groups Begin Departing

8:00 a.m. Industry, Farm and Research Facility Tours

Visit corporate and association offices, research and development laboratories, production farms and orchards, and more to see first-hand what a career in the crop and soil science industry could look like for you.

5:30 p.m. Tour Debrief and Reflection with 2022 AFA Student Advisory Team and AFA on busses

6:00 p.m. Student Dinner on own

Explore downtown Sacramento to get a taste of the local flavor.

8:30 p.m. Return to Hotel on AFA tour busses

Tuesday, July 19

7:30 a.m. Partner Breakfasts

Hear from AFA Partner Companies regarding career opportunities and innovative products and solutions they are bringing to the industry.

8:30 a.m. Break

8:45 a.m. Careers in Crop Science- Roundtables

Discuss career paths and opportunities with a variety of industry professionals from the crop, soil, and agronomic industries who will share their insight and advice.

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Crops of California Workshops

California agriculture is diverse and unlike any other! California grows over 250 different crops across the large state – some that are only grown in California within the United States.

During this session there will be six concurrently occurring crop workshops that will allow for students to rotate to learn all about California's diverse crop production methods, management, critical issues and fun tricks.

Workshop Topics:

- NUT your normal topic! (Pistachios, Almonds, Walnuts)
- We're going to have a GRAPE discussion! (Table and Wine Grapes)
- LETTUCE have a talk! (Salad Crops)
- ORANGE you excited to learn? (Tree Fruits)
- Let's SQUASH this topic! (Vegetables)
- Don't take this one for POMEGRANATE! (California Specialty Crops)

12:30 p.m. Final Reflection with 2022 AFA Student Advisory Team

1:00 p.m. Lunch and Departure