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AFA Leaders Conference

Executive Forum on Stewarding Change with Track 3

When: Friday, November 13, 2026 | 2:45-4:30 PM CT

Where: The Westin at Crown Center | Kansas City, MO

What: This session is designed to help third and fourth-year college students learn about the major industry trends and challenges impacting the global agriculture system. In addition to learning about these global trends and challenges, students will learn from top industry executives how to steward change and make an impact on big issues.

How: The executive forum invites senior executives, representing a cross-section of the agriculture industry, to participate in roundtable discussions with Track 3 delegates, with guidance from the session facilitator.

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. *Executive Forum on Stewarding Change* focuses on developing key areas within the Systems Thinking competency. Specific behaviors we are looking for in Track 3 delegates are:

- Examining issues within the context of a larger system
- Deconstructing complex issues
- Using analytical skills to identify root causes
- Leading a team/organization through change effectively

Your Role: We are inviting you to participate as an executive roundtable guest for this session. We are seeking individuals who currently serve or have served in senior leadership roles, including C-suite executives, executive team members, and other organizational leaders. In this role, we ask that you bring your expertise and perspective to discuss the global issues facing the agriculture industry and share how young leaders can play a role in stewarding positive solutions for these challenges.



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