



2024 AFA Policy Institute Agenda

The Westin – Crystal City Regan National Airport
1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington VA 22202

Sunday, September 8 - Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Washington D.C.

*Schedule is subject to change

Sunday, September 8

2:45pm **Mix and Mingle Registration**

3:45pm **Welcome and Orientation**

- 2024 AFA Student Advisory Team Hosts

5:00pm **Dinner with Alumni/Industry Professionals**

- Hot Topics or Competencies in the Industry Dinner with Alumni and Industry Professionals
- Casual

6:00pm **Delegates Night to see the City**

6:00pm **Optional: Guided DC Walking Night Tour**

*You will need to fill out preference form for this option

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Monday, September 9

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| 6:30am | Breakfast Buffet |
| 7:15am | Students Meet in Tour Groups |
| 7:30am | Begin Departing for Metro |
| 8:00am | Association, Agency, Federal and Industry Office Tours

Visit trade association, government agency, embassy, consulting spaces and more to gain a first-hand perspective around what a career in “The District” could be like. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:30 p.m. | Capitol Hill Visits |
| 3:15pm | Meet AFA Staff at <u>National Mall Metro</u> to Return to Hotel |
| 4:00pm | Food and Beverage Break |
| 4:40pm | Tour Debrief and Reflection (*main room) |
| 5:00pm | Keynote Speaker: State of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resource Policy

Hear the “30,000-foot view” on current trends, challenges and opportunities that are influencing agriculture, food and natural resource policy. |
| 5:45pm | Break |
| 5:50pm | What’s Your Perspective: Panel Discussion

Gather insight from top policy experts, government officials and industry representatives to understand their perspective on today’s most pressing agriculture, food and natural resource policy issues. Understand more about today’s most pressing issues and what policy proposals are being crafted to solve them. |
| 6:55pm | Industry, Alumni, and Student Networking

Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting before dinner |
| 7:30pm | Dinner with Industry Guests and AFA Alumni |
| 8:30pm | Delegate Reflection |
| 8:30pm | AFA Alumni Social *invite only* |

Tuesday, September 13

8:15 a.m. Competency Connection Breakfast

AFA has six competencies that we aim to grow students in. AFA Policy Delegates will participate in workshop that will give delegates the opportunity to explore ways to utilize the six AFA competencies to find success in agriculture, food and natural resources policy.

9:15am Industry and Student Networking

- Network with professionals and peers in an informal setting after the partner breakfast.

9:30 a.m. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Policy and Government Table Topics

Explore hot topics and important concepts of food, agriculture and natural resources through multiple table topic discussions from policy and government professionals.

Policy and Government Table Topics:

Farm Bill-any part of it
Domestic and Foreign Trade
Sustainability: What is the government's role?
Carbon Markets
Climate Legislation

Farmland Taxes
Rural Health Services
SNAP EBT
Mental Health of Farmers- Legislation to help.
Magic mushrooms-helping veterans with PTSD
Farm/Port labor crisis

10:50 a.m. Food and Beverage Break

11:05 a.m. Careers in Policy- Roundtable Discussions

Discuss career paths and opportunities with a variety of industry professionals sharing their insight and advice.

12:45pm Final Reflection

1:00PM Delegate Group Photo

1:00pm Lunch and Departure