



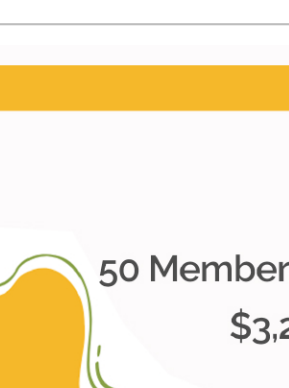
## A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

As we turn the page on another incredible NAADA Annual Conference, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest thanks to our outstanding hosts at Purdue University. From the warm hospitality to the engaging sessions and insightful tours, the experience truly reflected the spirit and mission of NAADA. Whether you were inspired by a breakout session, made a new professional connection, or took away a fresh idea to bring back to your campus, I hope you left West Lafayette feeling energized and empowered.

I also want to extend heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected Board of Directors! We're fortunate to have such dedicated leaders guiding our association. You can meet the full board below. I look forward to working with each of them as we continue building on NAADA's strong foundation and start planning for an exciting year ahead.

One of the best ways to stay connected and make a difference in NAADA is by getting involved. Consider joining one of our committees — it's a rewarding way to grow your network, share your expertise, and contribute to the future of our organization. Information on getting involved can be found below.

Here's to a year of growth, connection, and impact! Have a great rest of your summer!



**Paula Beecher, Clemson University**  
2024-2025 President, NAADA

## NAADA GIVE DAY 2025

We surpassed our goal of  
**50 Members donating \$50 in honor of our 50th Anniversary!**

**\$3,235 was given at the Annual Conference!**

*Missed the Conference? You can still GIVE!*

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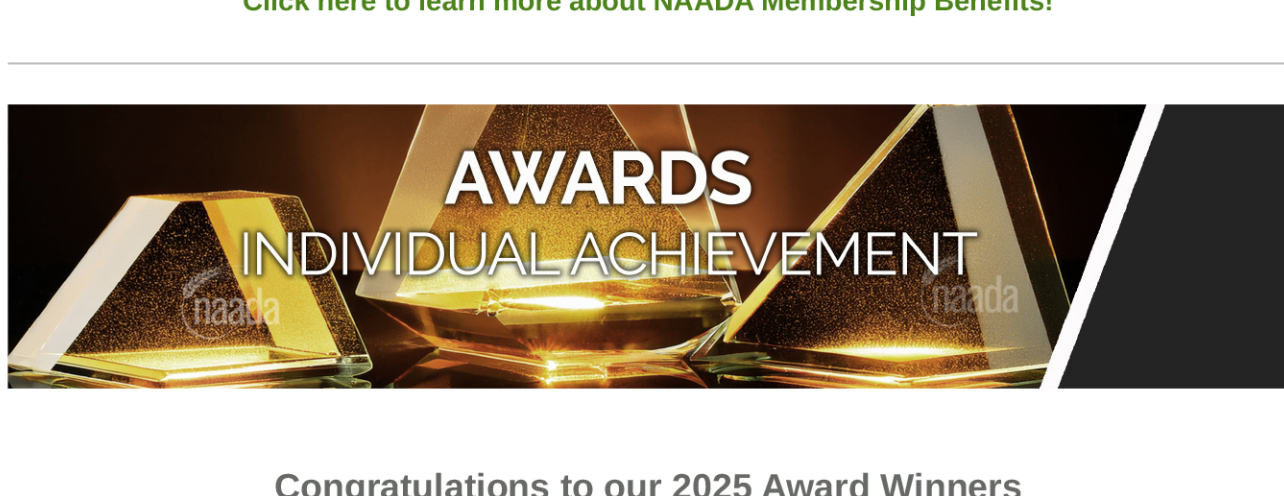
## NEW naada MEMBERS

**Welcome to our Newest NAADA Member**

**Patrice Banks, University of Minnesota**

*If you are a new member and not listed, please email [info@naada.org](mailto:info@naada.org).*

## Membership Benefits with naada



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## Congratulations to our 2025 Award Winners

### Frontline Award

Jenai Collins  
University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Debbie Dunham

Purdue University College of Agriculture

### Above and Beyond Award

Scott Sager

University of Florida School of Forest, Fisheries, and Geomatics Sciences

### Ruby C. McSwain Outstanding Philanthropist Award

Bailey Family

University of Minnesota

The Hand Foundation

University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

### Ray A. Miller Professional Achievement Award

Kyle Bymaster

Purdue University College of Agriculture

### Volunteer Service Award

Beth Pugh Farrell

North Carolina State University

### Up and Coming Award

Luke Brenneman

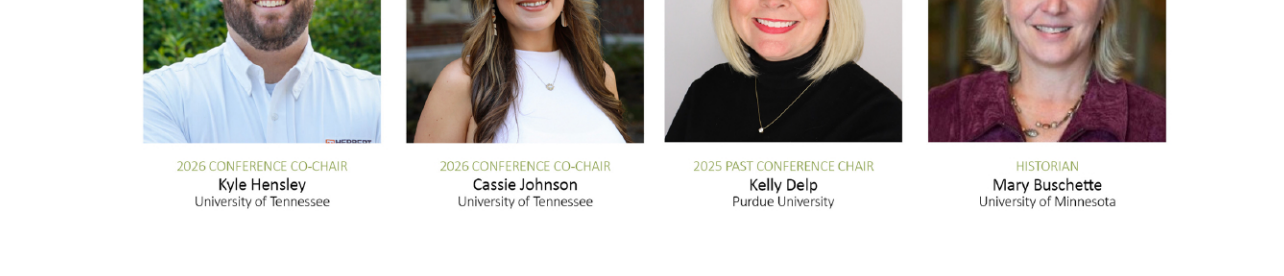
Purdue University College of Agriculture

### Corporate Partner Award

Florida Farm Bureau Federation

University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

[Click here for a full history of NAADA Awards winners.](#)



NAADA Committees play a vital role in the activities that NAADA is involved with annually. Visit the [Get Involved](#) section of our website to learn more about each committee and click the link below to join or reach out for more information.

[Committee Interest Form](#)

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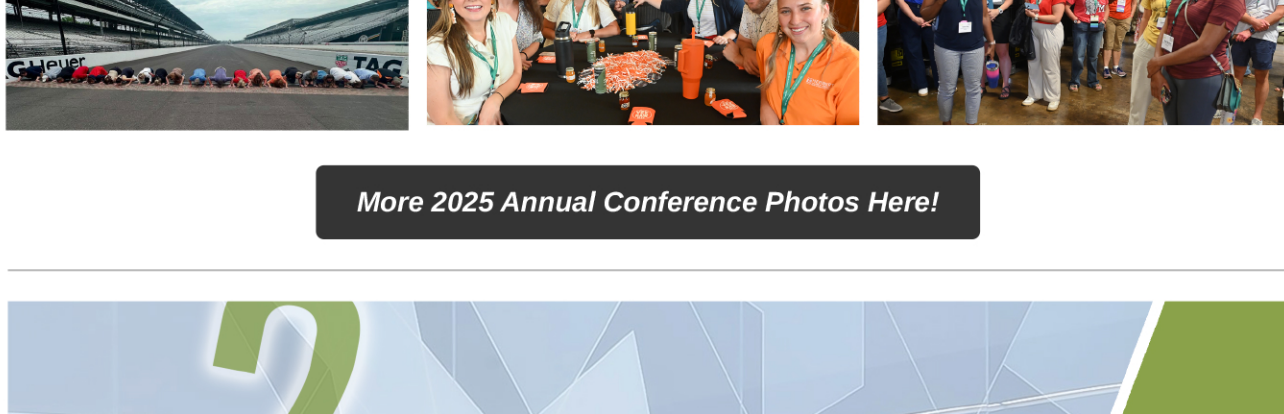
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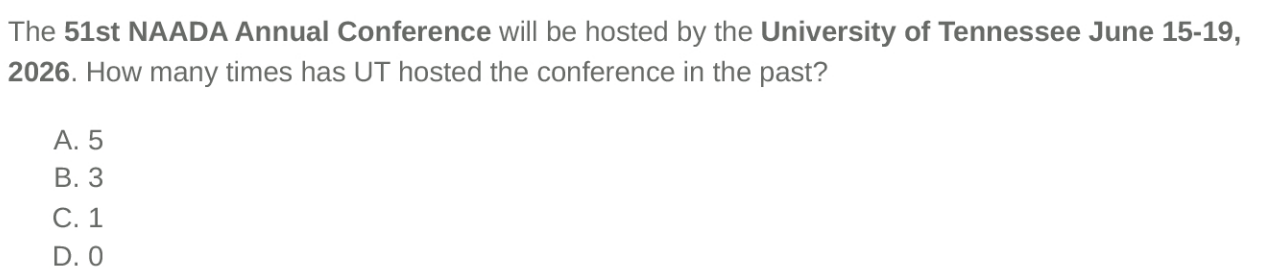
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## 2025 Annual Conference Highlights



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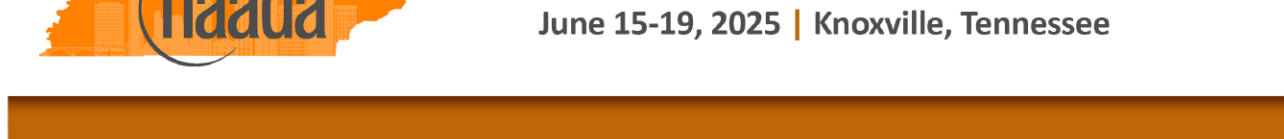


The 51st NAADA Annual Conference will be hosted by the University of Tennessee June 15-19, 2026. How many times has UT hosted the conference in the past?

- A. 5
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 0

[Submit Your Answer](#)

Congratulations to Austin Jennings, Purdue whose name was randomly selected from the correct answers for the June trivia question: In which year was the first NAADA conference held? The answer was C. The first NAADA "Seminar of Agricultural Alumni Associations" was held during the Fish Fry at Purdue in West Lafayette, Indiana in January of 1976.



**NAADA 2026 National Annual Conference**  
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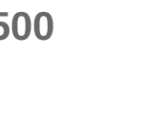
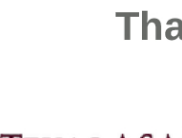
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