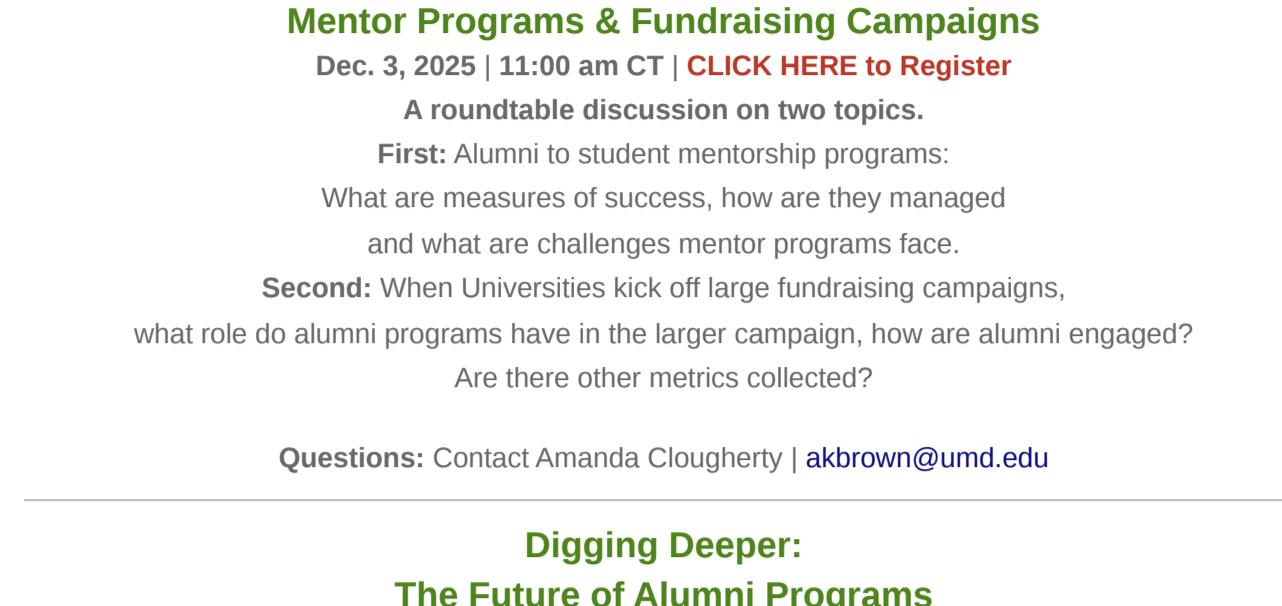


Welcome to Connections, your monthly newsletter for the latest NAADA news, member stories and important industry information.

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Digging Deeper: Alumni Boards

Nov. 5, 2025 | 11:00 am CT | [CLICK HERE to Register](#)

A roundtable discussion on alumni board management, board member roles and responsibilities, bylaws and operating procedures.

Questions: Contact Amanda Clougherty | akbrown@umd.edu

Digging Deeper: Mentor Programs & Fundraising Campaigns

Dec. 3, 2025 | 11:00 am CT | [CLICK HERE to Register](#)

A roundtable discussion on two topics.

First: Alumni to student mentorship programs:

What are measures of success, how are they managed

and what are challenges mentor programs face.

Second: When Universities kick off large fundraising campaigns,

what role do alumni programs have in the larger campaign, how are alumni engaged?

Are there other metrics collected?

Questions: Contact Amanda Clougherty | akbrown@umd.edu

Digging Deeper: The Future of Alumni Programs

Jan. 7, 2026 | 11:00 am CT | [CLICK HERE to Register](#)

Join us as we dig deeper into the future of Alumni programs - engagement, retention, stewardship and more!

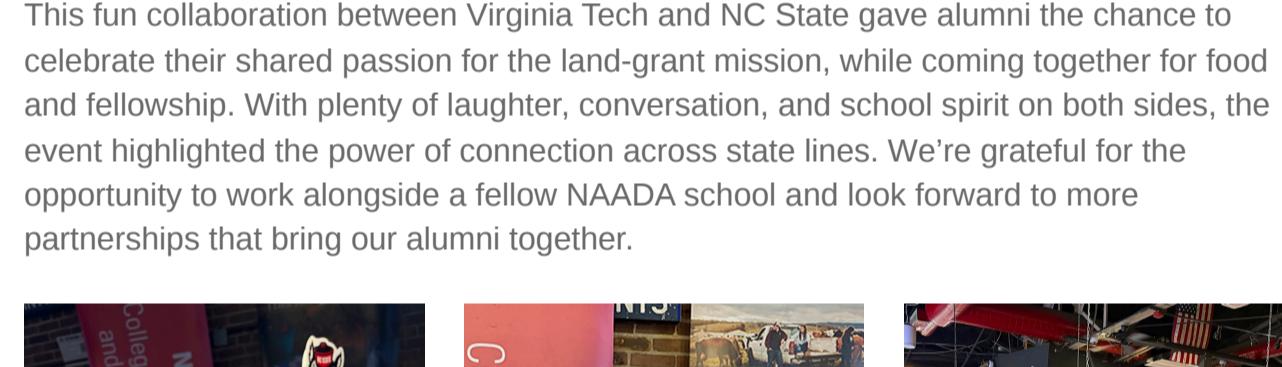
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2026 Conference Alumni Educational Session Planning

Feb. 4, 2026 | 11:00 am CT | [CLICK HERE to Register](#)

This quarterly meet-up will include planning for the 2026 NAADA Alumni Track Educational sessions at annual conference in June. We will also be sharing individual program wins and challenges.

Questions: Contact Amanda Clougherty | akbrown@umd.edu



NAADA Award Applications & Nominations Opened October 1, 2025!

2026 NAADA Projects & Publications Competition

The P&P application period opened on October 1, 2025.

Submissions are welcome for any project or publication completed during the full calendar year of 2025. The application window will remain open until February 20, 2026.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Award Descriptions & Submission Instruction

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Nominate a Colleague for the 2026 NAADA Individual Awards

Nominations opened October 1, 2025, and remain available until February 20, 2026. This is your chance to recognize a peer whose contributions deserve the spotlight. Award recipients will be announced and celebrated at the NAADA Annual Conference in Knoxville, TN, next June.

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Coming Soon: Presentation Proposal Submissions

for 2026 NAADA Annual Conference at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Get ready to share your expertise! NAADA will soon be accepting presentation proposals for the 2026 Annual Conference. We're seeking engaging, educational sessions on topics related to alumni relations, development, student engagement, and more within the agricultural industry. Stay tuned for full details and submission information — proposals will open soon!

The deadline for submissions is **January 30, 2026**.

For questions, contact info@naada.org.

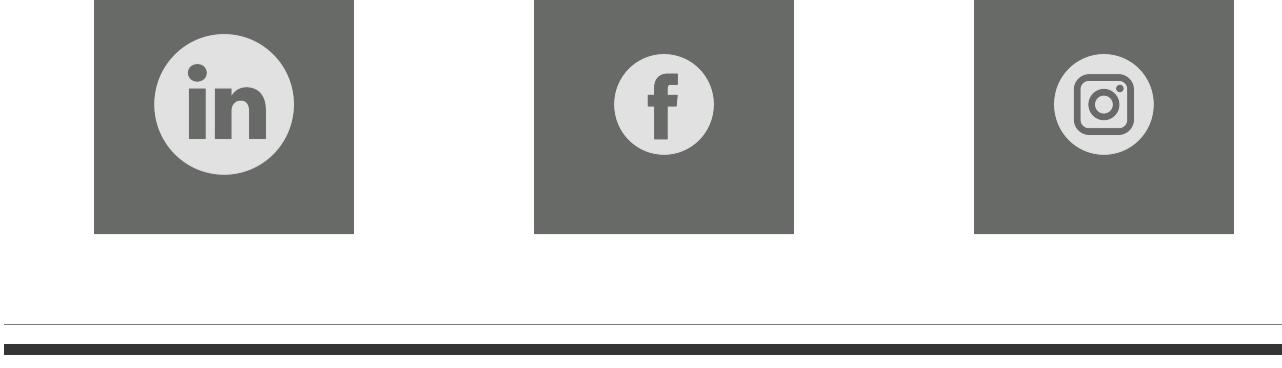


Each month, we want to showcase what our NAADA members are doing.

Have you hosted or attended an event you're excited about? Have you met up with any fellow NAADA members at a convention or meeting? Please share! Submit photos, captions, and names of those photographed by the 1st day of each month for publication in Connections to info@naada.org.

Hokies and Wolfpack came together the night before the big game for a Land-Grant Family "Tailgate" alumni hour!

This fun collaboration between Virginia Tech and NC State gave alumni the chance to celebrate their shared passion for the land-grant mission, while coming together for food and fellowship. With plenty of laughter, conversation, and school spirit on both sides, the event highlighted the power of connection across state lines. We're grateful for the opportunity to work alongside a fellow NAADA school and look forward to more partnerships that bring our alumni together.



Welcome to our Newest NAADA Members

If you are a new member and not listed, please email info@naada.org.

Amanda Bernavi, University of Florida IFAS and College of Agricultural & Life Sciences

Tom Burkey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Jaky Chidress, University of Georgia

Allyson Farmer, North Carolina State University

Meg Gipe, North Carolina State University

Jason Gipe, North Carolina State University

Cole Guidry, Louisiana State University

Adam Hamond, University of Georgia

Isaac Collins, University of Tennessee Foundation, Inc.

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Did You Know | The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in the U.S.

They are also the most popular place in the United States.

We are so excited to host NAADA 2026!

Get ready for a fun, educational, unforgettable time at University of Tennessee-Knoxville!

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