



A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

It is an honor to begin serving as President of NAADA. I'm excited to work alongside our outstanding board as we continue building on the strong foundation of this organization.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to the University of Tennessee for hosting a fantastic annual conference. From the warm hospitality to the outstanding celebrations, tours and educational sessions, it was a wonderful opportunity to learn, connect, and share ideas. Thank you as well to all of our presenters for generously sharing their expertise.

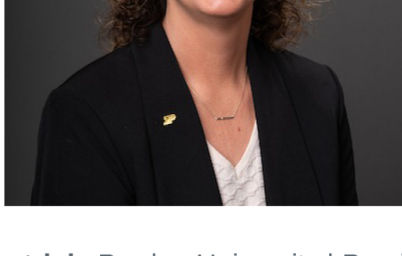
As we look ahead, our board is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for professional development, networking, and collaboration throughout the year. Be sure to watch for regular communications about upcoming track networking sessions and additional educational programming - they're great ways to connect with colleagues, exchange ideas, and stay engaged with the NAADA community.

In this issue, please pay special attention to:

- 2027 NAADA Annual Conference dates
- How to contact your track chair
- Maximize Your Membership; a new feature intended to help you get the most from your network

Our newsletter will now be delivered quarterly, with the next issue coming in October. Until then, watch for emails with upcoming events and stories from our NAADA network.

Thank you for being part of NAADA. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead and all that we'll accomplish together.



Danica Kirkpatrick, Purdue University | President, NAADA

2026-27 Leadership Team



Front Row: Jill Cords, Eric Billings, Paula Beecher, Danica Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Galbreath, Jordan Mosely (Past-Past President) Back Row: Kelly Delp (2025 Past Conference Chair), Adam Cahill, Julie Obermeyer, Julie Conn, Tom Soladay, Caitlin Conrad, James Ambrose, Mary Buschette, Tom Looney (Immediate Past Sponsorship Chair), Tracee Murph (Immediate Past Marketing & Communications Chair), Brian McGonigle, Austin O'Neil, Kyle Hensley, Cassie Johnson (Not pictured: Brad Anderson, Lacey Gordon, Melissa Hansen, Amy Juliana, Brandy Kines, Sara Olson, Jamie Lucero, Melinda Jean Stafford)

Welcome to our New Executive Committee

President | Danica Kirkpatrick | Purdue University
Vice President | Eric Billings | Associate Member
Treasurer | Julie Obermeyer | University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Secretary | Adam Cahill | The Ohio State University
Past President/Nominating Chair | Paula Beecher | Clemson University

Historian | Mary Buschette | University of Minnesota
Director-at-Large | Brad Anderson | Kansas State University
Director-at-Large | Elizabeth Galbreath | Associate Member
Director-at-Large | Jamie Lucero | Virginia Tech
Director-at-Large | Melinda Jean Stafford | University of Idaho
2027 Conference Chair | Julie Conn | University of Florida
2026 Past Conference Co-Chair | Kyle Hensley | University of Tennessee-Knoxville
2026 Past Conference Co-Chair | Cassie Johnson | University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Welcome to our New Committee Chairs

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

Awards | Austin O'Neil | Montana State University
Membership | Brian McGonigle | Rutgers University
Sponsorship | Sara Olson | University of Florida
Communications | Melissa Hansen | Michigan State University
Outreach Education | James Ambrose | Oklahoma State University
Education | Lacey Gordon | Mississippi State University
Publications & Projects | Caitlin Conrad | The Ohio State University

Welcome to our New Track Chairs

Track chairs are a great resource to get connected. They will be scheduling regular meetings with the membership for networking and virtual learning opportunities. If you are not yet connected with your track chair or have not gotten emails on your track listserv, please reach out to them!

Alumni | Amy Juliana | North Carolina State University | amdombro@ncsu.edu
Communications | Tom Soladay | Virginia Tech | tsoladay@vt.edu
Development | Brandy Kines | Texas A&M University | bkines@txamfoundation.com
Student Professionals | Jill Cords | Michigan State University | jcords@msu.edu

MAXIMIZE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Get the most out of your NAADA membership.

JOB BOARD - Your institution's NAADA membership allows you to post open positions FREE OF CHARGE. Just visit the **Career Center** on our website, click the 'Post a Job' button in the top right corner, then select the 'Job – NAADA Member Employers' option. If you have questions, please reach out to Stelbi Hoffman at shelbi@naada.org.

2026 Annual Conference Highlights



Complete 2026 Annual Conference in Review

Revisit all the resources from NAADA's 2026 Annual Conference!
Conference & Awards Programs, Award Winners & nearly 300 Conference photos!

NAADA Challenge '26 Sowing Seeds for Future Generations

Our **Challenge '26** was to outgive the attendees of the NAADA 2025 Annual Conference, who raised \$3235.00 during the 'Celebrate 50 | Give \$50' campaign.

Congratulations 2026 Annual Conference attendees - you did it!
A total of **\$3440** was raised.

Thank you for your generous support!

WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our Newest NAADA Members

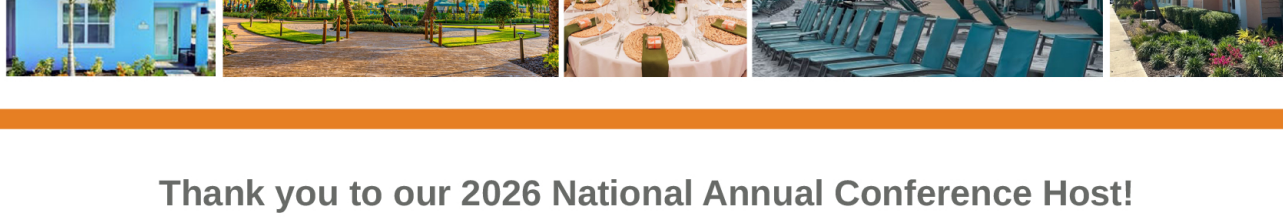
If you are a new member and not listed, please email info@naada.org.

Leah Bliss, University of Minnesota
Tracy Courage, University of Arkansas
Patrick Duncanson, University of Minnesota
Kylee Gregory, University of Minnesota
Katy Griner, Iowa State University
Kristyn Price, University of Georgia
Sophia Qu, Purdue University College of Agriculture
Heather Willis, University of Minnesota
William Woodard, University of Georgia

CLICK HERE to learn more about NAADA Membership Benefits!



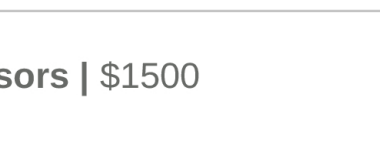
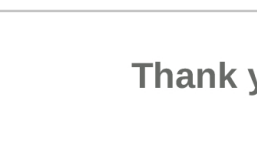
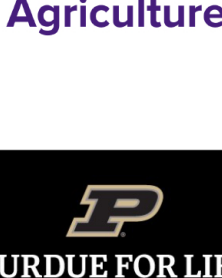
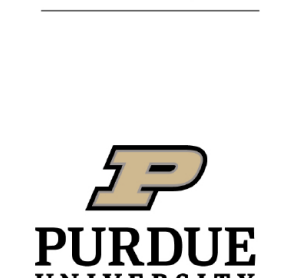
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Thank you to our 2026 National Annual Conference Host!



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