



A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Ready or Not - The Fall semester is knocking on our doors!

The summer has flown by and although I am sad for our lazy weekends at the pool to end, I am VERY excited football season is almost back! One of the many benefits of working on a college campus is the excitement that comes with first day of classes as you get to meet so many new students, welcome back the upperclassman and the joyful Saturdays spent together tailgating and cheering on your favorite team (Go Tigers!)

For NAADA, we as the board are also gearing up for a year full of opportunities for you, our members. The NAADA board will be meeting in late August in Bozeman, MT, hosted by Montana State. At this meeting, we will be finalizing our budgets and setting our programming goals for the year. If you have any ideas or opportunities you would like to see us undertake, please reach out and let me or any board member know. We are always striving to provide programming and opportunities that are beneficial to all of our members. Look for a schedule of "BBS" educational sessions that will be offered throughout the year in our next newsletter and via email. In addition, if you volunteered to join one of our committees, you will be hearing from that committee chair soon. Thank you to the many, many members who indicated they wanted to get involved.

Good luck to everyone as you start your semesters, I hope all of your universities and organizations have a productive and fulfilling year!

Best regards,

Paula Beecher, Clemson University
2024-2025 President, NAADA





A MESSAGE from our COMMITTEE CHAIRS

NAADA Volunteer Advantage Certificate Program off to a great start!

The first Volunteer Advantage cohort participated in this 4-week training session for board members. Institutions participating included Purdue University, University of Minnesota and Illinois 4-H. The seven participants engaged in learning about roles of board members, documents boards use, strategic planning and even ethics and a case study. The group met for 1 hour each of the 4-weeks and the course was completed on May 8.

One participant stated: *'I really enjoyed the program. It has helped me articulate board operations as well as refine my skills and knowledge. Since I sit on several boards, I am actively trying to improve the governance and productivity of those not performing at it's potential.'*

The training was facilitated by Mary Buschette and Renee Keese, with guest facilitators Danica Kirkpatrick and Eric Billings. Another offering of the training is planned for Wednesdays, Sept 18 - Oct 9 at 11:30 CT.

Consider recommending your volunteers attend this certificate program and indicate interest on our page!

Registration ends August 28th!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

Calling all NAADA Member Institutions!

This is the time to renew your institutional membership with NAADA.

You won't want to miss the opportunity to **celebrate 50 years of NAADA** with us in 2025!

Institutional representatives!

Watch your inbox for your institution's renewal notice.



Industry Partners Program

The Sponsorship Committee is looking for our future Industry Partners to support NAADA!

Our partners would receive access to key people at land-grant institutions across the nation. If you know of a company that would be interested in supporting our professional growth please contact Austin O'Neill (austin.oneill@msuaf.org)

[Click here to learn more about our Industry Partner Program!](#)



Do you want to get more involved with NAADA?

Visit our Committee Information page to see what opportunities fit your experience and interests. You can always reach out to your campus contact as well.

[Click here to learn more about joining a committee!](#)



What is the name of the act that was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in that donated public lands to states and territories to establish colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanical arts?

- A. Hatch Act
- B. Smith-Lever Act
- C. McIntire-Stennis Act
- D. Morrill Act

[Click here to submit your response!](#)

Congratulations to Danica Kirkpatrick, Purdue University whose name was randomly selected from the correct answers to the July trivia question. NAADA will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the organization in June of 2025. Purdue also hosted the first and the 25th anniversary conference in 2000.

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Join us at the Agricultural Career Expo (A.C.E.) hosted by Southern University and A&M College on October 17, 2024. This event is a great opportunity to meet over 500 students seeking employment opportunities, internships, research, graduate school, and summer intensive programs.

Save the Date and Register now to secure your spot and interact with potential future workforce members. Contact Mr. Robert Easley at robert_easley@suagcenter.com or Dr. Harold Mellieon, Jr. at harold_mellieon@subr.edu for more information. Don't miss out on the chance to connect with top talent at A.C.E.!

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