



A LETTER from the PRESIDENT

Recently, Hurricane Helene devastated the Eastern US, leaving a trail of destruction from Florida to North Carolina and beyond. Here in Clemson, our community faced power outages, fallen trees and damaged homes. Despite these challenges, I've felt the incredible warmth and resilience of our NAADA community. So many of you reached out to check on us, and we've done the same for our friends in neighboring states. This spirit of caring and connection is what makes our organization special.

Last month, our Alumni track had a fantastic lunchtime Zoom session, where we caught up and shared ideas. If you couldn't make it in September, we'd love for you to join us in October! Other tracks will be hosting similar sessions in the coming weeks, and we hope you'll take part. Also, keep an eye out for the call for education sessions for next year's conference – it's never too early to start brainstorming ideas! If you've encountered an inspiring speaker at a recent conference, please share their details with our Education Chair, Shea Saralecos (shea.saralecos@wsu.edu).

As we navigate a busy fall season, I encourage you all to take a moment for yourselves; self-care is just as important as meeting work deadlines.

Remember, this is YOUR NAADA – we're here to support you.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime.

Together, we can make this community even stronger.

Best regards,



Paula Beecher, Clemson University
2024-2025 President, NAADA



NAADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Purdue University | June 16-19, 2025

SAVE the DATE | Registration Opens Soon!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPECIAL OFFER!

Purdue is excited to be hosting the 50th NAADA Annual Conference here in West Lafayette, with a special offering just for the Deans! If you could make sure your dean (and their contact information) is updated in the Membership Database, we would greatly appreciate it. Or send your Dean's name and email address to Danica Kirkpatrick (dkirkpat@purdue.edu) so we can make sure they are included in our save the date message going out soon.

Purdue University Fun Facts

This year, we're thrilled to bring you some fun and fascinating facts about Purdue University in our NAADA newsletters. As we gear up for the **50th NAADA Annual Conference** next year, we hope these tidbits will spark your excitement to visit us. You'll gain insights into Purdue's rich history, vibrant community and impressive achievements.

Get ready for a year filled with Purdue pride!

Purdue University is famously known as the *Cradle of Astronauts* and the *Cradle of Quarterbacks*. With 27 astronauts among its alumni, including Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon, and Eugene Cernan, the last person to do so, Purdue has a rich legacy in space exploration. Additionally, Purdue has produced an impressive lineup of NFL quarterbacks, such as Drew Brees and Bob Griese, who have made significant impacts on the field. This dual distinction highlights Purdue's tradition of excellence in both engineering and athletics.

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

time to *renew*

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.



Clemson CAFLS ambassadors served as the student host in the Clemson President's football box during homecoming celebrations on campus. Pictured here are the ambassadors with the Clemson CAFLS Dean, Dr. Matt Holt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcing Spring Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 25 - Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Location: Hyatt Place UC Davis
173 Old Davis Road Extension Davis | California 95616

Hotel block opens soon:
Sunday, February 23 - Friday, February 28, 2025
**for pre and post meetings*

As of today, Thursday, October 17:

233 days TO GO until NAADA's 50th Anniversary Annual Conference!



NAADA members from UGA, Clemson, Auburn and University of Florida catching up at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, GA.



LINK BELOW **Mental Health Survey** | We hope to hear from you!

The attached study focuses on investigating the agricultural industry and the role of mental health, mattering and wellness among the agricultural workforce nationwide.

As someone who works within the agricultural sector, we hope to hear from you through your participation in this study. We believe that with the data collected from this research, we will be able to assist agricultural entities, both large and small, to address work-related challenges associated with mental health, mattering and wellness.

If you have any questions regarding this survey and research, you may reach out to Kameron Rinehart at Kameron.rinehart@ttu.edu or Dr. Jason Headrick at Jason.Headrick@ttu.edu, and we will be happy to assist you.

Take the Survey!

**Did you know that
NAADA has a Volunteer
Advantage training program!**

The program is currently being held over a series of four one-hour midday



**NAADA
Volunteer
Advantage
Program**

Moderators:
**Mary Buschette
Renee Keese**

Wednesdays - 11:30 a.m. CT
 Session 1 - October 2nd
 Session 2 - October 9th
 Session 3 - October 16th
 Session 4 - October 23rd

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meetings on Wednesdays in October.

Topics covered include:
 Board Management, Board Responsibilities, Governance and the toolkit of documents such as Bylaws, Strategic Plans, Policy Manuals, Board Finances, Ethics, Board Retention and Recruitment, Onboarding, etc.

Participants are requested to make a contribution to the Jane Longley-Cook Endowment to support NAADA volunteer programming. Information and process for making the contribution will be sent once the cohort is confirmed.

Thank you Mary Buschette and Renee Keese for moderating these sessions.

Registration is closed for these sessions. Please watch for future training sessions.



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Want to Get More Involved? | JOIN a **naada** COMMITTEE!

Are you interested in getting 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 volunteer in a NAADA Committee!](#)



naada INDUSTRY PARTNER PROGRAM

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)



Which NAADA track has the most members?

- A. Alumni Professionals
- B. Communications
- C. Development
- D. Student Professionals
- E. Volunteers

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

There were no correct answers to the September questions. At the top NAADA Institutional Membership level, 15 or more members of an institution can be included in the membership roster! The dean and three volunteers can be included at all membership levels with no additional cost! Learn more at <https://z.umn.edu/naadamembership>



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