



98TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO  
OCT. 29-NOV. 1, 2025 | INDIANAPOLIS

## 2025 Student Showcase Schedule Times

### Wednesday, Oct. 29

10:45 a.m.-Noon – Animal Systems  
1-3 p.m. – Variety

### Thursday, Oct. 30

9:30-10:45 a.m. – Environmental Services and Natural Resources  
11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Variety  
1:15-2:30 p.m. – Power, Structural and Technical Systems  
2:45-4 p.m. – Plant Systems

### Friday, Oct. 31

8-9:15 a.m. – Agribusiness Systems  
9:30-10:45 a.m. – Food Products and Processing  
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Variety  
1:30-3 p.m. – Animal Systems



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## 2025 General Sessions

All times Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Schedules are subject to change

### Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025

#### Opening Session 1A

**Doors open:** 2 p.m.

**Session Time:** 3:30-5:15 p.m.

Convention Kick-Off  
Opening Ceremony  
Presentation of Flags  
National Advisor's Welcome  
Recognition of Sponsor's Board  
Chorus  
Keynote Speaker: A'ric Jackson

### Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025

#### Opening Session 1B

**Doors open:** 6:30 a.m.

**Session Time:** 8:00-9:40 a.m.

Convention Kick-Off  
Opening Ceremony  
Presentation of Flags  
National Advisor's Welcome  
Band  
Keynote Speaker: A'ric Jackson

## **Second General Session**

**Doors open:** 1:00 p.m.

**Session Time:** 2:00-4:20 p.m.

**Session Chairs:** Jack Lingenfelter & Abigale Jacobson

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agricultural Communication; Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship; Agricultural Sales – Placement; Agricultural Services; Agricultural Education; Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems; Service-Learning

Agriscience Fair: Social Science

Talent

Retiring Address: Caroline Groth

National Chapter Award: Middle School Models of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agronomy, Creed, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Nursery/Landscape, Veterinary Science

National Chapter Awards: 1, 2 and 3-star

## **National FFA Talent Competition Round 1**

**Time:** 5:15 p.m.

## **Third General Session**

**Session Time:** 7:00-8:55 p.m.

**Session Chairs:** Thaddeus Bergschneider & Luke Jennings

Opening Ceremony

Outstanding Alumni Awards

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research-Animal Systems; Beef Production- Entrepreneurship; Beef Production- Placement; Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship; Dairy Production- Placement; Diversified Agricultural Production; Diversified Livestock Production; Equine Science- Entrepreneurship; Equine Science- Placement; Agricultural Processing  
Agriscience Fair: Animal Systems; Food Products & Processing

Talent

Retiring Address: Mary Schrieber

National Chapter Award: Model of Excellence

Talent

Career Development Events: Agricultural Sales; Extemporaneous Speaking; Forestry; Prepared Public Speaking

## Friday, Oct. 31, 2025

### Fourth General Session

**Doors Open:** 7:00 a.m.

**Session Time:** 8:00-10:40 a.m.

**Session Chairs:** Thaddeus Bergschneider & Caroline Groth

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Goat Production; Poultry Production; Sheep Production; Small Animal Production & Care; Specialty Animal Production; Swine Production – Entrepreneurship; Swine Production – Placement; Veterinary Science

Agriscience Fair: Environmental Services & Natural Resources

Chorus

Retiring Address: Luke Jennings

Honorary American Degree

Distinguished Service Citation

VIP Awards

Chorus

Career Development Events: Agricultural Communications; Agricultural Issues; Dairy Cattle; Horse Evaluation

### Fifth General Session

**Doors Open:** 1:30 p.m.

**Session Time:** 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Session Chairs:** Luke Jennings & Mary Schrieber

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Agriscience Research – Plant Systems; Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship; Diversified Crop Production – Placement; Diversified Horticulture; Fiber & Oil Crop Production; Forage Production; Fruit and Nut Production; Grain Production; Landscape Installation; Nursery Operations; Specialty Crop Production; Turf and Landscape Maintenance; Vegetable Production

Agriscience Fair: Plant Systems

Band Selection

Retiring Address: Jack Lingenfelter

Recognition: National Officer Candidates

Band Selection

Premier Chapter Award: Building Communities

Recognition: National Officer Mentors

Career Development Events: Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems; Conduct of Chapter Meetings; Environmental and Natural Resources; Livestock Evaluation; Marketing Plan; Meats Evaluation and Technology; Milk Quality Products; Poultry

### **National FFA Talent Competition Finals**

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

### **National FFA Band & Chorus Concert**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

### **Sixth General Session**

**Session Time:** 7:00-8:50 p.m.

**Session Chairs:** Jack Lingenfelter & Caroline Groth

Opening Ceremony

Proficiency Awards: Environmental Science & Natural Resources

Management; Forest Management & Products; Outdoor Recreation; Wildlife

Production & Management; Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance –

Entrepreneurship; Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance- Placement

Agriscience Fair: Power, Structural & Technical Systems

Band

Retiring Address: Abigale Jacobson

Premier Chapter Award: Strengthening Agriculture

Career Development Events: Parliamentary Procedure

Chorus

American Star Awards: Star in Agribusiness

American Star Awards: Star in Agricultural Placement

American Star Awards: Star in Agriscience

American Star Awards: Star Farmer

Recognition: American Star Awards

## **Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025**

### **American Degree**

**Doors Open:** 6:00 a.m.

**Session Time:** 7:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

**Session Chair:** Thaddeus Bergschneider

### **Seventh General Session**

**Doors Open:** Noon

**Session Time:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Session Chairs:** Abigale Jacobson & Mary Schrieber

Opening Ceremony

Recognition: Nominating Committee

Recognition: Past National Officers

National Officer Family Recognition

Band

Retiring Address: Thaddeus Bergschneider

Delegate Reports  
National Officer Election  
Chorus & Band  
Installation Ceremony  
New National President's Remarks  
Convention in Review Video



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## 2025 STUDENT WORKSHOPS

All times EDT. The schedule is sorted alphabetically by workshop title and is subject to change.

\*Denotes workshop times that will be conducted bilingually (in English and Spanish). Spanish descriptions for these workshops are also available under the English description for the workshop.

### THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS



### 3 SKILLS ALL ADVOCATES HAVE

Becoming a master advocate is no easy feat. This workshop will teach you three skills you must learn to do so.

- Wednesday, Oct. 29:** 9:30 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 136-137  
12:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 134-135
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** 10:30 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 233-234  
3:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 231-232
- Friday, Oct. 31:** Noon – Indiana Convention Center, room 136-137  
1:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 136-137

### BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

Whether needing better sleep or relaxing when you get home, this workshop will give you three ways to improve your mental state.

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12:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 138-139  
2:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 134-135
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** Noon – Indiana Convention Center, room 136-137  
3:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131
- Friday, Oct. 31:** 10:30 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 235-236

### BLUE AND GOLD ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Are you an "ideas" person with a big imagination? Want to start your own business? We'll teach you how in this lightning-fast entrepreneurship workshop.

- Wednesday, Oct. 29:** 11:00 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 235-236
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** 9:00 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 138-139  
3:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 233-234
- Friday, Oct. 31:** 10:30 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131  
Noon – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131  
1:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131

## CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS

Get ready to move, mingle, and make connections that could change your life! This fast-paced, interactive session will have you networking with FFA members from across the country, uncovering your unique strengths, and building your personal Board of Directors. If you're ready to grow your network and your future, this is the workshop you can't miss.

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## CULTIVATING YOUR PATH: WHAT COMES AFTER THE BLUE JACKET?

Explore agriculture careers through roundtable discussions with industry professionals from companies like John Deere, BASF, and Merck. Hear real-world insights and "day in the life" stories to help guide your future in agriculture.

*This workshop is presented by Agriculture Future of America (AFA).*

- Partner:** Agriculture Future of America
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** 1:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 134-135

## FINDING FRIENDS IN AGRICULTURE

Have you ever wondered what Ohio FFA members do at their chapters? Or what supervised agricultural experience (SAE) a middle school FFA member in Florida has? Come find out as you mix and mingle through engaging activities with FFA members from all over the country.

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## GETTING WHERE YOU WANT TO GO

There are some basic professional steps everyone must take in life. We'll cover a few of those steps to create a standout resume, nail the interview and develop your network.

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3:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 136-137
- Friday, Oct. 31:** 9:00 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 132-133

## HABITS: YOUR BEST FRIENEMY

Taking care of yourself is as important now as ever. During this workshop, we will teach you to master your habits — a proven tool to improve your mental health.

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1:30 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 138-139

## KNOW YOUR WORTH

Far too often, we sell ourselves short. Our talents, experiences and passions shouldn't be diminished. Learn how to demonstrate your worth in a professional setting.

### **Conoce tu valor**

*Con demasiada frecuencia, nos quedamos cortos. Nuestros talentos, experiencias y pasiones no deben disminuir. Aprende a demostrar tu valía en un entorno profesional.*

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## KNOW YOURSELF TO GROW YOURSELF

As students, we learn about a variety of topics, often overlooking the most important one: ourselves. This workshop will teach us things about ourselves we may have never known.

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## LEADERSHIP CIRCUS

Our insurance won't let us bring in actual elephants, but you'll still have the time of your life at this leadership circus. Go from spectator to star as you complete challenges with your friends in this action-packed hour.

- Wednesday, Oct. 29:** 6:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131
- Thursday, Oct. 30:** 6:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 130-131

## LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE

What we say and do makes a difference. We'll spend time understanding how influence and persuasion work, ensuring we are making a positive difference.

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## MENTORSHIP MATTERS

What do Yoda, Dumbledore, Mary Poppins and Coach Carter have in common? They are some of the best mentors Hollywood has to offer. In this session, we'll learn the importance of both finding and being a mentor.

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### NIGHT SERVICE PROJECT

Join FFA members in assembling emergency pet kits while learning how to plan a similar project back home. The kit will be a collection of essential items prepared in advance to ensure the safety, health, and comfort of your pets during emergencies such as natural disasters (hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes), evacuations, or power outages. The evening service activity will be limited to the first 200 participants.

**Wednesday, Oct. 29:** 5:00 p.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 138-139

### SEE IT, SOLVE IT, SHARE IT

Are you ready to serve your community? There are needs all around us. In this session, we'll learn how to plan a service project that makes an impact.

#### ***Obsérvalo, resuélvelo, compártelo***

*¿Estás listo para servir a tu comunidad? Hay necesidades a nuestro alrededor. En esta sesión, aprenderemos cómo planificar un proyecto de servicio que tenga un impacto.*

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### STEP UP TO THE PLATE: #TEACHAG

Slide into teaching agriculture where YOU'RE the real MVP! Let's see if you've got what it takes to run the classroom bases and join the big leagues of agricultural education. Bring your game face and let's #TeachAg!

*This workshop is presented by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE).*

**Partner:** National Association of Agricultural Educators

**Thursday, Oct. 30:** Noon – Indiana Convention Center, room 134-135

**Friday, Oct. 31:** 9:00 a.m. – Indiana Convention Center, room 134-135

### THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD IN THE WORLD

Often we are defined not by what we do but by who we know. The best leaders build the best relationships. During this workshop, we'll teach you how.

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## THE POWER OF QUESTIONS

In our world, too many people offer answers instead of asking questions. Go against the status quo and become a master of questions during this workshop.

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## US ARMY VETERINARY CAREERS

Do you have a passion for animals or food safety? Looking for a path to pursue a career as a veterinarian, animal care specialist, food inspection specialist or animal handler? This workshop will explore the Army careers of soldiers and the animals they work with, including veterinary corps officer, field veterinary services, veterinary laboratory animal medicine officer, animal care specialist, food inspection specialist, veterinary pathology and the military working dog handler. This experience will showcase Army soldiers who turned their love for animals into a full-time career. Find out more at [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

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## WINNING OVER YOUR VIRTUAL AUDIENCE

Each year over \$40 billion is spent on social media marketing in the U.S. We'll look at how to best influence your followers so, as agriculture advocates, we aren't missing out.

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## YOUR WORDS HAVE WORTH

We all want to make a difference, but the question is how? The National FFA Advocacy Model is an incredible tool for creating change. Get a deep dive during this workshop.

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