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HELLO, FROM MACA!

MACA has a lot happening, from the November Quarterly Meeting to programs like the Developing Professionals program, Young Leader Scholarship Program, and Ag Academy. Check below for details.

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DEVELOPING PROFESSIONALS

The 2026 Developing Professionals Class began on October 21 with 10 participants from 8 member companies. Participants include Johnny Jay, Nufarm; Ryan Hoffman, Valent USA; Wyatt Leier and Simon Ostrander from BASF; Dylan Veracini, Corteva Agriscience Crop Protection; Regan Ragsdale, Corteva Agriscience, Pioneer Seed; Megan Carpenter, Syngenta Crop Protection; Addie Shaffer, Meister Media Worldwide; Olivia Gevoa, KALO; and Nate Jenkins from AVMAC. The orientation featured introductions, a MACA overview by President Aaron Deardorff, and plans for a Clifton Strengths Finder self-evaluation. On November 19, training will cover reviewing and explaining the self-assessment results.

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NOVEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING – All members are welcome to attend

The MACA Quarterly Meeting will be held at the **Renaissance Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63134.** Committee meetings will be on Wednesday, November 12 with the Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2025. (Click on the committee meeting for the Teams link.) All times CDT as follows:

Wednesday, November 12 – Committee Meetings

9:30 – 11:45 am	Executive Committee
9:30 – 11:45 am	Membership & Annual Meeting Committee
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch
	Speaker: Aaron Locker – Kincannon & Reed
	"Growing Forward: Ensuring Strong Leadership in Agribusiness"
1:30 – 5:00 pm	Critical Member Issues (CMI) Committee
1:30 – 3:30 pm	Education Committee
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Marketing & Communications Committee
6:45 pm	Dinner on your own. *Note: Several members plan to meet in lobby to go to dinner at a location TBD*

Thursday, November 13 – Board of Directors Meeting

	Breakfast on your own. The hotel restaurant breakfast is excellent.
7:30 – 11:00 am	MACA Board of Directors meeting. Open to all members.

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AG ACADEMY GRANT PROGRAM – 2025/2026 RECIPIENTS

Mid America CropLife Association Agriculture Academy

🌟 Grant Recipient Spotlight: Growing Agricultural Awareness from the Ground Up

Thanks to your continued support of the Agriculture Academy Grant Program, classrooms across the region are bringing agriculture to life for students of all ages. One of our recent grant recipients shared an inspiring update on how their students are learning about sustainability, food production, and the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives.

Through hands-on project, students learned about plant life cycles, soil health, and the connection between agriculture and the food on their tables. By nurturing their tomato seedlings, they experienced firsthand how farmers grow crops and why proper care—like watering, sunlight, and healthy soil—is essential to producing strong, nutritious plants.

But the learning didn't stop there! The class also planted native wildflowers, diving into lessons about pollination, biodiversity, and the critical role of pollinators—like bees and butterflies—in our food system. If the flowers thrive, they'll become part of the school's growing native garden, and students will even take some home to start their own pollinator-friendly spaces.

The excitement in the classroom was contagious as students rolled up their sleeves, dug into the soil, and began to see how agriculture impacts their lives every day—from the gardens in their backyards to the global food supply chain. 🌾

Together, we're inspiring the next generation to understand, appreciate, and advocate for the vital work of agriculture. 🌻

To learn more about Agriculture Academy, please visit our website here or contact Program Director, Michelle Kilper, at Michelle@maca.org.

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YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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We're excited to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 **MACA Young Leader Scholarship Program (YLSP)** — and we need your help to spread the word!

The YLSP is designed to **introduce high-potential college students to the crop protection industry** and expose them to the many career opportunities within agriculture. This program not only benefits students through **networking, professional development, and a $2,000 scholarship**, but also benefits MACA members by helping develop a **pipeline of future industry leaders**.

We ask that you **share this opportunity with your summer interns and any students in your network**.

Scholarship Benefits:

- $2,000 award paid directly to the student's university
- Access to MACA members for networking and mentorship
- Enhanced visibility and career exploration within the crop protection industry

How to Apply:

Students should **submit an online application**, including their **resume and unofficial transcript**, by **noon on November 19, 2025**.

Apply or learn more here: https://maca.org/young-leader-scholarship-program/

Thank you for helping us connect talented students with meaningful opportunities in agriculture. Your support strengthens both the future of our industry and the visibility of MACA among universities.

And thanks again for your support and interaction with the 2025 students at the Annual Meeting!

If you have any questions or need materials to share with students, don't hesitate to reach out to Program Director Michelle Kilper at Michelle@maca.org.

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CALENDAR

2025

November 3-6	SCPA Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL
November 11	Women IN Agribusiness, Carmel, IN
November 12-13	**MACA Quarterly Meeting – Renaissance Airport, St. Louis, MO**
November 19-20	Kansas Agri Business Expo, Wichita, KS
November 20	Minnesota Agri-Growth Council Annual Meeting
December 2-3	Kentuckiana Crop Production Seminar, French Lich, IN
December 2-4	ARA Conference & Expo, Salt Lake City, UT
December 2-4	2025 CPM Short Course and MCPR Trade Show, Minneapolis, MN
December 2 & 3	NDAA Agribusiness Expo, Fargo, ND 58103

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2026

January 13-14	2026 MABA Winter Conference & Trade Show, Lansing, MI
January 12-13	2026 Wisconsin Agribusiness Classic, Wisconsin Dells, WI
January 14	RMAA 2026 Winter Conference, Westminster, CO
January 14-15	SDABA Ag Expo, Sioux Falls, SD
January 20-22	IFCA Winter Convention, Peoria, IL
January 26-28	The Nebraska Agri-Business Exposition, Kearney, NE
January 26-28	OABA Industry Conference, Columbus, Ohio
February 12	**MACA Quarterly Meeting - Virtual**
February 5	Agribusiness Council of Indiana Statehouse Day and Annual Meeting
February 10-11	Agribiz Showcase, Altoona, IA
June 3-4	**MACA Quarterly Meeting, St. Louis, MO**
July 9	MO-AG Annual Summer Meeting, Lake of The Ozarks, MO
July 24	**MACA Board & Committee Chair Meeting - Virtual**
Sept. 8-9-10, 2026	**MACA Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE**

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

- Jimmy Johnson

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