



## **NASDA Foundation Welcomes 2024 NASDA's Next Generation Cohort**

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**INDIANAPOLIS** – The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Foundation is excited to host the [2024 NASDA Next Generation program](#) at the [2024 NASDA annual meeting](#) in Indianapolis Sept. 22-25. This program is designed to engage college students with leaders in agricultural policy and industry, fostering professional connections and promoting exposure to state and federal policy discussions.

Launched in 2015, NASDA's Next Generation Program provides an opportunity for college students to interact directly with leaders who represent state departments of agriculture from around the country. The initiative aims to educate students about NASDA's role as a convener and advocate for states and offer insights to the broader landscape of agricultural policy through hands-on participation in NASDA's annual meeting. Since its inception, more than 85 students from across the nation have participated.

This year, the NNG Program will welcome students from diverse academic backgrounds and institutions to Indianapolis, where they will have the chance to engage with industry leaders, attend policy meetings and share their career motivations during introductory sessions with the state members.

"The unique and innovative perspectives of these students are an essential part of the conversation as we look to support more robust and resilient agricultural and food systems," NASDA Foundation Senior Director Chris Jones said. "With support from our program sponsors, we are proud of the connections and opportunities that this initiative continues to create for the next generation of agricultural leaders."

### **The 2024 NASDA Next Generation participants:**

Derek DeGroot, Oklahoma State University  
Presley Pullen, Oklahoma State University  
Nora Tiger, College of the Muscogee Nation  
Daniel Sanders, College of the Muscogee Nation  
Kourtney Otte, Purdue University

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Marley White, Purdue University  
Lilly Pryor, Huntington University  
Ryan Brown, Huntington University  
Katy Parcell, University of Missouri  
Lexi Ash, University of Missouri  
Drew Geiman, University of Iowa  
Kirby Miller, University of Illinois  
Viktoriya Dragnevska, University of Illinois  
Alex Woosley, Western Kentucky University

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