



SESSION #1 – THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND KEY INDUSTRY ISSUES

FEBRUARY 13, 2014

9:15 AM – 4:00 PM

INDIANA STATEHOUSE – INDIANAPOLIS – **ROOM 125**

- 9:15 a.m. Class arrives at Statehouse – Proceeds to Room 125
Welcome and Introductions
Overview of the Emerging Professionals Leadership Program
(ACI Leadership – Board Chairs, Policy Committee Chairs)
- 10:00 a.m. Observation of Indiana General Assembly Session – Statehouse Chambers
- 11:00 a.m. The ACI Legislative Agenda – What Do We Care About?
(ACI Lobbyists and Policy Committee Chairs)
- 11:30 a.m. Conversation with Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann
- 12:00 p.m. BREAK
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Discussion with State Legislators
- Representative Don Lehe (House 25) – Chair, House Agriculture Committee
 - Representative Bill Friend (House 23) – Republican Floor Leader and Member House Agriculture Committee
- 1:30 p.m. The Political Process – Lobbying and Advocacy – How Do You Engage?
(ACI Lobbyists – Mark Shublak and Lesa Dietrick, Ice Miller LLP)
- 2:00 p.m. BREAK
- 2:20 p.m. Advocating for Agriculture – Panel Discussion with Association Executives
- Leah Beyer, Public Affairs and Policy Director, IN Soybean Alliance/IN Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Corn Growers Association
 - Megan Ritter, Director of Public Policy, Indiana Farm Bureau
 - Josh Trenary, Executive Director, Indiana Pork Producers
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Observations and Class Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- 4:30 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT THE BOURBON STREET DISTILLERY



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SESSION #2 – OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES TO GROWTH FOR AGRIBUSINESS – TWO COMPANY PROFILES

May 13, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MAPLE LEAF FARMS (LEESBURG) – LOUIS DREYFUS (CLAYPOOL)

- 9:00 a.m. Class Arrives at Maple Leaf Farms (**101 E Church St., Leesburg, IN**)
LIGHT BREAKFAST featuring Maple Leaf duck – SPONSORED BY MAPLE LEAF
Welcome/Introductions and Meeting Overview
- 9:10 a.m. Critical Issues Facing the Indiana Grain and Biofuels Industries – Panel Discussion
- Mike Gunderson (Center for Food and Agribusiness – Purdue University)
 - Gabe Ayers (former ACI Director and Chair - Clunette Elevator)
 - Mike Silver (ACI Director and Immediate Past Chair - Kokomo Grain)
- 9:50 a.m. Expanding and Attracting Agribusiness in Indiana – The Importance of Economic Development
- Jeremy Mullins (former ACI Director/Commercial Manager - Louis Dreyfus)
 - George Robertson (President - Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation)
 - Bob Conley (Commissioner - Kosciusko County)
- 10:30 a.m. Overview and Introduction to Maple Leaf Farms
- 11:00 a.m. Travel to and tour of Maple Leaf Duck Farm
- 12:00 p.m. Return to Maple Leaf offices
LUNCH featuring Maple Leaf duck – SPONSORED BY MAPLE LEAF
- 12:15 p.m. Conversation with Congresswoman Jackie Walorski
- 1:05 p.m. BREAK
- 1:15 p.m. Overview and Introduction to Louis Dreyfus (Jeremy Mullins and others)
- 2:00 p.m. Depart Maple Leaf for drive to Louis Dreyfus (Claypool)
- 2:30 p.m. Arrive Louis Dreyfus for Plant Tour (**7344 SR 15 South, Claypool, IN**)
- 4:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- 4:15 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT THE SILVER INN – SPONSORED BY WINFIELD SOLUTION



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SESSION #3 – FARMING IN INDIANA – TELLING AGRICULTURE'S STORY

August 20, 2014

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

KELSAY FARMS (WHITELAND)

- 9:00 a.m. Class Arrives at Kelsay Farms (**6848 N 250 E, Whiteland**)
LIGHT BREAKFAST – SPONSORED BY LOWE'S PELLETS & GRAIN
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome/Introductions and Meeting Overview
- 9:15 a.m. **What Matters Most to Indiana Farmers?** Don Villwock, President, Indiana Farm Bureau
- 10:15 a.m. **Do Consumers Trust Farmers? A Discussion of Attitudes and Reactions Towards Agriculture.** Jane Ade Stevens, CEO, Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Marketing Council – Board Member, Center for Food Integrity
- 11:30 a.m. LUNCH – SPONSORED BY LOWE'S PELLETS & GRAIN
- 11:45 a.m. **Overview of Kelsay Farms.** Joe and Amy Kelsay
- 12:30 p.m. Tour of Kelsay Farms
- 1:45 p.m. BREAK
- 2:00 p.m. **Indiana Agricultural Leaders Are Telling Their Stories – A Panel of Notable Campaigns, Initiatives and Messages**
- Malcolm DeKryger – Belstra Milling (Fair Oaks Pig Adventure)
 - Andy Dietrick – Indiana Farm Bureau (Indiana's Family of Famers)
 - Joe and Amy Kelsay – Kelsay Farms (Experience Kelsay Farms)
 - Bruce Kettler – Beck's Hybrids (Why I Farm campaign)
- 3:15 p.m. **Promoting Indiana Agriculture – Broadly Defined.** Ted McKinney, Director, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- 4:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- 4:15 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT THE WILLARD (**99 N. Main St., Franklin**) – SPONSORED BY LOWE'S PELLETS & GRAIN



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SESSION #4 – AGRICULTURE'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON INNOVATION AND TALENT

October 7, 2014 - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
DOW AGROSCIENCES (INDIANAPOLIS)

- 8:40 a.m. Plan to arrive at Dow AgroSciences to pass through security and park
- 9:00 a.m. Class Arrives at Dow AgroSciences (**9300 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis**)
LIGHT BREAKFAST – SPONSORED BY DOW AGROSCIENCES
- 9:10 a.m. Welcome/Introductions and Meeting Overview
- 9:15 a.m. **Innovation Drives Our Future – A Panel Discusses What Technologies Are Here, What's in the "Pipeline" and Why They Matter**
- Scott Hutchins, Leader, Global Crop Protection R&D, Dow AgroSciences
 - Joel Spencer, Director of Nutrition Research, JBS United
 - Matt Bechdol, President, GeoSilos
 - Beth Bechdol, ACI President (Indiana Food & Ag Innovation Initiative Exec. Director)
- 10:30 a.m. **Agriculture's Talent Pipeline – Has it Dried Up?** Josh Bledsoe, COO, National FFA
- 11:30 a.m. BREAK
- 11:45 a.m. LUNCH – SPONSORED BY DOW AGROSCIENCES
- 12:30 p.m. **An Introduction to Dow AgroSciences**
- Brian Barker - General Manager, US Seeds
 - Sheila Simpson – Human Resources Manager
 - George Oliver - Leader, Crisis and Issue Management, Regulatory Sciences and Regulatory Affairs Dept.
 - Nikki Hall – U.S. Portfolio Marketing Leader, Cereals and Rice (ACI Board Member/Past Chair)
- 1:30 p.m. Tour of Dow AgroSciences
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **From Emerging Professional to Indiana Ag Leader – Are You Up for The Challenge?**
Beth Archer, Executive Director, AgrIIstitute
- 3:45 p.m. Closing Observations
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 4:15 p.m. NETWORKING RECEPTION AT **THE FRIENDLY TAVERN (290 S Main St, Zionsville)** –
SPONSORED BY DOW AGROSCIENCES

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SESSION #5 – AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND INNOVATION AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

December 3, 2014 - 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

PURDUE UNIVERSITY (170 S. University St., West Lafayette)

- 9:30 a.m. Class Arrives at Purdue University (**Whistler Hall – Room 116**)
LIGHT BREAKFAST – SPONSORED BY INDIANA SOYBEAN ALLIANCE/INDIANA CORN
MARKETING COUNCIL
- 10:00 a.m. Introductions and Meeting Overview – Beth Bechdol
- 10:10 a.m. **Welcome to Purdue's College of Agriculture.** Dr. Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of
Agriculture, Purdue University
- Purdue's Agricultural Research Programs.** Dr. Karen Plaut, Senior Associate Dean for
Research and Faculty Affairs, Purdue University
- Introducing the Purdue Foundry.** Greg Deason, Executive Director, The Foundry
- 11:45 a.m. BREAK
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH WITH PURDUE AG STUDENTS – SPONSORED BY INDIANA SOYBEAN
ALLIANCE/INDIANA CORN MARKETING COUNCIL
- 1:00 p.m. **Agricultural Research Tours**
- *Food Science/Food Safety* – Brian Farkas, Head and Professor of Food Science (NLSN)
 - *Whistler* – Catherine Hill, Professor of Entomology and Michael Scharf, O.W. Rollins/Orkin Chair/Professor of Entomology (WSLR)
 - *Biochemistry* – Clint Chapple, Head and Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry (WSLR/BCHM)
 - *Laboratory of Renewable Resources Engineering* – Mike Ladisch, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Director (Room 216, POTR)
 - *Global Trade Analysis Project* – Thomas Hertel, Distinguished Professor of Agriculture (KRAN)
- 3:40 p.m. Class reconvenes - Closing Observations
- 4:00 p.m. **ACI Emerging Professionals' 2014 Class Graduation Ceremony** (Dean's Auditorium – Pfendler Hall)
- 5:00 p.m. **ACI Emerging Professionals' 2014 Class Celebratory Reception** (Enology Lab – Nelson Hall) - SPONSORED BY INDIANA SOYBEAN ALLIANCE/INDIANA CORN MARKETING COUNCIL

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