

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I'm thrilled to share the latest progress from the Development Council as we continue to drive forward with our fundraising efforts. Over the past year, we've achieved significant milestones in securing increased funding to support our programs. I'm pleased to report that our collective efforts have enabled us to support critical areas of our mission as outlined in this report. Additionally, we've seen a notable uptick in contributions from AMSA members, demonstrating a growing commitment to our cause.



As we move forward, I urge each of you to consider how you can contribute to our fundraising goals. Whether it's through a long-term financial commitment or the donation of your time and expertise, your support is essential to our success. Imagine the impact we could make if every member of our association participated in supporting our mission financially!

There's no better way to showcase your dedication than by making a meaningful investment in our future. If you're unsure about how or where to direct your support, please don't hesitate to reach out to me for guidance. I look forward to connecting with many of you in the year ahead as we continue to work together towards our fundraising objectives.

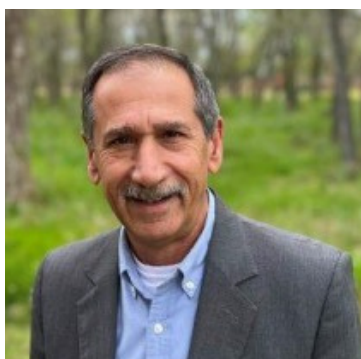
*Randal P. Garrett*

**Dr. Randal Garrett**  
Chair, AMSA Development Council

## Mentor Recognition Program

Allows individuals to recognize their mentors who have influenced their professional careers by making a financial contribution designated for special activities in the name of the honored person.

## Current Mentorships



**Dr. Mohammad Koohmaraie**



**Dr. Mark Miller**



**Dr. Rhonda Miller**

# DEVELOPMENTAL COUNCIL MEMBERS



Randal Garrett



Amy Steward



Sharon Beals



Benjy Mikel



Steve Goll



Dean Pringle



John Scanga



Mark Miller

## PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS

**\$3,725,852 Committed to Date**

**\$5M**



**\$4M**  
**\$3M**  
**\$2M**  
**\$1M**

### TYPES OF GIVING

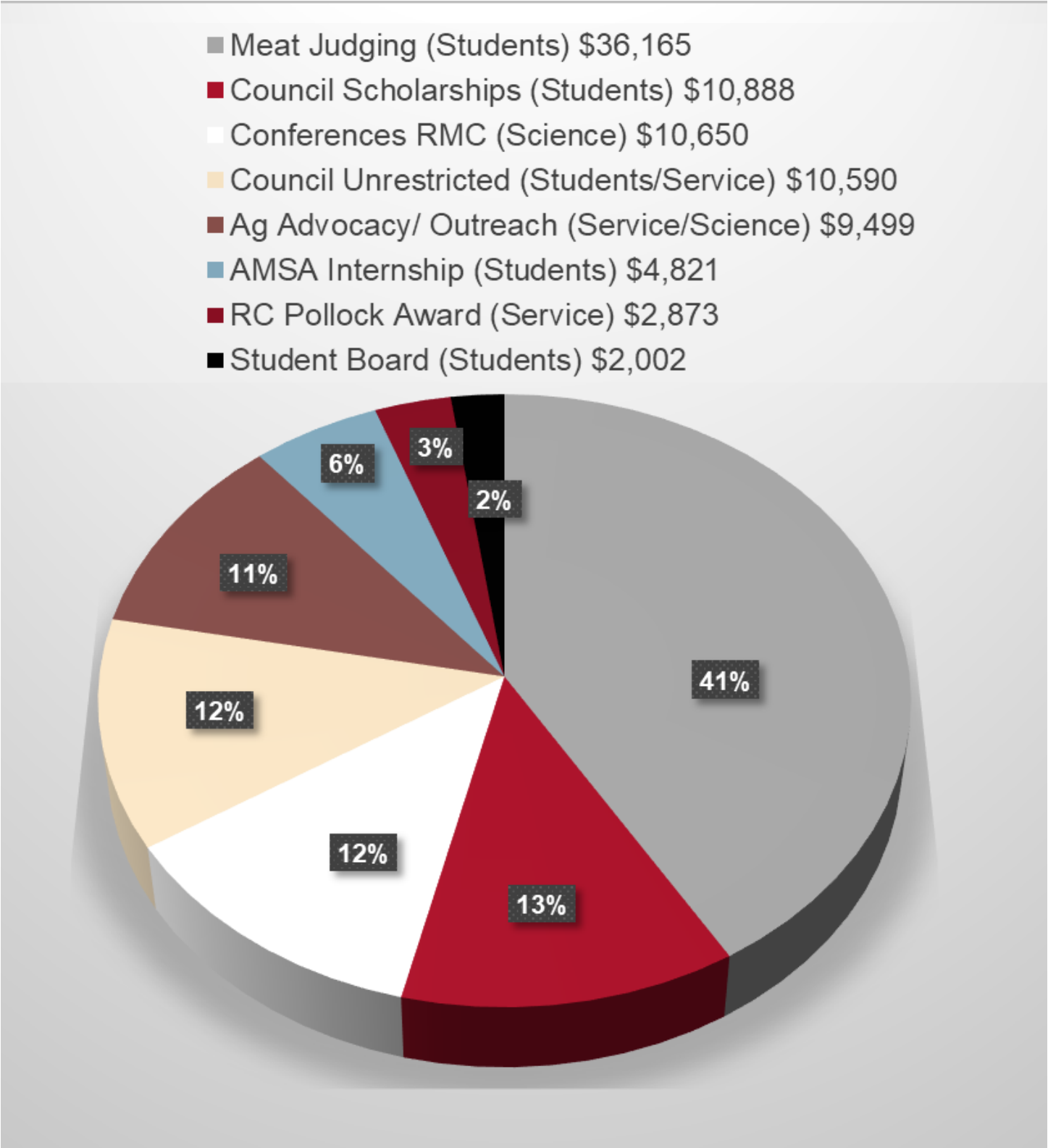
Planned Giving  
\$1,425,000  
38%

Individual Gifts  
\$294,024  
8%

Individual Campaign  
Commitment  
\$501,828  
14%

Company  
Campaign  
Commitment  
\$1,505,000  
40%

# USE OF 2023 ENDOWMENT FUNDS



**Grand Total (2023) \$87,487**

## LEGACY SOCIETY

The AMSA Legacy Society recognizes those loyal members who have included AMSA as a beneficiary of their estate plan. Special thanks to the following Charter Members



**Benjy Mikel**



**Dan Schaefer**



**Gordon and Joyce Davis**



**Dave Anderson**



**Bill Moody**



**Susan Shivas**



**Jjimmy Wise**

## THANK YOU

We sincerely appreciate the commitments made by the following companies.



**Gordon and Joyce Davis Foundation**

# 2023 CONTRIBUTING DONORS

## \$10,000+

Cargill  
Empirical  
Gretchen Mafi  
Hawkins Inc  
Johnsonville LLC  
John R. White Company  
The Gordon and Joyce  
Davis Foundation

## \$5,000+

Todd & Mindy Brashears  
Scott & Janine Eilert  
Randal & Andrea Garrett  
Arnie & Deb Johnson  
Mandy Carr-Johnson  
Casey & Deidrea Mabry  
Roger Mandigo  
T. Dean Pringle

## \$1,000+

|                          |                        |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Al Almanza               | Paul Hargarten         | William Mikel         |
| Christine Alvarado       | Richard Hawkins        | Mark & Celia Miller   |
| David Anderson           | Megan Hobbs            | William Moody         |
| Keith & Jo Ann Belk      | Jennie Hodgen          | Ranzell Nickelson     |
| Betsy Booren             | Dale Huffman           | Walter Owsley         |
| Dennis Burson            | Melvin & Rae Jean Hunt | American Beef Packers |
| Chris & Ellen R. Calkins | Majid Koohmaraie       | Marcia Reeves         |
| Steve Campano            | Mohammad               | Amy Steward           |
| Jonathan Campbell        | Koohmaraie             | John & Deanna Stika   |
| Tom & Jo Carr            | Susie Koohmaraie       | Keith Underwood       |
| Andrew Clarke            | Anthony Kotula         | Iowa State University |
| Interstate Meat          | Chuhan Kuei            | Richard Vesta         |
| Packing Company          | James Lamkey           | Tommy & Robin         |
| Stephanie Cory           | Jerome Leising         | Wheeler               |
| Joe Costilla             | Steven & Elisabeth     | Ross Wyatt            |
| Russell & Elaine Cross   | Lonergan               | Gary Sullivan & Brook |
| John D Crouse            | Carol L. Lorenzen      | Yuan Xi               |
| Dr. Robert W. Lee        | Loni Lucherk           | 2010 Texas Tech Meat  |
| Family                   | Ken & Debra McMillin   | Judging Team          |
| Leslie Frenzel           | KatieRose McCullough   | 1992 TTU Meat Judging |
| Bellinger Foundation     | Benjy & Amy Mikel      | Team                  |

## \$500+

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| David B. Anderson    | Markus & Kaitlyn Miller |
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| Brandy Coley         | Martin E. O'Connor      |
| Collin Corbin        | Lydia O'Sullivan        |
| Michael Cropp        | Crystal Parker          |
| Anna Dilger          | DeMetris Reed           |
| Andrea Garmyn        | Anna Scott              |
| Kyle Grubbs          | Susan Shivas            |
| Larry Hand           | Andrzej Sosnicki        |
| Josh Hasty           | Walker Stockley         |
| Collette Kaster      | Rodrigo Tarte           |
| Kathryn Kotula       | R. Tompkin              |
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|                      | Bridget & Clint Wasser  |

## Other Donors

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| Drew Cassens              | Amy Radunz                        |
| Dwight Loveday Family     | Frederick K. Ray                  |
| The Lake Family           | Kim Rice                          |
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| Noah Hall                 | Bill & Linda Schwartz             |
| Jace Hollenbeck           | Malin Snow                        |
| Taylor Horton             | ICFIE TTU                         |
| Pamela Howard             | Reese Wilson                      |
| John Huston               | The Wulfs                         |
| Sam Jalali                | 1991 Texas Tech Meat Judging Team |
| Jennifer L. Johnson       |                                   |





## 2023-2024 STUDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Megan Eckhardt - President  
 Sarah Bludau - Past President  
 Clint Lee- East  
 Lindsey Decker - Midwest  
 Toni Duarte - West  
 William Boyd - South  
 Jake Gillespie - At-Large  
 Lauren Lee - At-Large

## INTERN PROGRAM

“ Working as an intern at the RMC was an incredible experience for me. As someone who thrives on social interaction and loves sharing moments through pictures on social media, being assigned the task of capturing and posting highlights was a perfect fit. It allowed me to showcase the excitement of the event while connecting with attendees to build a network of people for my future in ag communications.

*-Bryce Hutson*

“ From developing abilities to ensure the execution of events to mastering the art of meeting deadlines, working remotely, and working in graphic design, the diverse skills I gained as an intern are invaluable. Exposure to member relations significantly enhanced my interpersonal skills, adding a layer to my professional development. I am very grateful for the experiences.

*-Alexandria Ramirez*



**Bryce Hutson**

*West Texas A&M University*



**Nicki Adolph**

*Cargill Management Associate  
 (formerly University of Illinois)*



**Alexandria Ramirez**

*California State University, Chico*

## Funded by

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# RECIPROCAL MEAT CONFERENCE

“ Attending RMC in 2023 gave me the opportunity to present my master's thesis research project during an ePoster session. Discussing research with meat science professionals and other students was a very valuable experience.

At RMC, I was updated on industry challenges and attended sessions that presented current research investigating solutions to these challenges. Staying current with research is essential to serving as an advocate for the industry and being successful in a meat science career.

**Kaylee Greiner**

Supply Chain Engagement Manager  
Beef Loving Texans  
Former Texas A&M Student

“ My attendance at RMC continues to open my eyes and mind to the endless opportunities and possibilities within the meat industry.

Beyond participating and listening in on career panels and educational sessions at RMC, learning to communicate and entertain conversations with all conference attendees has opened many doors within professional relationships. These relationships no doubt have provided me a community that I will forever be grateful for and will rely on as I pursue my career in meat science.

**Megan Eckhardt**

West Texas A&M University Student



Bob VanStavern Mentor Recognition Fund

## Dr. Bob VanStavern Beef Quality Research Student Presentation

**Andres Mendizabal**

Texas Tech University



**AMSA hosted the largest RMC event in history this past June in St. Paul, MN. Hormel Foods Corporation and the University of Minnesota cohosted the 76th RMC which welcomed over 970 attendees, representing 198 companies and universities. We have exciting plans for the AMSA 77th RMC as we celebrate 60 years of AMSA!**

### How Does Raw Material Meat Quality Influence Finished Product Performance in Pet Food?

Sponsored by Robert Merkel and Roger Mandigo AMSA Mentor Recognition Funds

Speaker: Yuka Mitsuhashi, Ph.D., General Mills, Inc.

### How to.... – Student Session

Sponsored by Robert Kauffman AMSA Mentor Recognition Funds

**Quiz Bowl:** Joanna Hardcastle, Tyson Foods, Inc.; Tricia Harlan, JBT; and Shae Suttle, Texas Tech University

**Meat Judging:** Eddie Behrends, Feeding the Future NM; Drew Cassens, Ph.D., Tarleton State University; and Loni Lucher, Ph.D., West Texas A&M University

**Processed Meats:** Nelson Gaydos, AAMP; Bryce Gerlach, Ph.D., Tyson Foods, Inc.; and Derek Schroeder, UltraSource LLC

**ePoster:** Steven Lonergan, Ph.D., Iowa State University; Jacob Tuell, Ph.D., Northwest Missouri State University; Kelly Vierck, Ph.D., University of Arkansas; and Nicole Wang, The Ohio State University

### Training the NEXT Contest Committee Chair

Speakers: Clint Alexander, Ph.D., Garden City Community College; Eddie Behrends, Feeding the Future; Tom Carr, Ph.D., University of Illinois (retired); Deidrea Mabry, AMSA; and Travis O'Quinn, Ph.D., Kansas State University

### Funded by

Robert Merkel Mentor Recognition Fund  
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Roger Mandigo Mentor Recognition Fund

## R.C. POLLOCK AWARD

The R. C. Pollock Award is presented in honor of the first general manager of the National Live Stock and Meat Board. Pollock, a leader dedicated to the advancement of meat science, was the moving force in establishing the Reciprocal Meat Conference. The award honors a dedicated AMSA member whose work through teaching, extension, research, or service represents an extraordinary and lasting contribution to the meat industry.

### Funded by

R.C. Pollock Mentor Recognition Fund  
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**Dr. Gordon W. Davis**  
CEV Multimedia  
Texas Tech University

“ From my 54 years in meat science, I have learned: it’s all about the kids, and it’s important to give back.

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

### Donald Kinsman Mentor Recognition Fund

#### 2023 Kinsman International Award

Sarah Bludau, Iowa State University

### Boyd Ramsey Mentor Recognition Fund

#### 2023 C. Boyd Ramsey RMC Scholar Awards

Jacob Bagby, Texas Tech University

Elizabeth Neal, University of Arkansas

Ambri Harrigal, West Texas A&M University

Grace Harris, Oklahoma State University

Bailey Hauge, Iowa State University

Abigail Tack, Texas A&M University

### Robert Rust Mentor Recognition Fund

#### 2023 Robert Rust Award

Hailey Spray, Oklahoma State University

### Melvin Hunt Mentor Recognition Fund

#### 2023 Hunter International Travel Award

Sarah Bludau, Iowa State University

### Robert Cassens Mentor Recognition Fund

#### 2023 Robert Cassens Award

Megan Eckhardt, West Texas A&M University



# MEAT JUDGING PROGRAM



Meat judging is more than just a competition—it's a transformative experience that equips students with invaluable life skills. From early mornings in the cooler to long van rides with teammates, participants learn dedication, teamwork, and effective communication firsthand. They articulate and defend their reasoning for placing classes, honing their ability to convey thoughts and make informed decisions. These skills not only prepare them for leadership roles in the meat industry but also translate seamlessly into the workforce and academia.

**Brandon Klehm**  
*AFB International*

## National Western in Honor of R. Paul Clayton



## Southwestern



## South Plains



## National Barrow Show



## Eastern National



## American Royal



## Cargill High Plains



## International



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Council Meat Judging Fund  
Jimmy Wise Mentor Recognition Fund  
Rachel Hamilton Memorial Fund

# MEAT JUDGING AWARDS

## Dell Allen Mentor Recognition Recipient List

### All American Teams

#### American Division First Team

Shelton Luedke, Texas Tech University

Grace Bryson, Oklahoma State University

Kadie Graves, Texas A&M University

Anna Wyle, Texas Tech University

#### National Division First Team

Abigail Sleep, Clarendon College

Bailey Sherley, Washington State University

Mackenzie Shattuck, Washington State University

Melinda Cabe, Clarendon College

#### American Division Second Team

Ryan Heitschmidt, West Texas A&M University

Zachary Hoelscher, Texas A&M University

Elijah Mathis, West Texas A&M University

Megan Iennccaro, Kansas State University

#### National Division Second Team

Leah Elsey, Clarendon College

Colton Coburn, Clarendon College

Joseph Koenig, Washington State University

AJ Brown, Eastern Oklahoma State University

## Gordon Davis Mentor Recognition Fund

### — 2023 Cargill High Plains Award Banquet Sponsor

### 2023 Top Five Individuals - International

First Place: Shelton Luedke, Texas Tech University

Second Place: Casey Spencer, University of Wyoming

Third Place: Grace Bryson, Oklahoma State University

Fourth Place: Megan Miller, West Texas A&M University

Fifth Place: Ryan Heitschmidt, West Texas A&M University

## Jimmy Wise Mentor Recognition Fund

### 2023 High Team and Coaches - International

Megan Miller, West Texas A&M University

Ryan Heitschmidt, West Texas A&M University

Elijah Mathis, West Texas A&M University

Colt Edrington, West Texas A&M University

Megan Eckhardt, West Texas A&M University (coach)

Dr. Loni Lucher, West Texas A&M University (coach)

# MEAT JUDGING AWARDS

## Rachel Hamilton Memorial Fund

| Rachel Hamilton Spirit Award                     |  |
|--|--|
| American Division                                | National Division                                  |
| Megan Sorenson- Angelo State University          | Colton Coburn- Clarendon College                   |
| Jillian Anderson- Iowa State University          | Joslyn Gonzalez- Eastern Oklahoma State College    |
| Lauren Thompson- Kansas State University         | Ashlyn Christmann- Garden City Community College   |
| Nicholas Mull- Oklahoma State University         | Thomas Snider- Fort Scott Community College        |
| Cheyenne Hulstein- South Dakota State University | Nylah Simpson- Fort Valley State University        |
| Madison Montgomery- Tarleton State University    | Austin Jacobs- Oklahoma Panhandle State University |
| Brittley Bowers- Texas A&M University            | Katy Parish- Texas A&M University-Commerce         |
| Rachyl Kitten- Texas Tech University             | Lily Norton- University of Georgia                 |
| Molly Mies- The Ohio State University            | Kadi Compton-Washington State University           |
| Jeremy Summerssouth- University of Florida       | Cari Stanley- Western Texas College                |
| Cole Neubauer- University of Illinois            | Diego Amaya- Zamorano University                   |
| Rachel Broyles- University of Wyoming            |  |
| Jaylee DeGross- University of Nebraska Lincoln   |  |
| Ryan Heitschmidt- West Texas A&M University      |  |

| High Team National Division and American Division   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>National Western in Honor of R. Paul Clayton</b> | Washington State University and Kansas State University |
| <b>Southwestern</b>                                 | Washington State University and Texas A&M University    |
| <b>South Plains</b>                                 | Clarendon College and Kansas State University           |
| <b>Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo</b>             | Clarendon College and Texas A&M University              |
| <b>Southeastern</b>                                 | Iowa State University                                   |
| <b>National Barrow Show</b>                         | Kansas State University                                 |
| <b>Beef Empire Days</b>                             | Garden City Community College                           |
| <b>Eastern National</b>                             | Kansas State University                                 |
| <b>American Royal</b>                               | Clarendon College and West Texas A&M University         |
| <b>Cargill High Plains</b>                          | Eastern Oklahoma State College and Texas A&M University |
| <b>International</b>                                | West Texas A&M University                               |

# YOUTH OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

AMSA has begun localized, intentional outreach to secondary youth and traditional underserved colleges and universities. In 2023 AMSA began developing relationships with over 75 different programs, as well as, 4-H and FFA outreach on a national level.

**Relationship  
with  
MANRRS**

**Established  
Student  
Leaders  
Connecting  
Conferences**

**Online  
Educational  
Courses**

**Student  
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Outreach**

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