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2025-2026 NAAE Board of Directors & Regional Secretaries

STRATEGIC GOALS

Advocacy in Agricultural Education	Member Experience	Professional Development	Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition
Provide advocacy resources for members to use in their states and programs.	Provide valuable member benefits that are easily accessible to NAAE members.	Provide educators with opportunities to advance through quality professional development.	Celebrate NAAE members and their accomplishments.
Provide leadership and advocacy programming to develop teacher leaders.	Actively seek input from members to direct NAAE vision and programming.	Award professional development credit hours through trainings focused on agricultural education.	Celebrate the profession of agricultural education.
Promote the profession of teaching agriculture to internal and external audiences.	Deliver timely communication and up-to-date information to members.	Promote opportunities for members to be involved in leadership positions within agricultural education.	Increase recruitment of agricultural educators into the profession.
Develop resources for states and regions to advocate and promote the profession of teaching agriculture.	Provide opportunities for members to serve the organization through leadership positions.	Provide opportunities for members to develop and present vetted and rigorous professional development to colleagues.	Increase the retention of current agricultural educators and improve their career satisfaction.
Foster relationships with agricultural education related organizations and stakeholders.	Support and assist state associations and state leaders.	Assist states and regions in providing timely and relevant professional development to agricultural educators.	Provide support, services, and programs to state associations to increase and track state recruitment and retention efforts.

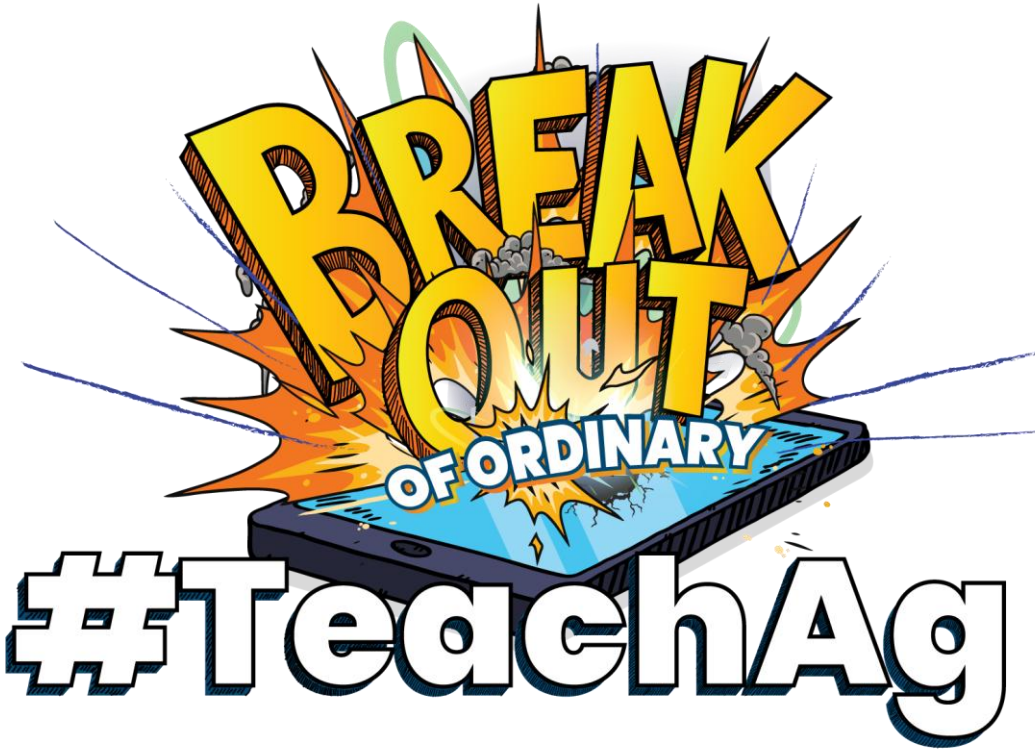
Coming this Fall 2026

- National #TeachAg Day – September 17, 2026
- National #TeachAg Breakout Challenge – September 17, 2026
- National FFA Convention – October 21-24, 2026
  - National #TeachAg Escape Room – October 21-23, 2026
- NAAE Convention – December 1-5, 2026
- 2027-2030 NAAE Strategic Plan

National #TeachAg Day – September 17th

Be part of the #TeachAg movement as you and other agriculture programs **Breakout of Ordinary 2.0** on NAAE National #TeachAg Day!

- NAAE is hosting a new national #TeachAg Breakout Challenge on September 17, and we're inviting your high schoolers to compete. (*this will be different from the Breakout Challenge in 2025 but those that received boxes last year will be able to reuse their materials for the 2026 challenge*)



National #TeachAg Day – September 17th

- The challenge is designed for students to work as a team solving breakout-style puzzles. Along the way, they will learn about the career of agricultural education and how each of their unique skills, talents and personalities will be an asset if they choose to #TeachAg.
- NAAE members can register to be a part of the challeng at **www.naae.org/teachagday** starting May 5, with registration closing May 29th.
- 300 NAAE members will receive a NAAE #TeachAg Breakout Box to participate in the challenge. For those that don't receive a box, you will be able to access everything online with our Print-At-Home version.

National FFA Convention

- NAAE Inquiry Labs – room 145
  - Professional development presented by teacher for teachers.
  - Topics include: Agriscience inquiry learning labs, teacher resources, etc.
- Check out the NAAE Educators Lounge powered by the CHS Foundation
  - NAAE members will receive a free Wise & Well wellness kit
- Encourage your students to stop by the #TeachAg Booth and attend the #TeachAg workshops

National FFA Convention

- Sign up your students to experience the NAAE #TeachAg Escape at National FFA Convention.
- Registration begins September 18th

2026 NAAE Convention

December 1-5 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Convention will be Tuesday, December 1-Saturday, December 5

<u>Registration – Register through the NAAE website ONLY</u>

Early Bird Deadline: July 31st

Advanced Deadline : October 13th

Registration will open early April

***NAAE members get a $30 discount on registration rates but must use link on NAAE Website and mark "AG ED Business Division" as their primary division when registering.**

2026 NAAE Convention

December 1-5 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Convention will be Tuesday, December 1-Saturday, December 5

Hotel: Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Rate: $249 plus taxes and fees for single or double occupancy (+$20 per night per additional person)

Reservation Deadline: November 6, or until sold out

Hilton New Orleans Riverside Booking/Payment Policies:

A credit card is required at the time of booking your reservation and will be processed for a one (1) night's room rate + applicable tax deposit. Reservations cancelled less than 72 hours in advance of your arrival date will forfeit the one (1) night's room rate + applicable tax deposit.

The hotel does not accept personal or business checks on day of arrival. If you wish to pay by check, they must be received by hotel 5-7 working days in advance of arrival.

The hotel will sell out so make sure to get your hotel ASAP after it opens!

NAAE State Leader Training

Plan to attend the State Leaders Training at the 2026 NAAE Convention.

Tuesday, December 1st

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Each state should plan to have at least two state officers attend. Other state officers may attend as well.

Look out for registration this fall from NAAE!

Connect Tracks at NAAE Convention

Engaging Administration for Success

- Bring your admin along and attend together!

Engaging Teacher Educator Summit

Engaging Ag Ed State Staff

Limitless Learning –Wise Owl Roundtable

- Geared toward teachers with 15+ years of experience
- Wednesday, December 10th

Important Reminders

2027 NAAE Region VI Conference

Complete this survey to help guide us as we plan the conference logistics and workshops! Feel free to distribute this survey link to current state leaders, statewide Ag Ed listservs, neighboring teachers, etc.

Link to Survey:
https://forms.gle/CFrLqFySyWHnd1on9

Requested Date for Input: Friday, August 14, 2026

NAAE Region VI Social Media & Document Hub

- Facebook
  - www.facebook.com/naaeregionvi
- Document Hub
  - www.tinyurl.com/naaeregionvi

Professional State Association Award

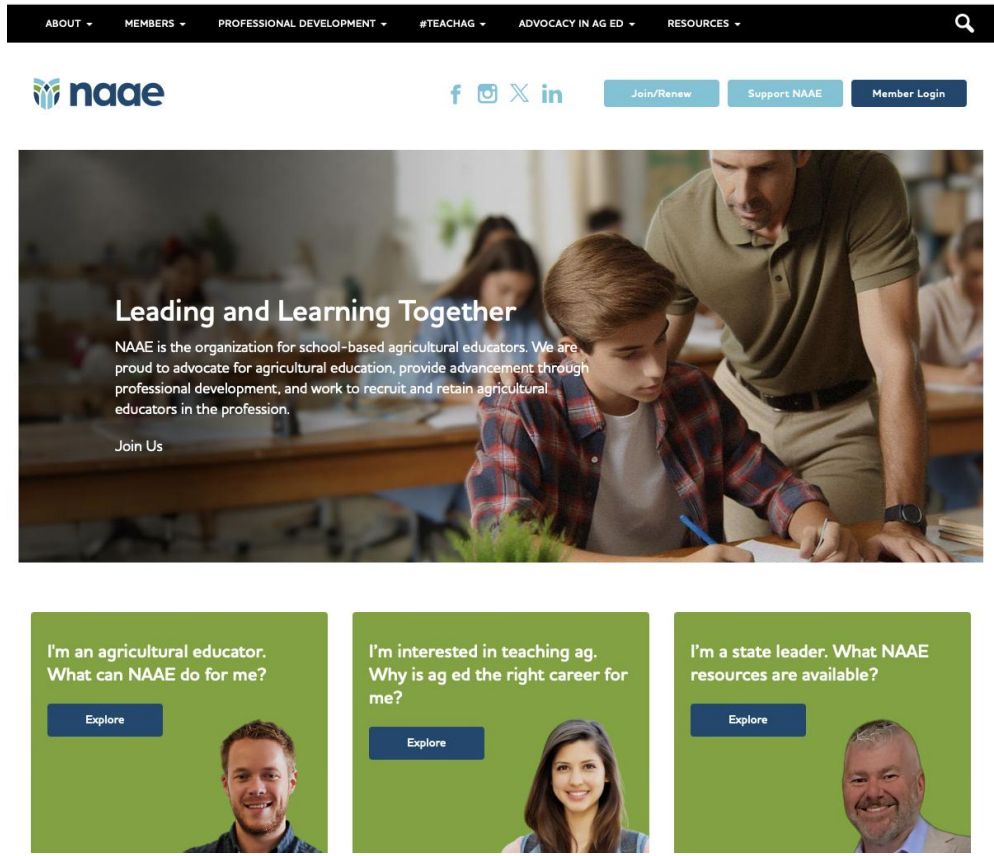
- Applications will be due online September 30th to the NAAE office
- Application requirements include:
  - A writing component that reflects on 4 state association activities that occurred between July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
  - At least one photograph of an event.
  - A rubric to guide in completing the application and scoring of the application.
- State Associations will be ranked as “Exemplary”, “Visionary”, or “Innovative”
- All PSA State Associations will be recognized at NAAE Convention.
- State associations ranking in the top as ”Exemplary” will be recognized on stage.

Update your NAAE Membership Profile

Log in to your MyNAAE account and update your information.

From your MyNAAE account you can:

- Print your membership cards
- Apply for Awards
- Receive Membership Benefits
- Download and Print Professional Development Certificates

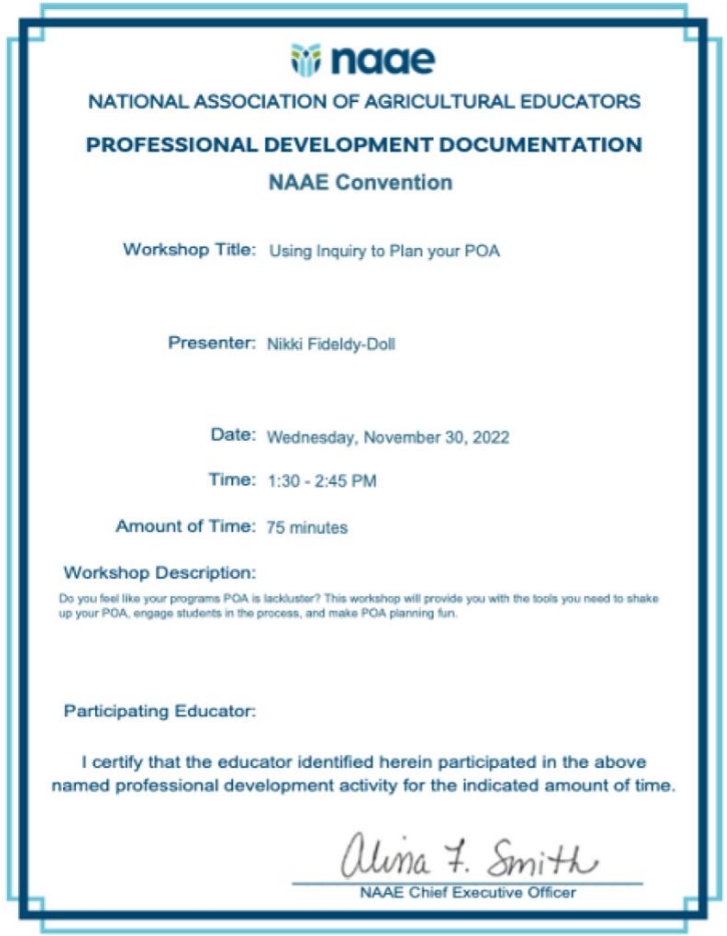


Shop NAAE

- Need membership pins certificates to recognize your teachers. What about stickers to give out to your teachers at state conferences or NAAE update cards??
- Check out www.naae.org/ShopNAAE to find lots of items to celebrate, recognize and brand ag educators.
- Items will continue to be added this spring and summer.

Access Your Professional Development Certificates

- Accessing your NAAE Professional Development certificates is an easy and quick process.
- Go to www.naae.org
- Log in to MyNAAE using your email you used for membership and go to the Professional Development Certification section
- Download and print



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION

NAAE Convention

Workshop Title: Using Inquiry to Plan your POA

Presenter: Nikki Fideldy-Doll

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Time: 1:30 - 2:45 PM

Amount of Time: 75 minutes

Workshop Description:

Do you feel like your programs POA is lackluster? This workshop will provide you with the tools you need to shake up your POA, engage students in the process, and make POA planning fun.

Participating Educator:

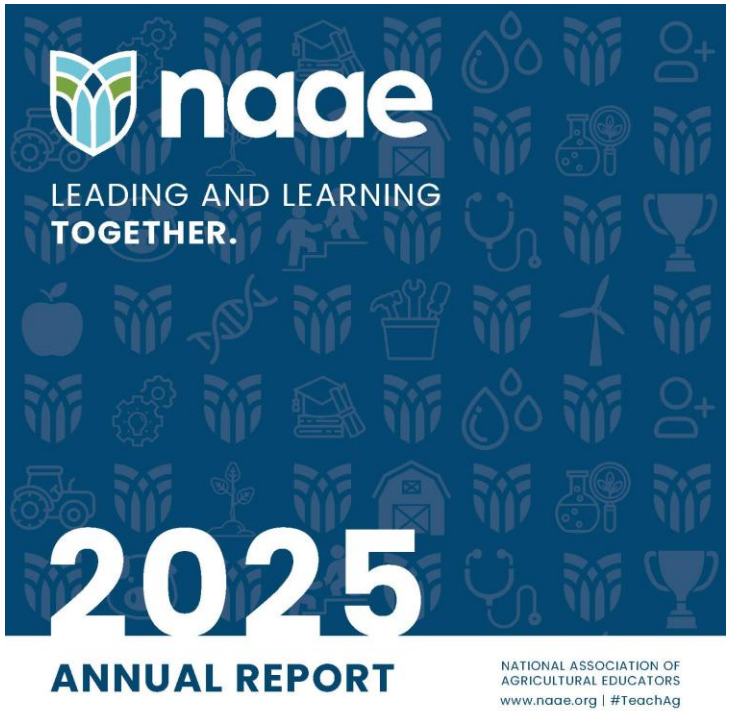
I certify that the educator identified herein participated in the above named professional development activity for the indicated amount of time.

Alina T. Smith

NAAE Chief Executive Officer

NAAE Annual Report

- NAAE membership hit an all-time record of 10,351 members.
- A record breaking 1202 attendees participated in high quality professional development at NAAE Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.
- First ever National #TeachAg Breakout Challenge had over 3500 teams and over 14,000 students engaged in learning about the Best. Career. Ever.
- 10,959 hours of professional development was earned by agricultural educators across the nation throughout NAAE programs in 2025.



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