2023 Forum for Undergraduate Leadership (FUEL) Schedule

Weekly Discussions with Invited Speakers
12:00-1:30pm | Y2E2 101

Friday, October 13

Introduction to the FUEL Program
Brian Sharbano, Director of Programs, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

Water and Agriculture in CA
Felicia Marcus, former Chair of the CA State Water Resources Control Board; visiting fellow at the Woods Institute’s Water in the West Center

Friday, October 20

Farmer Perspectives and Equity Challenges in CA
David Mancera, Director, Kitchen Table Advisors; Agricultural Member, CA State Board of Food and Agriculture; Board Member, Big Sur Land Trust

Friday, October 27

Applying Science to Questions of Sustainability in Agriculture
Corisa Wong, 3rd year PhD candidate in Civil and Environmental Engineering who focuses on developing tools to inform nutrient and water management for sustainable agriculture

Matt Lees, PhD candidate in Geophysics who has interests in groundwater sustainability, with a particular focus on remote sensing and land subsidence

Anna Gomes, 4th year PhD candidate in the Earth System Science Program who is focused on soil biogeochemistry, cover crop decomposition, and circular nutrient cycling in CA’s Salinas Valley.
Sacramento Overnight Field Trip (Thursday, November 2 - Friday, November 3)

Thursday, November 2

11:15am  Meet on Via Ortega in front of Y2E2 (opposite of the Via Ortega parking structure); grab a boxed lunch and load onto the bus

2:00-3:00pm  Community Alliance for Family Farmers (CAFF)
   36355 Russell Blvd, Davis, CA 95616
   Paul Towers, Executive Director

4:00pm  Check-in to Embassy Suites by Hilton Sacramento Riverfront Promenade
   100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

5:45pm  Meet in hotel lobby to walk to dinner

6:00pm  Group dinner at Rio City Cafe
   1110 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Friday, November 3

Up until 8:30am  Breakfast in the hotel lobby (at your convenience)

8:30-9:30am  Pesticide Action Network, North America
   Embassy Suites Stagecoach Conference Room
   Asha Sharma, Organizing Co-Director, California

10:15-11:15am  CA State Assembly, Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
   1020 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814
   Josh Tooker, Chief Consultant

11:15am-12:45pm  Lunch

12:45-1:45pm  CA Department of Food and Agriculture
   1220 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814
   Virginia Jameson, Deputy Secretary for Climate and Working Lands

2:30-3:30pm  CA State Water Resources Control Board
   1001 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814
   Laurel Firestone, SWRCB Board Member; former Executive Director of the Community Water Center

3:45pm  Depart Sacramento; Anticipated arrival to Stanford campus is 6:30pm (please allow flexibility for traffic)
Salinas Field Trip (Friday, November 10)

7:30am  Meet on Via Ortega in front of Y2E2 (opposite of the Via Ortega parking structure); grab light breakfast snacks and load onto the bus

10:00am-11:30am  US Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service
  1636 E Alisal St, Salinas, CA 93905
  Dr. Eric Brennan, Research Horticulturist, Organic and Climate Smart Farming

12:15-1:00pm  Lunch at ALBA

1:15-2:15pm  Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA)
  1700 Old Stage Rd, Salinas, CA 93908 (all afternoon programming will be held at ALBA)
  ALBA tour led by Chris Brown, Development Director

2:15-2:45pm  Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (RCDMC)
  Laura Murphy, Soil Scientist

2:45-3:15pm  Induchucuiti Organic Farms
  Celsa Ortega, Organic Farmer, trained by ALBA

3:30pm  Depart Salinas; Anticipated arrival to Stanford campus is 5:30pm (please allow flexibility for traffic)