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A Professional Society Representing the Nation's Crop Production and Research Consultants and Quality Assurance Professionals

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Growing Our Knowledge and Expanding Our Future

By Debra Stroschein



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HAPPENINGS ON THE HILL

Congress and Other Activity

by Keith Jones



Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

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2025 NAICC Executive Board Election Results are in

President Elect - Laurie Bennett

Secretary - Sam Bledsoe

Treasurer - Kim Bourgeois

Director Position 1 - James Todd

Director Position 2 - Renee Daniel

Congratulations to our 2025 Executive Board!!

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CROP CONSULTANT – NUTRIENT

NAICC developed the Certified Professional Crop Consultant – Nutrient or CPCC-N program that has been approved by NRCS.

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2025 NAICC Annual Meeting and AG PRO EXPO

January 20-24, 2025 Monterey, CA

[Register Here](#)

[View the Program Here](#)

2025 Annual Meeting Apps are Available

Download the Annual Meeting app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Thank you for your support and dedication to NAICC! We are proud to have you as a member and look forward to our continued relationship in 2025.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024 IS YOUR LAST DAY TO RENEW.

Click [HERE](#) for further instructions on renewing.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working with you and for you in 2025!

Renew now



NAICC INTERN CONNECTION

FEAE/NAICC Intern Connection: Positions and Internships

Do you have a hard time finding eager, knowledgeable summer interns? INTRODUCING the NAICC Inter Connection!!

The Foundation for Environmental Agriculture Education (FEAE) has launched a website, <https://thefae.org/jobs>, to create a database for students and employers to find internships!

The Intern Connection is designed to put interns in touch with crop consultants and contract researchers who are seeking summer help. Whether you are looking for someone to work during the day or you are offering housing, the Intern Connection has you covered.

The FEAE will reach out to its extensive network of university agronomy departments and make them aware of this program. You, too, can help get the work out by contacting your local colleges and letting them know about this program. The site will begin populating soon, so check it regularly at:

<https://thefae.org/jobs>



FEAE SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

Don't forget to bring your silent auction items to the annual meeting. Please contact [Sandy Mackie](#) or [Michelle Hoffman](#) with your auction items.

In addition to the silent action, the FEAE will hold its annual raffle. Raffle items are listed below, See any member of the FEAE or NAICC Board for your tickets:

- 2 x \$500 cash awards donated by the FEAE Board (\$20 tickets)
- \$1000 VISA gift card donated by the NAICC Executive Board (\$25

- \$1000 VISA gift card donated by the NAHCC Executive Board (\$25 tickets)
- Xanadu beach house donated by the Mellingers (\$50 tickets)
- reMarkable Paper Pro Tablet donated by Kincaid Equipment (\$25 tickets)

2025 Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson and the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame Foundation announced Madeline Mellinger and two others as the 2025 Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees. Since 1980, the [Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame](#) has honored men and women who have made lasting contributions to agriculture in the state and to mentoring of our youth, who represent the future of agriculture in Florida. The induction ceremony will be held at the Florida State Fair's Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet on February 11, 2025.

Congratulations Madeline Mellinger! You definitely have made a huge impact on Agriculture, not only in Florida but worldwide!



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DON'T MISS OUR EMAILS!

Please whitelist or add to your safe list the following email addresses in your email program: naicc@wildapricot.com, allisonjones@naicc.org, and admin@naicc.org.

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NAICC is not affiliated with scammers trying to book your hotel room or sell attendees lists. We do not sell our list to third parties. If you do not want your information made public on the meeting website, click the box indicating your preference when registering.

We will not call you and if the email doesn't come from **@NAICC.org** or **@wildapricot.com** IT IS NOT FROM US!

Past President Throwback

Past President Dennis Berglund shares insight with his younger self:

What Would I Tell "Young Dennis"?

In this journey called life, we all begin at different times and places, with all our paths converging at the NAICC. 2024 was my 45th Year of crop consulting, a profession that didn't even exist when I started college!

Things have changed a lot in 45 years, so knowing what I now know....

What would I say to "young Dennis" from 1980?

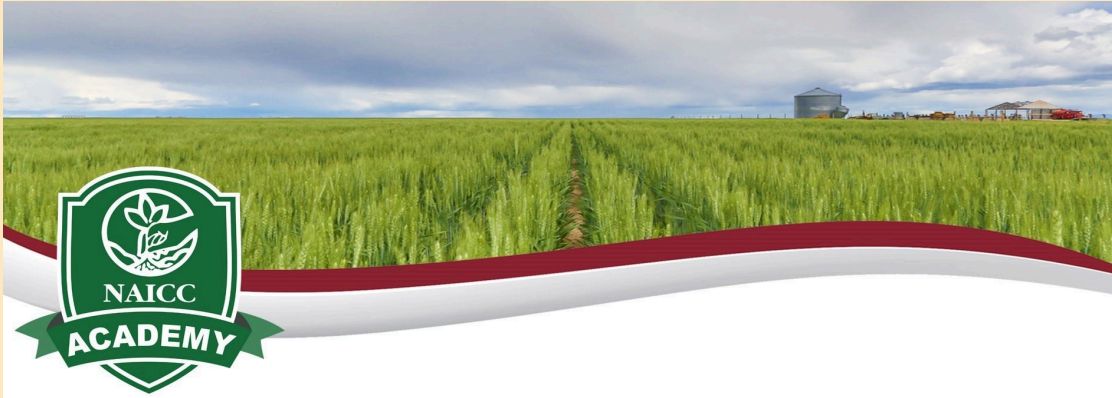
1. First, I'd tell him that it will only make sense looking backwards.
2. I'd tell him that even after 45 years at Centrol, he'll still be excited about Centrol and enjoying it as much as the first day!
3. I'd tell him that helping growers be successful is a great and noble calling, but he already knows that.
4. I'd tell him what Centrol is going to become:
 - This company is going to be really neat, like no other company.
 - This little startup will become leaders in Crop Consulting and will consult on millions of acres.
 - In 2002, the employees will buy the company, and all the employees will become owners.
 - Centrol will be very successful but don't become complacent.
5. I'd tell him to remember that you're the sum of the five people you spend the most time with.
 - So, hang out with quality people and stay out of fester clubs!
6. I'd tell him that he will be surrounded by geniuses.
7. I'd tell him that compensation does not equal happiness.
 - Consider that lawyers are one of the most unhappy professions, in spite of being very highly paid.
8. I'd tell him that the MOST important career decision you'll make is who your life partner is.
 - You both need to be on the same page, or something will give.
9. I'd tell him that it's going to be the BEST job in the world, and he's going to LOVE it.
10. I'd also give "young me" a few suggestions for his journey:
 - Go the extra mile.
 - You can tell a lot about a person by how often they say "We" vs. "I".
 - Follow the Golden Rule.
 - Have fun, and don't take things too seriously.

· Don't forget to say thank you.

11. I'd finish by telling him that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." It's easy to focus on the "hard" issues, where results are measurable (such as work, things we own, car, house, etc.), and easy to forget about the "soft" issues (family, friends, leaving the world a better place) which are far more important.

12. I'd tell him that he's found his home!

P.S. I'd also tell him to be a little more careful with that chainsaw in 1998!



[NAICC Academy Webinars](#)

Click on the links below or go to <https://naicc.org/naicc-academy> to sign up!

2022 On-Demand Webinars

[Basic GLP Training](#) – \$250

[Carbon Markets 101](#) – \$75

[Inside Out – What Goes on Inside the Mind of an Auditor?](#) – \$75

[New Technologies in Agriculture](#) – \$75

Free Videos

Worker Protection Standards:

[How to Comply](#)

[WPS Training Videos](#)

2021 On-Demand Webinars

[2021 Hot Topics in Midsouth Ag](#) – \$25

[2021 Hot Topics in Midwest Ag](#) - \$25

[Efficacy Research Workshop](#) – \$100

[GAIAC Presents: Fall Armyworm/Precision Ag/Business Management](#)– \$75

[Nutrient and Carbon Trading](#) – \$25

[Virtual Auditing – Sponsor and CRO Perspective](#) – \$50

[What's the Deal with GLP Equipment?](#) – \$50

Become an NAICC Academy Sponsor

NAICC is looking for 2022 Academy Sponsors. Gain exposure for your business by having the opportunity to showcase your Company's name and products/services in front of over 700 independent crop, researcher, and quality assurance consultants. This is a great way to make the most of your advertising dollars while giving back to our organization and allowing members alike to further educate themselves on our great industry other professional development topics.



Trivia

Answer the following question for a chance to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card:

In what country is it a tradition to jump off a chair at midnight on New Year's Eve to avoid having bad luck in the new year?

Submit your answer [HERE](#)



**Last Month's
Answer:**

Dennis the Menace



**Congratulations to last
month's winner:**

Jennifer Jarrell

**You are the winner of a
\$50 VISA Gift Card**

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