

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Achieving lifetime skills through involvement in student activities

When dozens of qualified people apply for the same job, how does an employer choose? “I look for tie breakers,” a representative of a major corporation said. “I look for people with demonstrated leadership, communication skills and job experience.”

That’s a familiar concept to students in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR). Students here are taught that there are four things they can do to foster their own success at the university: 1) go to class and study, 2) join some clubs in order to learn teamwork, leadership and to build your network of friends, 3) get to know faculty and staff outside of the classroom, and 4) have fun. Student organizations obviously contribute to the second item but also provide great opportunities that contribute to the third and fourth items.

Of course, there’s much more to be gained from involvement in student organizations than an entry on your résumé. Student groups are a great way to meet people with similar interests and to have a good time. You can get to know upperclassmen who can provide good information about courses, instructors and campus life. You can interact with faculty and staff outside of the classroom, and they can become references in your job applications and will, in many cases, become your lifelong friends. You can meet professionals who work in your field, take field trips and travel to regional and national meetings and competitions, and gain confidence through improved organizational, leadership and communication skills.

The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources sponsors over 30 student organizations. NDSU has many additional organizations, committees and activities, and many CAFSNR students are active in them as well. One good way to learn about all the student organizations is to attend the Student Involvement Expo at the beginning of each semester.

Learn more about all NDSU student organizations at myndsu.ndsu.edu.

General Agriculture

- Ag Ambassadors
- Collegiate Farm Bureau

Agribusiness and Applied Economics

- Agribusiness and Applied Economics Graduate Club
- Agribusiness Club
- Bison Fund Club
- Entrepreneurship Club
- National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA)

Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

- ABEN Graduate Student Association
- Alpha Epsilon
- Bison Antique Tractor Club
- Bison Pullers

Agricultural Education

- Agricultural Education Society

Animal Sciences

- Animal Sciences Graduate Student Association
- Bison Dairy Club
- Collegiate Cattlewomen
- Horsemen's Association
- Human-Animal Interaction Club
- Judging Club
- Pre-Veterinary Club
- Rodeo Club
- Saddle and Sirloin Club
- Veterinary Technology Club

Biotechnology and Microbiology

- Biotechnology and Microbiology Club
- Genetic Engineering Corps of NDSU
- Microbiological Sciences Graduate Student Association

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Natural Resource Sciences

- Natural Resources Management Club

Plant Pathology

- Plant Pathology Student Organization

Plant Sciences

- Agronomy Club
- Food Science/Food Safety Club
- Horticulture and Forestry Club
- Plant Sciences Graduate Student Association

Fraternities and Sororities

- Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
- FarmHouse Fraternity
- Sigma Alpha Professional Agricultural Sorority

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