



ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA

~~~~~ *Thursday, September 17, 2026* ~~~~~

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.      Convention Registration**  
*Emerald Registration Desk*
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m      Platinum Sponsor’s Cocktail Hour**  
*Barefoot’s Deck*  
*(Rain Relocation - Emerald Ballroom A, B, & C)*

~~~~~ *Friday, September 18, 2026* ~~~~~

- 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration**
Emerald Ballroom Foyer
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Past Chairman of the Board Breakfast**
By Invitation Only
Hon. Jason White
Mississippi Speaker of the House
- 8:45 - 11:00 a.m. MPA Business Meeting**
Emerald Ballroom D & E
- 8:45 a.m.....Paul Billingsley, MPA Board Chair**
Call to Order, Preview and Welcome
Annual Business Meeting
Elect Board of Directors and Officers
- 9:00 a.m.....Keynote Speaker**
Dr. Ashley Peterson, National Chicken
Council Senior Vice President,
Scientific and Regulatory Affairs
- 10:00 a.m.....Coffee Break**
Sponsored by: Chemstation of AL and the
The Lilly Company
- 10:30 a.m.....Recognition**
Senior MSU Poultry Science Majors
MS Poultry Foundation Scholarship Winners
- *Dr. Ken Macklin, Head, MSU Poultry*
Science Department
 - *Self-Introductions, MSU Poultry Science*
Seniors
 - *International Paper, MPF Scholarship*
 - *First Financial Bank, MPF Scholarship*
 - *Bank Plus, MPF Scholarship*
 - *Southern Ag Credit, MPF Scholarship*
 - *First South Farm Credit, MPF Scholarship*
- 11:00 a.m.....Adjourn Meeting**

~~~~~ **Friday, September 18, 2026** ~~~~~

- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Ladies Program (*Ticketed Event*)**  
*Floral Arrangement Class with Perfect Day  
Coral Ballroom C & D*  
*Sponsored by: Cobb-Vantress, Inc., Huvepharma,  
DSM Nutrition, and Jones-Hamilton*
- 12:00 p.m. Golf Tournament**  
*Sponsored by: McNeely Plastic Products and  
International Paper at Baytwone Golf Course -  
Tee Off at 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch & Prizes provided by golf sponsors.*
- 1:00 p.m. Fishing Tournament**  
*Prizes provided by: The Vincit Group  
Lunches provided by: International Paper (at docks)  
Coolers & Beverages provided by:  
QC Supply and Cumberland  
Location: East Pass Marina Fishing Docks, behind  
Brotula's - Transportation on your own. Carpooling is  
encouraged since the City of Destin charges for  
parking. You will need to download the parking  
app. - Please be at docks no later than  
12:45 p.m. - Boats leave the docks at 1 p.m.*

~~~~~ **Saturday, September 19, 2026** ~~~~~

- 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Convention Registration**
Coral Registration Booth
- 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. Allied Industry Committee Meeting**
Barry Fuller, *Chair, Arm & Hammer
Emerald Ballroom D & E*
- 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. MPA Business Meeting**
Emerald Ballroom D & E
- 7:30 a.m.**.....Paul Billingsley, *MPA Board Chair*
Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions
- 7:35 a.m.**.....**Keynote Speaker**
*Dr. Sam Goodwin, SGI Ventures
Motivational Speaker and Best Selling Author*
- 8:35 a.m.****Agency Speakers**
- **Dr. Jody Purswell**, *USDA Agricultural
Research Service*
 - **Dr. Hope Martin**, *Miss. Board of Animal
Health*
 - **Dr. Ashli Brown**, *MSU Division of
Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine*

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MPA Business Meeting Continued

- **Dr. Darrell Sparks**, MSU College of Ag and Life Sciences
- **Dr. Angus Catchot**, MSU Extension Service
- **Dr. Jessica Drewry**, MSU Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- **Dr. Nicholas Frank**, MSU College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Dr. Natalie Armour Manginsay**, MSU Poultry Research & Diagnostic Lab

9:30 a.m.Coffee Break

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9:50 a.m.....Recognition

*Allied Industry Leader of the Year
Hall of Fame Induction*

10:30 a.m.....Adjourn Meeting

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. MPA Board of Directors Meeting

Emerald Ballroom D & E

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. AI Photo Experience

Presenting Sponsors:

*ChemStation of AL, Phoenix, Interflex Group,
Burroughs Diesel, Lubing*

Supporting Sponsors:

*Cargill, JBT Marel, Water Tech, The Vincit
Company*

Emerald Ballroom Foyer

Football Games

*Sponsored by: International Paper
Televisions in Emerald Ballroom Foyer*

**5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Diamond & Gold Awards
Reception & Scholarship Auction**

Emerald Ballroom

5:00 p.m.Auction Item Preview

6:30 p.m.....Silent Auction Bidding Ends
Golf Prizes Awarded
Fishing Prizes Awarded

6:45 p.m.....Live Auction Begins

7:45 p.m.....Survey Drawings
Survey Prizes sponsored by: Arm & Hammer

8:00 p.m..... 89th Annual Convention Adjourned
Collect Auction Items Won