



MANRRS40 TRAINING CONFERENCE & CAREER EXPO AGENDA

Hilton Anatole Dallas | Dallas, TX | April 8-12, 2026

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Advisory Board Meeting Lunch

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Advisory Board Meeting

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - DiSC Assessment * Sponsored by Syngenta*

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Registration Opens

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Resource Assistant Reception

Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:00 am - 6:00 pm - Registration

7:30 am - 3:00 pm - Farm Credit VIP Scholars Program

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Expo Setup

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Resource Assistant Service Project

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm - Judges Meeting

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Investors Appreciation Luncheon *invite only*

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - MANRRS Contests

MANRRS Bowl

Impromptu Speech

Undergraduate Oral Research Division I

Graduate Oral Research Division I

Undergraduate Oral Research Division II

Graduate Oral Research Division II

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Non-Competitive Research Symposium

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Branding You Sponsored by Zoetis

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Junior MANRRS Institute Kick-Off

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Welcome Reception

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Opening General Session

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm - MANRRS Homecoming SZN Networking Mixer

Friday, April 10, 2026

7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Registration

7:00 am - 7:30 am - Networking Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am - General Session - Morning Impact

8:30 am - 4:00 pm - Non-Competitive Research Symposium

8:45 am - 9:45 am - Junior MANRRS Allies & Spies

9:00 am - 10:30 am - Membership Business Meetings and Elections | Delegates & Candidates report time at 8:45 am Undergraduate

Graduate

Professional

10:00 am - 10:50 am - Junior MANRRS Workshops

A1 - Sustainable Futures: Leveraging Agritech and Community Leadership in Natural Resource Management

A2 - From Classroom to Community: Cultivating Entrepreneurial Mindsets in STEM and Agriculture

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Branding You Sponsored by Zoetis

11:00 am - 11:50 am - Junior MANRRS Workshops

B1 - Network Like a Pro: Know the Company, Ask the Right Questions

B2 - Cultivating Connections: Exploring Ag Careers and Networking

11:00 am - 1:00 pm - MANRRS Contests

MANRRS Bowl Semi-Finals/Finals

Prepared Speech

Business Pitch

Research Discussion

3-Minute Thesis





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Friday, April 10, 2026

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Box Lunch*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Chapter Advisor Reception*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Junior MANRRS Lunch*

12:00 pm - 4:30 pm - MANRRS PAC Innovation Lab

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Career Expo

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Pop-Up Shop

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Junior MANRRS: Reality Check Workshop

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Junior MANRRS: Career Expo Exploration

5:00 pm - until - Welcome to Texas (Explore On Your Own)

Private events:

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Cargill Thrive Scholars Reception

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - New Officer & Junior MANRRS

Ambassador Meeting

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM - Junior MANRRS: Let's Move Social with Shemite

Saturday, April 11, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am - Grab & Go Breakfast*

8:00 am - 8:30 am - Junior MANRRS: Taco About Connections

8:30 am - 10:30 am - Junior MANRRS: STEM Labs

Farm to Future: Growing Leadership Skills Through Agriculture

The Mystery of Fertilizer

The Power of AI

Harvest Heroes

Urban Forester for a Day

Investigating Trees in the Built Environment

Food Biotics: Molecules, Microbes, and Microscopes

10:45 am - 11:30 am - Junior MANRRS: Brainstorming Workshop and Interactive Survey

7:30 am - 12:00 pm - Graduate Student Summit

Breakfast - 7:30 am - 8:00 am

Welcome - 8:00 am - 8:30 am

Workshop 1: 8:40 AM - 9:30 AM - Post Graduation

Preparation: The First 90 Days

Workshop 2: 9:40 am - 10:30 am - Advising your Academic Advisor

Workshop 3: 10:40 AM - 11:30 AM - Growing Stronger Proposals: Strengthening Grant Proposals Through Innovation and Impact

8:00 am - 8:50 am - Workshop I

A1 - Resume 101

A2 - How to be a S.T.A.R

A3 - Innovation Forward: Entrepreneurship and Research in Action

A4 - Future-Proof Farming: How Food Waste Can Feed Tomorrow's World

A5 - Financial Literacy Skills

A6 - Officer-to-Officer: A Strategic Roundtable for Chapters

A7 - Land Access Reality Lab

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Pop-Up Shop

9:00 am - 9:50 am - Workshop II

B1 - Maximizing Your Professional Growth: Leveraging LinkedIn Learning

B2 - Building Your Brand

B3 - Advocacy 101 - How to Conduct a Hill Visit

B4 - AI in Action: Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders with Artificial Intelligence Skills

B5 - Brand YOU: Standing Out and Building Influence

B6 - MANRRS Q4 Advisor Meeting

B7 - Land Access Reality Lab



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Saturday, April 11, 2026

10:00 am - 10:50 am - Workshop III

C1 - MANRRS 2.0: Rebranding the Movement

C2 - Rooted in Sustainability: Building Inclusive Supply Chains from Soil to Shelf

C3 - From Options to Opportunities: Navigating Career Decisions & Building Your Path

C4 - From Campus to Corporate: Thriving in Your First Role

C5 - Career Reset: Navigating Change, Growth, and Opportunity

C6 - Fueling the Mission: Strategic Fundraising for MANRRS Chapters

C7 - Fueling the Next Generation-How to use Your Ag and Related Sciences Degree to #TeachAg

11:00 am - 11:50 am - Workshops IV

D1 - 21st Century Skills

D2 - From Farm to Fork: Feeding the Future Through Meat Science

D3 - Professional Associations and Your Career

D4 - Financial Literacy Skills

D5 - The Transformation of Me

D6 - College Recruiting 101: Building Confidence & Career Readiness

D7 - Owning Your Professional Brand - Showing Up Strong in a Casual World

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - MANRRS Golden Awards Brunch*

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Networking Break

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Junior MANRRS College Showcase

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Society Business Meeting

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Gala in the Garden Reception

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Intermission

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Closing Gala Ceremony

9:30 pm - 11:30 pm - MANRRS40 PAC Social Sponsored BPFA

