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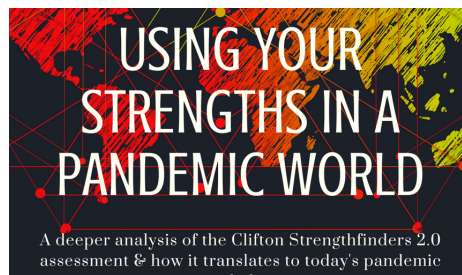
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FEATURED ITEMS

Check out how AGL has been leading through the COVID-19 crisis, how alumni can stay connected, and more important AGL news.



WELCOME VIDEO

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GRANT HARVEY, AGL ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Please join us in welcoming Grant Harvey, AGL '19, as our new AGL Alumni President! Grant is the Director of Woodlands at The Langdale Company in Valdosta, GA, and began serving on our AGL Advisory Board this term. Grant will be the 4th Alumni President, following Lanie Riner (19-20), Stan Deal (18-19), and Sarah Cook (17-18).

Be sure to click the link above to watch Grant's welcome video. Grant would like to foster continued professional development and networking opportunities during his year of service.

All alumni are invited to participate in the next AGL virtual Professional Development session with the class, "Gen Z at Work," December 8th, 2020 at 9AM.

RSVP to Katie Fife at katiefife4@uga.edu for zoom meeting information!

WESTON DENNIS, NEW BOARD MEMBER

Introducing Weston Dennis, AGL's newest Advisory Board Member! Weston is currently the Associate Director of Distribution and Services for Boehringer Ingelheim's U.S. Commercial Poultry Business and we are delighted to have him serve in this new role with us.

Weston is a vital member of the Poultry Commercial Leadership Team working across multiple functions both domestically and globally. His passion for agriculture and the people who work in food animal production is evident when you see him in action.

Westin is a graduate of NC State University with a B.S. in Agriculture and Environmental Technology. Weston and his lovely wife Rachel, a nurse at Emory Hospital, reside in Cumming.



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RICHEY SEATON, PAST BOARD CHAIR

Please help us show our appreciation to outgoing Advisory Board Chair, Richey Seaton. Richey has served on the AGL Advisory Board for 4 years and has done an excellent job shepherding this program and the board through these unprecedented times.

We thank you Richey for all of the hard work and dedication that you put into this role and the many other hats you wear now, even in your recent retirement!

JUTT HOWARD, INCOMING BOARD CHAIR

On October 7th, 2020, AGL welcomed their new AGL Advisory Board Chair, Mr. Jutt Howard, AGL '14. Jutt serves as the Vice President of Business Operations for NG Turf and has been actively involved in the program as an alumni and board member since his graduation.

Founded in 1985 in Whitesburg, Georgia, NG Turf is a premier grower and distributor of turf grass serving the needs of landscapers, golf course developers and superintendents, athletic field managers, municipalities, and homeowners. Jutt and his wife Natalie have two children, Wyatt and Nellie.



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KATIE FIFE, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In January of this year, AGL welcomed our new Program Coordinator, Katie Fife. Outside of her position with AGL, Katie is responsible for coordinating multiple leadership programs on both the state and national level, in addition to assisting with programs and projects affiliated with UGA Extension.

Katie is a Class of 2019 Double Dawg, holding both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Agribusiness from the University of Georgia.

VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2020

Recently, the AGL Advisory Board conducted a virtual meeting to discuss new business concerning the current and future classes of AGL in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

While 3 alternative plans to finish the current class were presented, the board made the decision to continue to work toward in-person learning beginning in February, following all safety protocols, with the class scheduled to graduate in September of 2021.

With regard to the upcoming class, recruitment will begin Fall 2021 with a start date of Spring 2022.



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CULTIVATING THROUGH COVID-19

Crisis Leadership

#CULTIVATINGTHROUGHCOVID

The COVID-19 pandemic has touched each of our lives in various ways beyond what many of us could have ever imagined. In addition to healthcare workers on the front lines, agriculture and forestry professionals are continuing to serve their industries to make sure that people have the food and fiber they need for everyday living. Over the course of a few weeks, AGL shared spotlights of participants who are "Cultivating through COVID-19," in order to spread awareness about agriculture, forestry, and allied sectors and promoted opportunities to help these industries to continue #CultivatingThroughCOVID

How is COVID-19 impacting America's most important industry and what can consumers do to help?

SARAH NERSWICK, CULTIVATING THROUGH COVID SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sarah Nerswick, current AGL class member and the Agriculture Education teacher at Cambridge High School in Alpharetta, GA! As the only Ag Ed teacher in our current co-hort, Sarah is a great representation of how COVID-19 is impacting each sector of agriculture in some shape or form - in this case, the classroom.

"During this time, I have partnered up with another agriculture teacher from Minnesota to offer virtual coffee to any agriculture teacher across the country. During this coffee we work together to solve problems creatively as a collective group. So far over the past 3 weeks we have had an average of 60 teacher join each week."

See our social media for Sarah's full story as well as other #CultivatingThroughCOVID spotlights!



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AGL FALL VIRTUAL SERIES

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11/19

Radical Candor
9 AM

09/17

Leading Virtually
10 AM

12/8

Gen Z at Work
9 AM

10/29

Halloween Social
1 PM

12/18

Holiday Social
12 PM

Hosting virtual sessions during the pandemic has given us an organized way to connect and admit the challenging nature of social distancing protocol. The goals for our virtual program are to provide meaningful opportunities for professional development, to leverage relationships across the state for increased connection during a time of isolation, and to share significant resources and solutions with people who need support.

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Invited!

VIRTUAL ALUMNI CLASS REUNION

DECEMBER 18TH, 2020 | 1PM - 2PM

ALUMNI CLASS REUNION

You're Invited! AGL is hosting a virtual class reunion on December 18th, 2020 at 1PM-2PM. Log on and catch up with your cohort.

RSVP to Katie Fife at katiefife4@uga.edu by Friday, December 11, 2020.

Meeting details will be sent out upon RSVP.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES

Institute IV - Southwest GA
February 9-11, 2021

Institute V - DC
June 1-5, 2021

Institute VI - Southeast GA
July 19-22, 2021

Graduation - Athens, GA
September 12th, 2021

Learning Format TBD



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