



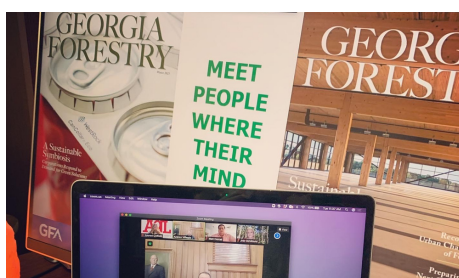
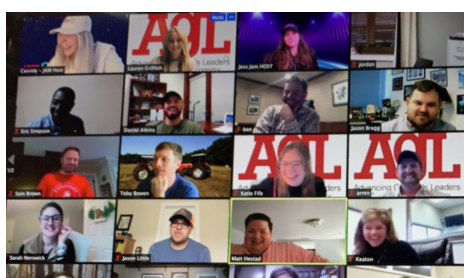
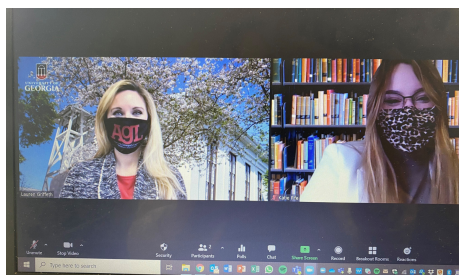
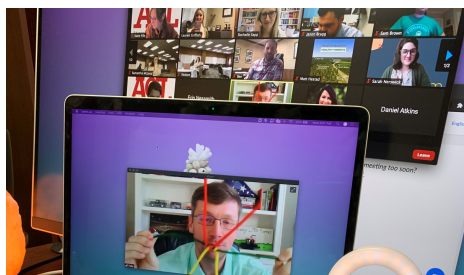
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## FEATURED ITEMS

*Check out how AGL has been adapting to a virtual world, connecting individuals, and preparing future opportunities for it's class members and alumni!*



WELCOME VIDEO

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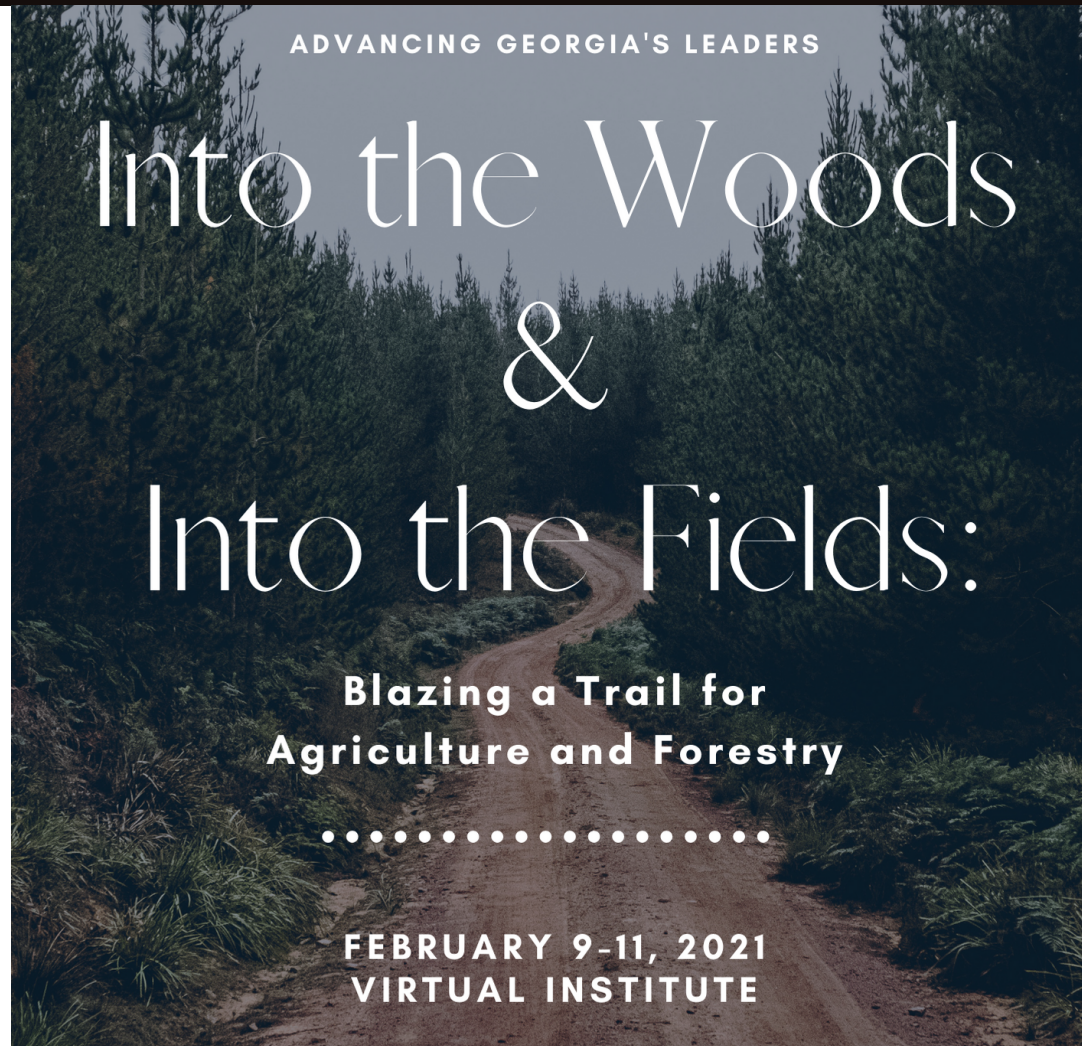
## INSTITUTE IV, VIRTUAL

On February 9-11, 2021, AGL participants participated in AGL's first ever virtual institute. With what would've been the class's Southwest Georgia Institute, we hosted 12 speakers over the course of 3 days that shared their knowledge of different facets of the industry, with an emphasis on the forestry industry. Participants had the opportunity to learn from industry professionals from companies including the University of Georgia, Georgia Grown Citrus, LLC.,

McCorkle Nurseries, Georgia Peanut Commission, Georgia Forestry Association, F&W Forestry, Forest Resource Consultants, and more!

Additionally, participants got to enhance their personal development through deeper insights on new personality assessments featuring the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument, the Change Style Indicator, as well as reviewing previous assessments for a more thorough understanding and how they correlate with each other.

Other discussions revolved around how to have difficult conversations, finding your "why?", and an analysis of Brené Brown's book "Dare to Lead". We also got a special visit from our alpaca friends at Meadowgate Farms!



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## GRANT HARVEY, AGL ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Hey Alumni,

This November we'll have a great reason to gather - an alumni professional development session and our first alumni tailgate social. Please watch for registration to our professional development session with April Farlow in Athens. April has coached many thousands of people in her career. The content and fellowship will be a great event. The session will begin on Thursday, November 18th, and wrap up on Friday, November 19th. The class will be limited to the first 30 registrations. Details for cost, location, and timing to follow. If you can't join us for class, please join us for an alumni tailgate on November 20th. It'll be a great time. We hope to see you there.

**All alumni are invited to participate in the next AGL Professional Development event and social.**

## AGL ALUMNI REUNION SAVANNAH RIVERBOAT CRUISE

Calling all AGL Alumni!

Join us in Savannah on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 for the AGL Alumni Reunion on a Savannah Riverboat Cruise! Save the date and come catch up with the current class as they round out their South Georgia Institute, and reconnect with members of your class.

Stay tuned for more details!



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**GALE CUTLER,  
OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER**

Please help us show our appreciation to outgoing Advisory Board member, Gale Cutler. Gale was a graduate of the 2006 AgriLeaders Class and has served on the AGL Advisory Board for 9 years and has gone above and beyond at being a valuable resource for each class.

We thank you Gale for all of efforts and dedication that you put into this role, and we will miss you dearly. Enjoy your retirement!

**CRAIG WEYNAND  
OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER**

Our other outgoing board member is Mr. Craig Weynand, formally with GA Extracts. Craig joined our board in 2017 and dedicated his time and resources by attending sessions during AGL Institutes and providing opportunities for participants to get the most out of their experience.

We would like to thank Craig for his time served on the Advisory Board, and wish him the best in his new role as VP of Sales and Marketing with Tax Advisors Group.



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## SPRING AGL BOARD MEETING, VIRTUAL

On March 23, 2021, the AGL Advisory Board met virtually to discuss the remaining institutes and graduation, plans for the next cohort, fundraising strategies, and Alumni opportunities.

We also heard from special guests Dean Nick Place, the new Dean of UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Dean Dale Greene, Dean of Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, and Dr. Laura Perry Johnson, Dean of Extension.

The Fall board meeting is tentatively set for October 5, 2021.

## BRENT MARABLE, ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Brent Marable, Class 2015-2017, is the Assistant Director of the UGA Innovation Gateway. In his role, he manages a diverse agricultural science intellectual property portfolio primarily including horticulture and crop and soil sciences, involving peanuts, small grains, blueberries, ornamentals, pecans, turfgrasses, and several other crops developed by UGA plant breeders and scientists

What impact did AGL have on your personal and professional growth?

“While AGL is directed towards individuals in the agriculture and forestry industries, the skills learned and gained are applicable to ALL aspects of one’s life. In my personal growth, I have applied several of the lessons and abilities to my interactions with family members, as well as other organizations that I am involved (Church, Alumni Association, committees, etc.)”

## AGL ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Brent Marable



Class of 2017

*Assistant Director (Plant Licensing)*

UGA Innovation Gateway

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# CULTIVATING THROUGH COVID-19

**Crisis Leadership**

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

## SAM BROWN, CULTIVATING THROUGH COVID SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sam Brown, the owner of Fiddleheads Garden Center located in Dalton, Georgia! Sam has gone above and beyond to reach out to each employee daily to check in on how they are doing personally through this crisis. He also uses this time to evaluate each employee's comfortability of working in this environment – one of the many ways that Sam is leading through this crisis.

You, as consumers, can support businesses like Sam's by supporting the green industry. "Our business has taken off during the pandemic and it has been encouraging to see people turn to plants in a time of stress such as this. Many people have commented on how planting has provided a sort of therapy for them."

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

## #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



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# NEW WEBSITE ALERT!

[www.agl.uga.edu](http://www.agl.uga.edu)

## NEW AGL WEBSITE!

Head on over to our new and improved website!

This website will serve as a resource for potential and current class members, and alumni, and will have all of the information you need to know about AGL.

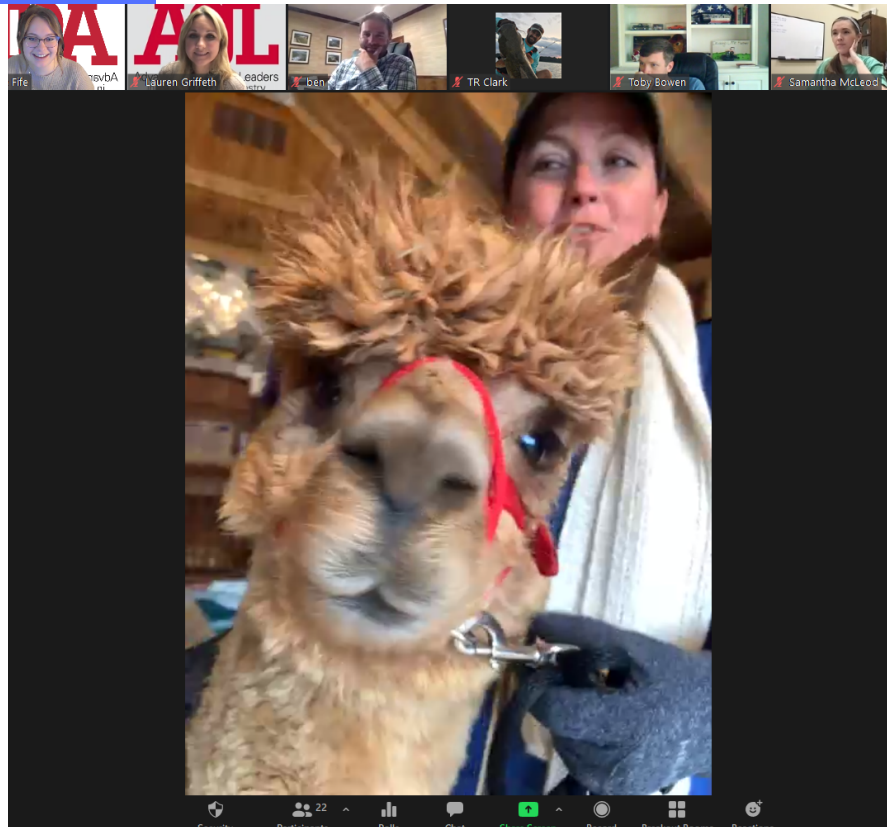
You can access the site by clicking this graphic or going to [www.agl.uga.edu](http://www.agl.uga.edu).

## UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES

**Institute V - South GA**  
July 18-22, 2021

**Institute VI - DC**  
September 12-16, 2021

**Graduation - Athens, GA**  
November 7, 2021



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