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❖ CA/NV Student Rally 2024 at UC Davis



Attention Students! Don't miss the 2024 ASABE California/Nevada Section Student Rally, which will be hosted at UC Davis by the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering over Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend (Jan 12-14th, 2024).

The Student Rally is an amazing opportunity to make friends, explore interesting fields, learn about future careers and research opportunities, network with professionals, and much more. The Rally is open to ALL STUDENTS but especially those in the areas of agricultural and biological systems engineering, forestry, agriculture, plant and veterinary sciences, ag systems management, and other related disciplines.

Examples of activities that take place during a Student Rally include social mixers, career panels, school/department tours, local industry tours, and a business meeting. Check out this presentation to learn more about what a Student Rally is and what kinds of activities take place during a Rally: [What is a Student Rally?](#) For more information, check out the [Rally Website](#).

And make sure to SAVE THE DATE:

- What: 2024 ASABE CA/NV Student Rally
- Where: UC Davis, Davis, CA
- Hosted by: Bio & Agricultural Engineering Dept.
- When: MLK Jr Holiday Weekend (Jan 12-14th, 2024)
- Schedule: <https://bit.ly/rally24-schedule> (tentative)
- Website: <https://asabecanv.wordpress.com/rally/>
- Registration: <https://na.eventscloud.com/canvrally>
- About Rally: <https://bit.ly/rally24-outreach>
- Past Photos: [2020 Student Rally at UC Davis](#)

If you have other questions, feel free to reach out to the ASABE CA/NV Past Chair and UC Davis Student, Hossein Edalati, ahedalati@ucdavis.edu.

❖ **Announcement: 2024 ASABE CA/NV Annual Meeting; Feb 14, 2024**

- [2024 Meeting Announcement](#)

The ASABE CA/NV annual meeting will be held at the Southern California Edison (SCE) Energy Education Center across South Laspina Street from the World Ag Expo. Here is a tentative schedule for the meeting:

Date: Wednesday – February 14, 2024 (during the World Ag Expo)
Time: 5:00 – 8:30 pm
Location: 4175 South Laspina Street, Tulare, CA 93274 (across from the World Ag Expo)
Cost: \$40 for members/guests, \$20 for students
Registration: Link will be updated in the meeting announcement link above

AGENDA

5:00 pm **Student Poster Competition** (details below)
6:00 pm **Dinner**
6:30 pm **Business Meeting:** Introduction, Section Initiatives and News, Student Rally News, Officer Elections, School Reports, Awards, and Sponsor Appreciation
7:00 pm **ASABE representative:** TBD
7:30 pm **Facilitated discussion:** What interesting things are you working on now? What would you like to share during AIM in Anaheim this summer? Two-minute time limit per member, moderated by Section officers around the room.
8:15 pm **Closing comments**
8:30 pm **Adjourn**

○ **Student Poster Competition**

- [Student Poster Competition Instructions](#)

Student poster presentations will be part of the meeting again this year. This has been a great opportunity for industry personnel to see student projects. Cash prizes will be awarded to presenters. The competition will begin promptly at 5 pm. Winners must be present to receive their award. If your poster requires an easel, or backing for stability, please provide it.

Items to Prepare:

- An upright 36" x 48" or flat 34" x 44" poster
- Poster backing and easel, if needed.
- Be prepared to speak with attendees about the poster.

The top posters in the Undergraduate and Graduate Student categories will be awarded as follows. Winners must be present to receive their award.

- 1st place \$300
- 2nd place \$150
- 3rd place \$75

❖ Accepting Nominations: 2024 Engineer of the Year

- [2024 Engineer of the Year Nomination Application & Instructions](#)

Nominations

Do you know someone who has made amazing contributions to Agricultural Engineering? Someone who has done something to help the public welfare and/or humankind for the better? You should nominate them. Nominations are now open for the ASABE CA-NV Engineer of the Year Award.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Steve Zicari, Chair
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Lynn Groundwater, Awards Chair
LGroundwater@ppeng.com

Directions

Please submit one nomination per form. You may submit more than one nomination form if you want to nominate more than one person. Self-nominations are allowed. Nominee's must be current ASABE members.

An EOY Award Application form must be completed for each nominee and emailed to asabecanv@gmail.com. Applications are available at the following link:

- [2024 - EngineerOfTheYear Application.docx](#)

❖ Accepting Nominations: 2024 Section Officers

- [2024 CA/NV Officer Nominations and Instructions](#)

As we begin to wrap up the 2023 calendar year, we begin to close out the year of 2023 section officers. Come 2/14/2024, we will need a new panel of section officers to get ready for the 2024 year and events we will be hosting. If you are looking to get more involved with ASABE, or if you think you have good ideas to contribute and make a reality, please consider joining the section officers.

Submit your nomination via the 2024 ASABE CA/NV Officer Nomination Form (<https://bit.ly/2024CANVNominee>) and contact the Past Chair/Nominating Committee Chair, Hossein Edalati to nominate yourself or another individual:

Hossein Edalati,
Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair
ahedalati@ucdavis.edu

❖ AIM 2024, Anaheim, CA

SAVE THE DATE! ASABE's Annual International Meeting (AIM) is Here next Summer!

With AIM rotating venues next year into in Anaheim, CA from July 28-31, 2024, we have even more reason to attend! Details on the program and events are still coming together and can be found [here](#). We have the unique opportunity to showcase local Ag. and Bio. Engineering members, sites, products, and activities to the ASABE world, so if you have any ideas for tours, products, or displays that you think should be included in the agenda, please contact Peter Livingston (paliving@calpoly.edu) or Steve Zicari (szicari@gmail.com) with your thoughts!



❖ Student Competition Deadlines

Hone your technical and soft skills by entering an ASABE student competition and earn recognition. Check out the list below to find a competition that matches your interests and make plans now to participate.

March 15
Boyd-Scott Graduate Research Competition

April 15
Bioprocess Startup Competition
Ethics Essay and Video Competition
Fountain Wars Competition

May 1
Robotics Competition

May 15
AGCO National Student Design Competition
K.K. Barnes Student Paper Competition
Gunlogson Design Open Competition

For more details on eligibility or competition guidelines, please visit our [website](#).

❖ **Section Photo Contest**

And now a silly one! This year we are having a section photo and caption contest. Please send in your favorite ASABE related photos and captions into, Joseph Sexson, joseph.sexson@usda.gov, to be voted on later in the year. These can range greatly, from amazing scenic views to a funny looking calf, and everything in between! Let's have some fun and share some stories!

❖ **2024 Student Rally and AIM Student Competition Sponsors**

Student engagement is vital to keep ASABE up and running. To keep them engaged, having good programming and competition opportunities is critical. With the help of sponsors in years past, we have been able to put on competitions and rallies within our own section. We are looking for more dedicated and willing sponsors this year to help keep section rally quality high and expand our abilities to put on great student competitions at AIM. If you are interested in helping sponsor any part of the 2024 section student rally or AIM competitions, please contact Joseph Sexson, joseph.sexson@usda.gov, for more information on how to get involved.

❖ **Do You Feel A Calling?**

Would you like to get more involved with ASABE and the CANV Section? Do you have ideas for Agricultural and Biological Engineering activities?

We have several opportunities to work on various committees. If you would like to get more involved, want some exposure to fellow professionals, or have some interesting new ideas of ways to improve the CA/NV Section please contact any of our officers through <https://asabecanv.wordpress.com/officers/>.

- For previous editions of the Update, please visit <https://asabecanv.wordpress.com/newsletter/>.
- If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Dr. Irwin R. Donis-González (contact info above)
- If you have ideas for update items or would like to get involved in the Section, please let us know!