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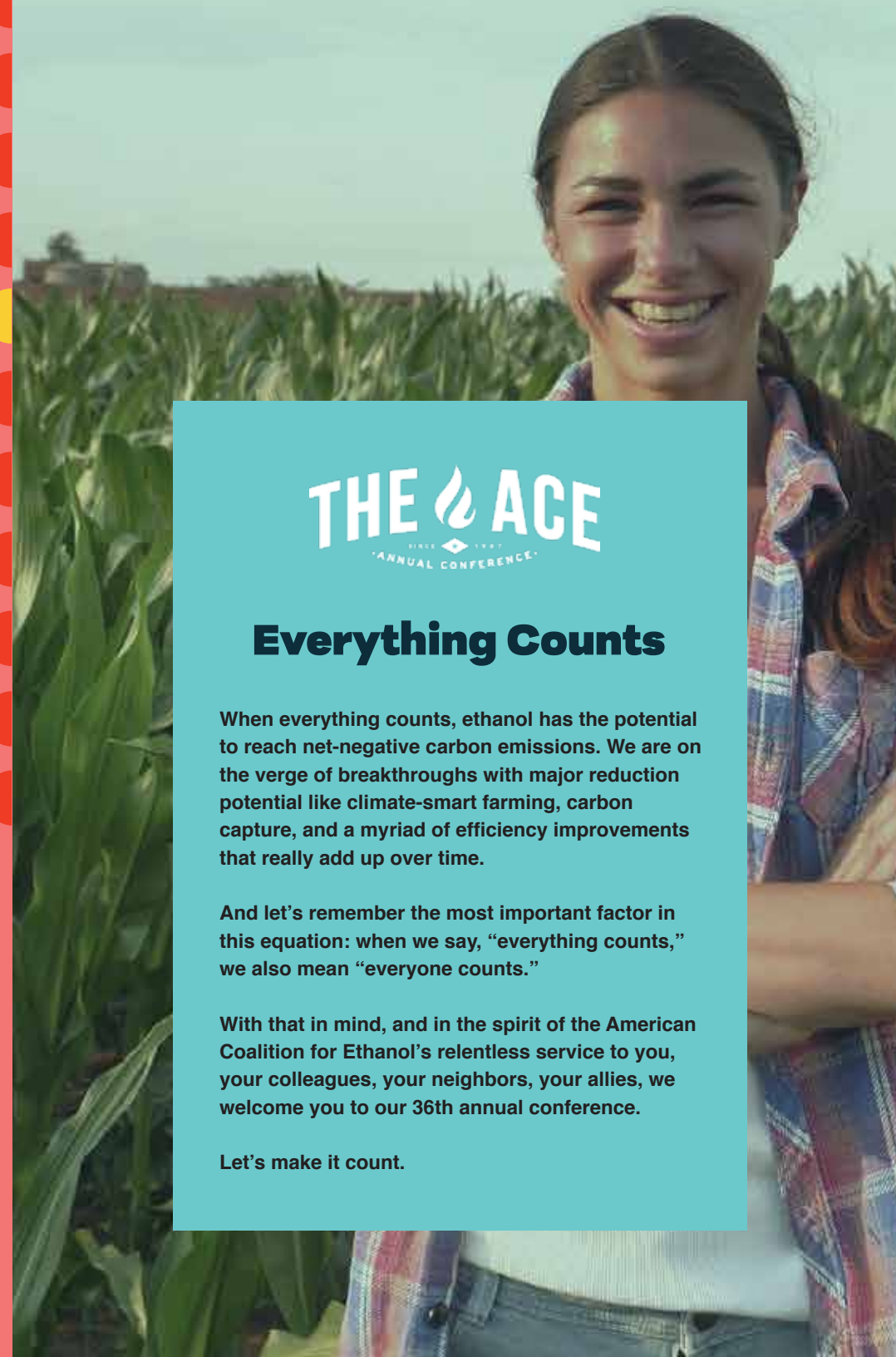
## Everything Counts

When everything counts, ethanol has the potential to reach net-negative carbon emissions. We are on the verge of breakthroughs with major reduction potential like climate-smart farming, carbon capture, and a myriad of efficiency improvements that really add up over time.

And let's remember the most important factor in this equation: when we say, "everything counts," we also mean "everyone counts."

With that in mind, and in the spirit of the American Coalition for Ethanol's relentless service to you, your colleagues, your neighbors, your allies, we welcome you to our 36th annual conference.

Let's make it count.



2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Conference Registration & Company Display Setup

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

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## 2023 ACE Award Recipients

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**RON ALVERSON**  
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**JAN LUNDEBREK**  
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**Grassroots Award**



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8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Conference Registration

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

• ATRIUM + BALLROOM 3-4, LEVEL 4 •

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

General Session

• BALLROOM 1-2, LEVEL 4 •

**Everything Counts: Updates from ACE Leadership**

**Dave Sovereign**

Board President, American Coalition for Ethanol  
*(representing Golden Grain Energy)*

**Brian Jennings**

CEO, American Coalition for Ethanol

**Ron Lamberty**

CMO, American Coalition for Ethanol

**Keynote: Ethanol Outlook in a Changing Energy Market Landscape**

**Tom Kloza**

Global Head of Energy Analysis  
Oil Price Information Service

9:45 am – 10:10 pm

Refreshment Break

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •



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**Untangling and Maximizing IRA Biofuel Incentives**

**Moderator: Brian Werner**

Executive Director, MN Bio-Fuels Association

**Donna Funk**

Principal-Partner, Pinion

**Mel Schwarz**

Director of Legislative Affairs, Eide Bailly LLP

**Bradley Pederson**

Partner, Christianson PLLP

**Cultivating Progress: Climate-Smart Farming for Carbon Markets**

**Moderator: Brian Jennings**

CEO, American Coalition for Ethanol

**Jonathon Lehman,**

Founder, Cultivating Conservation

**Brennan Lewis**

Research Associate, South Dakota State University

**Ron Alverson**

Board Member, Dakota Ethanol

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

**Special Virtual Address:**  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE CRAIG (MN-2)

**Luncheon & Awards Presentation**  
• BALLROOM 3-4, LEVEL 4 •

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND I**  
HELD CONCURRENTLY

### Leadership & Management Track

• DEER LAKE •

**Exploring Opportunities and Challenges in Plant Staffing and Administration**

**Sara DeRoo**  
CPA, Partner, Christianson PLLP

**Connie Lindstrom**  
Senior Biofuels Analyst, Christianson Benchmarking

**Barb Bontrager**  
Lead Consultant for Virtual Business Management Services, Beyond (A Christianson Company)

### Technology Track

• ELK LAKE •

**Fermentation Treatment and Technology**

**Jennifer Starner**  
PhD Research Scientist, Kurita America

**Ryan Brock**  
Technical Services Manager, Lallemand

**Kristel Gebhart**  
Technical Service Representative, Leaf by Lesaffre

### Carbon Track

• PINE + CEDAR + BIRCH + MAPLE LAKE •

**Climate-Smart Agriculture and Ethanol's CI**

**Moderator: Ron Alverson**  
Farmer & Board Member, Dakota Ethanol

**Trish Jackson**  
PhD-Director of Regenerative Agriculture, PrairieFood

**Danielle Duran**  
Product Analytics, Verity Tracking, Gevo

**Chandler Mazour**  
Product Manager, Verity Tracking, Gevo

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Refreshment Break**

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

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2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND II**  
HELD CONCURRENTLY

### Leadership & Management Track

• DEER LAKE •

**Board Succession Planning: How to Determine if You Have an Effective Board**

**Donna Funk**  
Principal-Partner, Pinion

**James Jirak**  
Manger, Pinion

### Technology Track

• ELK LAKE •

**Unlocking Corn Oil Extraction and Utilization Advancements**

**Anne Chronic**  
Director, Market Analytics, Phibro

**Bob Fesser**  
Technical Sales Manager, Trucent

**Chuck Gallop**  
Director of Innovation, ICM

### Carbon Track

• PINE + CEDAR + BIRCH + MAPLE LAKE •

**Engineering Carbon Reduction**

**Neal Jakel**  
President, Fluid Quip Technologies

**Bernie Hoffman**  
Vice President, P&E Solutions LLC

**Virginia Andrade**  
Process Engineering Manager, Whitefox Technologies

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

**Refreshment Break**

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm



**BREAKOUT SESSIONS ROUND III**  
HELD CONCURRENTLY

**Leadership & Management Track**

• DEER LAKE •

**Workforce Evolution: Harnessing the Power of your Current Workforce and the Future Role of AI**

- Taylor Pellerin**  
Technical Service Account Manager, IFF
- Erica Montefusco**  
Senior Vice President Risk & Compliance, PROtect
- Carson Merkwan**  
Business Development Manager, Direct Companies



**Technology Track**

• ELK LAKE •

**Maximizing Your Energy Resources**

- Brad Thompson**  
Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions
- James Knight**  
President, Bioleap
- Delbert Grotewold**  
Sr. Technical Consultant  
Veolia Water Technologies & Solutions



**Carbon Track**

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**Climate-Smart Agriculture and Ethanol's CI**

- Moderator: Brian Jennings**  
CEO, American Coalition for Ethanol
- Preston Brown**  
Director of Agribusiness, nZero
- Austin Vaillancourt**  
Sr. Business Manager, Biofuels and Bioproducts, Gevo
- Ben Parsley**  
Director of Operations, SIRE

5:30 pm (6:10 pm game)



**Minnesota Twins Baseball Game**

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• MINNESOTA TWINS v. TEXAS RANGERS •

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8:00 am – 11:00 am

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**E15 & Flex Fuel Roadmap: Small Retailers Clearing Roadblocks and Blazing Trails for Ethanol Availability**

- Moderator: Rob Lamberty**  
CMO, American Coalition for Ethanol
- Bruce Vollan**  
Owner, Vollan Oil Company
- Glenn Badenhop**  
President, American Freedom Energy



**The Journey to Capture, Store, and Utilize Carbon**

- Moderator: Dave Sovereign**  
Board President, American Coalition for Ethanol  
(representing Golden Grain Energy)
- Aaron Eldridge**  
South Dakota Project Manager, Summit Carbon Solutions
- Ashkan Shoja-Nia**  
VP of Strategy and Business Development  
StormFisher Hydrogen

10:30 am – 10:55 am

**Refreshment Break**

• ATRIUM, LEVEL 4 •

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**Outlook for Exports**

- Mackenzie Boubin**  
Director of Global Ethanol Export Development  
U.S. Grains Council

**Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



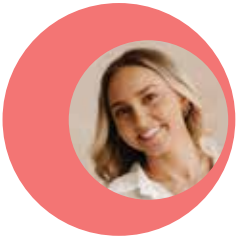
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**Elizabeth Studer**  
EMPLOYEE: CHRIS STUDER  
EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE



**Mallory Moorman**  
EMPLOYEE: MATT MOORMAN  
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**Kaelyn Drury**  
EMPLOYEE: TERRY DRURY  
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**The ACE Scholarship Program** has awarded \$68,000 in scholarships to employees and dependents of employees and shareholders of ACE ethanol producer, voting and associate member companies and organizations since its inception.

ACE congratulates each of our 2023 scholarship recipients: **Elizabeth Studer**, **Kaelyn Drury** and **Mallory Moorman**. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship through the program to help further their collegiate education.

The 2023 ACE Scholarship Program will begin accepting applications next spring. If you'd like to support the next generation by making a financial contribution to the program, contact **Anna Carpenter** at [acarpenter@ethanol.org](mailto:acarpenter@ethanol.org) or **605-306-6142**.



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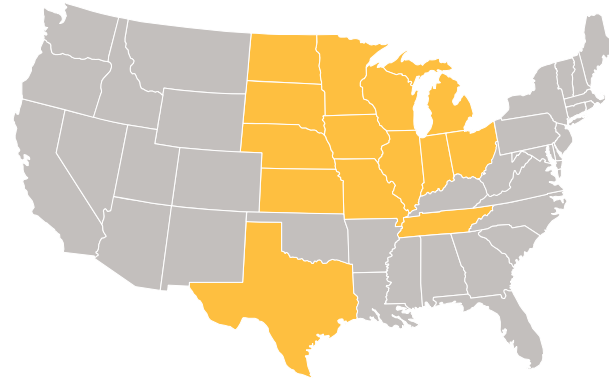
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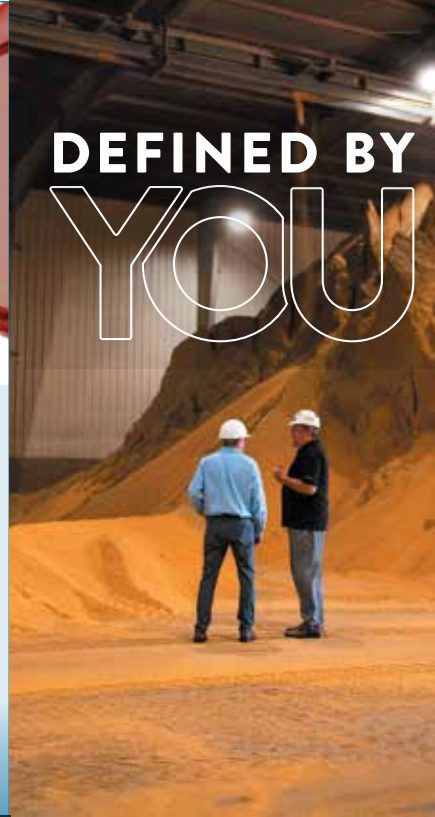
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