



**The One Hundred Twenty-first  
Annual Meeting  
of the  
Minnesota Crop Improvement Association  
January 24, 2024  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
St. Cloud, Minnesota**

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## SPEAKERS & OFFICIALS

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### **Brad Barth**

Chairman, MCIA Board of Directors

### **Anthony Cortilet**

Seed, Weed, Hemp, and Biotechnology Section Manager, Plant Protection Division, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

### **Conner Danielson**

Student, Ridgewater College

### **Jade Estling**

Co-owner, Estling Farms Inc.  
Owner, Northern Agronomy and Precision Services

### **Kris Folland**

Manager, MCIA Field Services

### **Kelsey Henke**

Sales and Office Manager,  
Anderson Seeds of St. Peter

### **Betsy Jensen**

Instructor,  
Northland Community and Technical College

### **Dr. Fawad Shah**

President/CEO, MCIA

### **Roger Wippler**

Retired Manager,  
MCIA Foundation Seed Services

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SDSU Seed Testing Lab

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***Please Visit Our Trade Show!***

# PROGRAM

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

- 9:00 AM Check-in and Refreshments..... *Pre-function*  
Trade Show Opens..... *Pre-function*
- 10:00 **Welcome** ..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
Host: Dr. Fawad Shah **MCIA**
- 10:05 **Panel Discussion:**  
**Emerging Leaders in Seed Production**..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
Moderator: Dr. Fawad Shah **MCIA**  
Conner Danielson **STUDENT**  
Jade Estling **ESTLING FARMS INC.**  
Betsy Jensen **NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
Kelsey Henke **ANDERSON SEEDS OF ST. PETER**
- 11:00 **MDA's Role in Cannabis Seed Labeling and Sale** ..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
Anthony Cortilet **MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
- 11:30 **Perspectives: Past, Present, and Future** ..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
Roger Wippler **MCIA, RETIRED**
- 12:00 PM Lunch, Networking, and Trade Show Break ..... *Celebration*
- 1:00 Door Prize (must be present to win)  
**MCIA Open Business Meeting/Election of Officers** ..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
Chairman's Report: Brad Barth  
Board Member Elections  
President's Report: Fawad Shah
- 2:00 **Awards Presentation** ..... *Gophers-Huskies*  
**Sponsored by Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council**  
Master of Ceremonies: Kris Folland **MCIA**  
Awards Presentations:  
    Honorary Premier Seed Grower  
    Premier Seed Grower  
    Achievement in Crop Improvement  
    **Sponsored by The Farmer Magazine**
- 3:00 Door Prize (must be present to win)  
**Adjourn**  
Snacks ..... *Pre-function*
- 4:00 Trade Show Closes ..... *Pre-function*



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