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- Peggy Policastro, Advanced Nutrition Specialist & Director of Behavioral Nutrition
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 - o Charlotte Mills, Hugh Sinclair Lecturer in Nutritional Sciences
 - Matt Tebbit, Director of Dining
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 - Cecilia Raatz, Sustainability Manager
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 - Nicole Reilly, Sustainability & Campus Partnership Manager
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 - o Douglas Best, Training Chef
 - Amber Bills, Sous Chef
 - o Brian Cochrane, Director of Culinary Operations
 - o Aaron Dilts, Assistant Director
 - o Suzanne Herron, Sustainability Coordinator
 - o Julien Hicks, Chef, E. Bronson Ingram Dining Hall
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- o Kamil Aliyev, Student Fellow
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- West Virginia University
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- Compass Group Bon Appetit Management Company / Chartwells Higher Education
 - o Jennifer Roberts, VP, Nutrition & Wellness, Compass Group
 - Terri Brownlee, VP, Food Education & Wellness, Bon Appetit Management Company
 - o Chris Lenza, Executive Chef, Bon Appetit Management Company
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 - o Elizabeth Friedmann, Sr. Director of Sales National Accounts
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 - o Stephen Dean, VP of Foodservice Sales
 - o Fletcher Johnson, Sr. Manager, Non Commercial
- International Fresh Produce Association
 - Andrew Marshall, Wholesaler Distributor Relations & External Partnerships
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 - Michael Fentress, Director of National Foodservice Distribution
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 - o Amy Cohn, President







Zach Schwartz, Sr. Account Supervisor, Foodservice

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 - o Olivia Class, Culinary Registered Dietitian, Sr. Customer Success Manager
 - o Marcus Nucci, Chief Product Officer
- Leanpath
 - o Jed Sherman, Director
- Topanga
 - Leanne Tallis, Foodservice Account Executive

Guest Attendees

- Gail Carter, Partner, Schafer Condon Carter
- Robert Nelson, President and Chief Executive Officer, NACUFS

Guest Presenters

- Anna Benner, Undergraduate Student, Mechanical Engineering & Climate Studies, Vanderbilt University
- David ter Kuile, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Administration; Associate Vice Chancellor, Auxiliary Services, Vanderbilt University
- Murray Nicholson, Vice President & Local Food Connections Manager, What Chefs Want
- Michel Nischan, Chairman & Co-Founder, Wholesome Wave
- Natalie Ashker Seevers, Executive Director, Tennessee Local Food
- Hassan Sharaff, Founder, Hydrohouse Farms
- Sean Sherman, CEO & Co-Founder, The Sioux Chef & NATIFS
- David Wells, CEO, Henosis Mushroom Farm