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# 2019 ASA–CSSA–SSSA Annual Meeting highlights

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*Opening Keynote: Joe Cornelius, Director of Global Development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, opened the 2019 International Annual Meeting, presenting, “Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution, Ag Relevance.”*

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# 2019 ASA–CSSA–SSSA Annual Meeting Highlights

The 2019 Annual Meeting held in November in San Antonio was a great success. Here are the numbers:

Attendees: 3,997

Abstracts Presented: 3,175

Technical Sessions: 506

Countries Represented: 66

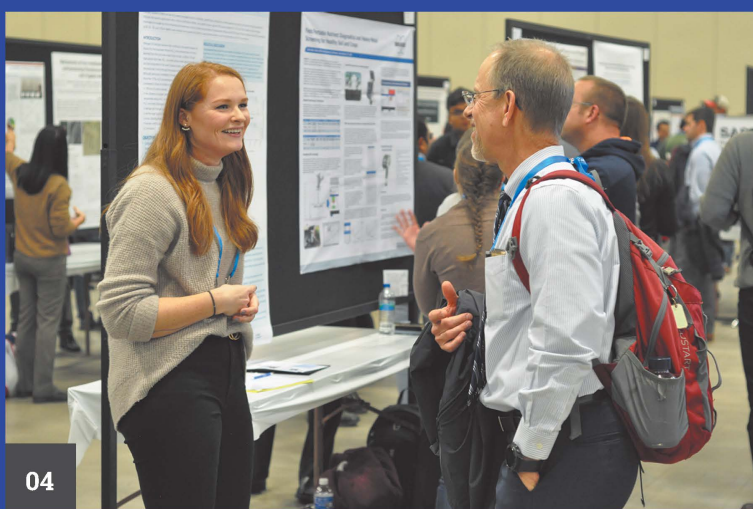
Career Fair Attendees: 560

Graduate Students: 1,002

Undergrad Students: 316

Food Bank Donations: \$2,018

The Annual Meeting technical session abstracts and recordings with PowerPoints will be posted online to [acsm meetings.org/future-past-meetings](http://acsm meetings.org/future-past-meetings).



2-4 The meeting provided a great opportunity for connecting with peers, learning, and presenting research.



5 The city of San Antonio welcomed 3,997 attendees to our 2019 ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meeting, 10–13 November.

6 The ACCESS Board of Directors and staff volunteered at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, spreading mulch in the Children's Vegetable Garden.



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7 Tabare Abadie of the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF) Board of Trustees (center) discusses the Golden Opportunity Scholars program with scholars McKenzie Barth and Paul Tietz and mentor Mark Sorrells during the ASF VIP Reception.



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8 The Diversity in Agronomy, Crops, Soils, and Environmental Sciences Committee sponsored a panel luncheon discussion on the topic of “Diversity: What Gains Have We Made? What is the Outlook for the Future?” Pictured are Jean McLain, University of Arizona; Keisha Brown Tatem, USDA-NRCS Arizona; Christopher Ryan, City University of New York; Maria Gutierrez, Latinos in Agriculture; Khusi Tiwari, Bayer Crop Science; Lisa Durso, USDA-ARS; and Gary Pierzynski, Ohio State University.

9 Virginia Sykes unlocked one of the backpacks as part of the Membership Career Center’s popular Unlock Your Career backpack giveaway that included our book, *The Graduate Student’s Backpack*, by Ron Tasky.





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**11** The Texan-themed closing party was Texas-style fun!

**12** Iowa State took home the trophy for this year's Quiz Bowl contest—a test of agronomic, soil, and environmental knowledge in a trivia-style game.

**13** Ten schools competed in the Presidents' Trophy Contest this year to be named Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES) Club of the Year. Pictured holding the trophy is Shannon Lamb from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville (first place), along with Robbie Armstrong (left) from Purdue University (second place), and Morgan Sanders from Texas A&M University (third place). The SASES Clubs were judged by 2020 Presidents Sylvie Brouder (ASA), Ole Wendroth (SSSA), and Shawn Kaepler (CSSA).

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**15** Visit [acsmeetings.org](http://acsmeetings.org) for information about the 2020 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA International Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ, 8–11 November.

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