We had a Mariachi kickoff the Opening Welcome Session and a great keynote speaker, Elias Quinonez from Colorado State University speak on the importance of a nurturing environment that fosters a culture of belonging.

Participants were able to connect in the Networking Reception and ended the night with “Around the World” student social event.

“ I decided to study agriculture because of my passion for international development, and being able to talk at length with people who are doing exactly that as foreign service officers was incredibly useful.”

~ Jaiden Sakamoto
The morning consisted of a Breakfast Business Meeting where we had Xavier Tacker, our Parliamentarian officer and Uriel Carrillo, 2023 Junior MANRRS Summer Leadership Institute mentor represent the OSU MANRRS Chapter and shared the chapter’s professional workshops, activities, and events from this year.

Students were able to participate in leadership, development, career readiness, and industry insights workshops including:

- Becoming a National Leader: Mastering Leadership Competencies
- Excellence Unleashed: Chapter Best Practices
- Branding You Roundtable:
  - Resumes and Cover
  - Personal Image and Executive Presence
- Regenerative Agriculture: Cultivating Sustainability and Biodiversity for a Greener Future
- Diversity in STEM: Empowering Change for a Sustainable Future.

“"We had eight first-time attendees who were initiated into the National organization and participated in the new member pinning.”"

Maurice Cottman, from Washington State University was our keynote speaker who spoke about his personal story and inspired many from his resilience and perseverance journey. Students were also able to connect with agencies and companies in the agriculture field during the opportunity fair including Land O’ Lakes, John Deere, Pilgrim’s, BASF, U.S Forest Service, USDA-NRCS, Peace Corps, Valent, Nationwide, USAID, and Horizon Farm Credit.

Attendees:
15 undergraduates + 1 graduate student
1. Daniel Gonzalez
2. Demetrius Payton-Rivas
3. Fatima Flores
4. Felice Yarbough
5. Froilan Camacho
6. Guadalupe Licona
7. Itzel Delgado Lopez
8. Jaiden Sakamoto
9. Maria Hindi
10. Quetza Juarez
11. Sofia Vazquez
12. Uriel Carrillo
13. Valeria Coronado
14. Venecia Rollins
15. Victoria Flores Parra
16. Xavier Tacker

Many of our members participated in contests including:
- Elevator Pitch
- Interview
- Mock Interviews
- Impromptu

Itzel Delgado Lopez
2nd Place
Elevator Pitch Contest

Felice Yarbough
1st Place
Graduate Interview Contest and Cluster Award Recipient

“It was very inspiring to hear the different speakers and their background stories showcasing resilience and perseverance.”
- Sofia Vazquez-Fernandez