



2027

Join Us on FEBRUARY 11th



Green Industry Youth Winter Forum

Co-Sponsored by the MNLA Foundation

Pre-Registration Required

Register on or before January 28, 2027



REGISTER STUDENTS & EDUCATORS AT
MNLA.COM/WINTERFORUM/YOUTH or
SCAN THE ABOVE QR CODE

Event Schedule

9:00 – 10:00 AM | Registration & Welcome

- Registration is open for **students and educators**.
 - Students may drop backpacks and jackets in a room reserved exclusively for Youth Winter Forum attendees.
 - MNLA Foundation staff and the Youth Engagement Committee will:
 - Review of the day's schedule
 - Provide instructions for competitions and education.
 - Distribute materials.
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10:00 – 11:00 AM | Student Keynote Speaker

What happens when things don't go the way you planned?

Whether you're starting your first job, figuring out what's next, or trying something new, setbacks and unexpected challenges are part of the journey. Award-winning comedian and former corporate software consultant Rory Gardiner brings humor, honesty, and real-world perspective to the power of adaptability.

In this student-focused session, Rory shares practical strategies for building confidence, adapting to change, reaching impossible goals, and turning obstacles into opportunities. The examples are geared toward students beginning to think about careers and their future, but the lessons of resilience and adaptability apply at every stage of a career.

Come ready to laugh, think differently, and leave with a few tools to help you keep moving forward.

11:00 AM | Hands on Activities & Networking

- Plant Detectives & I.D activities
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12:00 PM | Lunch & Wrap Up

- Event takeaways and closing remarks.
 - Awards and swag for **all student and educator attendees**
 - Time to explore the vendor area while awaiting transportation.
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Important Information

Pre-registration is required to ensure adequate seating and resources for all participants.

Questions? Contact Rena Sumner

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