

# WINTER Newsletter



## GREETINGS FROM SYA CHAIR



Welcome to another edition of the SYA newsletter, as 2017 is almost wrapped up its time to reflect back on what worked well and on what could be improved on for 2018. What better way to do this with your peers at the upcoming joint conference between the SYA and CYFF. The conference will be held in Saskatoon on February 23-25th and optional farm tours on February 26th hosted by the SYA.

This will be an excellent opportunity to network with fellow farm operators and agriculture professionals. You will be able to listen and interact with an exceptional line up of speakers that will be sharing valuable information to take home to your operation and implement in your personal lives.

Along with all the activities the SYA will be hosting their annual AGM. Please plan on attending and have your say in how the SYA is run. Elections for board members will also be held at this time, if you have ever thought of being involved in the SYA board, now is your chance.

I look forward to seeing you in February and on behalf of the SYA board of directors would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, hopefully you find some time to relax and enjoy the holiday season with friends and family. Wishing you the best of luck in the 2018 season.

Shawn Mantyka

### MEET THE SYA TEAM

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# MEET AN SYA MEMBER

**Name:** Danielle Wildfong

**Where are you from?** Originally from a small rural community of Craik, SK where my family farms and manufactures after-market combine parts.

**How are you involved in the Ag industry?** In a variety of ways, I mentor and coach ag students and professionals in their career path; and consult with agricultural companies mainly on recruitment, the hiring process and sales. During seeding and harvest I take time from my business and help out however I can, whether it's running equipment or marketing the concave business.

**What kind of work do you do?** I consult with companies on their recruitment and sales process using predictive analytics.

**Is succession planning an issue in your business?** As for the companies that I work with, yes absolutely. Succession planning and leadership transition is an issue in almost every company. And if it's not it's because those companies are proactive and have already planned/are planning for it. It's about having the right people in the right positions, and knowing how to lead them.

**What are your hobbies?**

Most importantly, my health, group exercise and practicing yoga are very important to not only my physical but mental health as well I am a huge advocate of staying healthy and finding a way to do it as a community. I also teach yoga, volunteer, read, and spend time on the farm with my family.

**What is your favourite part about being in the Agriculture industry?** Networking and connecting with new and interesting people. As they say, You are the average of the top 5 people you spend your time with. My mentor always says, 'surround yourself with people who are smarter and more successful than you'.

**How has being a part of the SYA benefitted you?** The main benefit is the ability to connect and learn from passionate, and driven individuals who will become the next leaders in our ag community.



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# CYFF CORNER

## A Message From Your CYFF Saskatchewan Representative



The 2018 CYFF Conference will be a display of excitement and pride in our stories as young entrepreneurs in the agricultural industry. The weekend's agenda will include lectures, roundtables and town hall discussions on succession planning, financial

management, self care, leadership and human resources among many other relevant topics. We are looking forward to SYA hosting the farm tours as an optional opportunity. Thank you to all SYA members for expressing their excitement in the "Farm Your Number\$ Program." This guided operation assessment, delivered by Larry Martin, Merle Good, Heather Broughton and Julia Christensen Hughes, is an outstanding opportunity that will aid producers in identifying strengths and areas of improvement to help make their operation more profitable and successful.



I hope you enjoyed your networking event at Agribition. During the show, I was joined by CYFF General Manager, Guenette Bautz, and SYA member, Sheldon Mattus to meet with Federal Ag Minister, the Honourable Lawrence MacAuley. We discussed the importance of innovation in farming and the contributions by young ag producers. Another heartfelt thank you for the amendment Minister MacAuley made on our funding agreement. We closed our meeting with expressing our mutual appreciation for the relationship we have built.

Your Saskatchewan Representative,

Jody Berglund

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# SASKCANOLA-LEARN TO LEAD



SaskCanola hosted a group of 26 young Saskatchewan farmers at their Learn To Lead conference at the end of November.

The weekend consisted of top-notch leadership training from some of the brightest and best from within the

Agriculture industry. The group heard from current and past SaskCanola directors regarding what it takes to lead a successful board and some of the challenges that come with.

The workshop type event touched on a wide array of topics including: dining etiquette, personal branding, media training, decision making and managing your work and personal life.

The SaskCanola event always managed to mix in some great fun! At the end of the workshop sessions on Friday, all attendees were treated to a cider tasting event followed by a great meal at The Glen at Crossmount. The weekend was a great opportunity for young farmers to grow personal development skills and to network with other like-minded producers.

SYA would like to thank SaskCanola for their excellent hospitality and their dedication to the Saskatchewan agriculture industry.

Ty Kehrig  
SYA Director



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