

ASPB Ambassador Year-End Report 2025

As I reflect on 2025, I'm proud to share the journey I've taken as an ASPB Ambassador, a year filled with meaningful connections, unexpected opportunities, and a deepening commitment to our plant science community. This year brought significant personal and professional transitions that ultimately broadened my perspective on how we can grow ASPB's influence and support scientists at every stage of their careers.

Conference Participation and Volunteer Activities

The highlight of my early year activities was attending both the ASPB Midwest meeting and ASPB 2025. These weren't just conferences for me, they were opportunities to roll up my sleeves and give back to the community that has supported my own growth. I volunteered across various ASPB activities, from helping with registration and session coordination to assisting with member services and answering questions at the ASPB booth.



What made these conferences particularly rewarding was my role representing Corteva Agriscience as an industry voice. I found myself in countless conversations with graduate students and undergraduates who were curious, and sometimes anxious, about career paths beyond academia. Many students had questions like "What's it really like working in industry?" and "How do I make myself competitive for industry positions?" I was able to share honest perspectives about the day-to-day realities of agricultural biotechnology, the skills that matter most in industry settings, and how academic research translates to solving real-world agricultural challenges.