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USApple announces NextGen Apple Fellowship Class

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The [U.S. Apple Association](#) named the newest members of its leadership development program, the NextGen Apple Fellowship. Seven fellows from across the country have been selected to participate in the 2024 class.

The new members are Amanda VanBergen of Riveridge Produce Marketing Inc., Austin Benson of Chelan Fresh, Brannon Frankel of AgriMACS Inc., Joseph Strippoli of Geig's Orchard, Madison Schaefer of Storage Control Systems Inc., Max Farrell of Seso Labor and Shelby Miller of Applewood Fresh.

The NextGen Apple Fellowship focuses on hands-on experience with legislative and regulatory issues, professional development, a one-on-one mentorship program, opportunities to network with top industry leaders, community engagement and more.

“Each member of this new class showed tremendous potential in their profession, enthusiasm and energy for the NextGen program, and a passion for the apple industry,” said USApple Board Member and Chair of the NextGen Advisory Committee Elizabeth Pauls of Wittenbach Orchards in Michigan. “We are thrilled to see how they develop as a class and as professionals. As the national apple association, we’re looking forward to harnessing their skills and voice for the betterment of the industry.”

The 2024 NextGen program will kick off in Washington, DC, in March in conjunction with USApple’s Capitol Hill Day. The program will run through December 2024.

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