REKINDLING OUR CONNECTIONS

In October, The Alliance hosted the 14th Biennial Longleaf Conference in Wilmington, North Carolina, with a sold-out crowd of longleaf enthusiasts in attendance. More than 350 registrants representing 16 states joined us to “rekindle our connections,” including 33 undergraduate and graduate students (a record-setting student attendance for an in-person Longleaf Conference). The chance to come together was made possible by a great team of Alliance and event staff, as well as the numerous Conference supporters, speakers, and attendees.

1. The Longleaf Alliance team. Photo by LuAnn Craighton.
2. Attendees enjoying the Awards Luncheon with music by Abigail Dowd. Photo by Samantha Dillon.
3. Participants at Hike and Hoop, one of the partner sponsored events, look for Venus flytraps at Carolina Beach State Park. Photo by Kevina Casaletto.
4. Wildflowers blooming at the Orton-Sprunt property. Photo by Casey White.
5. The conference is always a great time to network and catch up with both old and new friends. Photo by Emma McKee.
7. Field tour stop at Orton-Sprunt in Brunswick County, NC. Photo by Samantha Dillon.
8. Over 20 posters were exhibited at the conference. Photo by Emma McKee.
10. Thank you to the 99 speakers, moderators, and poster presenters that contributed to an excellent and informative Conference program. Photo by Emma McKee.
11. The interactive Longleaf Pine Tour of Wilmington encouraged conference-goers to explore the nearby sights, including the Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden. Photo by Bennett Tucker.
12. The silent auction offered many unique longleaf-related items and some exciting bidding battles. Photo by Kaiden Spurlock.
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