

How Will You Celebrate 110 Years of TAPPI?



Join us for a year-long salute to the members and volunteers, past and present, who have helped shape the global sustainable forest products industry.

For 110 years, TAPPI has focused on helping members solve problems, connect, and learn from other professionals while amplifying their voices within the industry. It all goes back to our start in 1915, when 30 enterprising papermakers gathered to form a new technical arm of the American Paper & Pulp Association (APPA). Their idea was to disseminate technical information for the benefit of the entire industry. This forward-thinking group's goal was to create a forum where information could be channeled and ideas exchanged. In less than a year, TAPPI was born and now, 110 years later, we celebrate the success of all our members. Throughout 2025, TAPPI will hold a series of events celebrating its unique history, and we invite you to get involved.

CELEBRATING THE NEXTGEN

Festivities kicked off over Martin Luther King weekend at the TAPPI-PIMA Student Summit. As part of the commemoration, the TAPPI Foundation sponsored a special 110th Anniversary celebratory dinner recognizing the special achievements of student members and soon-to-be graduates. The TAPPI Foundation is supported by member donations; each year, the Foundation sponsors the Student Summit and provides scholarships, stipends, and recognition for student leaders entering the industry.

This year, more than 20 sponsoring companies invested in this student initiative that helps build a pipeline of new talent for the industry during the Student Summit career fair. The

Summit also includes an engineering competition to give aspiring engineers a platform to showcase their skills while interacting with industry representatives. This event continues to grow thanks to the support of industry-leading companies. Learn more about the Foundation by visiting tappi.org/foundation.

An additional highlight of the evening event was the announcement of a new 110th Anniversary Scholarship. The Foundation oversees TAPPI's scholarship program and was proud to offer nearly US\$60,000 in funding for the 2025-2026 academic year. The new scholarship will be named in honor of dedicated TAPPI staff member Mary Beth Cornell, whose 40-plus year career at TAPPI includes a long history of directly supporting, encouraging, and interacting with students. Fundraising for the commemorative scholarship will be held throughout 2025.

110 YEARS OF RECOGNIZING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST

Festivities will continue at TAPPICon, May 4-7, 2025, in Minneapolis, MN. A gala and awards ceremony on Sunday evening, May 4, will honor the accomplishments and achievements of TAPPI members who are nominated for these prestigious awards by fellow volunteers. In addition, the newest class of TAPPI Fellows will also be inducted at TAPPICon 2025. TAPPI Fellows are an elite cadre of elected members of no less than 10 years who

have contributed meritorious service to TAPPI and/or the industry at large. TAPPI has been inducting Fellows for nearly 60 years.

CELEBRATION CONTINUES INTERNATIONALLY

In July, the celebration extends to the global nanocellulose community, which will gather in Girona, Spain, for the International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials. The event, July 8-11, 2025, features diverse panels, workshops, technical research, and discussions on the latest advancements and applications of bio-based renewable materials. Visit conference.tappinano.org for more information.

The corrugated packaging industry will round out the celebration at CorrExpo®, October 20-22, 2025, in Savannah, GA. It will be a not-to-miss opportunity to build relationships, see the latest innovations on the show floor, and get inspired to take your box plant to the next level. Save the date and visit correxpo.org for program updates and more 110-Year Anniversary happenings.

No matter what segment of the forest products industry you're in, you are invited to take part in the celebration! Visit tappi.org to learn more about the year-long anniversary recognition and to see what plans are in store throughout 2025. Stay on top of all the 110 Year Celebration activities by visiting www.tappi.org/110. 



Mary Beth Cornell (center, facing camera) moderating a Student Summit roundtable discussion.