The President of Penn State, Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, greeted Madra Clay and me warmly by suggesting we use her first name. It was her second time speaking at Ag Progress Days and second standing ovation. All speakers earned standing ovations at the Government and Industry Luncheon. Speakers included: Governor Josh Shapiro, Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, Congressman Glenn Thompson, and Senator John Fetterman.

RULErs were in the back of room, locked in small circles of connections following end of APD proceedings. Someone’s voice rang out, “Hey, we are ALL RULE people – get a photo!” Cindy Kunes pronounced this impromptu gathering as, "RULE Serendipity!"

I also want to acknowledge those who attended, though not present in photo: Lizzie Bailey, Marel King, Betsy Huber, Joel Rotz, Heidi Secord, Art Hershey, Representative Donna Oberlander, and Shana Stern. RULE Board Members: Tom Brant, Kurt Fuchs, Secretary Russell Redding, Zach Gihorski, Darrin Youker, as well as RULE XIX Scholars: Zack Newby, Renee Pusey and Donna Scherer.