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As the gavel came down to end the final session of the 78th National FFA Convention, it was a bittersweet ending. With the pronouncement of 52,396 in attendance, those in Freedom Hall at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center knew it would be the last time they would see the arena—at least for another seven years.

After seven years of creating memories, the national FFA convention bid adieu to the city of Louisville, as it heads north toward Indianapolis.

But during that last week of October in 2005, many memories were made. Blue and Gold jackets were in abundance on the grounds of KFEC, but they could also be spotted in downtown Louisville and other places around town.

During the last week of October, students from across the nation gathered together to celebrate the organization's gold standards of excellence: premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

The national FFA convention was an opportunity for students to share experience, compete for awards and recognition, scholarships, make new friends and



learn through unique activities such as service learning, leadership seminars, educational tours, motivational speeches and much, much more. The event kicked off with speaker Amanda Gore, engaging students and getting them to share their

legally blind) on an eight-half month climb in the Appalachian Mountains.

It was also a time to celebrate the organization's history and commemorate the 40th anniversary of the NFA joining with FFA. Major General Fields, a former

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energy with others. Other speakers included Stedman Graham, an author and chairman of his own business; Sam Glenn, a motivational speaker, and rounding out the keynote addresses, Bill Irwin, a former FFA member, motivational speaker and Appalachian Trail adventurer. Irwin brought a unique message of living to serve as he recounted his promise to God which took him and his guide dog Orient (Mr. Irwin is

NFA president, took the main stage to share with students memories of his time in NFA, and there was not a dry eye in the house, when this classically trained opera singer, broke into the NFA Creed song.

FFA members, teachers and even school administrators attended and gained knowledge from the national FFA convention. Teachers participated in the Agriscience Institute as well as workshops.



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It was a time for sharing ideas and experiences with peers from across the country.

A special part of the convention this year included the “Seeds of Hope” campaign. The initiative was announced in September 2005 by former National FFA President, Jackie Mundt, after Hurricane Katrina wreaked havoc along the Gulf Coast in the fall. Five Gulf States were affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. FFA chapters, businesses and individuals from across the country flocked to the “Seeds of Hope” booth to make donations, or buy a wristband or T-shirt to help the cause.

While at the national FFA convention, members also set the organization’s course for the coming year with official delegate sessions, active debate and the election of new student officers. Travis Jett of the Oklahoma FFA Association was chosen to lead a slate of six officers consisting of Anita Estes, Central Region Vice President; Stuart Joy, Western Region Vice President; Jessie Geib, National Secretary; Ryan Peterson, Eastern Region Vice President; Erica Der, Southern Region Vice President.

All of these events took place in a vibrant, action-packed and fun-filled learning environment.

Of course, the competitive events were also a part of the convention. For some, it was the culmination of hard work and detailed record keeping. This year, Scott Hill from Miller, Missouri, was named the 2005 American Star Farmer.

As an integral part of an agricultural science education program, FFA helps

prepare students for more than 300 careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. This rigorous academic coursework is made relevant for students through hands-on experiences.

“I believe in the future of agriculture” are among some of the most famous words known to current and past FFA members. Written by Kansas farmer, E.M. Tiffany, these are the words that start the FFA Creed, which turned an astonishing seventy-five-years old this year. Adopted at the 3rd National FFA Convention in Kansas



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City, Mo., the creed is recited by many FFA Greenhands across the country, and is proudly spoken in competition at the state and national level. Lauren Der of Plant City, Fla., proved to be the very best at reciting Mr. Tiffany’s words when she won the FFA Creed Speaking Career Development Event (CDE) during the convention.

One way that students bring instruction to life is through a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Students design a program to gain hands-on experience and

develop skills in agricultural career areas that interest them. The program is the application of concepts and principles the students have learned in the agriculture classroom. Students apply for proficiency awards based on their SAE area, and the four finalists compete for the title of national winner in 51 proficiency areas during the national FFA convention.

Other activities held during the national FFA convention were career development events (CDEs). These events allowed students to master cutting-edge workplace skills and prepare for their future. Through 23 CDEs that encompass all areas of the food, fiber and natural resources industry, students learned how to achieve results and recognition, both individually and as a team.

The FFA National Agricultural Career Show was also another highlight of convention. This year marked the 40th anniversary of the FFA Career Show. It is one of the largest career shows in the country and sported a record number of 348 exhibitors and more than 1,500 booths.

This interactive exposition brought hundreds of national and international educational institutions and industry leaders under one roof. FFA members strolled through this show gathering

information from FFA sponsors, learning about groundbreaking agriscience technology and gained future knowledge in career selections.

It was the perfect place for students to see what their future might hold in the agriculture industry.

The national FFA convention is more than just kids in blue jackets. It is the future of agriculture, and the experience of the gold standards that make FFA students our future leaders.

HOW THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION CHANGED MY LIFE

by Julie Adams

When I think back to the single most powerful memory of my childhood, in my mind's eye, it is always winter, and I am always standing outside my great-grandmother's house in Bicknell, Indiana, after the corn harvest. I never fail to feel the approaching chill of winter and smell the unique combination of cornstalk dust, raw earth and November wind, which somehow seemed to indicate spring and rebirth in the midst of all that cold. Someone somewhere ought to patent that. Always, with this memory, I am filled with a sense of peace, optimism and thankfulness that I had such a strong family and sense of belonging to set me on my way in the world.

Having long ago left the confines of southern Indiana for my adult life in the Indianapolis suburbs, I marveled at the turn of events a few years back that brought me to a staff position at the National FFA Organization. FFA was in need of a communication specialist, and I was looking for a job with a higher meaningful experience-to-stress ratio.

Not knowing exactly what was in store for me, I found that the entire FFA staff would relocate to Louisville, Kentucky, for a week at the end of October to celebrate the National FFA Convention. I got caught up in the preparation of this huge event, and on the way to Louisville, I began to sense a building excitement.

To get to the convention from Indianapolis, I had to drive through the Southern Indiana farm country of my childhood. During the drive, I couldn't help but picture myself as an eight-year-old adventurer, off for a hike while the grownups were busy preparing

Thanksgiving dinner. I remembered how I loved to climb the fences, explore the old barns and traipse through the quiet pastureland down to the creek bed. There, in the spring, you could find a bushel basket of morel mushrooms; in the winter, if you squinted, you could glimpse the distant pond visible only after the

ranchers and model citizens. And though the organization uses agriculture as a basis for imparting skills, what FFA really teaches is leadership, citizenship and the skills needed to be a success in whatever these students choose to pursue.

This past year as I was driving home - from my fifth FFA convention - through the very same Southern Indiana farm country, I realized something. The half-million FFA members are continuing all the experiences, traditions and ideals that the eight-year-old in my mind's eye once held so dear. These are the students who would rather stop to help someone who has fallen rather than point and laugh; these same young people already own their own businesses and make financial decisions that would intimidate most adults. These are the citizens who hold their

heads high and mean what they say with their hands over their hearts, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America."

Perhaps one of the 53,000 convention attendees actually will patent and bottle that perfect "Eau de Childhood" scent that can instantly transport me to my great-grandmother's backyard at harvest time. But if not, they've already made an indelible impression on my life. I am filled with that same sense of peace, optimism and thankfulness that these kids have an organization like FFA and the support of parents, advisors and mentors to set them on their way in the world.

We can only imagine where their lives will take them, but I hope that someday, somewhere, these 53,000 young men and women will allow themselves to daydream back to the landmark event of their adolescence. And that their memories of FFA and the convention will sustain them just as my childhood memories do me.



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trees had lost their leaves.

When I arrived in Louisville for my first convention, I was amazed at what I saw. Nearly 50,000 kids in blue jackets were attending classes and workshops, giving voice to unbridled patriotism and proving, to anyone who would witness, that farming, agriculture, biotechnology, floriculture, food and fiber are IMPORTANT to them and important to our country. One teenager had a shirt that said, "Feeding the World. How's THAT for a Noble Profession?"

And as I worked in the convention newsroom that year, I began to realize that the National FFA Organization is much stronger and much more important than your average person could ever realize. Far from being a dead-or-dying "club," FFA continues to hit new membership highs, this year totaling more than 490,000 future managers, engineers, chemists, forest rangers, golf course designers, landscapers, veterinarians, farmers,

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FIRST TIMERS



How can you describe the national FFA convention? Let us count the ways as first time convention attendees reflect on their experiences that the national FFA convention has to offer.

Megan Haynes, FFA member in Ohio thinks it's big! "You feel involved like you're a part of something huge!"

Alyssa Burke and Colleen Buck from Montana say that it is amazing. "It's a great experience. It's pretty cool to see the all of the blue and gold jackets!"

Anna, Elizabeth, Heather, Leah and Lauren of the Brighton FFA in Tennessee claim that there are many differences among the members. "It is really neat to hear all of their accents!"

The South Carolina State Chapter Meeting CDE team is blown away by the atmosphere of national FFA convention. "Everyone is so friendly. The interactions are awesome," chapter officer, La-Rita Dingle states.

Members of the Eastern Hancock FFA in Indiana are excited about the programs. "There are always things to do!" Tyler Speer said. "I didn't get think there were going to be states here from as far away as Alaska and Puerto Rico," said Julia Elsbury.

Brian Lamm and other members of the Durand FFA chapter in Wisconsin said that national FFA convention is the place to

meet people from all over. "I plan to get a better understanding of the National FFA Organization out of convention," Brian said. "I have always wanted to experience it, and I am amazed!"

Many members of the Nelson County FFA chapter from Kentucky, tried to sum up the national FFA convention in three words or less. They came up with overwhelming, crazy good, new friendships, and awesome!

Doug Moyers, a member of the Gilmer FFA chapter in West Virginia, said that national FFA convention has a lot of things to do and to keep you entertained.

Members of the Ryan and Ninnekah FFA chapters from Oklahoma said that the National FFA Convention Career Show shows you all of the opportunities that are out there for you to partake in.

It is interesting to see the eyes of the first time convention attendees. As they walk into the crowded arena of over ten thousand FFA members converging to celebrate to successes of the National FFA Organization, their eyes grow to the size of silver dollars. Without even knowing it, we are instilling the values of the FFA into young members so that they, too, can instill the values of the FFA and take the ideals learned from the national FFA convention back to their home chapters and states.



CHANGE YOUR MIND

by Jackie Mundt
National FFA President

*Nobody loves me
Nobody cares
Nobody picks me peaches and pears.
Nobody offers me candy and cokes,
Nobody listens and laughs at my jokes.
Nobody helps when I get in a fight,
Nobody does all my homework at night.
Nobody misses me,
Nobody cries,
Nobody thinks I'm a wonderful guy.*

Shel Silverstein's poem, *Nobody*, depicts those feelings we all have. The truth is that we all feel this way no matter how old we are, how successful we may seem, or how tough we pretend to be. Life isn't easy, is it? It's not always fair or simple.

So how do we rise above it? All we have to do is change our minds. We can stop the struggles and self-pity to find happiness in life. We really are in control of our attitudes. It's a choice to start seeing the world from a positive point of view. It's a choice to look for the good in every situation. It's a choice to create good in the world and make a lasting impact. We each can do our part to make the world a better place. It just takes two simple things we can all do: see the good, then be the good.

I have had many situations where seeing the good has saved me from myself. Let's visit a few moments in the life of Jackie Mundt. I love theater, so I will try to create the mood for you.

Scene 1: Sophomore year of high school. Action! The whole student body is in our gymnasium watching a game of wheelchair basketball. My friends and I have a great plan...we are going to perform the perfect cheer. As the loudest member of the group I am chosen to lead "GO, FIGHT, WIN!" I stand like a lion, ready to proclaim my battle cry, "GOOOOOOOOOOO!"

Silence! Every head in the gym turned toward the idiot standing all-alone. I am so

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embarrassed. I want to crawl in a hole and die. How could my friends betray me? How dare they leave me hanging?

Cut. I'm at that moment of decision: I can get angry with my friends, throw a tantrum, cry like a little girl, or I can breathe. Fortunately, I took a breath. In that instant, I realized how funny the situation really was. As I laughed at myself, all the anger I initially felt left me. When I started to laugh, my friends did too. Sometimes it feels rather good to just laugh at yourself, doesn't it? The perfect cheer gone wrong helped me to discover the importance of seeing the good in uncomfortable or embarrassing situations.

Scene 2: Junior year of high school. Action! The chapter FFA officer elections are, in my mind, a no-contest. My only competition for chapter president is a quiet, reliable girl named Aletha. I, on the other hand, have been preparing for this since junior high and am a more experienced leader. It's time for Jacko to step up and assume my natural role in the chapter. My ag teacher, Mr. Urban, strolls into the ag room and announces the results. "The new chapter president is Aletha." I smile that forced, cheesy, "Oh, I'm so happy for you" smile. Who's been there? I congratulate Aletha and accept my new position as vice president. Inside there is a furious five-year-old. "What! How dare they! I deserve to be president. She doesn't know a thing about being a leader!"

Cut. Again, I'm at that moment of decision. I can continue to rant and rave, harm the chapter with my bitterness, or I can jump on board and give Aletha the benefit of the doubt. Fortunately, I checked my attitude and made up my mind to follow Aletha and help in any way I could. During the next year I learned more from Aletha about leadership than I had my whole life. She taught me what it really means to be a servant leader, to model expectations and motivate people to join a cause. My year with Aletha taught me to see the good in others.

Scene 3: Just last month at an airport in Dayton, Ohio. Action! I arrive according to schedule for a visit at Greenville High School. As I watch fellow passengers grab their luggage and leave the baggage claim, I realize that mine probably isn't going to

show up. The airline employees do a quick check and inform me that my luggage hadn't made it on the plane; one baggage employee jokes, "Apparently your luggage forgot to buy its own ticket." Let me tell you this, airline baggage employees are not



that funny at midnight! I learn that it will be one o'clock the next afternoon before I "might" be reunited with my entire wardrobe, including official dress. In my mind, I am freaking out, "Not good enough! I have to speak at an all-school assembly at eight a.m. tomorrow, and we are an hour from the school!"

Cut. Yes, again, another moment of decision. I can scream at the poor lady, who had nothing to do with the fact that my luggage didn't arrive, complain about it for the rest of the week, or I can give her the information she needs, kindly thank her and start developing a game plan for finding make-shift official dress. By the time my ride, Mr. Goodwin, arrived I had all the paperwork filled out and was ready to hit the road and find a Wal-Mart. Did you know that for under \$35 and using a borrowed jacket,

you, too can have full official dress!?! The next day, the students in Greenville loved it when I walked in wearing a Greenville FFA jacket! Losing my luggage made me rethink how there is good in every bad situation.

In any of these three scenes from the life of Mundt, I could have gotten down-hearted and caused myself more trouble than I already had. I could have focused all of my energy on what was wrong. Instead I put myself in control of my life. I made the decision to see the good. I haven't always been able to do that, so I guess that's why I take such delight in reliving those scenes.

Each of us encounters daily situations that will test our ability to stay patient, keep our cool, and see the good. Next time you fail a pop quiz, don't get angry with the teacher for not warning you, thank her for giving you a wakeup call. If you trip on the stairs in front of a real hottie, don't be mortified, take personal victory in making him not only notice you but making him laugh as well. When you don't win that FFA award, don't be depressed, appreciate how you have grown. When you start to see the good, your life will go from ordinary to extraordinary.

Once we have become masters at finding good in this world, we can take ourselves to the next level by creating good in the world. That's right, each one of us has the ability to be what is good and right in this world. We all have something to offer; we just have to find out what it is.

At state conventions this year I shared with many of you my brother David's story of positive attitude. When David was sixteen and I was thirteen, his friend, Jonathan was killed in a farm accident. In the wake of that tragic situation David's amazing personality and outlook on the world helped him to rise above the sorrow of our community. David chose to celebrate Jonathan's life. Remember the good times they had together and giving his all on the football field were little things that David did to celebrate the life of his friend.

The story doesn't end there though. Two weeks later I attended my first greenhand conference with my older sister, Jen. In the middle of the night we were awoken by a phone call that said we needed to come home right away. David had been in a car accident, and he was in pretty bad shape. When Jen and I arrived at the hospital, we

met our parents and a few family friends who tried to prepare us for what we would experience when we entered his hospital room.

It didn't help. Nothing can prepare you to see someone you love laying in a hospital bed, hanging on for dear life and showing little to no resemblance of the laughter-filled, life-loving person you know.

When I saw David, I broke down. I cried so many tears. It was the most horrible feeling I had ever experienced. From that moment I started to go numb. I tried to find ways to shut off my feelings of anger, pain and sadness. I began to put on a show trying to pretend that everything was okay.

Two days later when David finally passed away, I had shed tears for the last time. I had resigned myself to believing that I would never be sad, I would never again cry and, if I could help it, I would never ever speak of my brother again. I didn't want to relive that pain by sharing the memories that I had of him. My plan worked for a while, but as the years went by, it became harder and harder to be strong.

In February as my teammates and I began to write our state convention keynote speeches, my secret was discovered. I was encouraged to share David's impactful story of living with a positive attitude. At first, I resisted, remembering all the anguish associated with keeping it locked inside of me. With time and much thought, I decided to include the story in my speech.

At our spring retreat, I stood in front of my teammates, ready to practice my speech and share my brother's story for the first time. Before I could even get the first words out, tears began to fall down my face. They continued until I could no longer hold them. I stopped my speech and sat down. The pain of keeping it in was hitting like a truck. I now faced a difficult decision. Should I share this powerful message knowing that I would have to fight the past? That day I decided that if even one person would hear his story and change their attitude or if someone found hope in it, it was worth it.

The first time I walked off the stage after successfully sharing David's story, I knew I had made the right decision. That personal victory made me feel on top of the world.

What happened after the speeches, though, is what changed my life. Every time

I gave that speech a member of the audience would track me down. People would come to me with tears in their eyes and share their story of challenge or adversity. One member named Robert wrote me an e-mail that said, "Your speech lifted my spirit and made me feel alive. For the first time since the death of my brother, I feel alive."

I never imagined that sharing David could have such an impact. By standing up and talking about David's ability to be the good in the world, people sitting in the audience were encouraged to do the same. That is awesome, and I know David would be jazzed.

David's set an example that gave me the power to be the good for FFA members across the country. Each one of you has our own gift to share with others. Take the time to befriend an FFA member who may be lost. Be a model of the morals and values that you want to see in your younger brother or sister. Embrace our convention theme and truly live to serve in your communities. When we do our best and give a little of ourselves, we have the power to be the good!

Life is filled with tough circumstances and challenging situations that can bring us down. It's also jam packed with beauty, decency, and goodness. We control our thoughts; we can change our minds. By seeing the good, and then being that good, we find that for every negative there are positives waiting: family, Christmas, kittens, a perfect snow, a gorgeous sunset, playing with your food, a Kodak moment with friends, laughing so hard your sides hurt, that first trip to Disneyworld!

The biggest positive I have ever seen is right here in this room. It's faith in agriculture; it's challenging our skills; it's leadership and respect born of deeds; it's brotherhood and charity, honesty and happiness; it's servant leaders holding true to the best traditions of our national life; it's friendship, responsibility and hope for the future; it's what is right in the world.

Each one of us has already made a contribution to it by living the creed, taking on a leadership role, serving our communities and wearing this jacket with dignity. This blue corduroy is a symbol of the good in our organization, in our schools, in our nation. It's a living legacy of the good

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SOWING STEWARDSHIP

Emily Horton
National FFA
Secretary

Tractor buckets full of dirt, garden rows, and my sand box—what did they provide for me as a child? Entertainment! You see while most girls were into dolls and dress up...I was into dirt. I did actually have a doll; her name was Sally. She was no prissy little Malibu Barbie; Sally was a farmer. She was so old and worn that her head would occasionally fall off, and Mom would have to sew it back on.

Oh yes, Sally was definitely a farmer; she and I spent countless hours anywhere we could find dirt. Mom would generally send us to the garden, or Dad would put a tractor bucket full of dirt next to the house. Eventually, we even got a sandbox!

Growing up on the farm and in the sandbox, I learned a lot of great lessons, but one that sticks out is that in order to be effective in agriculture, we must be good stewards. We must take care of the resources God has given us while we are here on earth.

So what does stewardship mean in the sandbox? Don't bury fifteen spoons in there or you will be in big trouble when mom needs them for the company who is coming for dinner. If you fill the thing with water, you'll get mud and all that does is get your tractors stuck. And most importantly, clean up the fertilizer left by the cats. Sandbox is not Latin for giant litter box.

Throughout my many years on the farm, this principle has always remained. If you are a good steward of the land or in my case, the sand, it will repay you. It's this idea of stewardship - taking care of our resources - that is so important to us as leaders in every situation. As leaders, those resources are the people around us.

Farmers sow seed generously knowing that some will grow and some will not; we as leaders also must sow seed in the lives of others. When we sow the seeds of stewardship, we impact others which cultivates them to flourish. Those seeds

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lead to harvesting influence not only in their lives, but also in ours. How do we practice stewardship as leaders? We sow seeds by being selfless and cultivate them by living with a committed purpose.

Sowing the seeds of selflessness is not always easy. It is definitely something that is a continual work in progress in my life. Most of you who know me know that I am so proud to be from Wyoming, the Cowboy State, or as I like to say, the Cowgirl State. I love that I was raised on a cattle ranch and it was there that I learned about the seeds of selflessness.

The cattle gather during my eighth grade year sticks out in my mind. There were six inches of snow on the ground, and it was about fifteen below zero. This was definitely a day for Carhartt Gore-Tex waterproof insulated coveralls! I mean it was bitter cold, snow blowing in our faces, covering our horses, and causing us to be downright miserable.

We were trailing the cattle back about three miles to the house corral. At one point, I wasn't sure how much worse it could get. My horse, Frosty, and I were just that, frosty. I was so ready to go back to the warm truck. I remember thinking, why is this important? The cattle can wait. They can go home tomorrow when this blizzard is over!

I was being selfish, yes, I will admit it. I didn't care about the cattle. All I cared about was warming up and making sure my toes were still attached to my feet.

Dad rode up beside us and all I could do was complain. "Dad, I am freezing. Do we have to ride the rest of the day? Let's just get in the pickup so we can warm up."

After a slight pause, Dad looked over at me and said, well, I won't repeat the exact verbiage, but it was comparable to, "Em, dang it! This is not about you. We gather once a year and you are going to help. It doesn't matter that it's snowing, stop being selfish!"

I shrunk down in the saddle realizing that I had been wrong. It wasn't about me. I wasn't the only one out there who was cold. All of us were, and it took everyone to bring the cattle home. Have you ever had a time like that—when all you could think about was yourself? When what was going on in your world seemed to be way more important

than anyone else's? The lesson I learned that snowy day seven years ago has stuck with me ever since.

Selflessness is invaluable.

Realizing that how something affects me is not nearly as important as how it may impact those around me is a great first step toward



stewardship as leaders. The sad thing is that we are generally more prone to be selfish than selfless. Rick Warren, pastor and author, says it best, "We live in a 'serve us' world. What would it be like if we lived in a 'service' world?"

Generally, we think things like: I have to make the most money. I have to drive the fastest car. I can't do it. I have a horrible life. I need more. I want more. Me. Me. Me. I. I. I. Have you ever tried to have a conversation without using the word "I?" Try it sometime. You will find that it's very difficult. Maybe you are thinking it right now: I could really go for some popcorn, or man, I am hot in this jacket. I would really like that person's phone number, or I wish I had good hair like Dr. Case!

How can we alleviate those thoughts and feelings? By making an effort to pass the ball in basketball practice rather than

shooting it. By refilling the toilet paper roll, and for goodness sake, putting the seat down! By helping to take out the trash or assisting your advisor clean the mechanics shop just because. By volunteering to help organize your chapter's weekend fundraiser. By displaying a "you-first, me-second" kind of attitude.

That's how we begin to have a selfless mindset and become stewards of leadership. If we have a heart of selflessness, we can easily find opportunities not only to sow the seeds of stewardship but we can also cultivate it through having a committed purpose in life.

In March of this year, a young woman in Atlanta, Georgia did just that. Ashley Smith, a twenty-seven year old single mother, had returned home late one evening from the convenience store when a man came up behind her, held her at gun point, and forced his way into her apartment.

Scared for her life, Ashley screamed; she had no idea who her captor was. When he took off his cap she recognized him. It was Brian Nichols, a fugitive who just that day had killed a judge, court reporter, and police officer in the court room where he was being tried for rape. He had also killed and stolen the pickup of a federal agent. He was now taking her into the bathroom where he bound her arms and legs with an extension cord. He then wrapped and tied her in a curtain.

What I haven't told you is that Ashley was a recovering drug addict. She had moved to Atlanta to get away from her past and start a new life. She had two jobs and was going to school. Even though she was on the road to recovery, she still had some drugs in the apartment. Nichols asked if she had any and scared for her life, she offered him some meth. He then untied her and asked her to do the drug with him, but for the first time in her life she felt that she would rather die than do that drug again.

She explained to him how drugs had ruined her life to this point because her husband had been brutally murdered four years earlier during a drug deal and her daughter Paige no longer had a father. She pleaded with him for her own life explaining that if he killed her, Paige wouldn't have any parents.

He started to share his story with her and explained how he had been wrongly accused and didn't rape anyone. She listened and shared with him about her troubled past and

how she had gained insight from a book. She asked if she could read. He agreed, and so she read out loud where she had left off. It was chapter thirty-two of Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*.

The fugitive was intrigued by what he heard, and they continued to talk. They discussed Nichols' murderous decisions, and she explained how she wanted to see her daughter on Saturday. He told her she might see her daughter if she would follow him to get rid of the truck of the last man he had killed, and so she followed him.

Believe it or not, they returned to her apartment and continued to discuss his purpose in life over pancakes. After a long talk, he asked her if she would visit him in jail. She said she would and later that morning, she was allowed to leave under her own free will.

After seven hours of being held hostage, she pulled away and called 911. Within minutes, a SWAT team surrounded her home, and Brian Nichols surrendered.

Ashley Smith says that she feels God brought him to her door. So what made him surrender? What was it that she did to make him realize that it was time to turn himself in?

Some of you men might say, well, she talked his ear off and he couldn't take it anymore. No, that's not it! The passage from *The Purpose Driven Life* that she read said this, God deserves your best. He shaped you for a purpose, and he expects you to make the most of what you have been given. He doesn't want you to worry about or covet the abilities that you don't have. He wants you to focus on the talents you have been given to use.

Ashley planted the seed and was committed to cultivating a greater purpose by helping a man with a serious problem and saving the lives of others. Would you be that driven by purpose to practice stewardship as a leader?

We can sow seeds of stewardship by committing to a purpose greater than ourselves.

The bigger picture is the key to our purpose as leaders. It's about something larger than us. Could you start a mentoring program in your chapter that would help younger members and ensure that the future of your chapter is in good hands? Might you improve a city park that better serves physically-challenged citizens of your community?

How could you raise money for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita?

Whatever we can do to cultivate purpose and a commitment to the greater good is worthwhile. It is not always easy to live selflessly and to contribute to a greater purpose, but fortunately, there are shining examples in life of what that looks like; one of those examples is my friend Kelly Siddle.

Kelly is from northern Wyoming, and she has plenty to be proud of. She is an excellent actress and singer. She has been involved in sports, is an excellent student and, of course, was an active and successful FFA member. Now she is a freshman in college where she received a full-ride scholarship. She is a very accomplished young lady.

Yet, Kelly's accomplishments are not the most impressive thing about her. If you were to ask Kelly what her accomplishments were, she wouldn't tell you. She would say that she enjoyed theatre and athletics. She would talk about FFA and college, but she would never be anything but humble and talk about others. That is Kelly - selfless and driven by purpose.

When Kelly was in the eighth grade she showed her compassion to a friend through a courageous act that most people would never do. Her friend, Kaylee, was sick and was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. Kaylee was having a very hard time dealing with the treatments and as an eighth grader she was very nervous about her appearance.

Kelly decided she would help Kaylee get through this, so she called her friends, Ashton and Kirsten, and they agreed. A few weeks later Kelly, Ashton, and Kirsten took Kaylee to the beauty shop, which had stayed open late because they knew the four girls were coming. Cake was served to celebrate Kaylee's fragile life, and then all four girls shaved their heads bald together.

What Kelly did for Kaylee is not something that just any friend would do. She knew that life wasn't about her. It was about Kaylee and making her feel more comfortable with the situation she was going through.

Lead like Kelly, an FFA member just like all of us. Kelly is a true steward of leadership.

So even when it's freezing cold and our feet are frozen in our boots, the cows still need to be gathered. It's about planting seeds of selflessness. Cultivating a committed purpose may be tough, it may even mean life or death,

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LESSONS FROM RIGHT FIELD

Jay Kelley

National FFA Eastern Region Vice President

The sights and sounds of a little league baseball game. I remember it as if it was yesterday, standing on the pitcher's mound, hearing the roar of the huge hometown crowd, watching the replays on the scoreboard and glaring at the opposing dugout just daring the other players to come onto MY field. Come to think of it, the crowd was usually just twenty parents scattered in lawn chairs, the scoreboard was actually a clipboard held by the coaches, and there were no dugouts, only benches. Oh, and one other thing. I wasn't the pitcher. But I did play right field and knew I was on my way to major league stardom just like my fellow right fielder greats - Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Frank Robinson. I had all the tools of a great player: a glove, a bat, a ... uniform.

Truthfully, I was terrible. I don't remember the number of home runs I hit; well, I don't even remember getting a hit! Baseball is not my best sport. In fact, it's ugly, REAL ugly! Although I wasn't the best, or even good for that matter, I learned some valuable lessons playing the game, lessons I still use today. Two things stand out in my mind. I discovered at a young age that when I first faced my fears and then played to win, the game was a success, whether the score represented it or not.

Wow, those were great days out in right field!

When playing little league, my biggest fear wasn't tripping while rounding third, or striking out, and it certainly wasn't dirtying my pretty little white pants; my biggest fear was the baseball. That's right, the ball. All five ounces of it. I was so scared of the little guy, which isn't necessarily the best thing if you want to be any good. When a batter came up, I would oftentimes shout

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something like "You hit like a girl!" because in second grade, them are fighting words! But inside I was always thinking, "Oh please Lord, don't let him hit the ball to me!" If it's hit to me, I might miss it, or even worse, get hit in the face! While most of my teammates liked to shout out on a pop fly, "I got it, I got it," I preferred the lesser used, "You got it."

The baseball was what held me back. We all have those things in our lives that hold us back, that keep us from our goals. No matter who you are, there is something that you fear.

One of mine is snakes. Hate snakes! What's the quickest way to get me out of a room? Put a snake in there. Raise your hand if you hate snakes? Yep, can't stand them either!

Even though I hate snakes, there is one thing I fear more than snakes. I shiver when I think about this monster, this nemesis, this fiend.

On this stage, it sits under that cover, haunting my past. At the age of seven, I was attacked by it, which left the noticeable scar on my chin as a reminder of the pain of our struggle, of our fight to the death. Right here on this stage sits my biggest fear...

A Rubbermaid garbage can! OK, so there's a story behind this. Fifteen years ago, I was visiting my great grandmother in the hospital. I was only seven years old at the time, and as I walked across the room, I tripped, and planted my face squarely on the floor. That's when the garbage can jumped me like the evil little trash bucket it is. So maybe I did trip and fall into the garbage can rather than having it attack me, but it still hurt. After getting seven stitches in my chin, I wasn't getting near another garbage can again. Why? I had a reason to

fear them! And so I would live a life on the run from every garbage can in the world.

But come on, worry about that little guy, I wouldn't worry about that little guy.

Every day we are challenged to face our fears - some more serious than others; such as the fear of failure or public speaking, the fear of neglect or social settings, the fear of unfamiliar situations. Unfortunately, sometimes we allow our fears to overshadow our



hopes and dreams. It isn't until we decide to face those fears that we realize our full potential. Maybe it is a simple act like riding a rollercoaster, dancing in front of a crowd or asking that special someone out. What's the worst that could happen? You lose your lunch on the ride, fall down attempting to dance or get turned down. But you might love the ride, impress everyone with your sweet dancing skills or go out on a date.

Isn't it crazy that we let fears dictate our lives? Why can't we just walk up to our fears, knock them over and say, "That's right, and don't you come back here no more!"

This year, I have witnessed FFA members all across this nation facing their fears head on, whether it was facing a fear of speaking in front of a state convention, facing a fear of losing while competing in a CDE, or facing the fear of being criticized by peers for standing up for what's right. It is almost as if this blue corduroy we wear shields us from those fears, giving us the ability to overcome them.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face ... do the thing you think you cannot do." Make the choice right now that you are going to start facing those fears that are holding you back! Whatever you may be afraid of, face it and overcome it! Do the thing you think you cannot do.

I knew I could never be any good at baseball unless I faced my fear of the ball. It took me a whole lot longer than I wanted it to, but eventually, I wasn't scared any more. As I got older, when a batter came up, I began to say, "Try hitting it to me and see what happens." I wasn't promising I was going to catch it, but I sure wasn't scared anymore!

Facing my fears was just one of the lessons I learned out there in right field. When I wasn't too busy heckling opposing hitters or playing in the dirt - by the way, not a lot of balls get hit out there in little league - I learned something about winning.

One of the best reasons for playing little league didn't happen during the game. After every game, our coach would take us uptown to The Whip, that's with a "W-h", as in whipped topping. Let me tell you about The Whip. With its blue awnings, two order windows and wood deck, it was THE place to be in the summer. You could get anything you wanted, shakes, sundaes, floats, flurries - you name it. Looking back, it was just like any other small town ice cream shack, but when I was a kid it had the best ice cream in the world, end of story!

No matter if we won or lost, we ate ice cream at The Whip. However, if we played hard, I mean real hard, coach would give us a dollar to spend. A dollar was worth a whole lot more than just your typical fifty cent small cone; you could get a large cone with crunchies on it! I loved crunchies! When we played hard on the field, we were rewarded after the game. It was out there in right field that I learned how important it is to play hard, to give my absolute best effort on every play; it was there that I learned the importance of playing to win.

This idea of playing to win began to carry over to other parts of my life. I remember going to parades as a child with my sister and cousins, who were mostly older, quicker and cuter than me. Yeah, I'll admit that I was not the cutest kid in the world. I didn't even

have hair until I was four! And when you're not cute, you don't get candy at parades! When candy was thrown from the parade floats, the street turned into a battlefield, with me typically coming up empty handed.

I couldn't stand being the kid who went home with minimal candy, so I decided to take measures into my own hands. They may have been older, quicker and cuter, but I was just a bit smarter! I drifted away from the "group of vultures" until I found a spot alone on the street. Now as the floats came by, I was the oldest, quickest, and cutest because I was the only one there! I didn't even have to run for the candy; it was all mine! No longer was I just playing not to lose, I was now playing to win.

Playing not to lose versus playing to win. So what separates the two? It's the difference between doing just enough to get by and actually doing what needs to be done to do the job right. It is like the difference between working for an A, or just settling for a C. This choice occurs in all aspects of our lives, whether it is with our friends and family, in school, sports, FFA or service. Why do we limit ourselves by playing not to lose?

As a kid, my favorite vacation was not the trip to St. Louis, the week in Kansas City, or even the White Sox baseball game in Chicago. My favorite destination was and still is a magical place, one filled with cartoon characters, rides, shows, turkey legs and a certain mouse.

That's right, you guessed it, Disney World! Disney World is still one of my favorite places! To think that one man could dream all that!

As magical as Disney World is, it is hard to believe what Walt Disney went through to make it. Born in Missouri, he spent the first sixteen years of his life in fear of his abusive father on the farm before heading overseas to serve in World War I. When he returned, he worked in Kansas City as an artist with little success. After moving to Los Angeles, he had a big hit with Oswald the Rabbit, but had it stolen from him, along with all the profits for it. As it seemed to be the "one that got away," it actually propelled him to create the icon we know today as Mickey Mouse. The little animated mouse was the beginning of what is known around the world as the Disney Spirit, a feeling of happiness and a reality of our

dreams.

In August I made a return trip to Disney World. As soon as I stepped into the park, I was transformed into that kid again. I will admit, it was a little awkward standing in line for photos with Pluto with a group of kids who were less than half my size! As I went from park to park, I realized that Disney World has continued to grow and impact the lives of children all around the world. Where would it be today had Walt Disney not played to win. Sure he could have given up along the way, he had all the excuses - his father was abusive, his character was stolen, he banked everything on a park called Disneyland. It started at Disneyland in California, expanded to Disney World in Florida, and is now in Europe and Japan. Playing to win not only impacted Walt, but it touched the lives of millions.

Everyday we face the challenge of playing to win. It's in all aspects of our lives. If we play to win in FFA, we are helping ourselves now and in the future. There are over 3300 members here competing at the national level in CDEs, 70 of them will walk away champions. They are living examples of playing to win! They didn't just say, "Let's make it to districts!" They went after it, chose to be here!

General George Patton said, "When a man does his best, what else is there?" We all have 100% to give, so why not use it all? In my opinion, there is nothing worse than wasted potential. Now playing to win isn't the ribbons, awards, or trophies we may earn; it's about pushing ourselves, doing the best that we can with our abilities.

Now that I think about it, we didn't win any championships in little league. The trophies would have been cool for a kid to have, but they were not the most important part of the game. We just knew that if we played hard and gave it everything we had, good things would happen. We played to win the game, no matter what the score might have been.

How I miss those days of right field! I may have outgrown my glove, and I know I outgrew my uniform, but I'll never outgrow those two lessons.

The game really is a parallel to our lives. On both fields, we face pressure from nearly all sides. Sometimes we'll win, sometimes we'll lose, but what matters most is

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REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE

Justine Sterling National FFA Central Region Vice President

This was it; the biggest day of my life, so far. I was an independent woman, ready to go out and get a good education. I had my book bag, I had my show-and-tell, and I had on my brand new dress. I was ready to take on the world, one preschooler at a time. Remember what it was like—your first day of school.

Ten years later, the lights were low, the decorations tacky, and my hands clammy.

I had a hot blue velvet dress on and a cool date named Jeremy. The song “Truly Madly Deeply” by Savage Garden came on and I got butterflies in my stomach. It was time—time for the penguin slow dance. Remember? Your very first school dance.

The pitch black arena, the music that vibrated deep in your stomach, the closeness of the person next to you, the unity that was like nothing you had ever felt before, the amazement, the awe, the jackets, and Dr. Case raising the roof—you remember—your very first national FFA convention.

Among all 15,000 of us in this arena, we have made a lot of memories in our lifetimes. There have been the highs and the lows, the successes and the failures, the laughter and the tears. We’ve won football games, we’ve lost officer elections, we’ve walked into our first ag classroom and we’ve recited the FFA creed. We know what it’s like to be so nervous that we’re shaking, so happy that we’re flying, and so confused that we don’t know which direction to turn. Those experiences, those stories that shape who we are and where we come from, are the very answers to making the world around us a better place.

It’s as simple as this. Anna Quindlen, a novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner once said, “To remember is to understand.” When we take the time to remember our past experiences, it enables us to under-

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stand others. All we have to do is put ourselves in their shoes and look at things from a different point of view. Once we remember those experiences that have impacted our lives, we can then use them to be there for others. That’s all there is to it.

For me, and probably a lot of you, many of my stories and experiences are all because of four very special people in my life—my family. They are pretty cool people, so let me tell you a little bit about them.

First of all, my mom is a lot like me. She loves theater and music, chick flicks, and chips and salsa. She is strong in her beliefs, and solid in her faith, and always able to see the positives in life.

Then there is my dad. He is a fun-haver, and he loves to joke, especially when it involves making fun of me. Dad values hard work and service, and is a model of both for us kids.

And of course, I am very lucky to have two loving younger brothers. Austin is the older of the two, and he is my exact opposite. He is laidback, relaxed and always the life of the party. He sees no value in worrying about tomorrow, because there is plenty of fun to be had today, and he always reminds me of that.

Jordan is the baby of the family. He is motivated, driven and focused, right now mainly on football (just so you know, he is starting on varsity this year as a sophomore). He is one talented public speaker

and uses that talent to talk his way out of everything.

Between the five of us, we can have a lot of fun. We love the K-State Wildcats, coffeecake on Christmas morning, and watching combines during wheat harvest. I was raised in a household where teasing was encouraged, but respect was demanded. My parents instilled morals and values into the three of us that will never falter, and they always encouraged us to give of ourselves to help those around us.

Then my senior year rolled around. I was in my prime—vice president of our FFA chapter, lead role in the community play, cheerleader, varsity tennis and making good grades, wow, my constant drive for perfection was in sight.

One weeknight in September of 2001, my parents called us down to the kitchen table. I was kind of annoyed because I was in the middle of homework. We all sat down, and my mind started racing—was my mom pregnant, did someone have cancer, were my brothers in trouble again, what could this be about? We didn’t have family meetings very often, so it had to be big.

Then my parents proceeded to tell the three of us that they were getting a divorce. You know, I hate that word. Because it sounds so normal these days, so routine, because one out of every two families goes through divorce, it sounds like it should be so easy. But let me tell you, it’s not. At that very second, my world came crashing down around me. I didn’t know what to do or where to turn. I still remember what it felt like to think that my family might never be whole again.

So why did I want to share this story with all of you tonight? Certainly not to make you feel sorry for me, and not because I thought a dramatic story would spice up my speech. The reason? Because this year I met hundreds of FFA members across the country who also came from divorced families. And after I told them about my family, they viewed me in a completely different light. They were able to see that my life’s not perfect either. Because we remembered what it was like to go through a divorce, we understood each other.

What has happened in your life? How

can you use your own experiences to help someone? Phil Jackson, head coach of the L.A. Lakers, once said, “When we can treat everyone with the same care and respect that we give ourselves and try to understand their reality without judgment, we begin to see that we all share the same basic struggles, desires and dreams.”

Remembering is understanding. Remember when you struggled with self confidence or got teased a lot at school? There is someone, in your class, in your school, maybe in here right now, who is going through the same thing. Remember when you were a greenhand and you felt like you would never be good at FFA? There is probably a greenhand in your chapter who feels the same way.

Remember what it was like to fall in love, to go to your first prom, to put on that FFA jacket for the first time. Maybe you remember what it was like to go to nationals in a career development event or be elected to state office. Ag teachers, remember what it was like to teach your first class. You remember what it was like, and when people around you experience that same thing, it’s up to you to listen to them, understand what they are going through, and most of all, to help them see that they aren’t alone.

Harold Taylor, author and life management expert, once said, “Unless we give part of ourselves away, unless we can live with other people and understand them and help them, we are missing the most essential part of our own human lives.” Every single person in here has the ability to help someone and you don’t have to do anything amazingly profound to do it. All you have to do is remember. All you have to do is understand.

I do have a secret to share with all of you though. I had a tough time writing this retiring address. I struggled with what I wanted to say and how I wanted to say it. What is my purpose standing up here? And how can I possibly compare to five of the most passionate, sincere and talented speakers I know, my teammates?

You may do the same thing. You may think that your own experiences aren’t meaningful enough to share with others, and then you might compare yourself to the people around you. But you know what I finally decided? I don’t have to say anything profound, like challenging you to save

the world and feed all the people. All I have to do is share my story, and encourage you to share yours.

This year I met someone truly using her own experiences to make that special difference in others’ lives. I was at my last state convention in Florida, and I started talking with an ag teacher after one of the sessions. Her name was Mrs. Leanne Jenkins, and not only was she absolutely beautiful, both inside and out, she was one of the most genuine people I have ever met. She started telling me about her students, and how it was her first year teaching at Beulah Academy of Science, and it was extremely evident how much she loved her job.

She invited me to spend an afternoon at the mall with her chapter, and I jumped at the chance. We had a blast—shopping for clothes to wear to the big convention dance, touring the Bass Pro Shop, and just taking myself back to the wonderful world of middle school. The whole time though, I couldn’t help but watch how Mrs. Jenkins interacted with those students. We all know how awkward middle school can be, trying to fit in, be cool and dress well. And usually your teachers are the most uncool people in the world, second only to your parents.

But as I watched Mrs. Jenkins discreetly lend a couple of dollars to a student who couldn’t afford lunch, comfort a stomach ache, help pick out the cutest, yet still appropriate, shirt for a girl to wear to the dance all the while disciplining like a good ag teacher, I saw just how important it is to remember what it’s like. Mrs. Jenkins took herself back to middle school, and, as a result, she could relate to her students so incredibly well. She understood how they were feeling, and because of that, she was able to connect with them on a whole new level.

It’s important though, that as we remember our experiences to help us understand others, we do more than just remember. We have to take action by listening, understanding and being there for others. It’s easy to dwell on our own challenges and pursuits in life. But the question is, how can you use your experiences to make someone else better?

If you can relate to one person, or give advice to one person, or just understand how one other person is feeling, then it’s worth it. The truth is, people need you.

There is someone out there who feels like you do, who thinks like you do, and who is counting on you to help them. It’s time to let those people know that you do remember, and you do understand. In the words of author George Eliot, “What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?”

In our world today, we are driven to set goals and achieve them, to move forward, and to accomplish something great. But often, the one thing that allows us to be successful isn’t moving forward, it’s looking backward; taking ourselves back to a time when we knew what it felt like to be that little girl on her first day of school, that nervous freshman at his first high school dance, or that FFA member at her very first national convention. The more we can put ourselves in others’ shoes, the easier it will be to make a difference.

After all, a good judge remembers being a lawyer and a good CEO remembers being an intern. A good athlete remembers learning how to play the sport. A good teacher remembers being a student and a good parent remembers being a child. But not only that, a good chapter officer remembers being a greenhand. A good state officer remembers being a chapter officer. A good national officer remembers sitting right there, in your very seat. What is one experience in your life you can use to impact the lives of those around you?

FFA members, I hope you know that I will forever remember what it’s like to be a part of a family 490,000 members strong. I will remember what it’s like to serve on an officer team with five of the most giving and sincere people I know. I will remember what it’s like to stand on this stage in Freedom Hall and know that I am surrounded by thousands of FFA members right now who are full of compassion, who care about others, and who will make a difference in this world.

You have power—the power to remember, the power to understand, and the power to help someone. You have the power to be there when they need it most. Within each of us lies the ability to reflect on our past and be people filled with compassion and understanding—to understand life and to serve others. Ladies and gentlemen, you have the power to remember what it’s like.

TODAY

Brian Hogue Western Region Vice President

Ever since I was a tiny farmer in cowboy boots and a diaper, I have thought about the future – now I am not talking about space ships, time ports and traveling to distant planets. No, I am talking about my future, my real future. I have always been focused on what tomorrow was going to bring.

In middle school all I could think about were the days when I would get my driver's license and have my very own pickup truck. Yeah, that's right, I'm a truck guy. Do we have any other trucks out there this morning? Now more importantly how many truck girls do we have with us? That's what I thought.

Well, I had a perfect picture of what my future truck would look like in my mind. It was going to be a '97 Ford F-250 Power Stroke, super cab, 4 wheel-drive, long bed. It needed to be white, have big tires, a super sweet CD system, toolbox, a goose-neck hitch in the back and a cattle catcher Texas bumper up front.

With the keys to this truck in hand, I just knew things would be different. My cattle business would explode. I would no longer have to wait for my parents to take me to get feed, pick up new cattle or take me to the livestock shows around the state. When I had my own truck, I wouldn't have to rely on mom to pick me up and drop me off for dates.

Okay, I'll be honest, I didn't have any dates but you can imagine, at least I did.

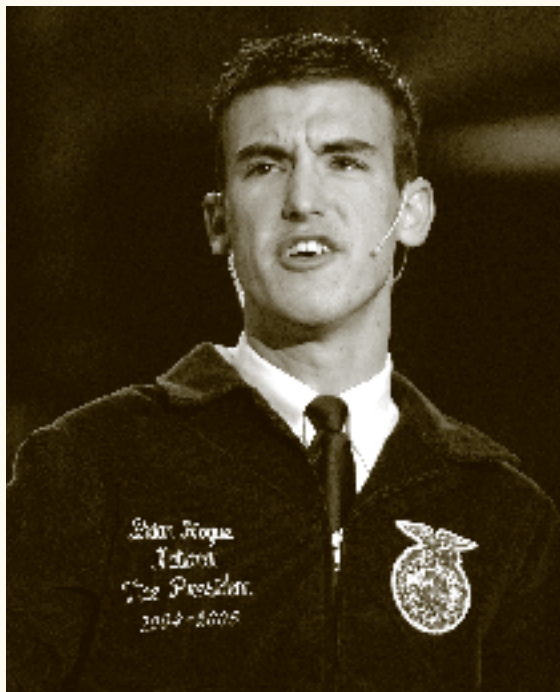
We all know how un-cool mom's taxi service is, no matter what she says. But with that truck I could do it all by myself; life would really be great once I had that truck. That's when I would be super successful; that's when I would hit my prime.

Well, the day finally came; I got my license and a truck. But you know what I did? I forgot about all my amazing plans that involved that truck, and I immediately began to think about the future. I immediately began to think about college.

In college I would be on my own. I would have my own place, my own living room,

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my very own kitchen. That's when my life would take off; that's when I would show everyone what Brian Harvey was all about. I would be active in all kinds of clubs and organizations, have a super sweet part-time job, I would carry a 4.0. I would develop all kinds of cool skills like num chuck and cage fighting skills. And with those skills I would finally be able to get a girlfriend, maybe



one that knew my name. Yeah, college was where I was to be super successful. College was where I would hit my prime.

Well, college came and I found myself thinking only about the days when I would graduate and be able to start my career and a family. I just knew that when I could begin a career and start making money, things would be different. I would have a great career, one that I loved, one in which I could make a difference. I would have a great salary; I could afford to buy the cool vehicles, take super sweet vacations and live in the perfect house.

But most importantly I would finally be ready to marry the perfect woman of my dreams. She would be a brunette, conservative, 5' 8", classy, intelligent, funny and come from an agricultural background, of course. And maybe with my new wife, we could have some kids - actually five of them. Two boys, three girls. We would

name them Clark, Ethan, Hannah, Grace and Taylor. We would live in the perfect two-story house with a wrap-around porch, and a sparkling white fence surrounding the lush green yard that I so perfectly manicured every Saturday morning with my 2350 zero-turn John Deere mower.

It's kind of obvious I had given this some thought. I believed at the time that when I could have a career and family, that's when I would be super successful and that's when I would hit my prime.

Well by now you're surely able to see the pattern my life has taken. For me, it's always about the next big thing. Though this way of thinking may seem progressive and futuristic... which by the way isn't all that bad... it does have one very large flaw. I oftentimes get so wrapped up in tomorrow that I forget about today.

Little did I realize that the things I said, the things I thought about, and the things I did today defined what tomorrow would hold. I was so wrapped up in what tomorrow could bring, I forgot about the potential of

today. I was never going to accomplish the grandiose ideas if I didn't start molding my character and taking action today. You know we all hear a lot of songs talking about the idea that tomorrow may not be here, that today could be our last. Garth Brooks sang If Tomorrow Never Comes, and we all remember Tim McGraw's big hit last year, Live Like You Were Dying.

Folks, the problem is not that tomorrow might not come, the issue is that tomorrow will come and that makes today so very important. It's how we live our next twenty-four hours that defines our future forever.

Our today defines our tomorrow.

There are so many ways in which our actions and thoughts of today will impact our tomorrows. There are two ways that I consider vital, two things that will either make or break our future. First, it is our character today which defines our reputation tomorrow.

We must live lives of character today if we want to live a life of character tomorrow. And secondly, the people we choose to surround ourselves with today are the people we will resemble tomorrow. That's right, we choose whom to associate with, so why not choose people that will make a positive difference in our lives. In my opinion, those two things have the greatest impact on our future, more than our education, more than our abilities and strengths, more than our interests. It is our personal character and the character of those around us today that define our lives tomorrow.

So what's character anyway? For most of us here, we have either thought about or even cheated on a school assignment throughout our years. At the time, it seems so pointless. I mean, it's just a spelling test. It has no connection to my future, it's just silly words I may or may not use, and it's just something the English teacher gives us to make our lives miserable. Who cares if I look off my neighbor's paper for a word or two?

No one will find out. It really doesn't matter.

But that idea and flaw in our character will most likely follow us to college. Now, instead of a spelling test, it's a semester research paper. I mean it's really not that important, I am not all that interested in the subject anyway. It's just a class I have to take. No one is going to find out. I mean the professor has like 150 papers to grade. How would she ever find out that I plagiarized a paragraph or two? It doesn't really matter.

That character flaw that started so innocently continues to follow us through our lives. Instead of a spelling test or research paper, it might show up in our personal lives. While at a business conference you meet a young lady or young man who seems to be very interested in you. They're nearly half your age and they seem way more interested in you than your spouse has been lately. Your spouse will never find out. I mean no one here even knows you.

Cheating on your husband or wife isn't that bad these days, I mean it really doesn't matter.

Actually, it does matter. It really matters.

It matters on the spelling test and on the research paper and it definitely matters in a relationship you've committed yourself to. Do you think the people involved in the

Enron and WorldCom corporate scandals woke up one morning and out of the blue decided, "You know, I think I could cheat some money out of this company." No, they had been cheating their whole lives. They had programmed themselves to a life of flawed character many years ago while they might have been in high school or college. The things we do today define what we do tomorrow.

I've shared just a few examples; it works out that way for everything. Our honesty today will define our honesty tomorrow. Our responsibility today will define our responsibility tomorrow. Our integrity today will define our integrity tomorrow.

Hear this; our character today defines our reputation tomorrow.

We can just sit back and say, "You know, I'll start making the right decisions tomorrow, or next year or when I get into college." By that time, it's too late.

When I was in high school, I thought I was on an island. We think that while in high school, things don't matter. The things we say, things we think about, things we do are not going to affect our future. High school is not an island; it's a destination we all must go through. I now know and can confidently say that my future is dictated by my years in high school.

If we want to be people who are known for our integrity, for our responsibility, for our honesty, for our work ethic, we can't start tomorrow. We must start today.

Today, let's choose to be compassionate and show we care to that fellow FFA member who is oftentimes left out. Today, let's choose to be reliable and have the courage to do the right thing, especially when no one is looking. Today, let's choose to think before we act and always be accountable for our actions.

Possessing good character today is not the only ingredient that makes for a good person tomorrow. Sometimes we forget that the people who surround us have a dramatic affect on the way we act, think and talk. It's like when you put something in the refrigerator for long enough that it starts to take on the smell and taste of the other food that's in there. As a college student with my own apartment, I can tell you that happens! I once had a piece of cheesecake that tasted like asparagus. That just isn't right!

It's the same story with our friends, whether we like it or not, the people we hang around with today are the people we will resemble tomorrow. In other words, they have a huge influence on the decisions we make tomorrow.

I know you all know this, because you belong to FFA - an organization that is full of positive people. Whether they are fellow FFA members, advisors, alumni or sponsors, the people who are involved in FFA are the people we need to be around. I believe someone was looking out for my future and me when they introduced me to five people who have made a positive difference in my life.

Each one of my teammates is full of things that I wish had or had more of.

Jay's ability to focus and work extremely hard are things I continually try to learn from. Jackie's ability to think on her feet and her complete randomness is something I aspire to have someday. Justine has an amazing ability to relate with others whether they are a two-year-old toddler or a seventy-five year old man. Rachael's desire to continually help others pushes me to look for ways to help others everyday. And Emily's strong faith has been something for which I will always strive.

Thank you, guys for truly making a positive difference in my life.

This year, not only was I surrounded by my team but also by the thousands of FFA members and hundreds of advisors I had the opportunity to come in contact with during my travels. Some of you may be here right now, in this very hall. I want to thank you for not only letting me serve you but also surrounding me and making me ask the question each and everyday "How can I be better?" I offer a sincere thank you to each and every one of you.

You see, no matter how hard we try, we can't help but take on some of the characteristics of the people around us. Sometimes it's for the good like you and my team, but other times it's for the worse. I am not saying you automatically turn into your friends. No, we simply take on a few attributes. We don't have the luxury of choosing what attributes we will pull from our friends. If the people who surround us are people of high integrity, we can't help but start to live a life full of integrity. If the

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MOMENTS

Rachael McCall Southern Region Vice President

Like most teenagers I love the movies! Scary movies, chick flicks, suspense, classics, comedies, every kind. We all have that favorite movie that we've watched so many times, we can quote it. Take for instance, "Tommy Boy." "Brothers don't shake hands, brothers hug." Or how about another personal favorite, from "Dodge Ball," "If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball."

The American Film Institute recently ranked the top one hundred most memorable movie quotes of all time. I'm sure that you've heard these quotes before, so I'm going to ask for your help in completing them.

From "The Wizard of Oz," "Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."

Let's try "Star Wars," "May the Force be with you."

"Jerry Maguire," "Show me the money."

How about "Forrest Gump," "Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

A "League of Their Own," "There's no crying in baseball."

And from "Top Gun," "I feel the need, the need for speed."

I'm proud to say that the quote selected as number one was spoken by Clark Gable in a little 'ole movie set in the great state of Georgia.

You may have heard of it, "Gone With the Wind." Now, I won't need your help completing this one! It sounds something like this, "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a darn!"

There is one quote, though, that I feel was deserving of the top 100, a quote with real meaning and substance.

In the movie "Tin Cup," Kevin Costner's character is down on his luck and he states, "When a defining moment comes along, either you define the moment or the moment defines you."

Throughout our lives we encounter defining moments—moments so powerful that afterwards, we are changed forever. Every

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good movie has a climax. It's the part where the writers and directors have built the suspense up so well that your blood is pumping, you're on the edge of your chair ready to explode because you know something is about to happen that will change everything. A defining moment is just like that, a build up of everything in your life and then all of a sudden something incredible happens. You have a realization and everything is different. In my short twenty years, I have experienced three lasting defining moments. As a ninth grader, I realized the value in this organization. It was my senior year in high school that I realized the value in every day. And, just this summer, some special FFA members helped me to realize the importance of thinking of others.

My first defining moment started here six years ago. A lot of firsts happened in 1999—my first year of high school, first year in FFA, first blue corduroy jacket, first national FFA convention, and the first year of convention in Louisville! I remember the first day putting on my freshly stitched, never-before-worn FFA jacket. Seeing my name embroidered on the front and my school on the back generated a sense of pride in that jacket.

However, not everyone in my school understood why we wear these corduroy jackets in the dead heat of summer. Oftentimes, they would snicker and ask questions about our official dress, making this naïve fourteen-year-old feel a little less excited to zip up her trademark jacket. After FFA events I would quickly shed the scarf and jacket so no one would poke fun at me. The excitement and pride I felt in the organization did not return to me until I attended my very first national convention.

How many of you here this afternoon are first timers? This is a very exciting time for you as it is for everyone, but especially for the newbies. The first time I walked into Freedom Hall, it was pitch black with lights going crazy all over the arena, music blaring, people standing up screaming, yelling and running all over the place. It was total pandemonium and as my friends in the Northeast would say,

it was wicked AWESOME!

I walked down those metal steps in the back, eyes glued to the big screen and the laser show. It was just like in one of those movies where the girl is gracefully descending the steps in awe of everything around her and then, falls flat on her face! Yep, that's right; my first memory of this place is biting it! Luckily it was pitch black!



When I finally picked myself up off the convention floor, I looked around and realized there were 50,000 other people in Louisville just like me—people interested in agriculture, leadership and personal development; 50,000 of my closest friends who also believe in the future of agriculture. This organization was not just about me. It's about every one of us. Every time we put this jacket on we are recognized as an FFA member and each one of us is representing the blue and gold.

When I left convention, I knew that I was in the right organization. I knew that this was the place for me, and I devoted the next six years of my life to something in which I believed. From then on I wore my jacket with pride; the joking about the jacket didn't matter. I sported my FFA jacket because I was a proud member of the largest and best, youth-led organization in the nation! Joining the FFA and at-

tending national convention is a defining moment because the FFA does change lives. It will change yours.

As I mentioned earlier, I love all kinds of movies, but I have determined that our lives are most like thrillers. In thriller movies there is usually more than one climax. In our lives we definitely have more than one defining moment.

During my senior year a very powerful defining moment came my way. You know, teenagers - me included - really do live like tomorrow is a guarantee. We live like we are the action heroes that never get hurt and are going to live forever. I have to admit, I have usually had a rather positive outlook about life, a happy go-lucky kind of girl.

By the start of my senior year, that had changed. It was then that my grandfather became ill and it became necessary for someone to always be with him. During the day my aunt would stay with Pa, and in the evening my father would care for him after completing his ag teacher duties. My mother and I would always take Daddy and Pa dinner, and sometimes we'd stay to eat with them. It became a way of life. However, what caused my negative change in attitude was not so much my grandfather; it was actually more that I felt like I was losing my Daddy. Most days the only time I had to spend with my father was the hour in my agricultural science class. FFA events and agriculture class became sacred time for me to spend time with him because spending time at my grandfather's became too hard.

I began falling into my own depression. I started to have dark, horrid thoughts. Everything all of a sudden became so difficult: academics, deadlines, friendships, life. I just did not want to deal with it. Often I would be driving and wish that I would be in an accident...the only one hurt. I was so ashamed of these feelings and still am. Ashamed of how ungrateful I was of the good life I was given. Then one day on my way to school, running slightly late, my perspective literally did a one eighty.

It was the day for "Senior Favorite" pictures. I awoke a little late, so I was still getting ready as I was leaving the house. While driving my mother's GMC Safari - oh yeah, I was cool - I applied my mascara. As I approached a set of S-curves, I dropped my mascara; stupidly, I reached down to pick

it up. The next thing I knew I was pulled off the road as my tires left the roadway. I overcorrected to the left, then the right and back left again. Somehow, I did not flip the thing over, but instead ended up on the other side of the road facing the opposite direction. I was shaking, crying, praising the Lord and worrying.

I realized at that defining moment just how lucky I am to be alive, to have my health, my family and friends, and to have the opportunities I have had. I appreciated the value of the time we have. So many times we put things off, believing that there is always tomorrow. For me, life took a sudden sense of urgency and resulted in a more positive perspective. I began to spend more time at my grandfather's side and I relished the whole hour spent with my dad everyday at school.

Everyday is a gift; a gift of a little more time to tell loved ones we love them, to spend with the elderly, to help those in need, to show appreciation for things that have been done especially for us, and to thank our advisors, parents and friends for the difference they make in our lives. Every moment counts. Are you putting off until tomorrow what could be done today, or are you living right now? How much do you value this life?

My most touching defining moment resulted from the willingness of some of you to try something new. Let me hear you if you've been to the Washington Leadership Conference! While I was at WLC four months ago, I witnessed a group of students who are truly living to serve.

The truest demonstration of their commitment to serving others was displayed by a group of students who called themselves The Goonies. The Goonies were a special group of FFA members. However, one stood out, Tyler from Minnesota. Tyler experienced WLC slightly different from everyone else. You see Tyler has a hearing impairment that leaves him completely without sound. Instead of leaving Tyler behind and ostracizing him because he was different, the Goonies learned their player's creed - the creed taken by all WLC participants on how they will live their life - in sign language. They, in turn, taught it to me.

We will risk boldly, open the door, seize the day, live to serve.

I have never been so moved by a dis-

play of such consideration and empathy for other people than when those students stood in front of the room and without words recited the player's creed for their fellow WLC participants.

Sometimes we get caught up in our own lives and forget about others. Some people just need us to help them and offer some encouragement. When we are conscious of others, we can make a difference in the life of someone else by simply including and caring about them. Those students made a difference in my life as I witnessed the power of selflessness.

A defining moment is a true test of character. It is strange how just a single moment in time can forever change our lives. We cannot control all obstacles and opportunities that come our way, but we can control how we proceed after we encounter them. We can dictate how that moment will affect our lives. We can choose to allow circumstances to overcome us and just play the cards dealt. Or we can make the choice to be the director of our own lives, never settling and believing in endless possibilities. When a defining moment comes along, either you define the moment or the moment defines you. FFA members, live your dreams, define your moments.

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but nevertheless it is worth it.

It's about big picture perspective and how we can impact others. The harvest may mean a bald head but the influence you have will make you a steward of leadership for life.

From the sandbox to the field, stewardship is what agriculture is all about. FFA is the tool that develops stewards of the land into stewards of life. Legacy is something we have built in an organization that is rooted in seventy-eight years of tradition and leadership. We live in a society that is in desperate need of selfless, purpose-driven lives. This organization is providing those kinds of people for the world.

The time is now. As FFA members we are the stewards of American agriculture and agricultural leadership. These things are entrusted to us. We are the leaders of tomorrow. The legacy will continue and the future will show that we have the ability to sow the seeds of stewardship.



NATIONAL FFA BAND

AL: Ashley Mims, Jake Walker	IN: Aaron Birge, Elise Brown, Trevor Perkins	Martin, Whitney Ray, Kaley Sheldon, Andy Windmann	PA: Casey Ewing, Jennifer Marteney
AR: Tyler Rigsby, Michael Wagon	KS: Todd Halling	MT: Stephanie Miller, Shantel Starkey	SD: Sara Berg, Courtney Buechler, Becky Nelson
AZ: Kimberly Crawford	KY: Ashley Quiggins	ND: Cody Blotter, Mindy Ferguson	TN: Brianna Cooper
CA: Tessa Berg, Leighanne Danko, Zachary Fischer, Jordan Ridenhour	ME: Brendan McLaughlin	NE: Amie Engelman, Amanda Hall, Melissa Hottovy, Sarah Knutson, Megan Lubke, Darin Lubke, Jennifer Schuckman, Aaron Schulze, Chelsie Shaw, Christopher Tegtmeier	TX: Randy Dziedzic, Kimberly Francis, Peyton McGee, Morgan Oliver, Lydia Pratt, Tiffany Smith, Joshua Swedberg
FL: Wesley Hunter, Amanda Semrinec	MI: Jamie Carnes, Caitlin Dickerson, Megan Haraf, Gabriel Holdwick, Jennifer Johnston, Michael Koglin, April Mellgren, Erika Schroeder, Rachel Volmering	NV: Sarah Evertsen, Amanda Green	VT: Andrew Birch
GA: Robert Courter	MN: Anna Covington, Ashley Ewing, Danielle Fiebelkorn, Kendra Grupe, Cheryl Petzel, Marie Rindahl, Amanda Welter, Benjamin Wieman	OH: J.D. Bethel, Abbey Kramer, Clarissa Lawlis	WA: Anna Chlebowski, Andrew Holman, Jacob Lockey, Millicent Rios, John Spiegelberg
IA: Melissa Hinde, Ronley King, Sarah Knott, Bethany Pint, John Shroyer, Adam Ueltschy, Daniel Vanderhoof, Shane Vest	MO: Jonathan Arnold, Brandon Clemons, Joshua Coberley, Glenn Dennis, Lacy Edwards, Brandon Hays, Danielle Hyde, Ashley Lawlis, Jessica	OK: Kelsey Cottom, Jerod Cottom, Drew Duvall, Wendy Slater	WI: Joseph Binversie, Kathryn Glodowski, Alyssa Pawsen, Lacey Schreurs
ID: Jason Chilson		OR: Clint Buchanan	

FFA MEMBERS ROCK THE HOUSE

Finding your voice may sometimes be hard, but for some FFA members, it comes naturally - along with dancing, playing the fiddle, guitar and piano - and it comes with the roar of a packed Freedom Hall! You won't find any more talent than what the national FFA convention has to offer! Talented FFA members from across the country have traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to perform on the main stage.

At the National FFA Talent Revue on

Colorado's Danicka Baker's original take on "We're Here in Kentucky" to the tune of Gretchen Wilson's "We're Here for the Party" and Enterprise Band and Chorus from Alabama singing the old classic, "Elvira."

Another remarkable feat was the recognition of the advisor of the Red Bay FFA Chapter from Alabama, Mr. Truelove. For the past sixteen consecutive years, the Red Bay FFA Chapter has been



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Thursday night, Masters of Ceremonies, National FFA Vice Presidents Rachel McCall and Brian Hogue introduced the amazing talents from the likes of the aerobic dance of Alexa from Iowa FFA and Broadway tunes belted out by Whitney from Utah FFA to

sending talent to the National FFA Convention. Mr. Gary Maricle, presented Mr. Truelove with a certificate expressing his thanks for the dedication of the Alabama advisor.

It was an unforgettable night, full of amazing FFA members displaying their talents and love for the national FFA convention!

NATIONAL FFA CHORUS

Even before national FFA convention comes around, there are 94 individuals from 36 states and Puerto Rico all busy memorizing their parts in preparation for the big event. But as they arrive, these individuals come together to form the National FFA Chorus under the direction of Patti LaJoye to entertain over 50,000 FFA members in attendance in Louisville, KY.

As awesome as the National FFA Chorus sounds, there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes. Members start out their day very early in the morning, attend rehearsals three times a day, and even go on vocal rest at times, all to ensure that they provide listeners with a multitude of songs like, "Some days you got to dance," "Farmer's Tan," "Arms around the world" and "One short day."

One of the highlights this year is when the National FFA Chorus surprised the members and guests at the 2nd General Session with the NFA Creed Song, in remembrance of the merging of the NFA and the National FFA Organization of America.

Lauryn Williams, from the Aurora FFA Chapter in Missouri explains her

experience in the National FFA Chorus as an "Awesome experience to meet people from all over." Leah Statler from the Bushnell Prairie City FFA Chapter in Illinois agrees with this but also adds, "It's fun to be an entertainer." Whatever the reasons, the National FFA Chorus is always sure to light up the sessions, year after year.



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AL: Edith Caver

CA: Sydnie Burt, Alillia Johnson, Bryce Johnson, Mary Ladwig, Elaine Takash

CO: Sarah Clark, Joshua Savage

IA: Lynnae Bigler, Jesse Bunge, David Fishel, Ashley Morris, Janna Shifflett, Michael Waniorek

IL: Mitchell Clapper, Stacey Dehlinger, Deidre Evans, Leah Statler

KS: Caleb Alexander, Chris Bauerle, Dalon Coder, Robert Craig III, Austin Graves, Kurt Krupp, Anna Ukele, Courtney Wehking, Aaron Weiser

MI: Renee Voelker

MN: Jason Ertl, Jonathan Ertl

MO: Shelly Glover, Douglas Hikerbaumer, Brody Meinke, Craig Meissen, Jesse Miller, Ashley Morton, Tyler Way, Lauryn Williams, Alyssa Williams

MT: Nicole Disney, Janelle Engel

ND: Andrea Blohm, Jon Leadbetter, Sarah Stockman

NE: Anna Dailey, Miles Essay, Shonn Galley, Jasey Goedeken, Jacob Hoffman, Alan Holt, Karlynn Kapels, Jason Mathis, Megan Milke, Heidi Nollette, Candace Ross, Aaryn Schultz, Clint Shipman, Trisha Simonsen, Seth Strouf

NM: Brandon Aguilar, Lindsay Riblett

NY: Emily Yancey

OH: Emma Campbell, Rebekah Howdyshell

OK: Lacey Aldrich, Bryan Mathis, Andrew Meadows, Jacob Scheffel, Katie Scott, Betty Sowell, Leana Wion, Charissa Zoschke

PA: Kevin Folk, Christine Yoder

PR: Albert Troche

SD: Koln Fink, Melanie Koehlmoos, Elizabeth Ranschau

TX: Evelyn Ambriz, Candice Berry, Stephon Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Fletcher, Lora Gonzalez, Joseph Hefner, Jake Hobden, Dennis Lamb, Alyssa Prichard, Mark Samson, Christen Sills, Allison Smith, Allison Stitt, Krystal Tena

WI: Victoria Cooper, Julianna Dederling, Kimberly Desens, Nickolas D'Huyvetter, Lindsy Hagen, Alex Lahti, Hilary Mueller, Deanna Schlies, Dustin Schmidt

WY: Kimberly Fairbourn

GUEST SPEAKERS

Amanda Gore

What's the best thing that has happened to you today? For those attending the opening sessions at the 78th National FFA Convention, it was perhaps the presentation by guest speaker, Amanda Gore. Members were treated to this Aussie-born motivational speaker with a fantastic accent, witty one-liners and expressive hand movements.

Prior to becoming a professional speaker, she majored in psychology and worked as a physical therapist in clinical practice. An avid student of group dynamics, she moved into the art of public speaking featuring topics on leadership, lifestyle balance, relationships and "how to put the heart and fun back into life." Gore's keynote speech at convention focused on how exuding energy and vitality is the right way to live and remain healthy. Using animal ears to emphasize her points, she spoke of how each individual person can either give or receive energy, and that there are some who drain the energy from others. On a physical level, Gore stressed that smiling and laughter release healthy endorphins that keep stress levels low.

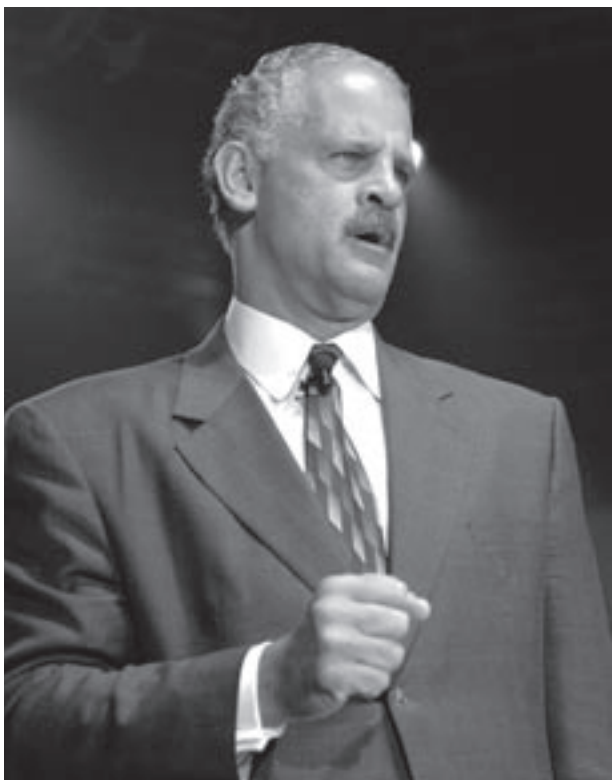
Using unique and interactive movements,



proof that her presentation was well received by all ages was visually evident throughout the week. Those attending latched onto Gore's "excellent" thumbs-up, her exuberant "ta-dah!" and her happy-face finger that served as an inventive greeting for everyone at convention.

Her main message is to encourage others to live a happy, purposeful life. Gore normally speaks to business and

corporations, but was excited to speak to young FFA members because they are full of energy and hope, much of which comes from the organization itself. She feels FFA influences students to learn responsibility and leadership, and the members are the cream of the crop. Gore hopes her message will further inspire students to put the sparkle back in other peoples' eyes, and learn to live with gratitude.



Stedman Graham

Stedman Graham's message to FFA members was clear: "FFA and America wants you to be the best that you can be." The rest of Graham's presentation outlined how we can go about becoming the best we can, through nine principles he developed for his books *You Can Make It Happen* and *Teens Can Make it Happen*.

Graham encouraged members to define who they are and want to be, because those who do not have to allow society to define them. As examples, he pointed to how people throughout his life have tried to define him by his relationships: first, a store owner in his culturally deprived hometown who told him that he'd never get through college because his "family was too dumb," and second, the public often tries to define him by his relationship with media magnate, Oprah Winfrey. But, using his head and following his heart, he was able to graduate from college, and continue on to obtain a Master's Degree. He followed up these achievements with a successful career in the U.S. Army and the prison system, and most recently, as a best-selling author and C.E.O. of his own marketing consulting company.

Graham shared the nine steps for success from *Teens Can Make It Happen*: find what you love, create your vision, put together a travel plan, master the rules of the road, step into the outer limits, follow the seasons of change, build your dream team, win by decision and commit to your vision. He closed with inspiration words from a poem entitled "The Race" by D.H. Groberg.



Bill Irwin

Bill Irwin, the only blind person to ever complete the 2,168 mile Appalachian Trail, opened his speech to FFA members with “Well! What a great-looking group!” displaying the humor that saw him through his journey on the trail and that would continue to delight the audience throughout his presentation.

Using examples from his personal life and his Appalachian Trail adventure, Irwin shared with FFA members what he’d learned about the importance of focus, perseverance and gratitude for life’s unexpected gifts during his life. Irwin overcame many personal hardships before deciding to begin his hiking journey with his dog Orient. He struggled with alcoholism, four failed marriages and a five-pack-a-day smoking habit, until one day, his son’s decision to get help for his own drug addiction inspired him to seek help for himself.

Similarly, his journey on the

Appalachian Trail began with some serious setbacks: Irwin’s plan to use the sun as his compass was thwarted by days of clouds and rain and flooding in the Georgia town where the trails begins. The weather remained a constant obstacle for him, as did wild animals, crooks, fatigue and illness. But Irwin refused to give up and continued on for a full 256 days, completing the trail on March 8, 1990. Along the way, he gained a deeper appreciation for all that life has to offer: “It was a miracle every time I put my foot on the ground,” he told the audience.

Through his life experience, Irwin also has observed that the principles learned at a young age, either from one’s family or a program like FFA, stay with you for a lifetime. “I learned a lot in the two years I spent with FFA and a lot of it had nothing to do with success, but had to do with character, and even though I, later on, slipped away from a lot of those principles I learned, eventually I was brought back to them and now they guide my life.”

Sam Glenn

During the seventh general session of the national FFA convention, members were in total awe and were truly inspired by the amazing keynote speaker. Chair of the session, National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Rachel McCall, said, “With him, it’s all about attitude.” With a tremendous roar, Sam Glenn, began drawing vigorously on canvases placed on stage to the tunes of *Sweet Home Alabama*, *I’ve Got Sunshine*, and *Amazing Grace*.

As Glenn continued to scribble with numerous colors, the form of a bald eagle emerged on his canvas. His assistant, Shawn, was drawing as well. In the midst of dancing and clapping, the outline of the Statue of Liberty materialized through the chalk dust. Once finished, the outstanding images protruded on the canvases to the applauding audience of amazed FFA members.

“These pictures are my symbols for leadership,” Glenn said. “I believe that great leaders are symbols of great leadership.”

Glenn kept the packed Freedom Hall arena laughing and on the edge of their seats as he shared his thoughts about



courage. “We all have challenges, but you can use courage to face those challenges,” explained Glenn. “You have the courage to face fears, the courage to deal with difficult people, the courage to laugh at ourselves, and we have the courage to be nice.”

Glenn entertained the crowd with stories of his first roller coaster ride, experiencing human chunky soup, the power of a Wal-Mart hug and his father’s velociraptor-like

personality. To conclude his message, Glenn told a story about a friend who wanted to be buried with a fork in one hand. The fork was to remind everyone that the best is yet to come.

“No matter what challenges you face, remember to face them with courage. Always remember, hold up your fork and keep in mind that the best is yet to come for you!”

COLLEGIATE

Among the thousands of FFA members who attend national convention every year, there are always college students who make the trip to participate in events or to represent their university's collegiate FFA chapter. Once again, The 78th convention included two activities for college students this year: a collegiate FFA social event and a collegiate career expo.

College students had a chance to relax and meet other agriculture-oriented students during Friday night's collegiate FFA social event, held at Jillian's in downtown Louisville. Students had a great time as they danced to a variety of music, played cards and socialized with others from collegiate chapters.

Not only were there opportunities for college students to have fun, but also to consider career options. The first Collegiate Career Expo differed slightly from the National FFA Agricultural Career Show, where students learn about the agricultural industry in general. Companies present at the expo talked to students about job and internship possibilities.



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which lies within each person who wears it. The greatest good I see is you. Thank you for giving me a chance to stand here and say, I will always be proud to have been a member of FFA!

As you leave convention, don't let the negativity in this world overshadow what is right. Start living a life that you can appreciate; see the good in every situation and make a difference for others by being that good. FFA members, the world has the potential to be anything you make of it. It's time to change your mind!

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how we play. Everyday we are faced with that question, "How are you going to play the game?" Are you going to keep running from your fears, or is it time to start facing them? Are you going to do just enough to get by, or are you ready to leave it all out on the field?

FFA members, advisors and supporters - we all encounter these decisions. In this game we call life, we must make the choice to be the best we can be. So when the pressure rises, step up to the plate, face your fears and play to win! Then you, too, will be ready to play!

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people we hang around never seem to be happy with life, we might also start to share in their negativity.

With whom are you surrounding yourself? Are they people that will add positive and worthwhile attributes to your character? Or are they people that could negatively impact your character?

The people we surround ourselves with today are the people we resemble tomorrow. Who are you going to resemble?

Our today is so important! Our character and the people we surround ourselves with play a vital part in the way we turn out tomorrow.

So back to my futuristic mindset, you

know the one with my carefully planned out truck, college days, career, family and life. How does that change now? Do I still want those things? Absolutely! However the way I am going to accomplish those things is different now. Before I would believe that tomorrow is when all of those things were going to happen. Tomorrow is when my opportunity to be great will arrive. Tomorrow is the day that will change my life forever.

Well, I have discovered that tomorrow will be worthless unless I start today. If we want to be known as an honest and hard-working person, we have to start now. We don't have time to wait until tomorrow to make it happen. It starts today. What are you doing today that is going to make tomorrow more successful? More productive? More effective? More meaningful? Who are you surrounding yourself with today that you hope to resemble tomorrow?

Today is your day to make a difference in your life.

How will your today, this day, the next 24 hours define your tomorrow?

COURTESY CORPS

That National FFA Courtesy Corp truly exemplified this year's convention theme, "Living to Serve." Dedicated FFA members and advisors arrive early to assist with set-up of the career show and the shopping mall. During the week, they serve a great customer service to the attendees by answering questions, giving directions and manning event entrances.

FFA members make new friends and lasting memories while serving with the courtesy corps. "It is a great experience," notes Jacob Potter, an FFA member from the Mark Twain FFA chapter in Tennessee. "I would recommend that everyone try it because you have a blast!"

A special thanks goes out to the FFA members participating in this year's National FFA Courtesy Corps. Your dedication and support helped to make the 78th National FFA Convention a fantastic success.



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CAREER SHOW



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As hundreds of FFA members wait for the doors to the 40th National FFA Convention Career Show to open, the National FFA Band played a variety of songs, ranging from oldies to "God Bless America." The official opening ceremony started with comments from the National FFA Western Region Vice President Brian Hogue, who spoke of the many opportunities the FFA National Agriculture Career Show has to offer in education, entertainment, agriculture and employment. When the doors finally opened, and hundreds of FFA members from all across the nation flooded into the career show and began grabbing bags, to fill them up with brochures, product samples and other items from potential employers, schools, and organizations.

This year, more than 340 exhibitors are on hand with displays about career opportunities, post-secondary education programs, and just about everything else the agriculture industry has to offer. One booth, which has been a career show



staple for each of its forty years is the Chevrolet booth, where for the first time, they hosted the American Revolution All Access Music Tour.

On any given day during the national FFA convention, thousands of FFA members wander through the career show, scoping out career and educational opportunities, meeting new people, and learning more information about the agriculture community. Many members gain inspiration and motivation for planning their futures there.

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The National FFA Foundation raises funds to support the activities of more than 490,000 members.

Through foundation-funded incentive awards more than 100,000 young men and women are recognized each year for excellence in leadership, public speaking, safety, judging, business and parliamentary procedure. Specialized awards are also provided in 49 categories through the agricultural proficiency awards program. Chapter,

Distinguished Service Citations

The National FFA Organization presented the Distinguished Service Citation to 11 companies that have spent time providing opportunities for FFA members. The support of these companies allowed numerous FFA members to achieve success. Representatives from each of these companies accepted the honor on behalf of their organizations during an onstage ceremony held at the 2005 National FFA Convention.

The **Eastern State Exposition** was publicly honored for advancing agricultural science education. The Eastern State Exposition has provided opportunities for FFA members throughout the eastern region since 1930. The "Big E" offers members leadership development, scholarships and internships annually. The Big E internship program has yielded three national FFA officers. This program is unique to the eastern region offers a high level of competitive experience for students in 18 states.

The **California Department of Food and Agriculture** is a major partner with the California FFA Association. The CDFA provides extensive training to California state officers on current agricultural issues. They allow FFA members to job shadow employees annually during the Sacramento Leadership Experience. Whether it is the California Grown Campaign or activities with the governor, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has proven to be an asset in supporting agricultural education and FFA.

State, and American Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Agriscience and Star in Agricultural Placement honors are the pinnacle of this highly successful program.

Since 1944, National FFA Foundation sponsors have contributed more than \$142 million to fund FFA competitive activities and educational programs. Hundreds of business, industry and agricultural leaders help with this effort. The following individuals are presently serving on the Foun-

Chevrolet has been a sponsor of the National FFA Foundation for 60 years, making them one of the longest running FFA supporters. They were the initial sponsor of the FFA State Presidents' Conference and have continued to support it for 25 years. Chevrolet is a level six star sponsor of FFA, donating more than \$200,000 annually. Currently, Chevrolet dealers across the country are partnering with local chapters to raise money for scholarships.

Firestone Agricultural Tire Division has been instrumental in providing an outstanding learning environment for the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event since its beginning. They continually provide funding for the competition, as well as annually providing \$10,000 in scholarships to the top winning teams and individuals. In addition, Firestone Agricultural Tire Division has sponsored apparel for all competitors and their coaches.

Greater Louisville Convention and Visitor's Bureau has played an essential role in the success of the national FFA convention for the past seven years.

ation Executive Council and Sponsors' Board.

The National FFA Organization presented the Distinguished Service Citation to nine organizations that have spent much time and effort in providing opportunities for FFA members and agricultural education students. Representatives from each honored organization accepted the awards during an onstage ceremony held during the fourth general convention session.



From the day the announcement was made to move convention from Kansas City to Louisville, the staff went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the needs of the National FFA Organization were met. Their countless hours spent planning and their constant support during convention has made FFA feel welcome in Louisville.

The **Hyatt Regency - Downtown Louisville** has given outstanding service to the National FFA Organization in numerous ways. For the last seven years it has been the location of the awards office for SAE programs. The terrific service of the entire Hyatt Regency staff has made the SAE awards portion of convention a great success.

The **Kentucky Division of Forestry** has been an active player in ensuring the success of the National FFA Forestry Career Development Event. This organization has accepted responsibility for all on-site logistical arrangements. They have supplied volunteers and judges, as well as designating a staff member to serve as a liaison between the Kentucky Department of Forestry, the Kentucky forestry industry and the National FFA Organization.

The **Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center** has been the site for the national FFA convention since 1999. Harold Workman and the staff of KFEC have been one of the primary reasons for the success of convention, year in and year out. Each employee at KFEC has worked hard to ensure the needs of our members have been met.

Morgan Foods has coordinated the sensory portion of the National FFA Food Science and Technology Career Development Event for several years. Numerous employees have donated their time both before and during the event, as well as purchased and prepared all sensory products to ensure the highest quality event possible. In addition to financial and staffing support, Morgan Foods has also provided many judges. Their assistance has supplied members with a quality career development event.

The **Tennessee Department of Agriculture** has provided financial support to FFA for more than forty years. They currently contribute \$50,000 annually for sponsorship of awards at the district, regional and state levels. Most recently, the Department of Agriculture has committed an additional \$50,000 to help support the first Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences in Tennessee for FFA students, one of only three summer enrichment programs of its kind in the country.

Wallitsch Nursery and Garden Center has been an enthusiastic partner in the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape CDE for several years, and was eager to support the national event by providing a truckload of plants and equipment for the competition, as well as staff members to serve as judges throughout the event.

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At first sight it may look like Christmas; however, it is the National FFA Alumni Live Auction. It is an event open to all, young and old, who are interested in an item being sold and supporting the FFA scholarship fund. At the 2005 National FFA Alumni Auction it was a standing room only crowd excited and ready to get the show on the road.

Bob Johnson, Milton FFA Advisor and auctioneer, encouraged the crowd, "Each of you should leave tonight with a sore arm, because you are supporting a great cause." The excited and energetic crowd at this year's auction took his word to heart.

The bidders at this event are also united in cause and goal. Bidders attend this event in order to do their part in supporting the largest youth organization. The one of a kind items are a huge attraction for the bidders.

Suzanne Gilbert, a participant from Oklahoma, said "This is my fifth year coming to the auction. I come because of the unique items donated by state associations that can not be purchased elsewhere. I also come to show my support for this organization that I love."

Furthermore, Marguerite Fields, an agriculture instructor from North Carolina, said "I have attended the auction five out of the last seven years and I wouldn't miss it. The unique items available are what attract me the most to the auction."

A wide variety of donated items were up for bid this year including: a propane grill, leather laptop briefcases, welding helmets, and decorative benches. Many of these items do not go cheap—for instance the silver FFA plated leather laptop bag was sold for a remarkable \$300.

Those staffing the event seemed even more excited about the auction. Prior to the 2005 Alumni Live Auction Johnson said, "This is the third consecutive year that the Milton FFA Chapter from Milton, Wisconsin has conducted the alumni auction. We have had three outstanding years and we are expecting another



great sale." On behalf of the Milton FFA Chapter Johnson said, "I would like to thank our sponsors who donate wonderful items year after year. Without these sponsors this auction would not be possible."

The 2004 auction raised \$49,443.75, enough for 122 FFA members to attend Washington Leadership Conference. Johnson put it best when he said, "As with year auction we hope to raise more money for the FFA than last year."



STARS OVER AMERICA

Every FFA member dreams of transforming their supervised agricultural experience (SAE) into a dynamic and acknowledged program. Divided into the four categories of Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Agriscience, and Star in Agricultural Placement, the top four members in each field were recognized on Thursday night during convention. To

be nominated and considered top of the class is an honor, but to be named a Star Over America in their respective field, the candidates' goals and dreams are made a reality. Emotions ran high as the winners were announced.

Each star finalist receives \$1,000 from the National FFA Foundation and earns the opportunity to participate in an international experience tour to Costa Rica. A panel of

judges interviewed the finalists and selected one winner for each award at the 78th National FFA Convention. Winners will receive an additional \$2,000 award. The American FFA Degree recognition programs and tours to Costa Rica are co-sponsored by BASF of Research Triangle Park, N.C.; Case IH of Lake Forest, Illinois; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa; and The Farm Credit System of Washington, D.C., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS



Brett Nunnenkamp
Sutton FFA
Sutton, Nebraska

The American Star in Agribusiness, Brett Nunnenkamp began his agribusiness endeavor eight years ago when he, along side of his grandfather, planted two acres of pumpkins on their family farm. Now, that small fall project has grown into a lucrative business. Nunnenkamp grew up on a corn and soybean farm. From a young age he had an interest in landscaping, gardening and production agriculture. A pumpkin patch seemed like a perfect supervised agricultural experience. They planted two acres of pumpkins and set up a roadside stand. It was met with great reviews from customers. Now, his operation has grown to include 23 different varieties of pumpkins, as well as 20 varieties of squash, 15 kinds of gourds and five varieties of ornamental corn. "I have learned the different aspects of purchasing, advertising and selling the product which will be a great asset to my business," commented Nunnenkamp.



Wesley Belcher
Morgan County FFA
Madison, Georgia

Belcher was a very business minded eight-year-old. Even in the third grade he was looking to the future, planting 700 Christmas trees as a way to fund his college education. Now, 13 years later, not only is his business paying for college, but it has also won him a prestigious award. Belcher understands the importance of giving back to the community. He donates a portion of each tree sold to his local FFA chapter and also donates trees to needy families and non-profit organizations. His farm now consists of 5,000 Christmas trees. He has become well-known in the Christmas tree industry and is often asked to be a keynote speaker at banquets and other industry-related seminars. "I'd say my greatest achievement with my SAE is being able to fund my college education through my tree sales," Belcher said.



Adam Bormann
Hawkeye FFA
West Bend, Iowa

Bormann began his supervised agricultural experience in his own back yard. He used an old push mower to mow the lawn. Now, that early ambition has won him top honors. Once neighbors found out that he was mowing lawns, they asked if he would mow theirs, and soon the business was formed. Not long after that, he decided he was mowing so many that the old push mower wasn't enough, so his grandfather gave him an older John Deere riding mower to better complete his job. To complete his job successfully, he has purchased two riding mowers, one push mower, a weed trimmer, a leaf blower, a chain saw and a trailer in which to haul it all. In 2003, Bormann expanded his business to include snow removal and also owns a snow blower attachment, a push blade attachment and a self-propelled snow-blower. "All the money I could make motivated me to continue to expand the business," Bormann said.



Anthony Wolf
Spencer FFA
Spencer, Wisconsin

Wolf began working for his parents at their saw mill at the age of eight. He spent time after school sweeping up sawdust in the mill and stacking lumber after school. The strong work ethic he learned at a young age has never left his side. The 21-year-old is now co-owner of his very own saw mill, T&T Quality cutting. Wolf and his brother, Travis, purchased the mill in 2000. After years of learning how to operate the mill machinery, doing maintenance at the mill and serving as the head sawyer when he was just 15-years-old, Wolf knew he had the skills to successfully run a business. "We thought it was a great idea and immediately began searching for our own," said the Spencer FFA member. "We took out a loan for \$40,000 and purchased a Woodland vertical band mill." In the mill's first year of operation, it generated \$183,000 and the brothers were very pleased.

STARS OVER AMERICA

STAR IN AGRISCIENCE



Sara Morrissey
Norris FFA
Lincoln, Nebraska

The American Star in Agriscience, Sara Morrissey didn't know what to expect when she walked into her first agricultural education class as a freshman. "I was from the city and was not involved with production agriculture," said the 21-year-old Norris FFA member. "I discovered that agriculture is much more than plants and animals." She began working in the Food Microbiology laboratory of the Food and Science Technology department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. While working in the lab she assisted graduate students with their research, as well as conducted her own. The first project she completed was titled "Safety of Ground Beef Thawed at Room Temperature." She entered it into the National FFA Agriscience Fair and placed second. The following summer she completed another project, "Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in Poultry. This time she took it to the National Agriscience Fair and placed first, also making her one of eight national finalists for Agriscience Student of the Year.



Karleena Ahrens
Brooksville Senior FFA
Spring Hill, Florida

"My dad is an FFA advisor," said the 18-year-old Brooksville Senior FFA member. "I gained a basic understanding for FFA and a familiarity with activities before I even began my FFA career." Ahrens began her scientific studies in the swine industry as a freshman in high school. She became involved with her chapter's animal swine unit, completing tasks such as feeding, cleaning, administering medication and keeping the records for each of the 16 pigs kept in the barn. By her senior year, she was making most of the decisions in the swine unit. While in high school, Ahrens had the opportunity to job shadow at Kent Feeds in Muscatine, Iowa, and participated in a trial that involved testing different types of sugar in the swine feed. She weighed piglets and allotted them according to size. "I learned that projects are not always conducted in a laboratory setting with a white coat," said Ahrens. "They are often carried out in the field or barns."



Michael Maw
Tift County FFA
Tifton, Georgia

Growing up on the family farm, Michael Maw took notice of the erosion that washed from the field into the surrounding forests. He decided he wanted to find out why that happened. Upon joining FFA in eighth grade, Maw saw the opportunity to research this erosion problem further through the Land Judging Career Development Event. This opened his eyes to the idea of soil conservation. "My desire to learn ways to improve the soil condition fueled my project," said the 20-year-old Tift County FFA member. This research project was developed through four phases. The goal was to evaluate several different soil types in relation to percolation rates and texture. Using his family's 130-acre farm as a basis for his research, Maw used samples from three different soil types found on the farm that are common throughout Southern Georgia. His studies found that adding composted or other organic material to the soil can drastically reduce soil erosion.



T.J. Ross
Saint Louis FFA
Saint Louis, Michigan

T.J. Ross developed his supervised agricultural experience through his work experience in college. Now, his experience is paying off. When Ross attended academic orientation at Michigan State University, he was encouraged by the upper classmen to become as involved as possible through work experiences and internships. Once he was enrolled in the university and on campus, he took advantage of this by asking his academic advisor if he knew of any positions open in the research area. Soon, Ross was set up with a job in the Weed Science Program, where weed control research is conducted. He is a research assistant who helps prepare and conduct studies in weed control for sugar beets, soybeans, dry edible beans and potatoes. He also assists in the greenhouse studies and laboratory work in the fall and winter months, when field tests are not being conducted. In the summer of 2004, Ross had the opportunity to conduct his own field study about early season weed competition in soybeans.

STARS OVER AMERICA

STAR FARMER



Scott Hill
Miller FFA
Miller, Missouri

Your American Star Farmer, Scott Hill always knew he wanted to be a full-time farmer. He has humble beginnings with one horse and a couple of steers. Hill began his supervised agricultural experience as a freshman with one gelding, two steers and 80 inherited acres. In exchange for labor, he began acquiring more steers from his grandfather. Soon, he had seven mares that served as his foundation herd. His goal was to create an operation where he raised and trained horses for the purposes of ranching and roping. "Over a period of years I began to reap the benefits of my labor," the 21-year-old Miller FFA member said. "I was living the dream, but I was having cash flow problems." Hill realized that in order to keep his dream alive, he was going to need a steady income in order to make some investments. In 2001 he began working at Rathman Performance Horses. There, he says he learned valuable management, training and marketing skills that he was able to apply to his own equine enterprise. He hopes in the future to expand to 300 head of cattle and market 20 horses a year.



Jackson Barnard
Tazewell FFA
Tazewell, Tennessee

For as long as Jackson Barnard can remember, he wanted to be a farmer, just like his father and grandfather. Now, at the age of 19, he is well on his way to achieving that dream. Barnard's love for farming began at the age of eight when he purchased his first herd of cows. "I bought 25 baby Holsteins to bottle feed in our old hog house," said the Tazewell FFA member. "I fed the calves and kept them until they weighed 400 pounds, then I took them to market to sell." Barnard lives on a 1,200-acre farm in the hills of east Tennessee. There he raises approximately 1,000 head of background calves, 35 pair of cow/calf pairs, one bull, 200 feeder pigs, 20 sows and two boars. He also farms four acres of burley tobacco. In partnership with his father, Barnard raises about 2,000 head of background calves, approximately 400-500 head at a time. When the calves reach 800 pounds, they are sold and another group replaces them. This occurs four times a year. "I guess you wouldn't say I'm a typical 19-year-old," Barnard commented. "At times I feel like a 50-year-old."



Michael Gottlob
McCook Central FFA
Salem, South Dakota

Michael Gottlob got his start in production agriculture by helping his father do odd jobs around the farm. "From the time I was very young I knew I wanted to farm," said the 22-year-old McCook Central FFA member. "I have learned that it is a way of life that gets to you and stays there." The Gottlob farm has been in his family for four generations. It seemed natural that he would take an interest in it as well. As a freshman, Gottlob purchased 20 bred heifers. Then, a neighbor who was retiring offered to sell Gottlob his herd and rent him the land. He took the opportunity and bought 55 additional cows and rented 135 acres of pasture. Currently, Gottlob owns 107 cows, three bulls and 59 acres of land. He rents 538 acres, in which he plants soybeans. Aside from the cows and land, he also contract-feeds 850 Isowean pigs in a partnership with his father. Gottlob has full responsibility of the pigs, and gives shots, hauls manure and is in charge of feeding. "Since I rent all my equipment from my father, I'd like to eventually be able to buy my own. I work side-by-side with my father and uncle, but we own three different farms."



Allen Heishman
Central FFA
Mount Jackson, Virginia

Allen Heishman purchased his first animal at the age of seven. Coming from a large farming background, he knew from an early age that his passion was farming. In partnership with his two brothers, Heishman owns 3ADH Farms, a diversified operation where they raise dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, market goats and market hogs. His initial goal was to raise animals to show, rather than purchase market animals each year. For the past nine years he has achieved this goal by raising and showing his cattle and lambs on the local, state and national levels. "I own the farm with my brothers, and I really couldn't do it without their help," said Heishman. "It's a great honor to be named a finalist." Heishman also owns approximately 200 acres of land, which is split between hay, soybeans, corn and pasture. He assists with the feeding, artificial insemination, and health care of all animals and he uses these crops to feed his livestock.

STARS OVER AMERICA

STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT



Jason Frerichs
Wilmont FFA
Wilmont, South Dakota

The American Star in Agricultural Placement, Jason Frerichs has always had an interest in agriculture. Growing up on 1,200 acres of land, he played a significant role in the day-to-day operations. Frerichs started his supervised agricultural experience in 1997 when he began working on the family farm. At that time, his primary duties were to feed the livestock, drive the tractor and work the cattle. The 1,200 acre farm consists of corn, soybeans, wheat and pasture, as well as 50 head of register Duroc and Yorkshire pigs. Frerichs also has a seasonal position at Wilmot Farmers Co-op. He began this job after his freshman year of high school, working in the office and assisting customers. He advanced quickly and soon was certified to operate the fork-lift, as well as help with a wide range of tasks in the warehouse. To further advance his employment skills, he received Commercial Drivers License and Commercial Applicators License. Currently, Frerichs works as an agronomy services specialist. His duties at the farm have also increased; he now manages the hog operation and assists in the management of the crop planting, spraying, irrigating, harvesting and marketing. "I'm very excited to be named a finalist," the Wilmot FFA member said. "It's a really great feeling of accomplishment."



Michael Chafin
Colquitt FFA
Norman Park, Georgia

From a very young age, Michael Chafin wanted to be just like his father and grandfather. Chafin followed them around and did everything they did and he knew he wanted to be a farmer. Chafin began doing simple tasks around the family farm like filling the tractors and combines with fuel and parking them at the barn at the end of each day. As he grew older, his responsibilities also grew. Now he is in charge of maintaining all farm equipment by performing daily routine checks such as oil, lubrication and air pressure. His family farm consists of approximately 1,000 acres of crops, including cotton, corn, peanuts, tobacco and pasture. In addition to the family farm, the Chafin family also owns a drain tile and irrigation installation business. His responsibilities there include determining the initial cost estimate of the job, installation of the product, as well as managing the maintenance of all machinery involved.

"The greatest advantage of my SAE is that our business is completely family-owned," said the 20-year-old Colquitt County FFA member. "I was fortunate to be born into a family that is involved in agriculture and to become involved with a business and lifestyle that I love."



Krista Holstein
Blair FFA
Blair, Nebraska

Krista Holstein has a job that she loves. She gets to work with animals everyday and it has helped her realize her career goals. Holstein is employed at Thone Animal Care, a mixed veterinary practice where she is a veterinary assistant. When she began working, her duties included sterilizing examining rooms and walking dogs. As she gained experience, her responsibilities increased and now she assists with surgery and positions animals for x-rays. "I get to resuscitate puppies," said the 20-year-old Blair FFA member. "Recently, I resuscitated three puppies, one of which had no pulse and had already started to change color." In addition to working at the vet clinic, which is owned by her father, she also helps him on their family farm, Holstein Suffolks. She is required to tend to the sheep when her father is away and also shows them to provide publicity for the farm. She is responsible for checking ewes during lambing season, sheering sheep and vaccinating lambs. She also must bottle feed some lambs. "Taking care of bottle lambs is a strenuous job," said Holstein. "Each lamb must receive the daily requirements of 18 ounces when they are young."



Seth McMillan
Taylorville FFA
Taylorville, Illinois

Seth McMillan always enjoyed working outdoors and dealing with landscaping and plants. He never knew it would lead him to career opportunities. McMillan began his supervised agricultural experience (SAE) in the summer before his freshman year of high school when he began working at a small, locally-owned garden center. His responsibilities at the time included plant maintenance and customer service. As his knowledge of plant propagation and landscape design grew, so did his responsibilities within the company. "Working there started me on my path for a future career in the green industry," said the 21-year-old Taylorville FFA member. With his advanced knowledge, McMillan secured a position at Green View Nurseries in the summer of 2001. This position has exposed him to many exciting areas in horticulture, including landscape design, landscape architecture, landscape installation and large-scale nursery operations. Now, McMillan is the Association Garden Center Manager in charge of annuals and perennials. This means he is responsible for ordering plant material from vendors, keeping track of all inventory and occasionally opening and closing the garden center.

NATIONAL FFA MEMBERSHIP REACHES A 25-YEAR HIGH

The National FFA Organization is pleased to announce the 2004-2005 membership count. The membership team reported that there are 490,017 members in 7,210 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. This is a 2.79 percent increase from the 2003-2004 year and is a 25-year high for the organization.

"It is through the hard work of the local agricultural education teachers and state staff that we have achieved a 25-year high in National FFA membership," said National FFA Advisor Larry Case.

National FFA President Jackie Mundt added, "The news of a 25-year high is very exciting for our organization and for agricultural education. The efforts we have made to expand and diversify the experiences we provide for our students have been a success. More students are experiencing FFA and discovering their passion through it."



100% Membership States

California
Nevada
North Dakota
Oklahoma

2005 Membership Growth States

Arkansas	Maine	Ohio
California	Maryland	Oklahoma
Colorado	Massachusetts	Oregon
Connecticut	Michigan	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Minnesota	Puerto Rico
Florida	Mississippi	South Carolina
Georgia	Missouri	South Dakota
Idaho	Montana	Texas
Illinois	Nebraska	Utah
Indiana	Nevada	Virginia
Iowa	New Hampshire	West Virginia
Kansas	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Kentucky	North Dakota	Wyoming



AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS



PHOTO BY ED ZURGA

Sponsored by the USDA Rural Development as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, the agri-entrepreneurship award program helps FFA members to develop business skills as they create their own agriculture-related business. The program encourages members to be creative and find niche markets for their products. From the state winners, 10 national finalists are selected and each receives a \$1,000 scholarship. The award winners this year developed enterprises ranging from landscaping to fencing to lip gloss.

Elisa Bentz of Cullon, Ill., owns and operates EZ's Butterfly Boutique, an endeavor that processes agricultural products into personal care products, including lip gloss, scented soaps and bath salts. Bentz started her business when she was in the seventh grade by making lip gloss for her friends as Christmas presents. Along the way, she diversified her lip-gloss line by adding flavorings, and also started making fragranced bath salts and soaps.

Justin Klinkner of Cashton, Wis., owns and operates Klinkner's Organic Eggs. After meeting with Ernie Peterson, owner of Cashton Farm Supply, Klinkner developed a detailed plan to show the costs and potential for profit in the organic egg

business. He now has 350 laying hens and sells his eggs on contract to Organic Valley, Inc., a large purchaser and distributor of organic food products.

Kaitlynn Neville of Bakersfield, Calif., owns and operates Kaitlynn Graphics. During her agricultural biology class, students had to bring in fecal samples of various animals. Looking at projected microscopic images on a large screen, she started to see a picture within a picture. Neville took those images and developed a calendar to promote animal health.

Ashley Nunnenkamp of Sutton, Neb., owns and manages the Blossom Barn. Nunnenkamp grows 50 different types of specialty cut flowers and she sells her flowers to wholesale floral distributors, retail florists and at farmers markets.

Waco Phipps of Kearney, Neb., owns and operates Sandhills Fencing, a business offering custom fence-building, repair and removal services. Phipps was working for Anchor Cross Ranch building and repairing fences, when he decided to start his own fence-building business. Sandhills Fencing offers complete fencing services for landowners in south-central Nebraska.

Noelle Rist of Hartford, S.D., owns and operates Willow Creek Produce and

Nursery. She offers fresh, organically grown fruits and vegetables for sale at roadside stands and retail markets. Sweet corn, tomatoes, numerous varieties of sweet and hot peppers, pumpkins, squash, cantaloupe and watermelon are included in the product line.

Scott Skelly of Janesville, Wis., owns and operates Corn Mazes America. Skelly started his business when he was nine-years-old, convincing his father to let him use three-quarters of an acre to create a corn maze on the family farm. By the end of the 2003 season, he had about 3,000 school children and 6,000 other visitors walking through his entertaining maze.

Jay Stamm of Washington, Kan., owns and operates StaM-M Sales, a business that specializes in refurbishing and selling Minneapolis-Moline (M-M) garden tractors and parts. By traveling with his father to auctions and salvage yards, Stamm began building a large collection of parts. Through his company, Stamm offers used parts and completely refurbished garden tractors.

Kashen Urban of Roosevelt, Okla., owns and operates Urban Sheep Fashions and Premium Show Lamb Feed. Urban turned his hobby into a business in 2001. Urban bought a new sewing machine, a serger machine, cutting tables and an electric rotary cutter to increase his production capacity. This past year, Urban sold more than \$4,000 in products, fashions and feeds.

Nicole Vogt of Juneau, Wis., owns and operates Nicole Vogt Landscaping. She started her business in 2002 by selling topsoil that was a byproduct of her parent's excavating business. Along with selling topsoil and providing snow removal services, Vogt offers a wide variety of landscaping services including ponds and waterfalls, walkways and other hardscapes, seeding and sodding services for lawns, removing overgrown landscapes, mulching, and planting trees.

The National Agri-Entrepreneurship Award Program is sponsored by the USDA Rural Development as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

AGRISCIENCE STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

A study on how modifying the photosynthesis of corn has won a Wyndmere, N.D. student the title of the 2005 National FFA Organization Agriscience Student of the Year.

Robert Foertsch attended Wyndmere Public School and is a member of the Wyndmere FFA Chapter. His award was presented during the 78th National FFA Convention in an onstage ceremony on Oct. 28.

Foertsch found that corn utilizes a certain type of photosynthesis that is insufficient in certain environments. He found that if he could convert the photosynthesis type, he would be able to greatly increase the crop production. Although his results were inconclusive, he feels that his study is major breakthrough in changing photosynthesis.

Foertsch is currently a freshman at North Dakota State University pursuing a degree in Biotechnology. He plans to work in research, trying to advance the future of agriculture. He is the son of Dennis and Dennise Foertsch and his FFA advisor is Scott Thiel.

The Agriscience Student Scholarship and Recognition Program is sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Eligible FFA members are selected on the basis of research projects involving agriscience skills, using applications and new technologies in their high school agriculture classes. Students apply these lessons to their supervised agriculture experience (SAE). They are also evaluated on their academic achievement, as well as their involvement in school and community activities.



Sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

National Winner

Robert Foertsch

Wyndmere, North Dakota
FFA Advisor: Scott Thiel

National Finalists

Patty Maldonado

Elk Grove, California
FFA Advisors: Mike Albiani, Stacie Hewitt,
Tim Hooper, Matt Patton and Warren
Weaver

Sarah Walker

Bakersfield, California
FFA Advisor: Rick Lemucchi.

Tyler Benton

Stratton, Colorado
Advisor: Cory Wedel

Emma Fleming

Glidden, Iowa
Advisor: Dana Woods

Laura Bruner

Pettisville, Ohio
Advisor: John Poulson

Stephen Fuchs

Cameron, Texas
Advisor: Carl Tomascik and Joe Hanke.

Nickolas Palkowski

Fountain City, Wisconsin
Advisor: Steve Stopplemoor and Christine
Jumbeck.

AGRISCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

National Winner

Carl Aakre

AFSA FFA
Little Canada, Minnesota
Administrator: Becky Meyer

National Finalists

Alan Taylor

Owsley County High School
FFA
Booneville, Kentucky
Adminstrator: Earl Shuler

Gwynne Millar

Exeter-West Greenwich High
School FFA
West Greenwich, Rhode
Island
Adminstrator: Denise Boulé

Jimmy Highsman

Signal Knob Middle School
FFA
Strasburg, Virginia
Administrator: Charles F.
Everett

Carl Aakre of Stacy, Minn., was named the 2005 Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

Aakre is the agricultural science education instructor and FFA advisor for the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy (AFSA) FFA Chapter in Little Canada, Minn. The AFSA chapter is a non-traditional program, which means that they used a project-based learning format.

Students are provided the opportunity to work independently and develop in-depth agriscience projects.

"Students in my agriscience courses use real world issues such as biotechnology, precision agriculture and food sciences to comprehend scientific concepts," said Aakre. "By discussing the environmental, social and economic impacts they read in the newspaper, they become more aware of the relationship between agriculture, science and their future."

Biotechnology has sparked many students interest because of the media attention it has received. Many students do not realize



the relationship it holds to agriculture.

Aakre teaches students first hand the importance of understanding genetics. On the first day of class, students write a one page paper on what they think biotechnology is, how it will affect their lives and what their personal opinion of it is.

The AFSA FFA Chapter began in 2001 and has already shown credibility in the

National FFA Organization. More than 30 of Aakre's students have qualified for the National Agriscience Fair and in 2004 an AFSA student was named the Minnesota State Agriscience Star. The AFSA FFA has also been named a finalist for the 2005 National Chapter Award.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year program recognizes outstanding agriculture teachers who emphasize technology in their curriculum and who bring standards of excellence to the agriscience classroom and FFA Activities.

The Agriscience Teacher of the Year program is sponsored by the PotashCorp as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

AGRISCIENCE FAIR

Witness talented FFA members who are future scientists in the agriculture industry by attending the Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention. Projects included projects involving zoology, botany, environmental sciences, engineering, biochemistry, microbiology, and food science. More than 100 projects and experiments were on display in the career show area at the 2005 National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Members began working on their projects and experiments many months before coming to the convention. In the agriscience fair program, students take knowledge of their respected areas to the next step. The projects and experiments are thoroughly judged by experts and the students are asked several questions about their experiments.

FFA agriscience projects are often witnessed by potential employers or recognizable names in the agriscience industry.

The Agriscience Fair Recognition Program is sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund as a special project of the National FFA Foundation

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science

Division One: Adrienne Boyette, Suwannee Chapter, Florida
Division Two: Alison Wilson, West Central Chapter, Iowa
Division Three: Kelsey Shields and Carly Miles, Riverton Chapter, Utah
Division Four: Lori Karnes and Sharon Choe, Sumner FFA Chapter, Washington

Botany

Division One: Lindsay Upperman, Conocoheague FFA Chapter, Pennsylvania
Division Two: Emma Flemming, Glidden-Ralston FFA Chapter, Iowa
Division Three: Zak Kampman and Austin DeZeeuw, Elkton FFA Chapter, South Dakota
Division Four: Amanda Browning and Alayna Siebman, Childress FFA Chapter, Texas

Engineering

Division One: Erica David, Pinedale FFA Chapter, Wyoming
Division Two: Danielle Wilson, West Central FFA Chapter, Iowa

Division Three: John Bauer and Maxwell Wienke, Spence FFA Chapter, Wisconsin
Division Four: Ksana Harrison and Melissa Hughes, JF Webb FFA Chapter, Minnesota

Environmental Science

Division One: Katelyn Good, Alpena FFA Chapter, Arkansas
Division Two: Angela Garcia, James Madison FFA Chapter, Texas
Division Three: Amy Kringle and Kassie Church, Barron FFA Chapter, Wisconsin
Division Four: Katherine Wohl and Evan Fletcher, James Madison FFA Chapter, Texas

Zoology

Division One: Nathan Fuchs, Yoe FFA Chapter, Texas
Division Two: Michael Fosdick, Mediapolis FFA Chapter, Iowa
Division Three: Hannah Medinger and Kinsie Bowie, Judson FFA Chapter, Texas
Division Four: Christy Rukamp and Tara Hauser, Barron FFA Chapter, Wisconsin

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

This year, 584 of the top FFA Chapters from across the nation proudly nominated themselves in hopes of capturing a national chapter award. After evaluations, it was narrowed down to 30 chapters competing for a Model of Innovation award in one of three areas: community, student, or chapter development. Each chapter's Program of Activities (POA) is evaluated based on how they advance the FFA mission. From the ten national finalists in each category, an overall winner is chosen. Middle school chapters also compete for the outstanding middle school award.

Model of Innovation winners

National Winner Chapter Development

During Thursday's second general session, Chicago Ag Sciences FFA of Illinois was announced the winner of the 2005 National Chapter Development Award.

Chicago Ag Science FFA sought to increase active membership within their chapter. To do so, the chapter held a lock-in for all members in which students attended leadership workshops, learned about FFA opportunities and dispelled common misconceptions about the National FFA Organization. The event proved successful as the chapter's annual banquet had 400 people in attendance including school faculty, alumni, families and business officials. Highlighting the evening was National FFA Advisor, Dr. Larry Case, presenting the chapter with their award.

National Winner Student Development

Columbus FFA of Texas won this year's Model of Innovation award for student development. As a developmental activity, Columbus FFA Chapter members sponsored a program called "FFA Credit Program," which allows members to earn money to pay their dues, purchase a jacket or fund their supervised agricultural experience programs. The



chapter wanted to eliminate money as an obstacle to participating in FFA activities. The "FFA Credit Program" allowed students to earn 10 credits per hour by working at the alumni concession stand or other alumni events. Each credit equals one dollar. In addition, Columbus FFA offers numerous recreational activities throughout the year so that students can participate in saving the environment.

National Winner Community Development

The Model of Innovation award for community development went to the Ag and Food Sciences Academy in Minnesota. Knowing that most of the members of the chapter were from urban areas with little hands-on farm experience, chapter created an "FFA Service Day".

During the event, members were given the opportunity to experience farm life by assigning them work activities with area farmers. All 106 members of the Ag and Food Sciences Academy participated in the event. Each volunteered six hours of their time, adding up to 1,000 hours of free labor for eight area farmers. The students gained interactive experiences in several areas of agriculture production such as livestock, fencing, and vegetable harvesting.

Three Star

Arizona: Chino Valley, Wilcox

California: Foothill-Bakersfield

Colorado: Weld Central

Connecticut: Housatonic Valley

Florida: Brooksville Sr., Ft. White Middle, Pine Ridge, Suwannee Middle

Georgia: Franklin County, Jeff Davis Middle, Lowndes, Oconee County High, Screven County

Illinois: Amboy, Chicago Ag Science, Goreville, Mount Carroll, Mount Vernon, Newark, Olney, Seneca, Somonauk-Leland, Taylorville

Kansas: Arkansas City, Fredonia, Holton, Jefferson West

Kentucky: Apollo, Spencer County Wolfe County

Louisiana: Hathaway, Louisiana School of Ag Sciences, Ponchatoula, Springfield

Minnesota: Agricultural & Food Sciences Academy, Battle Lake, Perham, Winona

Missouri: Aurora, Carthage, Maysville, Troy

Montana: Conrad, Park Shields Valley

Nebraska: Norris, Seward, Sutton

New York: Tri Valley

North Carolina: Southern Nash

North Dakota: Napoleon, Rugby

Ohio: Blanchester, Bowling Green, Canal Winchester, Delphos High School, Fayetteville, Miami East High School, National Trail, Otsego, River Valley, Versailles

Oklahoma: Atoka, Central High, Chickasha, Elk City, Garber, Glencoe, Jenks, Sweetwater

South Carolina: Aiken, McBee

South Dakota: Garretson, Harrisburg, McCook Central

Tennessee: Dyersburg, Munford

Texas: Arlington, Columbus, East Central, McCullough, Quanah, Rusk, Snyder

Utah: Wasatch

Virginia: Abingdon, Beverley Manor, Carroll County, Central, Charlotte Central Middle, Magna Vista, Signal Knob Middle, Turner Ashby

Washington: Cathlamet, Centralia, Ritzville, Rochester, Willapa Valley, Yelm

Wisconsin: Barron, Black Hawk-South Wayne, Bloomer, Elkhorn, Freedom, Kiel, Marshall, Marshfield, Oconto Falls, Prairie Farm FFA, Sauk Prairie, Spencer, Stevens Point, Stratford, Waupaca, Waupun, Weyauwega-Fremont,

Two Star

Alabama: Citronelle, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Payne, Geraldine, Jacksonville, New Brockton

Alaska: Fairbanks

Arizona: Peoria

Arkansas: Blytheville, Greene County Tech II, Ola

California: Butte Valley, Firebaugh, Florin, Fresno-Central, Greenfield, Hanford Joint, Imperial, John H. Pittman, King City, La Sierra, Lemoore, Norco, Quartz Hill, Riverside-Norte Vista, Sacramento-Sheldon, Sonora-La Habra, Templeton, Tulare Western

Colorado: Briggsdale, Eads, Flagler, Heohne, Idalia, Liberty, McClave, Stratton

Connecticut: Woodbury

Delaware: Smyrna, Sussex Central

Florida: Avon Park Middle, Bronson, Coral Reef, Deltona, Deltona Middle, Durant Senior, Fort King Middle, Ft. White Sr., Kennedy, Lake Placid, New Smyrna Beach, New Smyrna Beach MS, Palmetto, Santa Fe Sr., SE Manatee, Sebring Senior, Silver Sands, Suwannee Senior, Venice, West Orange

Georgia: Apalachee, Bainbridge High, Berrien, Colquitt Co, Franklin County Middle, Greene County, Hutto Middle, Jeff

Davis Middle School, Malcom Bridge Middle, Miller County, Murray County, Oconee Middle, Perry, Perry Middle, Southeast Whitfield, Upson-Lee, Worth County Middle

Idaho: Cambridge, Kuna

Illinois: Ashton, Barry, Blue Ridge, Cissna Park, Eldorado, Galva, Greenville, Hartsburg-Emden, Highland, Kewanee, Marissa, Nashville, Orion, Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Pinckneyville, ROWVA, Sullivan, Valmeyer, Waterloo

Indiana: Adams Central, Carroll, Delphi, Eastbrook, Indian Creek, McCuthcheon, Owen Valley, Prairie Heights, Shenandoah, South Adams, South Newton, Southmont, Switzerland County, Tippecanoe Valley, Tri-County, Western Boone, Woodlan

Iowa: Benton Community (Van Horne), Charles City, Colomesco, Creston, Elk Horn-Kimballton, Glidden-Ralston, Lamoni, LaPorte-Dysart, Louisa Muscatine, Marengo, Mid - Prairie, Monticello, Mount Ayr, Nashua-Plainfield, North Fayette, North Linn, Rock Valley, Sibley - Ocheyedan, Tri County, Tri Star, Wall Lake View Auburn, Wapsie Valley, West Marshall

Kansas: Atwood, Buhler, Chapman, Hanover, Linn, Marysville, Neodesha, Riverton, Soth of Saline, Stockton, Troy, Winfield

Kentucky: Bourbon County, Breckinridge County, Caldwell County, Central Hardin, East Carter, Jessamine County, LaRue, Meade County, Nelson County, Oldham County

Louisiana: North Central High, Pine

Maine: Presque Isle

Michigan: Byron, Caledonia, Corunna, Lapeer County Vo-tech, Sanilac, Springport

Minnesota: Albert Lea, Alden Conger, Blue Earth, Buffalo Lake, Chaska, Dassel-Cokato, Forest Lake, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winstead, Medford, Morris, New Ulm, Plainview, USC, Wadena-Deer Creek, Zumbrota-Mazeppa

Mississippi: Alcorn Vocational School, Booneville, Carthage, Lawrence County Voc. Center, Neshoba Central

Missouri: Bolivar, Bowling Green, Centralia, Clopton, Dadeville, East Newton, Eldon, Eldorado Springs, Gallatin, Logan - Rogersville, Marshall, Milan, Miller, Monroe City R - 1, North

Shelby, Owensville, Republic, Salisbury, Sarcoxie, South Shelby, Sweet Springs, Union, Verona, Warrenton, Willow Springs

Montana: Flathead, Park City, Richey, Sheridan-Ruby Valley

Nebraska: Centennial, Crofton, Fairbury, Franklin, Hartington, Imperial, Ravenna, Schuyler, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca, Verdigre

Nevada: Ruby Mountain

New Jersey: Allentown, Penns Grove, Warren Hills

New Mexico: Artesia, Clovis, Las Cruces, Las Vegas Robertson, Mesa Vista, Moriarty

New York: Pioneer

North Carolina: Crest, Eastern Randolph, Enka, Hobbton, Mac Williams, Newport Middle, Piedmont, Purnell Swett, Randleman, South Granville, South Rowan, Southern Guilford, Sun Valley, Weddington

North Dakota: Finley, Garrison, Killdeer, Kindred, Richland, Wahpeton

Ohio: Amanda-Clear Creek, Anna, Ansonia, Brookville, Crestview, East Clinton, Edgewood-Butler Tech, Elmwood, Fairfield, Greenville, Hardin Northern, Indian Valley, Madison Plains, Miami Trace, Mississinawa Valley, New Bremen, Preble Shawnee, River View, Smithville, Talawanda, Wauseon High School

Oklahoma: Achille, Adair, Altus, Arnett, Cache, Calera, Claremore, Durant, Elgin, Grove, Indianola, Kiowa, Lomega, Luther, Madill, Mooreland, Morris, Okemah, Prague, Shattuck, Sterling, Stillwater, Stroud, Wellston, Woodward

Oregon: Bend, Perrydale

Pennsylvania: Cedar Crest, Central Columbia, Conococheague/James Buchanan, Cumberland Valley, Greenwood, Lancaster - Mennonite, Manheim, Manor, McGuffey, Meyersdale, Midd-West, Northern Lebanon, Solanco, Spud Growers, Twin Valley

South Carolina: Belton Honea, Crescent, Laurens, Lexington Technology Center, West-Oak

South Dakota: Groton, Lennox Sundstrom, West Central

Tennessee: Anderson County, Bradley Central, Cosby, Daniel Boone, East Robertson, Hendersonville, Lebanon, Lexington, Lincoln County,

McEwen, McMinn County, Mt. Juliet, Portland, Riverside, Westmoreland, White House, Wilson Central

Texas: Alvarado, Anderson-Shiro, Axtell, Bonham, Brownsboro, Burleson, Cedar Park, Center, Coleman, Crosby, Cypress Creek, Decatur, Fairfield, Florence, Gilmer, Grandview, Greenville, Hallsville, Harmony, Humble, Jacksboro, James Madison, Kingwood, Krum, Lago Vista, Leander, Leon, Livingston, Mansfield, McKinney, Mexia, Natalia, Northwest, Ozona, Pearland, Plano, Robinson, Rockdale, S&S Consolidated, Samuel Clemens, Schulenburg, Sheldon, Sinton, Tidehaven, Waskom, Weimar, Wimberley, Winona

Utah: Lone Peak, Morgan, North Summit, Sky View, Spanish Fork

Vermont: Bennington

Virginia: Buffalo Gap, Christianburg Middle, E. W. Wyatt Middle, Louisa, Louisa County Middle, Nelson Senior, Park View Middle School, Peter Muhlenburg, Randolph - Henry, Strasburg

Washington: Chelan, Evergreen, Grandview, Kamiakin, Liberty High School, Mount Baker, Tenino, Wapato, Wenatchee, Winlock

West Virginia: Clay County, Jefferson, Mineral County, Ravenswood, Ripley, Roane County

Wisconsin: Bonduel, Brodhead, Eau Claire, Elkhart Lake, Fort Atkinson, Lodi, New Holstein, Stanley Boyd, Wauzeka

Wyoming: Lyman, Pine Bluffs, Powell, Thermopolis

One Star

Alabama: Brantley

California: Elsinore, Lodi, Nipomo

Idaho: American Falls, Castleford, Kendrick, Kimberly, Marsing, Meridian, Silver Sage

North Carolina: Barlett Yancey, Forest Hills, North Iredell

Oklahoma: Dickson, Haworth, Waukomis

South Carolina: Calhoun Falls, Loris

Texas: Barbers Hill, Calallen, Cleburne, Hamshire-Fannett, McGregor, Pasadena

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Agricultural Communications— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Farm Progress Companies Inc. and the National FFA Foundation.

Maika D. Bauerle - Nebraska

Lynae Lee Beam - Kansas

Christopher J. Sheehan - Minnesota

Tyne A. Morgan - Missouri

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Carry-on Trailer Corporation and Dodge Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Dean Gasser - Wisconsin

Hank Brandt - Colorado

Tyler J. Sazama - Minnesota

Tyler Treptow - Texas

Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems—Entrepreneurship/ Placement

Sponsored by New Holland as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Anthony Waldridge - Kentucky

Paul Stanberry - Arkansas

Logan Wyse - Ohio

Duane Pulse - South Dakota

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by CARQUEST Corporation, CARQUEST Filters/CARQUEST Gaskets as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Jim Albert Jansen- Nebraska

Seth Newton - Iowa

Jay M. Stamm - Kansas

Maxwell Vann Wheeler - North Carolina

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance—Placement

Sponsored by Cummins Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ryan J. Bergamini- California

Ryan Goble - Georgia

Richard Bartos - Nebraska

Bennett Tjoelker - Washington



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Agricultural Processing— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland Company; CHS, Inc.; Ralcorp Holdings, Inc.; and the National FFA Foundation.

Jasey J. Goedeken- Nebraska

Cassie Leann Sanford - Georgia

Elisa Bentz - Illinois

Seth Schulz - North Dakota

Agricultural Sales— Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Chevrolet and GMAC as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Matthew D. Anderson- Wisconsin

Corey John Longhurst - Colorado

Kashen Urban - Oklahoma

Danielle Arnold - Texas

Agricultural Sales—Placement

Sponsored by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Tractor Supply Company and Vigortone Ag Products as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Zachary William Zaidel- Wisconsin

Katie Day - Connecticut

Eve Felton - Georgia

Dustin S. Horne - Kentucky

Agricultural Services— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Chevrolet, GMAC and New Holland as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Brendon Lowe- Oklahoma

Heather Savelle - Georgia

Nathan Lehman - Indiana

Klark Andrew Telleen - Iowa

Aquaculture—Entrepreneurship/ Placement

Sponsored by Land O' Lakes Feed/Purina Mills and National FFA Foundation.

Aaron Catalanatto - Louisiana

Tiffany Roby - Arizona

Blaine Wright - Texas

Benjamin Matthew Loser - Utah

Beef Production— Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Nasco Division-Nasco International Inc., Midwest Precision Molasses Supplements as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Tyler Joe Kimmel- Colorado

Scott Rathje - Iowa

John D. Grauer - Ohio

Jed Wayne Pugsley - Utah

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Beef Production—Placement

Sponsored by ContiBeef LCC; Fort Dodge Animal Health, Pfizer Animal Health, and Texas Cattle Feeders Association as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Brigham Burch Stewart- Kansas

Jill Pesek - Minnesota
Mathew Ramm - Nebraska
Reese Hagan - Texas

Dairy Production—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by DeLaval, Inc. and Pfizer Animal Health as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Jason Douglas Stensland- Iowa

Clint Harre - Illinois
Brett Butterfass - Minnesota
Linda R. Behling - Wisconsin

Dairy Production—Placement

Sponsored by Monsanto and the National FFA Foundation.

Matthew T. Repinski- Wisconsin

Lee Strange - Georgia
Adam Voskamp - Missouri
Jason Clark - Utah

Diversified Agricultural Production—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Georgia Boot Inc. and Delta Consolidated Industries.

Travis Schnaithman- Oklahoma

Levi Bryant - Kansas
Bradley Henderson - Kentucky
Callie McAdams - North Carolina

Diversified Crop Production—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Insurance Services Inc., National Crop Insurance Services, Rain and Hail LLC and the National FFA Foundation.

Brad A. Fritel- North Dakota

Jeremy R. Hupman - Ohio
Benjamin Stokes - Texas
Lee M. Bushman - Wisconsin

Diversified Crop Production - Placement

Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Insurance Services Inc., National Crop Insurance Services, Rain and Hail LLC, and the National FFA Foundation.

Ryan E. Jernigan- Tennessee

Chad Smith - Idaho
Jarrod James Johnson - Oklahoma
Hannah Marie Sheller - Wisconsin

Diversified Horticulture—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Farmland Insurance Nationwide Agribusiness and Nationwide Foundation as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Morgan D. Strub- Wisconsin

Whitney Daughenbaugh - Iowa
Kelsey Randa - Nebraska
Devin Myren - South Dakota

Diversified Horticulture—Placement

Sponsored by Bayer Environmental Science and Nufarm as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Julie Ann Chelewski- Colorado

Lee Kaylor - California
Joanne Bennett - Georgia
M. Blake Talley - Oklahoma

Diversified Livestock Production—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by ContiBeef LLC, Tractor Supply Company and the National FFA Foundation.

Daniel A. Richards- Idaho

Emilie Magnus - Kansas
Jared E. Campbell - Oklahoma
Chelsea Tomascik - Texas

Diversified Livestock Production—Placement

Sponsored by Agri Beef Company, Premium Standard Farms and Zareba Systems as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Jarrid C. Garner- Colorado

Emily Brooke Byers - Georgia
Britney Tompkins - Indiana
Ashley Streff - South Dakota

Emerging Agricultural Technology—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by ISK Biosciences Corporation, Micro Flo Company, and Trimble Navigations Limited as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Christina Bernal-Rigoli- Arizona

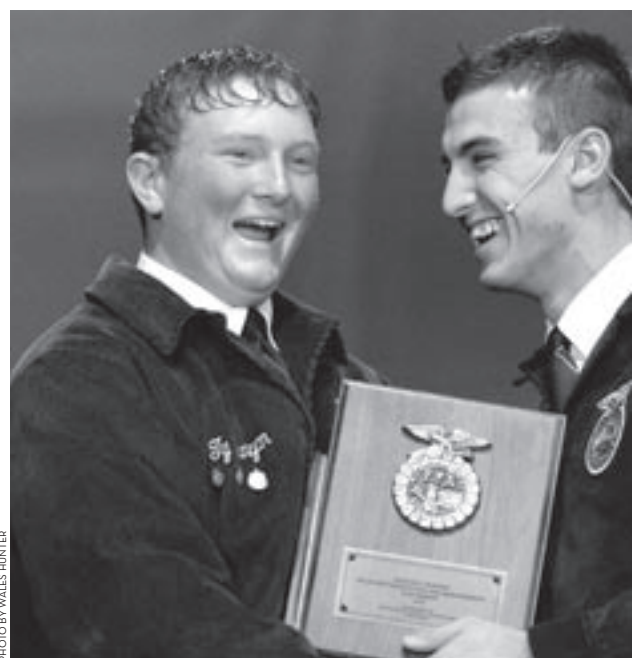
Robert Foertsch - North Dakota
Josh Chilson - South Dakota
Emilie Siverling - Wisconsin

Environmental Science and Natural Resource Management—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation.

Alonda LaShawn McCarty- Florida

Samuel Olin Webb - Georgia
Avery E. Land - Kansas
Michael G. Biel - Wisconsin



Equine Science—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Durango Boot, Land O'Lakes Feed/Purina Mills; Red Brand Non-Climb Horse Fence-Made by Keystone Steel & Wire Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Lindsey R. Kuzma - Wisconsin

Jamie J. Woodhurst - Missouri
Gena Simpson - North Carolina
Jana Provost - Utah

PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Equine Science - Placement

Sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Braidie Laine Butters- Michigan

Ashley Young - California
Rebecca Ann Smith - Kentucky
Paula Matuszak - Wisconsin

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Helena Chemical, Syngenta Seeds Inc. and United Soybean Board as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Charles Tyler Jones- Missouri

Derrick Pike - Kentucky
Ryan Marsh - Nebraska
Andrew T. Paul - Wisconsin

Floriculture—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation.

Amber Christina Scott- Florida

Morgan L. Gauby - Kansas
Kate E. Wheeldon - Nebraska
Alashandra Selman - Utah

Food Science and Technology—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by the Seneca Foods Corporation and the National FFA Foundation.

Kaylee Liddiard- Utah

Kathleen Braithwait - Oregon
Jessica Satterfield - Texas
Brittany Athey - Wisconsin

Forage Production—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by the Gehl Company, Unity Seeds and the National FFA Foundation.

Neil Gregory Veen- North Dakota

Kent Kohlhagen - Indiana
Kodie Weaver - Ohio
Willie Patterson - Virginia

Forest Management and Products—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Dodge Trucks, Nufarm, and Timberjack A John Deere Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Adam G. Zepp- Washington

Cassandra Kay Jacobson - Minnesota
Rusty Smith - Texas
Jason Hanstedt - Wisconsin

Grain Production—Placement

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Kyle Smith- Kansas

Steven Parsons - California
Dustin Wilson - Georgia
Drew Peterson - South Dakota

Home and/or Community Development—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Carhartt Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Kristen Marie Youngworth- South Dakota

Brooke Edsall - Oklahoma
Malcolm Rose - Utah
John Paul Baures - Wisconsin

Landscape Management—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Bayer Environmental Science as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Nicole J. Vogt- Wisconsin

Joseph Kyle Foster - Georgia
Dru D. Martin - Minnesota
Dustin Scott Pruitt - Tennessee

Nursery Operations—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Dodge Trucks and Landmark Nurseries as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Annette Rose Bramstedt- South Dakota

Kristopher A. Welker - California
Jessica Coakley - Colorado
Meaghan Stuke - Connecticut

Outdoor Recreation—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Chevrolet, Justin Brands Inc. and the National FFA Foundation.

Ashley Marie Hughes- Idaho

Myciah McColm - Kansas
Stephanie Wasnuk - Montana
Chelcee Noland - Oregon



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Fruit Production—Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by DuPont Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Stephanie Mae Zediker - Washington

Daniel Andrew Tawzer - Georgia
Jessica Lowe - Illinois
Noelle Rist - South Dakota

Grain Production—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Chance Simpson- Oklahoma

David Swits - Illinois
Jarrod M. Bowser - Kansas
Curtis R. Grimm - Ohio

PROFICIENCY AWARDS



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Poultry Production— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Chore-Time Equipment Division of CTB Incorporated, Wayne Farms LLC, and the National FFA Foundation.

Tyler Danke- Wisconsin

Doug Carter - Florida
Molly Cassandra Adams - Missouri
Kayla Mason - Tennessee

Sheep Production— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by LA-CO Markal and the National FFA Foundation.

Allison Jenae McGolden- Oklahoma

Karin Langhus - Montana
Lee Copenhaver - North Dakota
Nicole Ann Violet - Wyoming

Small Animal Production and Care—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Iams as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Candice Annette Orm- Kentucky

Drew McCulley - Indiana
JJ Devore - Oklahoma
Gary Rieth - Wisconsin

Small Animal Production and Care—Placement

Sponsored by Merial as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Cade Hodgkins- Texas

Michael Marsh - California
Rebeka Herskedal - Indiana
Megan Buckentine - Minnesota

Specialty Animal Production— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Land O'Lakes Feeds/Purina Mills as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Trevon Ogden- Missouri

Nicole van der Grinten - Connecticut
Danel J. Walker - Oklahoma
Brett Hausler - Wisconsin

Specialty Crop Production— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by BASF, and Cerexagri as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Jeremy Bryant Cook- Tennessee

Amy Moore - Florida
Kristy Kay Wethington - Kentucky
Kylie Kupka - Oklahoma

Swine Production— Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Krista Lynn Anderson- California

Aimee Michelle Shaffer - Indiana
Erin Leigh Croy - Missouri
Mindy McLemore - Oklahoma

Swine Production—Placement

Sponsored by Akey Inc. and Phibro Animal Health as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Logan E. West- Texas

Matthew Wallace Medley - Kentucky
Cindi A. Browne - Nebraska
Laramie Estes - Oklahoma

Turf Grass Management— Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Jared Robert Lee- Illinois

William Barnes, Jr. - Indiana
Jeffery Michael Bernecker - Nebraska
Jeff Catron - Utah

Turf Grass Management— Placement

Sponsored by Bayer Environmental Science as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Brandon Joseph Hawkins- Ohio

Matt Bland - Nebraska
Matthew Lee Mooring - North Carolina
Derek Beckley - North Dakota

Vegetable Production— Entrepreneurship/Placement

Sponsored by Briggs and Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Tony J. Crescio- Wisconsin

Cecil Walls - Georgia
Ryan Keith Tokuchi Hondo - Idaho
Aaron Louis Wulber - Ohio

Wildlife Production and Management—Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops Inc. and Land O' Lakes Feed/Purina Mills as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Colin Lowe- Oklahoma

Lance Jenkins - Idaho
Ryan Bull - Texas
Nicholas Pfeffer - Wisconsin

Wildlife Production and Management—Placement

Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Chevrolet/GM Vortec Engines as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ty Jacob Runyan - Oklahoma

Katie Joan Jenness - Illinois
Matt Adams - Kentucky
Alan Duane Hutchins - Texas

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Agricultural Communications

Sponsored by Successful Farming-Agriculture Online and the National FFA Foundation

Winning Team: Washington-Kristin Beck, Mallory Tweten, Rabeca Coyle and Rachel Taylor all of Sumner

High Individual: Ashley Reitzler of Montezuma, Iowa

Agricultural Issues Forum

Sponsored by Elanco Animal Health, a Division of Eli Lilly and Company

Winning Team: Texas-Landon Reed, Christina Taylor, Victoria Taylor, Randi Standley, Lindsey Gilmore, Jarrod Reese, Wes Bailey and Lynita Foster (advisor) all of Madisonville

Agricultural Sales

Sponsored by Monsanto

Winning Team: Washington-Ashley Broshious, Audrey Patrick, Ashlie Sander, Travis Bednar and Mike Patrick (advisor) all of Yelm

High Individual: Ashley Broshious of Yelm, Washington

Agronomy

Sponsored by Bayer CropScience

Winning Team: Missouri-Michael Manson, Alex Reigelsberger, Megan Switzer, Jacob Woolston and Tom Zeilstra (advisor) all of Brunswick

High Individual: Michael Manson of Brunswick, Missouri

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers Inc.

Winning Team: Kentucky-Andrew Baird, Amanda Holaday, Tyler Poole, Levi Shanks and Bland Baird (advisor) all of Taylorsville

High Individual: Robyn Bechtel of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

Dairy Foods

Sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America

Winning Team: Missouri-Stephanie Tucker, Breanne Barnes, Zach Haines Camden Coulter and John Rummel (advisor) all of Stockton.

High Individual: Camden Coulter of Stockton, Missouri

Environmental/Natural Resources

Sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc.

Winning Team: Virginia-Ali Fitzgerald, Ryan Bugas, Whitney Hawkins, Kate Abshire and Brent Hull (advisor) all of Fort Defiance

High Individual: Katy Miklic of Tollhouse, California

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation

High Individual: Allison Heers of Tulare, California

Farm Business Management

Sponsored by John Deere

Winning Team: Iowa-Sara Iverson, Vanna Bushong, Lindsay Phillips, Krystal Watts and Rick Swenson (advisor) all of Montezuma

High Individual: Kevin Moch of Napoleon, North Dakota

Floriculture

Sponsored by Ag Workers Mutual Auto Insurance ; American Floral Endowment, Ball Horticultural Company and the National FFA Foundation

Winning Team: North Carolina- Katelyn Keith, Tanisha Glover, Caitlin Lowe and Chris Cox, all of Ramseur.

High Individual: Maria Stevens of Walkersville, MD



Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by the Firestone Agricultural Tire Division/Bridgestone Firestone Trust Fund

Winning Team: Minnesota-Lucas Beseke, Eric Hodnefield, Grant Rasmussen Derek Vohel and Jeff Voss (advisor) all of Jackson.

High Individual: Peter Martens of Penn Yan, New York

Creed Speaking

Sponsored by CHS

High Individual: Lauren Der of Plant City, Florida



Food Science and Technology

Sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim

Winning Team: Ohio—Kelly Howland, Lauren Moss, Brittany Boggs, Christine Pellegrini and Jack Jacquemin (advisor) all of Oxford

High Individual: Jacquelyne Koch of Howard Lake, Minnesota

Forestry

Sponsored by BASF and International Paper, Inc.

Winning Team: Indiana—Elizabeth Mohler, Rachel Schluttenhofer, Jacob Culbertson, and Lisa Schluttenhofer, and Donald Haberlin (advisor) all of Thorntown

High Individual: Rachel Schluttenhofer of Thorntown, Indiana

Horse Evaluation

Sponsored by American Quarter Horse Youth Association, Dodge Trucks, Evergreen Mills, Inc., KENT Feeds, Inc., and the National FFA Foundation

Winning Team: Oklahoma—Cortney Adams, Wade Williams, Karen Barnes, Suzi Barnes and Joe Cunningham (advisor) all of Locust Grove

High Individual: Karen Barnes of Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Job Interview

Sponsored by Tractor Supply Company

High Individual: Heather Savelle of Watkinsville, Georgia

Livestock Evaluation

Sponsored by Merial, Performance Award Center (PAC) and the National FFA Foundation

Winning Team: Oklahoma—Austin Horn, Jordan Jackson, Lacey Meder, Jeremy Bennett and Tim Herren (advisor) all of Yukon

High Individual: Brandon Reeves of Swoope, Virginia

Marketing Plan

Sponsored by DeBruce Grain, DTN, DuPont Company, and USDA Rural-Development

Winning Team: Washington—Anna Forge, Zach Harvey, and Sam Puller and Michael Martin (advisor) all of Walla Walla

Meats Evaluation and Technology

Sponsored by Cargill Meat Solutions, Hormel Foods Corporation/Jennie-O Turkey Store, Oscar Mayer Foods, Premium Standard Farms, and Tyson Foods.

Winning Team: Texas—Matthew Brown, Miles Guelker, Stacie Mahan, Sara Wiatrek and Ray Pieniazek (advisor) all of San Antonio

High Individual: C J Brantley of Clovis, California

Nursery and Landscape

Sponsored by Arysta LifeScience of North America, FMC Corporation, Kubota Tractor Corporation, Stihl Inc., and the National FFA Foundation

Winning Team: North Carolina—Dustin Ritter, Matt Swaim, Brandon Smith, Wesley Corder and Raymond Caviness (advisor) all of Ramseur

High Individual: Wesley Corder of Ramseur, NC

Parliamentary Procedure

Sponsored by Syngenta

Winning Team: New Mexico—Nina Sadberry, Travis Gran, Jason Ball, Nicole Aurand, Amy Lamb, Rayshell Fulfer, and Bonnie Lightfoot (advisor) all of Moriarty

Poultry Evaluation

Sponsored by Bayer Corporation Animal Health Division, Tyson Foods, Inc., and U.S. Poultry and Egg Association

Winning Team: Arkansas—Kyle Avey, Sherita Baker, Whitney Downum, Tyler Pendergraft and Dennis Mason (advisor) all of Springdale

High Individual: Sherita Baker of Springdale, Arkansas

Prepared Public Speaking

Sponsored by Arvesta Corporation, ING and New Dominion Management

High Individual: Billy Brown of St. George, Kansas



PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING CDE

Billy Brown
St. George, Kansas

Billy Brown won the 2005 National FFA Prepared Public Speaking CDE. He competed against three other finalists for the title. His speech, titled “The National Animal Identification System” explains the pros and cons of implements and animal identification system in the United States.

A mixture of nerves, intensity, enthusiasm, and talent made up this year’s Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event (CDE). The event, which began Wednesday morning, featured FFA members who came to convention ready to present their polished, well-rehearsed speeches. Contestants, who were often found outside contest rooms putting last-minute touches on their speech delivery, spoke on topics ranging from agricultural public policy to changes in the agricultural industry. Speakers showed their creativity by using a variety of introductions – such as songs, statistics and the FFA Creed – to try and captivate the audience from the start. At the end of each speech, contestants fielded questions from six judges, often requiring speakers to think on their feet and show an in-depth knowledge of the topic in which they invested many hours. The top four finalists made it through the first two rounds and competed in the final competition Thursday morning. This year’s finalists were: Billy Brown of Kansas, Kendall Correia of California, Katie Shannon of Texas and Megan Shelley of Florida.

Below is an excerpt from his speech:

As you can see, the National Animal Identification System is a very complex, yet interesting program. Although there are many questions and concerns about the program now, we can rest assured that they will be answered with time and experience. United States Agriculturalists will learn what it takes to record movements of their animals on the national level with this new system in the near future. American agriculture will change as we know it, and the program that has the ability to do that is the National Animal Identification system.

CREED SPEAKING CDE



Lauren Der
Plant City, Florida

“I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words, but of deeds...” The Creed was written by E.M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. Today it is still very powerful piece of FFA tradition, and it conjures up many memories for most FFA members. The creed speaking CDE provides new members (7-9 grades) with an opportunity to gain experience in public speaking as well as develop an enriched understanding for its importance to the FFA. This year’s winner was Lauren Der of Plant City, Florida.

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CDE



Allison Heers
Tulane, California

A popular career development event, fans that watch the extemporaneous public speaking competition hold an admiration for the talented and brave participants. FFA members in this category are given a set of 12 predetermined topics featuring areas in agriscience and technology, agrimarketing and international agricultural relations, food and fiber systems, and urban agriculture. Thirty minutes prior to the event, the FFA member will randomly choose three topics from the 12, narrow it down to one final topic, and then quickly prepare his or her speech. The 2005 National Extemporaneous Public Speaking winner was Allison Heers of Tulare, California. Here topic was “How does the World Trade Organization affect the trade of American Agriculture.”

In her speech, Heers stated:

America is the most powerful country in the world. We have the most progressive agriculturalists. We should be able to feed ourselves. But what if we were suddenly cut off from every other nation? No exports...no imports. We would be able to survive, right? Wrong! The United States could not survive with its current lifestyle, living without trade on the global market.

As President Roosevelt once said, “It’s not so much where you are, but in what direction are you headed.” We must make sure that we are headed in the right direction when considering global market.

Although the American agriculturalist exports over eighteen percent of his products, let’s make sure that at 18 percent, we are actively working to level the playing field for that American farmer.

H.O. SARGENT AWARDS

As the National FFA Organization continues on towards its 100-year anniversary, the H.O. Sargent Award continues to be given to those individuals who are “living to serve” by finding new ways to reach underrepresented groups who have been unable to experience agricultural education and the FFA.

Established, again, in 1995 to recognize the New Farmers of America (NFA) and their special place in FFA history the H.O. Sargent Award is one of the most prestigious given at the National FFA Convention. This year national FFA celebrated 40 years with NFA which was founded in 1928 by Dr. H.O. Sargent. In 1928 Dr. Sargent believed the time was right to development an agriculture organization for African-American students.

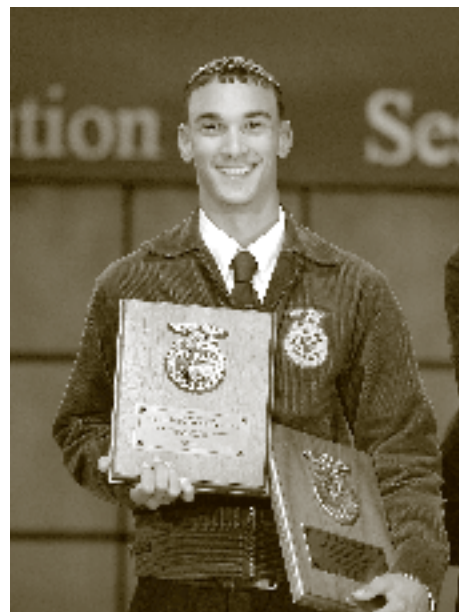
Deundray Evans, of the Ponchatoula FFA Chapter in Ponchatoula, Louisiana,

members in his FFA chapter.

Non-members who work to promote the ideals of H.O. Sargent are also recognized each year at national convention. The non-member awards this year went to Mickey Ferris, Dr. Billye Foster, and Albert Reed.

Ferris, from Texas, is a housewife who has decided to provide equal opportunity for all FFA members in her community. Her mission is to make sure that money is not a barrier for local FFA members. Ferris has purchased market hogs and feed so that FFA could have projects for the fair. She has also sponsored students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference.

As a professor at the University of Arizona, Dr. Billye Foster has continued her quest to promote diversity. Foster teaches classes on topics including women in agriculture and diversity in agriculture. She is also the creator of the nationally recognized *Desert Roses*



H.O. Sargent Member Winner

Deundray Evans

Ponchatoula FFA Chapter
Ponchatoula, Louisiana



was this year's member award winner. Evans took action after hearing about the history behind the award at his state convention. Coming from an ethnically diverse background himself, Evans wanted others in his position to know that they should not be shy and that they should speak out. His quest started with FFA recruitment sessions at the local junior high school. Evans will be the first say, “You must start with the person and help him or her to realize that they are unique.” Evans was one of the innovative minds behind the construction of the Ponchatoula FFA chapter's accessible raised-bed strawberry garden for the ten physically-handicapped

newsletter and website based on women in agricultural education.

Reid, of Virginia, wanted to dispel the myth that agriculture is just cows and plows with students in his urban area. Reid has taken his passion for fish, in particularly aquaculture, to elementary and middle schools in his area. His hope is that urban residents will realize they to can be involved in production agriculture.

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Non-Member National Recipients

Mickey Ferris

Snyder, Texas

Dr. Billye Foster

Tucson, Arizona

Albert Reid

Petersburg, Virginia.

VIP CITATIONS

Bob Stewart is a Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Education at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he has taught the professional development and teacher education courses for agricultural education. More than 525 students have qualified to teach secondary agriculture education under his instruction.

Dr. Stanley Burke was a teacher educator in Virginia for several years before serving as an area supervisor in agricultural education. For more than 20 years Burke taught at Virginia Tech. He served on several state career development event committees and was member of the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics CDE for several years.

William Coley served as a teacher of vocational agriculture for 18 years before being named the Middle Tennessee Regional Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in 1965. As a supervisor, he strived to implement new agricultural education programs, while strengthening old ones.

Dean Gagnon has served agricultural education for more than thirty-two years. He was an instructor at Columbus High School before joining the National FFA Foundation as a regional director. For the past ten years Gagnon has served as the Agricultural Education and Natural Resources consultant at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Honorable Samuel Hayes, Jr. is the former Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture and has made major contributions to agricultural science education and FFA in his state. Over the past two decades, Hayes served the Pennsylvania FFA in many facets. While serving as the majority and minority leader in the House of Representatives, he helped secure legislative funding for FFA.

John Miley worked for the Ohio Department of Education for 25 years, serving as district supervisor for agricultural education. He also served as FFA camp manager and executive secretary of the Ohio Young Farmers' Association. He was instrumental in developing new programs in southeastern Ohio, and under his leadership the Ohio YFA membership reached an all-time high.

Marshall Stewart began as an agriculture educator, before joining the National FFA Organization in 1988. While with FFA, he managed leadership and personal development workshops, served as director of membership marketing and ultimately became the Education Division Director.



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John Rakestraw is the Chief Executive Officer of Midwest Precision Molasses Services and has been active on the National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board. In 2004 he served as chairman of the board. Rakestraw was instrumental in securing more than \$50,000 in funds for FFA activities from the animal health sector.

Cheryl Salley is the manager of community relations and sponsored programs with Deere and Company. She has been a vital resource to FFA and the Farm Business Management Career Development. She has served on this committee for 20 years as coordinator for all support from John Deere.

Rick Waitley is a former FFA member turned vocational agriculture teacher. He has also served on the Idaho Dairyman's Association and as the executive secretary for the Idaho Cooperative Council. He is now president of Association Management Group.

Harold Workman is a former FFA member who understands the mission of FFA and has worked diligently to serve it. As president and CEO of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, he has been a cornerstone in the success of the national FFA convention in Louisville.



HONORARY AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

The Honorary American FFA Degree is the highest honorary degree of the National FFA Organization. It honors teachers and other individuals who have given continuous service to FFA and are committed to advancing agricultural education. Because of their strong support, FFA is one of the nation's elite youth organizations, impacting the lives of many students. Contributions from these supporters help FFA instill in students time-honored legacies of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Each of the 170 adults who received the award was honored on stage with a medal and recognized at an award ceremony.

Arizona: Tyler Grandil, Monica Hogue, Phillip Hogue

Arkansas: Dr. Jason Emmert, Dr. Jeffrey W. Horne, Sr., Senator Bob Johnson, Travis Justice, Jerry Wooley

California: Dr. Daniel Bartell, Dr. Charles Crabb, Beth Cross, James W. Nielsen

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Idaho: Darrell Bolz, Maynard A. Fosberg, Dean Langley, Dr. Rick Parker, Michael Quesnell

Illinois: Jim Collins, Joe Hampton, Rich Hollis, Cindy Kelley, Tom Kelley, Mike McMillan, Theresa McMillan, Jim Piechowski

Indiana: Bruce Bye, Michael A. Jackson, Tom Stumler

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The American FFA Degree is the highest level of membership you can achieve as an FFA member. This is a giant step on the way to establishing yourself in an agricultural career. Before you can submit an application for the American FFA Degree, you must have received the three preceding FFA degrees and demonstrate a solid commitment to agriculture and FFA. A feat of great accomplishment among those who earn the degree, only one half of one percent of FFA members attains this honor. This year, 2,970 members received their American FFA Degree and they were honored at an on-stage ceremony.

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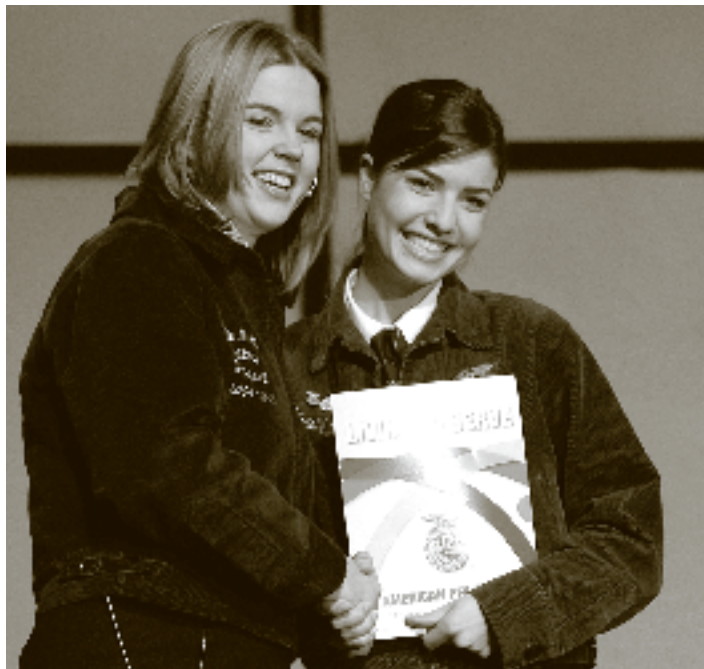
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: DELEGATE ISSUE #1:

REVIEW FFA'S PUBLIC CHARTER AND DETERMINE IF CHANGES ARE NEEDED

Whereas,

-The National FFA Organization is the only Career Technical Student Organization granted a public charter

-The United States Congress has the potential to unfavorably alter or rescind public law 105-225 Title 36 Chapter 709

Be it resolved that the Review FFA's Public Charter Committee recommends:

The National Board of Directors not consider any revisions of Public Law 105-225 at this time.



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On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:.....Hannah Huggins of Florida

Committee Vice Chair:.....Chelsea Little of Arizona

Committee Vice Chair:.....Bradley Hale of Idaho

This committee recommendation passed by 28 favor/11 against vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Jordan Hamilton of Alabama

Brittany Cole of Tennessee



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #2

ESTABLISH A CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE ACTIVITIES

Whereas,

The National FFA Organization would establish a new award program that recognizes chapters to conduct activities that inform people about their heritage, rights, and responsibilities as American citizens. Public Law 105-225, p. 80 states that one purpose of the corporation is "to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby develop competent and aggressive rural and agricultural leadership."

Be it resolved that the Chapter Award Program for "American Heritage" Activities Committee recommends the following:

The National FFA Organization establishes a new American Heritage Awards Program.

On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

- Committee Chair:.....Logan West of Texas
- Committee Vice Chair:.....Nicholas Stanisci of Connecticut
- Committee Vice Chair:.....Cade LeJeune of Louisiana



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This committee recommendation passed by 32 favor/5 against vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries
 Gena Polzin of Wisconsin
 Brittany Burley of Georgia



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #3

RE-ESTABLISH THE WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD PROGRAM

Whereas,

The Work Experience Abroad program was closed because it lost the National FFA Organization funds, but the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers breaks even and State FFA Officers and National Proficiency finalists should not be the only FFA members to have the opportunity to participate in international experiences

Be it resolved that the Re-Establish the Work Experience Abroad Program Committee recommends the following:

1. Establishment of an International Travel program structured similar to the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers but open to all FFA members ages 16-21 years. This experience will be a 2-3 week program where members travel in a group. It will be offered once in the summer and once in the winter, and include a 2-3 day host family stay. There will be an application process with a minimum number of participants needed to conduct the experience. This minimum number will be established by National FFA based on cost.
2. The issue "Create a National Work Experience Exchange Program" be submitted to July 2006 State President's Conference attendees for the option of voting on as a delegate issue.



On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:..... Tony Roubal of Nebraska
 Committee Vice Chair:..... Jamin Roller of Texas
 Committee Vice Chair:..... Josh Doely of Montana

This committee recommendation passed by a majority vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Dan Delcher of New Jersey
 Kaleb Mason of Vermont

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #4

INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMBERS

Whereas,

Opportunity for middle school members need to be expanded and this committee has defined middle school students as 7th and 8th grade members.

Be it resolved that the Increase Opportunities for Middle School Members Committee recommends the following:

1. The National FFA Board of Directors revise Career Development Event policy to allow middle school members to compete in National Career Development Events and implemented upon the approval of the National Association of Middle School Administrators.
2. The National FFA make suitable material packets available for chapter level recognition of middle school student's Supervised Agricultural Experiences.
3. The National FFA designate a section in the New Horizons for middle school students and provide information on the National FFA website for middle schools.
4. The National FFA offer a national conference for middle school students emphasizing citizenship and leadership and the conference be implemented upon the approval of the National Middle School Administrators. We further recommend the conference be held in Indianapolis, Ind. to draw connection to the National FFA Center and excitement for National FFA Convention.
5. The National FFA Board of Directors create a task force to investigate online Career Development Event possibilities for middle school members.



On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:.....Shamus Brown of Iowa
 Committee Vice Chair:.....Kara Palacio of Oregon
 Committee Vice Chair:.....Travis Lape of South Dakota

This committee recommendation passed by a unanimous vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Devan Parrett of Kentucky
 Susan Everett of Mississippi

COMMITTEE REPORTS



ISSUE COMMITTEE: #5

UPDATE OFFICIAL DRESS WORDING TO ELIMINATE GENDER DISCRIMINATION.

Whereas,

There are no grounds in which a lawsuit can be drafted against the National FFA Organization due to the fact that membership is voluntary. Whereas, traditionally, male members of the FFA have worn slacks and females have worn skirts.

Be it resolved that the Committee to Update Official Dress Wording in FFA Manual to Eliminate Gender Discrimination recommends the following:

Modify the wording in the Official FFA Manual so it reads: "Black slacks may be appropriate for traveling, outdoor activities or under special circumstances";

All documents reflecting Official Dress should be uniform.

On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:.....Jake Bonnell of Illinois

Committee Vice Chair:.....Rayeann Solano of Arizona

Committee Vice Chair:.....Ashley Yopp of North Carolina

This committee recommendation passed by 31/8 vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Matt Wilson of Alabama

Darick Williams of Maine

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #6

ADDITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT TO FFA DEGREES

Whereas,

Members of our committee believe that community service instills the goals of the organization's motto "Living to Serve".

Involvement in one's community reaches a wider scope of members and broadens the impact of the organization in society.

After hearing testimony in the committee regarding this topic, we feel that a community service requirement should be added to FFA degrees.



Be it resolved that the Addition of Community Service Requirement to FFA Degrees Committee recommends the following:

- Community service is defined as a project that benefits the well-being of a person/community through unpaid hours. There are no classifications as to different types of service.
- Community service projects do not have to be relevant to a student's SAE. Community service hours will not substitute for SAE hours.
- Community service hours should be in excess of regularly scheduled class time where a grade will not be awarded.
- The National FFA Organization will require community service for Greenhand, Chapter, State, and American Degrees. The requirements for the degrees are as follows: The Greenhand Degree will require two community service activities. The Chapter Degree will require 20 hours. Advanced degrees will require a minimum number of hours to be determined at a later date but ranging from 50 to 75 hours for the State Degree and 75 to 125 hours for the American degree.
- Current standards of verification will be used to approve community service hours for all degrees.

On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:.....Randy Renfro of Arkansas

Committee Vice Chair:.....Chelcee Noland of Oregon

Committee Vice Chair:.....Shawn Turner of Kansas

This committee recommendation passed by a majority vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries

Sangeetha Gummadi of Minnesota

Hallie Thompson of Delaware

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: # 7

UPGRADE RECRUITMENT MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY VIDEOS

Whereas,

the committee addressing the upgrade of recruitment materials, especially videos, heard delegate debate and discussion as well as input from the national FFA staff..

Be it resolved that the upgrade recruitment materials Committee recommends the following:

1. A policy should be created to update recruitment materials on a 3-5 year basis, based on the financial advice of the National FFA organization.
2. That an annual national student video contest be created as an additional source of recruitment material.

On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:..... Jason Scott Smith of Michigan

Committee Vice Chair:Holly Marshall of South Dakota

Committee Vice Chair:Jake Bredstrand of Washington

This committee recommendation passed unanimously vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Alicia Nicole Wade of North Carolina

Darren Michael Wood of Pennsylvania



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #8

DEVELOP A BIOTECHNOLOGY/GENETICS CDE

Whereas,

part of the FFA mission statement is to develop career success, and whereas biotechnology and genetics provides diverse and progressive career opportunities for our members

Be it resolved that the Develop a Biotechnology/Genetics CDE Committee recommends the following:

1. We recommend the development of a Biotechnology/Genetics CDE, which covers a variety of biotechnology and genetics subjects.
2. We recommend this CDE contain a written test and an application portion which should consist of both individual and team effort.
3. We recommend that the National FFA distribute information to all state associations concerning the Biotechnology/Genetics CDE prior to the required feasibility study for developing a CDE.

However,

1. If a Biotechnology/Genetics CDE is not feasible, we recommend that National FFA more extensively incorporate biotechnology and genetics concepts into existing CDEs where applicable.



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On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:..... Timothy Martini of Colorado

Committee Vice Chair:..... Christian Lilienthal of Minnesota

This committee recommendation passed by 35/0 vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Megan Varvil of Arkansas

Emily Waggoner of South Carolina

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISSUE COMMITTEE: #9

INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS EARNED TO ATTAIN THE AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

Whereas,

The requirements for the American FFA Degree have not been changed in ten years, and fluctuating inflation rates and minimum wages,

Be it resolved that the Increase the Amount of Dollars Earned to Attain the American FFA Degree Committee recommends the following:

1. That a task force be developed to reevaluate American Degree requirements every five years. The Committee will comprise of 15 individuals that all must come from different states, including: 4 Agricultural Economists, one from each region within the FFA to project inflation in advance years and calculate formulas based on the economy; 8 past American Degree recipients, 2 from each of the four areas (placement, entrepreneurship, agriscience, ag business) to determine if recommendations by economists apply to American Degree recipients, and to make recommendations to the economists; and 3 FFA Advisors who have received the American Degree more than 25 years ago.
2. To send a recommendation to the National Board of Directors to set a minimum requirement for dollars earned at \$9,000 and to adjust the unpaid hour factor accordingly, and that this recommendation return to the 2006 Delegation as a constitutional amendment.

On behalf of committee members, this report respectfully submitted October 26, 2005, by:

Committee Chair:.....Whitney Danker of Oklahoma

Committee Vice Chair:.....Shawn Gearhart of Indiana

This committee recommendation passed by a unanimous vote of the committee.

Witnessed by committee secretaries:

Sarah LaRose of Connecticut

Erin Peterson of Utah



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NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATES

On Saturday afternoon at the tenth general session of the 78th National FFA Convention, a lifetime of preparation and service reached a defining moment for 37 members. Each of these members was hoping to hear his or her name called as a member of the 2005-2006 National FFA Officer Team.

Before national conference officially started these 37 FFA members were already participating in a strenuous round of interviews. Nine delegates from across

the country evaluated the candidates as they completed a written test, a demonstration of writing skill and numerous interviews. After long hours of intense discussion the nominating committee report was written with the names of the new national officers.

Immediately following the election, the national officers take a one year leave from their university studies so that they can devote an entire year of their lives to the National FFA Organization. During their

year of service each officer travels more than 100,000 miles both in the United States and abroad committing over 300 days of their life to agriculture education.

While only six would make up the 2005-2006 National Officer Team including a president, a secretary, and four regional vice presidents, each candidate left Louisville with a sense of pride in representing their state association. The honor is one of the greatest responsibilities the National FFA bestows upon a member.

Alabama: Jennifer Mihburg

Arizona: Janette Barnard

Arkansas: Jessica Hickmott

California: Grace Berryhill

Colorado: Tyson Brown

Connecticut: Mindy Crane

Florida: Erica Der

Georgia: Cathy Strickland

Illinois: Ryan Robinson

Indiana: Shane Hageman

Iowa: Ashley Jordan

Kansas: Emily Schmeidler

Kentucky: Charlee Doom

Maryland: Bud Matthews

Michigan: Ryan Peterson

Minnesota: Rachel Wulf

Missouri: Gina Eckler

Montana: Amy Plummer

Nebraska: Anita Estes

Nevada: John Nichols

New Jersey: Rebecca Schnetzer

New Mexico: Stuart Joy

North Carolina: Laura Hoffner

North Dakota: Brooks Hetle

Ohio: Abby Yochum

Oklahoma: Travis Jett

Pennsylvania: Mark Lowery

South Carolina: Jennifer Perkins

South Dakota: Jessie Geib

Tennessee: Becky Dykes

Texas: John Koch

Utah: Dusty Ercanbrack

Virginia: Kent Branner

Washington: Anne Meyer

West Virginia: Sidney Phelps

Wisconsin: Kimberly Miller

Wyoming: Bryttni Westlake

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Zach Kinne, Missouri, central region -
Chair

Brady Revels, Florida, southern region -
Vice-Chair

Bruce Cooley, Indiana, eastern region

Christina Gallant, Delaware, eastern
region

Heather McClean, Tennessee, southern
region

Ty Smith, Nevada, western region

Stephanie Obad, California, western
region

Ceri Parker, Colorado, central region

Matt Dolch, Iowa, central region



We, the nominating committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for a national office. The committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates at the 78th National FFA Convention to serve as national officers for the year 2005-2006.

Central Region Vice President: Anita Estes, Nebraska

Eastern Region Vice President: Ryan Peterson, Michigan

Southern Region Vice President: Erica Der, Florida

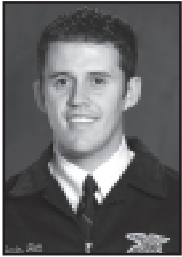
Western Region Vice President: Stuart Joy, New Mexico

National Secretary: Jessie Geib, South Dakota

National President: Travis Jett, Oklahoma



2006-07 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS



Travis Jett
President

Age: 21
Birthdate: November 1, 1984
Parents: Alan and Alyson Jett
Siblings: Brianna

FFA Stats

Chapter: Laverne FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Beef Entrepreneurship and Beef Placement
State Office: 2004-2005 Oklahoma President
FFA Activities: Extemporaneous public speaking, chapter star farmer, farm and agribusiness management

College Stats

Year: Junior
Major: Agricultural Economics
School: Oklahoma State University
College Activities: Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity,
College of Agriculture Student Council, Student Alumni Board
Future Career Goal: To practice law and manage the family's ranching operation.



Ryan Peterson
Eastern Region Vice President

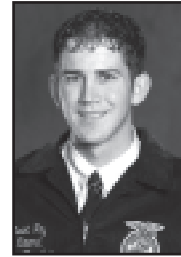
Age: 21
Birthdate: February 25, 1985
Parents: Rick and Nancy Peterson
Siblings: Robby and Natalie

FFA Stats

Chapter: Cassopolis FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Beef production, agricultural mechanics and landscape placement
State Office: 2003-2004 Michigan President
FFA Activities: Parliamentary Procedure, star chapter farmer, agricultural issues forum

College Stats

Year: Sophomore
Major: Agribusiness Management
School: Michigan State University
College Activities: FarmHouse Fraternity, Rodeo
Club, Block and Bridle
Future Career Goal: To serve as an industry leader in the agricultural community assisting production agriculturalists.



Stuart Joy
Western Region Vice President

Age: 20
Birthdate: August 30, 1985

Parents: Jack and Diana Joy
Siblings: Brandon, Kami and Kolbyn

FFA Stats

Chapter: Artesia FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Cotton production, sheep production and fiber/forage placement
State Office: 2003-2004 New Mexico President
FFA Activities: Extemporaneous public speaking, parliamentary procedure, fiber crop proficiency

College Stats

Year: Sophomore
Major: Engineering
School: Lubbock Christian University
College Activities: Student Senate, Aggies Club, Lubbock Christian University ambassador
Future Career Goal: Obtain a degree in agricultural engineering, own an irrigation supply and implementation business, and operate the family farm.



Erica Der
Southern Region Vice President

Age: 21
Birthdate: December 11, 1984
Parents: Dennis and Lori Der
Siblings: Lauren

FFA Stats

Chapter: Plant City Senior FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Beef and swine production
State Office: 2003-2004 Florida Area V Vice President
FFA Activities: Extemporaneous public speaking, floriculture, nursery and landscape

College Stats

Year: Junior
Major: Agricultural Communications
School: University of Florida
Top 3 Activities: Florida Strawberry Growers Association ambassador, University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ambassador, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
Future Career Goal: To work for an agricultural publication.



Anita Estes
Central Region Vice President

Age: 20
Birthdate: November 20, 1985
Parents: Alan and Kim Estes
Siblings: Emily

FFA Stats

Chapter: Stuart FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Beef entrepreneurship, beef placement, home and community development, dairy production
State Office: 2004-2005 Nebraska President
FFA Activities: Public speaking, job interview, Parliamentary procedure

College Stats

Year: Sophomore
Major: Animal Science, PreVet option
School: University of Nebraska Lincoln
Top 3 Activities: College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources ambassador, Collegiate FFA, Animal Science Leadership Academy
Future Career Goal: To become a doctor of veterinary medicine and teach animal science courses at the collegiate level.



Jesse Geib
Secretary

Age: 20
Birthdate: February 17, 1985
Parents: Mark and Susan Geib
Siblings: Sara and Clay

FFA Stats

Chapter: DeSmet FFA Chapter
Enterprise: Beef production
State Office: 2003-2004 South Dakota President
FFA Activities: Job interview, state proficiency award, New Century Farmer participant

College Stats

Year: Junior
Major: Animal Science
School: South Dakota State University
College Activities: Sigma Alpha Agriculture Women's Fraternity, Block and Bridle, Little International
Future Career Goal: To work in production and public relations within the beef industry.



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