

FFA NEWSLETTER

Alumni Association



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"Supporting America's Best" by Jim Sipiorski, National President

Do you believe that the FFA is America's best youth organization? If in conversation with a neighbor, friend, co-worker, agribusiness person, producer, school board member, etc., would your investment in FFA Alumni membership along with the belief in the young people you support, convince them that the FFA is indeed America's best youth organization? Would your enthusiasm concerning the FFA be a strong enough conviction to sell membership or support to someone interested?

Our actions will speak for us as we face the challenges of the FFA and agricultural education in the next decade. An increasing number of active alumni members, well managed local FFA programs, and the involvement of industry will form layers of support for a stronger tomorrow.

An FFA Alumni affiliate can help a community to realize that the school system has an agricultural education department and an FFA chapter. The alumni members are also needed to support the local instructor and FFA advisor with their programs.

The challenge for all of us as FFA alumni will be to convince others within our community or state that the leadership and professionalism the FFA offers can lead to many opportunities in agriculture and other fields.

Be proud of American agriculture, our youth, and the FFA. Stand up and look someone straight in the eye and tell them, "yes", the FFA is America's greatest youth organization. Invite them to become a part of it by joining the FFA Alumni Association and becoming a supporter.

Leadership Workshops

The FFA Leadership Workshops, held during the national convention, will be conducted by the FFA Alumni and sponsored by Land O'Lakes, Inc., as a special project of the FFA Foundation. The workshop coordinator is Odell Miller from Ohio. The workshops are one-hour sessions and are held in Room 209, Bartle Convention Center.

Thursday, November 9

11:00 - Scott McKain, Indiana
& Mark Mayfield, Kansas
1:00 - Kelli Evans, Nebraska
& Terri Hames, Oklahoma
3:00 - Kevin Yost, Nebraska

Friday, November 10

11:00 - Rick Malir, Kansas
1:00 - Kevin Eblen, Iowa
3:00 - Dean Harder,
Minnesota

National FFA Alumni Convention

Highlights of the National FFA Alumni Convention will include a keynote speech by Dr. Duane Nielsen of the Department of Education and National FFA Board of Directors, award presentations, the presentation of approximately \$18,000.00 in scholarships to FFA members, business session, Alumni banquet and auction, workshops, and agribusiness exhibits as part of the FFA Career Show. Jim Sipiorski, national president, invites you to attend the conventions on November 8-11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Schedule

Wednesday, November 8, 1989

Room 209 (E & C), Bartle, Kansas City, Missouri

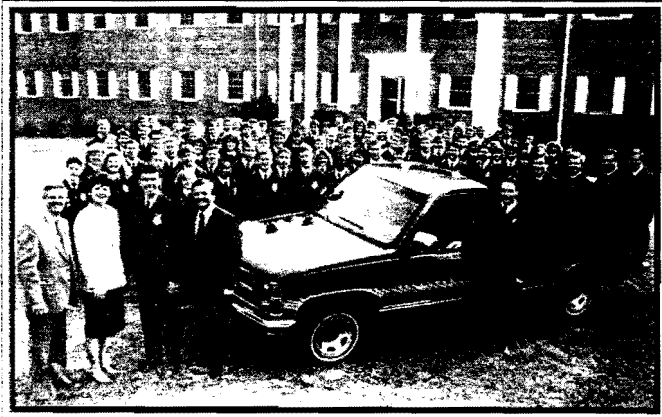
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Registration
10:00 AM	Opening Convention Session
10:15 AM	Regional Meetings
10:45 AM	Workshops on Membership Activities and Membership
11:45 AM	Alumni Luncheon (\$5.00 per person)
1:00 PM	Convention Session Reports Elections Keynote Speaker Business Session Membership Awards Affiliate and Scrapbook Awards President's Address Legion of Merit Awards
4:45 PM	Banquet Top Affiliate Awards Blue Blazer Awards Outstanding Achievement Awards
5:50 PM	Auction

Airline Discounts For Convention

Delta Airlines is offering 45 percent off normal coach fares and five percent off any discounted fare. You can receive the discounts by calling 1-800-952-3311 and telling the Firstworld Travel Center that you will be attending the FFA or FFA Alumni convention. Delta has given the FFA Alumni two free tickets to Hawaii for the auction in Kansas City and provided Josiah Phelps, national vice president, a free ticket to attend the National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization Convention in Kansas City in April.

Auction Promises To Be Largest In History

The annual FFA Alumni auction to be held on Wednesday, November 8, at 5:50-7:30 pm in Room 213, Bartle Convention Center, is expected to top last year's sales of \$26,000.00. Ken Natzke, Wisconsin, auction director, has reported that many items are being donated. Some of the items include: four frozen P-9 pedigree Holstein embryos donated by Don Mullen of Bloomer, Wisconsin, a Miller Thunderbolt AC/DC welder, a Badger Northland insulated livestock waterer, a NASCO electric livestock clipper, four certificates from AI Studs valued up to \$150.00 each for semen, and two history books on dairy from Hoard Dairyman. Listed in our last newsletter were the Yamaha "Breeze" ATV, two Delta airline tickets to Hawaii, and the four-wheel drive, full-size Chevrolet pickup truck. Donations, contacts for donations, or bids on auction items should be made by calling Ken Natzke at 715-758-2718.



Pictured above is the official truck presentation from Chevrolet Motor Truck Division of General Motor Corporation by Dora Nowicki and other Chevrolet officials to the national FFA officers and Jim Sipiorski, national FFA Alumni president. The FFA State Presidents' Conference participants are looking on during the presentation which took place on July 26.

FFA TV Program Hits Airwaves

FFA is scheduled to hit the airwaves this fall with a new video magazine, FFA Today. Premiering September 23, this hour-long, monthly video magazine will highlight new developments in agriculture and the FFA, explore career opportunities, and spotlight prominent people in the industry. The show, produced by Heartland Communications, will be broadcast over independent and affiliate stations. The show's success will depend upon its audience, so check your local listings and be sure you, your family and friends tune in this fall. If the show is not listed, let your local television station's program director know you're interested in receiving this monthly show. Don't miss this opportunity to learn even more about what's new in agriculture and the FFA.

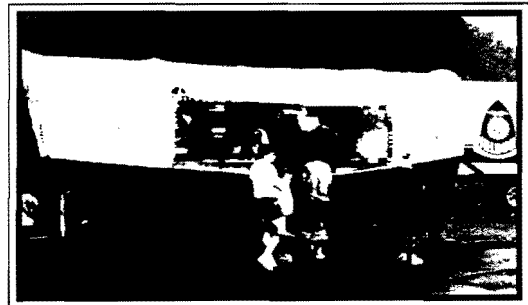
Alumni State Leaders' Conference



A total of 32 states attended the FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference in Washington, DC, this summer. The 56 participants attended seven workshops on FFA Alumni topics. Philip Morris USA, as a special project of the FFA Foundation sponsored the conference. The participants are pictured above with Rick Metzger, conference director, and Jim Sipiorski, national president. The conference was held the same week as the FFA State Presidents' Conference with some activities being conducted together.

FFA Alumni Hosts Cookout

The National FFA Alumni hosted a cookout during the conferences for the 230 FFA state presidents, FFA Alumni state leaders, national FFA officers, and FFA Center staff.



Pictured above is the chuckwagon of Concession Systems, Inc., Indiana, that provided the food for the event. The program held at the FFA Center included a motivational presentation by Rick Metzger (pictured below) as he pressed over 500 pounds as part of his presentation. The cookout entertainment included Tod Buchanan, a nationally known magician from Ohio, presenting a motivational message with magic that caused each in the audience to be spellbound.



WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since our summer newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 99 and has reached a total of 9,338. A Life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death a \$100.00 check be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education.

Connecticut	Carter Luther	Neil Finegan	Frank Fort	Darren Urdak
James Weed	ImoGene Rush	Karen Green	Earl Montgomery	Tom Vollrath
Suzanne Weed	Illinois	Bradley J. Haskins	Leonard Notah	Connie Weck
Florida	Thomas Hagloch	Vaughn Hoffman	Clay Post	South Carolina
Jonny Bryant	Allen H. Jones	Patty Parker	New York	Davey Breakfield
Walt Fields	Robert R. Stelford	Kevin Rocco	Orrin J. Ross	Tommy Burkett
Eddy Watkins	Iowa	Junior Stealy	North Carolina	Gennie Lou Capps
Angie S. Williams	Mike Meyers	Dan Washburn	Jerry Austin	Timothy Garrett
Mark A. Williams	Timothy W. Teel	Mississippi	Starla Austin	Patrick E. Settle
Georgia	Kansas	Mike Jones	Ohio	George L. Ulmer
Jasen Allison	Doug Adams	Missouri	Richard Brenneman	Texas
Branch Carter	James Chestnut	Joyce E. Pruett	Michael E. Conley	Jason L. Chavers
Stewart Humphrey	James E. Hall	Montana	Joe Durkin	Robert B. Estes
Ray Mancil	Robert Sanneman	Arnold Haack	Deanie Folk	David D. Revils
Casey Moore	Jim Yarrow	Greg Hofman	Elaine Hillier	Paul A. Richards
Ben Nessmith	Maryland	Don Steinbeisser	Harry Hillier	Sara Beth Sjolander
Randy Odom	Lori J. Badanes	Nebraska	Bridget Kadel	Virginia
Clay Varnadore	Michigan	Randy Moeller	Ryan Lee	Robert Andrews
Ricky Wheeler	Barb Beneker	New Mexico	Bill Leininger	Roy Dean
Idaho	Perry Camp	Melissa Bouvet	Bruce Levering	Matthew Lohr
Don Johnson	Becky Finegan	Rusty Ferguson	Robert Nauman	Washington
			Frank Newlon	Vincent Pfaff Jr.
			Jim Palmer	Wisconsin
			Dwight Phillips	Katherine Cordes
			Amy Schotte	Dave Leahy
			Jay Shuninger	Mick Mullooly
			Suzanne Smith	Stanley Ruplinger
			Hobart Sockman	Wyoming
			Melissa Thiel	Wayne Claburgh
				Pat H. Ryan

New Guidelines for 1990 Legion of Merit Award

Starting in 1990, the Legion of Merit Award will be presented to anyone signing up 15 or more new or renewal FFA Alumni members, five life members, or five FFA Executive Sponsors. Applications must be postmarked by October 1, 1990, to be eligible to receive the certificate at the 1990 National FFA Alumni Convention. Application forms may be copied from the new manual or requested from the national office.

Convention Business Items

The only convention business items recommended for delegate action by the national council will be to continue both annual and life dues at \$6.00 and \$100.00 through 1991.

Council Approves More WCP Scholarships

Starting in 1990, active FFA Alumni states with less than 500 alumni members will receive a Washington Conference Program scholarship based on fifty cents per member. For example, a state with 200 members will receive a \$100.00 scholarship. These scholarships will be presented at the 1990 national convention for use in the summer of 1991. Scholarships worth \$300.00 will continue to be awarded to states for every 500 active alumni members and to local affiliates for every 250 active alumni members or 100 life members. Over \$18,000.00 in WCP scholarships is presently given to FFA members.

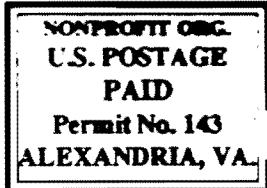
New Revised FFA Alumni Manual

A revised manual on the FFA Alumni has been published. A free copy has been mailed to each FFA Alumni state president and coordinator. A free copy is also being mailed to each FFA chapter. The rewriting, editing, typesetting, printing, and distribution of the free copies is being sponsored by MSD AGVET and the Merck Company Foundation of Rahway, New Jersey, as a special project of the FFA Foundation. The manual was rewritten by Raymond Cockrum, Oklahoma; Jay Householder, Ohio; Sue Krull, Wisconsin; Gary Maricle, Missouri; Ken Seering, Wisconsin; Jim Sipiorski, Wisconsin; Eldon Witt, Illinois; and Robert Cox, Virginia. Sue Krull, president of Agri-Promotions, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin, edited, provided the layout, and supervised the typesetting and printing of the manual. The National FFA Alumni Council assisted with editing the publication. Copies of the manual can be ordered from the FFA Supply Service for \$3.25 each plus \$1.75 shipping and handling. The address is: FFA Supply Service, P.O. Box 15160, Alexandria, VA 22309.



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FFA Alumni Council Nominations Western and Central Regions

The nominees for the western and central regional representative council positions have been approved. The following will be placed on the official ballot to be voted on at the national convention by the state delegates.

Western Region

Allen H. Peterson - Montana

Allen is a bank consultant, life insurance agent, and tax-preparer. He is president of the Montana FFA Alumni, past president of his local Alumni affiliate and serves on his local school board. He is trustee of his Luthern Church and president of the Community Improvement Corporation. Allen has served as a director of the Montana Bankers Association.

June Dean - Oklahoma

June, mother of four former FFA members, is serving her ninth year as secretary on the state council. She is an active life member, has served as a counselor at the Oklahoma FFA Leadership Camp for eleven years, has been a delegate at many national conventions, and has been involved in many other FFA and FFA Alumni activities.

Central Region

Virgil O. Martinson - Wisconsin

Virgil served as a teacher of agriculture, state supervisor of agriculture, and FFA executive secretary in Wisconsin for 35 years before his retirement in 1985. He has been the FFA Alumni state executive secretary for the past four years and a Wisconsin FFA Alumni council member. He received the FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award in 1987.

Dennis R. Williams - Michigan

Dennis is district sales manager for the Dairyland Seed Company. He is a former teacher of agriculture and served two terms as president of the Michigan FFA Alumni. He is farming the family farm which dates back to 1849 and has currently registered Suffolk and Shropshire sheep. He served as director of the national auction for the past two years.

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Louisiana Teacher Completes Governmental Affairs Internship



Robert T. Graham, Jr., North DeSoto High School, Louisiana, served as the FFA Alumni intern on governmental affairs during July. Pictured above is Congressman Jim McCrery of Louisiana and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Graham and children. Bob, an active FFA Alumni and NVATA member, spent the month learning about governmental affairs and providing information about agricultural education to national leaders. He visited with approximately 40 key agricultural and educational leaders. The governmental affairs internship for agricultural educators has been sponsored by the FFA Alumni for the past seven years.