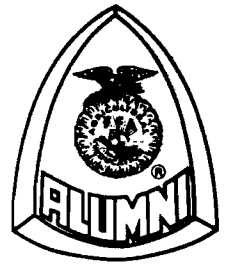


FFA NEWSLETTER

Alumni Association



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President's Message

"What is the FFA Alumni Association?"

by Roxann Sommers, London, Ohio

The "FFA Organization" as defined in The Agriculture Dictionary is "an organization for students enrolled in high school agricultural education programs. The purpose of the organization is to teach leadership and to provide incentives for learning. Once known as the Future Farmers of America, the organization is now known as the National FFA Organization." This



recently published dictionary was co-authored by Dr. Ray Herren who serves on the National FFA Alumni Council.

Currently, the FFA Alumni Association is not defined. But, if we were to define our organization in such a way maybe it would read something like this, "the FFA Alumni Association is a locally based organization, with state and national affiliations, designed to support and promote agricultural education and all related organizations."

My husband and I developed this definition with the thought of tying the local, state and national levels together. The state and national levels provide information networks to be used by the local. The local affiliates and their members are the foundation of the FFA Alumni organization. Supporting and promoting agricultural education at all three levels is important and provides a common bond.

Now, more than ever, we need to have a definition of our organization. Changes in local, state and national staffing in agricultural education departments have challenged us to learn more about the definition and/or the mission of the FFA Alumni Association. This definition may be of help as locals, states and the national defines who we are. If we do not define ourselves, someone else will.

FFA Alumni members, let us meet the challenges of change with determination to know who and what we are. We need you and the other 31,000 members to be involved in supporting and promoting agricultural education.

National Convention

The National FFA Alumni Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 13, in conjunction with the National FFA Convention, November 14-16. You are invited and encouraged to attend both conventions. The FFA convention is the largest annual student convention in our country. The excitement of over 23,000 people and the outstanding activities makes the experience of the conventions unbelievable. Contact the national FFA Alumni office or your state FFA office for more information on the conventions and lodging.

FFA Alumni Auction

It's auction time! The National FFA Alumni Annual Auction will be held during the national convention in November. The auction has played an important role in providing much needed funds for FFA scholarships. *Can we count on you?* Please contact Vic Verchereau, P.O. Box 30960, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 323-7000 with contributions from you and your community. Items from caps to show lambs have been donated in past years.

Washington Conference Scholarships



Pictured above are FFA members who received FFA Alumni scholarships and attended one of the fourteen Washington Conference Programs this summer. The FFA Alumni is providing \$22,231 in FFA scholarships for this year's Washington Conference Program. WCP is recognized as the nation's premiere leadership development program and has been held for twenty-two consecutive years. Over 60 FFA members received scholarships from the FFA Alumni. A list of all scholarship recipients will be listed in the fall newsletter.

Discounted Convention Air Fare And Win A Free Ticket

The FFA Alumni has a contract with Continental Airlines for this year's conventions. You can receive 50 percent off full coach or five percent off the lowest applicable fare. If you purchase a ticket for Kansas City and use the FFA Alumni easy access number, you will be eligible to win a free ticket. The drawing will be at the convention. For information or reservations, call 1-800-468-7022 from 7 AM - 11:30 PM Monday thru Friday, 9 AM - 10 PM Saturday, Eastern Time. Your personal travel agency may call and ticket on your behalf and you will receive this special discount on Continental. Please refer to the easy access number, EZ 11P16, when contacting Continental. The FFA Alumni has already received two free tickets from Continental for our 1991 auction.

New York FFA Alumni Host Toy Auction



The New York FFA Alumni raised \$1,700.00 for the FFA Alumni state scholarship fund from their second annual toy auction. Thanks to donated items from FFA supporters and numerous consignments from toy collectors, over 300 toys were auctioned. A standing room only auditorium of bidders from several states and Canada attended the auction. The auction was held during the New York Farm Show in Syracuse, New York.

Free Instructional Materials Available

We offered free instructional materials to local agricultural education programs in our spring newsletter. ICI Agricultural Products, through the National FFA Foundation, provided 1,000 Jiffy calibration jars, 1,000 record cards, and 50 instructional videos for use in instructing students and adult farmers in the area of sprayer calibration. A few sets are still available. Alumni or agricultural instructors interested in receiving 20 jars, 20 record cards, and one instructional video for an agricultural program should send requests to the National FFA Alumni, Box 15058, Alexandria, VA 22309-0058. Requests must include a short description on how these materials will be used and a \$6.00 check (payable to FFA Alumni to cover postage and handling). This offer will be on a first come first serve basis.

Why Do We Need FFA Alumni Members ?

With the increased diversity of agricultural education programs and the radical changes in our schools, it is becoming more difficult to keep up with the changes. Former FFA members and interested adults are a natural source to partner with the school to assist the agricultural education department. Building support for agricultural education is particularly important at this time as schools have budget concerns and education reforms are promoted nationally. Agricultural education is a model program that prepares our students to meet the demands of a new century. It is a unique program that integrates math, English, science, geography and history into applied learning.

Informed FFA Alumni members will be able to broaden students' experiences and provide the support necessary for strong agricultural education programs. Without volunteer involvement, agricultural education programs will be challenged to meet the bold, complex and long-range goals that are part of the new educational strategies.

Memorial Scholarships and Contributions

FFA Alumni life members may designate that upon their death their \$100.00 be given as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, as a contribution to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education, or to remain permanently in the National FFA Alumni trust fund. Since last summer's newsletter, we have been notified of the death of several life members. Listed below are those life members and their \$100.00 scholarship recipients:

W. S. Coe, Tennessee - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Roy Lee Revercomb, Virginia - Turner Ashby FFA Chapter, Dayton, VA
Howard F. Fox, Pennsylvania - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
John P. Herres, Washington - Pomeroy FFA Chapter, WA
Frank West, Kansas - Neodesha FFA Chapter, KS
Neil York, Oklahoma - Collinsville FFA Chapter, OK
Fletcher Thompson, Georgia - Early Co. FFA Chapter, Blakely, GA
James Walton, Missouri - Northwestern FFA Chapter, Mendon, MO
Carl L. Felts, Virginia - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
B. M. Trapp, Mississippi - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Oliver O. Manning, North Carolina - Midway FFA Chapter, Dunn, NC
Carol Ann Schoch, Nebraska - Pender FFA Chapter, NE
Roy W. Cooper, Mississippi - Mantachie FFA Chapter, MS
Ida A. Burns, Washington - Pomeroy FFA Chapter, WA
Elwood Juergenson, California - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
William M. Evans, Washington - Rainier FFA Chapter, WA
John J. Amrich, Georgia - Early County FFA Chapter, Blakely, GA
S. G. Maddox Jr., Georgia - Early County FFA Chapter, Blakely, GA
Virgil Moore, Ohio - Shenandoah FFA Chapter, Sarahsville, OH
Emilie Williams, Michigan - Homer, MI FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund
Robert Brobst, Ohio - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Ralph E. Bender, Ohio - Canal Winchester FFA Chapter, OH
R. H. Davis, Texas - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Charles Kaschub, Wisconsin - Columbus School District, Columbus, WI
Eugene Nalence, New Jersey - New Jersey FFA Association
Charles Moss, Tennessee - Mt. Juliet FFA Chapter, TN
G. I. Maddox, Georgia - Murray County FFA Chapter, Chatsworth, GA
Joseph Krause, Wisconsin - Seymour FFA Chapter, WI
Irvin Galstad, Wisconsin - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Oliver R. Wille, Wyoming - Little Snake River Valley FFA Chapter, Baggs, WY
A. Rudyard Nelson, Nebraska - Kimball County FFA Chapter, Kimball, NE
Edwin Koller, Washington - Pomeroy FFA Chapter, WA
Thomas K. McDonald, Oklahoma - Checotah FFA Chapter, OK
Mark C. Peters, Wisconsin - Turtle Lake FFA Chapter, WI
Carl Threlkeld, Arkansas - Greene Co. Tech FFA Alumni Assoc., Paragould, AR
Leslie S. Crawford, Wyoming - Snowy Range FFA Chapter, Laramie, WY
Larry D. Osterberg, Wisconsin - National FFA Alumni Trust Fund

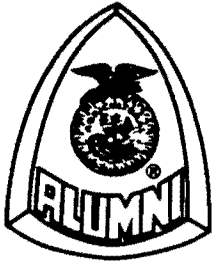
WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Since our spring newsletter, our prestigious list of Life members has grown by 302 and has reached a total of 11,481. 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.

<p>Alaska Susan Muncy</p> <p>Arkansas Chonta Ashlock Shelly Bussey Teresa Davis James Hagar Chris Harral Ellice Scales Stephanie Smith</p> <p>Colorado Diana O. Stolz</p> <p>Connecticut Lewis Bradley Marion Bradley Marilyn Decarvalho Ernest H. Kenniston</p> <p>Florida Irvin Bryant Jack Byrd Jesse Coffman Richard Coile Barnett Greene Jimmy Harrell Mary Harrell Brad Lacey Charles Mercer Chris Morris Doug Morris Marie Nichols Steve Nichols William Nichols Daniel Norris John F. P. O'Sullivan Joyce M. Quiel Frank Saco Tommy Sims Paul S. Sullivan Ken Sutton Clagett Taylor Jr. Joanna Thomas Ray Thomas Horace Towns Roger Vinson</p> <p>Georgia Wallace A. Beggs Roger Dalton Tal C. DuVall Hugh F. Lanier William D. Long Kevin E. Mitcham David Mooney Kirby A. Thompson Luther Wilkes Jimmy Wood</p> <p>Idaho Michael Asay Marty O. Mickelson David Pristupa Deron Scott Kent Scott Larry Stevens</p>	<p>Illinois Jack Blue Ronald Bremmer James Craft Jason C. Donsbach Lynden Endress Ralph Grotelueschen Gerald Harrison Vernon Hesterberg Jim Hinshaw Carol Kiddoo Roger Kiddoo Tim Kraft Hal Lewis Scott Lewis Shawn Lewis Brian Mills Rodney L. Morris Dean Olson Richard Percy Stella Pletkovich Robert Pyatt Maxine Rahe Vernon Rahe Steve Relander Anne Renoud David Steward April Valerius Don Voelker Penny S. Wallace Brenda Woker</p> <p>Indiana Tom Benton Don Beste John W. Lang William E. Lang</p> <p>Iowa Robert Hanson Mary Mathis Glenn Schellhammer Terry Schulte Dave Zaugg</p> <p>Kansas Jason Belt Ralph Bethell Albert Davis Betty Jean Elliott Rich Falkenstien Chris Farrell Kenneth Holsman Alan Marietta Bonnie Swayne Justin W. Thiesing</p> <p>Kentucky Neysa Call Jack Chambliss James E. Claycomb J. L. Cole Harlin Comer J. R. Comer James Comer Sandra Comer Mark Crabtree John Crone</p>	<p>Johnny Eubank Bill Perry Gilpin Jay Graham Brian Hacker Tony High Judy Lebold Becky O'Banion Theresa Orr John Park Ed Pruden Chris Schalk Richard Skaggs Doug Southworth Christopher Steward Marilyn Thomas Kevin Trunnel Doyle Wilson Joe Wink</p> <p>Maryland Joseph K. Scott Roy Smith Walls Jr.</p> <p>Minnesota Deb DeBoer Bruce Jahnke Buster Johnson Clayton Lahman Robert Lahman Michael McDaniel Michael Mulder Bruce Olson Gary Olson Allan Riedel</p> <p>Mississippi Justin Fisher John King Jeff Mayo Shan Parker Brian Russell</p> <p>Missouri Henry D. Bobe</p> <p>Montana John C. Beck Dale Hill William K. Miller William L. Ogg Ronald Olsen Maurice Quanbeck</p> <p>Nebraska Don Gengenbach Gale Pohlman Phillip Rudloff Steven Wellman</p> <p>New Jersey Elizabeth Jost G. Richard Lange</p> <p>New Mexico R. A. Abercrombie George Jackson Richard Lawyer Larry Tate</p>	<p>Ernest Wagley Leon Wagley</p> <p>North Carolina Wesley L. Barefoot Cecil M. Butler Kelly N. Butler Sharon P. Butler Lester Chapman Jr. Donald Davis Virginia Deal Charles Gentry III John Steven Hamilton Roger B. Lowder M. D. McKnight Jr. Betty Lou McLamb Lanny Page Stephen M. Sifford Gerald Strickland Richard Wade Terrell Williams Teresa L. Williamson Brian L. Wood</p> <p>North Dakota Brenda Potts</p> <p>Ohio Robert A. Alexander Norma Coleman Steven P. DeBruin Joel Finck George Green Martha Green Raymond Griffith Richard L. Griggs Bruce W. Kelley Jeff Kill Leoma McGaughey John McGaughey Sr. Clyde A. Metz Edward J. Nash Jr. Thomas L. Stoll Jeannie Trapp Mark Woodruff</p> <p>Oklahoma Cody Anderson Jason Hancock Stewart Kennedy Brent Kisling Byron Rice</p>	<p>Melinda Sumter Holly Vincent</p> <p>Pennsylvania Lisa J. Acampora Michael Daugherty Gregory L. Harmish R. Wayne Harpster Rebecca Heebner Richard Mowen Frances Reichard Gerald W. Reichard</p> <p>Tennessee Teddy Bartholomew David Christenson Glen Davis Dennis Dozien Orland Heathcott Dwight Hedge Bill Jackson Jimmy Jones Larry Maupin William May J. H. Pate David Ross Richard Ross Danny Smith Don Swamay Steve Williams</p> <p>Virginia Jody Lynn Bickel Henry M. Davis Michael Diacont W. C. Dudley Andrew J. Markwart William McAnulty Eugene Mills Rick Reeves Norman J. Stern Jeff Stout William C. Worrell</p> <p>Washington Bryan Alford Kathy Evans Denny Hayden Gordon Kaas Guy Madison Gary Middleton Michael W. Simmons</p>	<p>Wisconsin Nelson Agen Floyd Behnke Mark Binversie Frank Bradley Gerald Chervenka Richard Delorin David Dietzel Lisa Dietzel Richard Driscoll Darren R. Duckart Herbert Engel Gerald Evers Donald Gehring Eugene V. Heiden Gerald V. Heiden Andy Kavajecz Mike Kavanaugh Steve Keil Jeanette Kolarik Rudolph Kolarik Thomas Kriegel Steven B. Lamers Richard Marx Joann Meinholz Walter Meinholz Mike Moser Roy Schmidt Dale Schopf Dennis Schopf Willard Schuh Sherry Siemers Pat Socha Richard Stauffacher Lane Stein Dale Styer Mike Vandenberg Jr. Charles Vogel Dan Vorpahl Glen Vosters Ted Vosters Frank Wirkus Robert Wussow Sharon Wussow Walter York John Young</p> <p>Wyoming Steve Cox Susan R. Ziehl</p>
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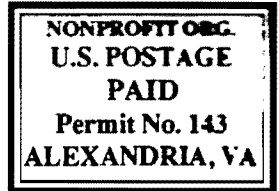
America 2000: An Education Strategy

On April 18, 1991, President Bush released the AMERICA 2000 program. This is a long-range plan to accomplish the six goals established by the governors in the 1989 Educational Summit. Agricultural Education's strategic plan that includes impressive innovations, ambitious experiments and reforms can be an educational model for AMERICA 2000. We will share more with you in the fall newsletter. If you would like a copy of the AMERICA 2000 program sourcebook, call 1-800-872-5327.



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FFA ALUMNI CALENDAR FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- September 1 - State Newsletter Inserts
- October 1 - Outstanding Affiliate Entries
- October 1 - Legion of Merit Award Applications
- October 31 - Last Date for Mailing 1991 Membership Dues

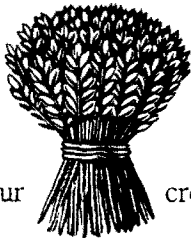
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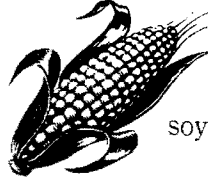
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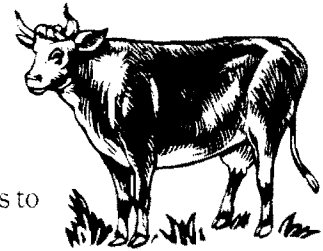


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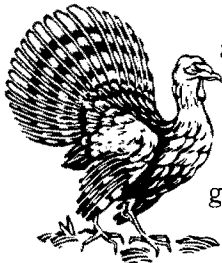
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