



# FFA Alumni Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### "Bridging the Agricultural Gap - For the Future"

by Gary Maricle, FFA Alumni President

Another successful National FFA Alumni Convention has passed, and another all time high was announced for membership. Many deserving awards were bestowed upon individuals and affiliates throughout the nation. Once again the energy level was high and excitement filled the air to see who would be receiving the various awards. It is now time to come back to reality and tackle the tough assignment we as FFA Alumni members have before us. "Bridging the Agricultural Gap - For the Future", is the theme for the year ahead, and with 1986 unfolding, support of vocational agriculture and the FFA is becoming more important than ever before.

Our role must be broadened to not only include support for vocational agriculture and the FFA but also to educate those non-agricultural persons. This education needs to include all aspects of agriculture/agribusiness and has to be presented in a positive, professional manner. We need to speak out and let others know about our profession, and help them to understand why they can have a Balanced Meal on their table at a reasonably low cost.

Now is the time for all Alumni affiliates and individuals to meet with their local FFA to set goals for the upcoming year. Open the lines of communications between your Alumni and FFA Chapter. An alumni affiliate with solid goals and plans to follow to reach these goals will emerge as a group with some clout and will be looked up to. Our future is in the hands of those we support, and we need to show our support in any way possible.

I hope that each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas, and are looking forward to a Prosperous and Happy New Year. "Bridging the Agricultural Gap - For the Future", its in our hands, it's up to us - We Can Make A Difference! - Let's start NOW.



Gary Maricle (left) receives presidential gavel from Jay Householder, our 1985 President from New Lexington, Ohio.

### NVATA HONORS FFA ALUMNI



On behalf of the FFA Alumni, Gary Maricle, National FFA Alumni President (pictured on right), receives the Outstanding Service and Cooperation Award at the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Convention from Myron Sonne, NVATA President. The award is presented by NVATA in recognition of the outstanding cooperation and support provided to the vocational agriculture instructors.

### NEW 1986 OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Gary Maricle of Columbus, Nebraska, was elected National FFA Alumni President for 1986. He is a vocational agriculture instructor and has served as Nebraska Alumni president. Larry Reese of Tallahassee, Florida, representing the FFA Executive Secretaries, has been elected Vice-President. Rick Metzger from Woodville, Ohio, was elected by the delegates to represent the Eastern Region and Mildred Moore of Pope, Mississippi, was elected to represent the Southern Region. Dr. John Hillison, Virginia State University in Blacksburg, was selected to represent the Agricultural Teacher Educators. The new council members will each serve a three-year term.

### FFA REQUESTS ALUMNI SUPPORT

Dear FFA Alumni:

The FFA Alumni built bridges of support for vocational agriculture in 1985 and will continue in 1986. With your support covering countless areas, I call on you to assist your local FFA chapter in raising funds for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

Our theme for this campaign is "Secure a Place in History." We need to secure our place by supporting this ever important project. With your assistance, this will be a great success.

For more information, please contact your local FFA chapter or the National Office.

Sincerely,

Rick Malir  
National FFA President

## RHONE-POULENC CONTINUES SPONSORSHIP OF THIS NEWSLETTER

For the second year, the FFA Alumni Newsletter is being sponsored by the Agrochemical Division of Rhone-Poulenc Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. With this sponsorship, the FFA Alumni will be able to continue to mail one copy to all vocational agriculture departments and state FFA Officers. Circulation will be approximately 45,000. Rhone-Poulenc Inc. is the manufacturer of BUCTRIL herbicide and MOCAP insecticide.

## ALUMNI SETS MEMBERSHIP RECORD

Every year since the charter of the FFA Alumni, there has been an increase in membership. The 1985 state membership totals are listed below. These are subject to increase since some members are still requesting credit for the 1985 year. The total membership for 1985 is 26,813 which is an increase from 26,345 members in 1984.

	1984	1985		1984	1985
Alabama	9	9	Nebraska	1,617	1,648
Alaska	56	24	Nevada	8	5
Arizona	128	111	New Hampshire	48	36
Arkansas	95	83	New Jersey	131	110
California	107	105	New Mexico	125	169
Colorado	7	6	New York	68	127
Connecticut	182	205	North Carolina	602	624
Delaware	113	102	North Dakota	50	24
Florida	305	172	Ohio	1,754	1,785
Georgia	814	639	Oklahoma	3,723	3,835
Hawaii	6	5	Oregon	76	58
Idaho	56	65	Pennsylvania	108	134
Illinois	1,531	1,639	Rhode Island	8	24
Indiana	98	91	South Carolina	30	6
Iowa	513	433	South Dakota	234	235
Kansas	683	1,018	Tennessee	611	658
Kentucky	144	334	Texas	424	451
Louisiana	105	101	Utah	71	10
Maine	18	17	Vermont	59	25
Maryland	301	264	Virginia	543	664
Massachusetts	13	14	Washington	422	357
Michigan	515	411	West Virginia	62	45
Minnesota	706	613	Wisconsin	6,740	6,820
Mississippi	240	362	Wyoming	240	106
Missouri	1,343	1,433	Others	3	10
Montana	500	591			

## CAPACITY AUDIENCE FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS



The FFA Alumni conducted five leadership workshops and six special workshops during the Convention. Approximately 6,000 persons participated in the workshops this year. Pictured above is a workshop being conducted by Mark Herndon of Oklahoma. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company co-sponsored the workshops with the FFA Alumni.

## FFA ALUMNI SUPPORTS BY HOSTING RECEPTIONS AND MEALS



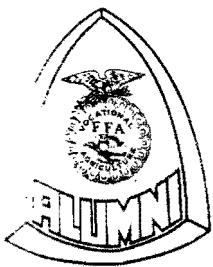
The National FFA Alumni has provided several receptions and meal functions during the past several months. These include:

1. Hosted barbecue luncheon during BOAC Conference (pictured above.)
2. Co-sponsored luncheon with NVATA for National Academy of Sciences Study Committee and persons testifying.
3. Hosted FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree reception.
4. Sponsored reception for International guests attending FFA Convention.
5. Sponsored breakfast for Collegiate Agriculture Education Conference.
6. Sponsored breakfast for spouses attending NVATA Convention.
7. Sponsored luncheon for 1985-86 National FFA Officers.

## FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more since our Fall 1985 newsletter as an investment towards the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsors' funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award programs and the FFA Alumni Association. The number of years of contributions are listed in parentheses. We encourage each FFA Alumni to either become an Executive Sponsor or support by finding someone to become an Executive Sponsor.

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# 1985 FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 1985

## FFA ALUMNI CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Convention Proceedings are being published as part of the newsletter so that all FFA Alumni can share the convention highlights.

The Convention was held on November 17 in Kansas City, Missouri. A total of 388 persons registered. Mr. Jay Householder, our 1985 National FFA Alumni President from New Lexington, Ohio, presided over the Convention.



President Jay Householder presenting the first place award to Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois.

## OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE AWARDS

The Outstanding Affiliate Awards were presented to 28 outstanding affiliates. The winners are as follows:

### GOLD

Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois	Denmark, Iowa
Washington, Kansas	Lancaster, Missouri
Apollo, Kentucky	East Butler, Nebraska
Buckeye Valley, Ohio	West Point, Nebraska
Flundreau, South Dakota	Owasso, Oklahoma
Blair, Wisconsin	South Rowan, North Carolina

### SILVER

Wichita, Kansas	Wesley, Florida
Wentworth, Washington	Wadsworth, Ohio
Blair, Wisconsin	North Pole, Alaska
Earl, Wisconsin	Missouri, Missouri

### BRONZE

Wakarusa, Missouri	Gilmer, Georgia
Carthage, Missouri	Delta, Indiana
Milan, Missouri	North Pole, Alaska
Earl, Wisconsin	Orangeburg, South Carolina

## CONVENTION DELEGATES

The number of convention delegates, as established by the Constitution, is determined 30 days prior to the Convention by allowing one person to represent up to 200 active members in each chartered State FFA Alumni Association and one additional delegate for every 200 members. This year 102 delegates were present out of a total of 122.

Listed below is the allowed number of state delegates and the number that were present.

STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT	STATE	ALLOWED	PRESENT
Alabama	0	0	Nebraska	7	7
Alaska	1	0	Nevada	0	0
Arizona	1	1	New Hampshire	0	0
Arkansas	1	0	New Jersey	1	1
California	1	0	New Mexico	1	1
Colorado	0	0	New York	1	1
Connecticut	1	1	North Carolina	3	2
Delaware	1	1	North Dakota	0	0
Florida	1	1	Ohio	8	8
Georgia	2	2	Oklahoma	17	17
Hawaii	0	0	Oregon	1	0
Idaho	1	0	Pennsylvania	1	0
Illinois	7	4	Rhode Island	0	0
Indiana	1	1	South Carolina	0	0
Iowa	2	2	South Dakota	1	1
Kansas	4	4	Tennessee	2	2
Kentucky	1	1	Texas	2	0
Louisiana	1	1	Utah	1	0
Maine	0	0	Vermont	1	0
Maryland	1	0	Virginia	3	2
Massachusetts	0	0	Washington	1	0
Michigan	2	0	West Virginia	1	0
Minnesota	2	2	Wisconsin	33	33
Mississippi	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Missouri	3	3	Others	0	0
Montana	2	1	TOTAL	122	102



Representatives from our National Gold Emblem Affiliates holding their certificates and plaques.

## BUSHNELL-PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS 1985 OUTSTANDING AFFILIATE

Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois FFA Alumni Affiliate was selected as the top affiliate of the National FFA Alumni Association. This is the first time an Illinois FFA Alumni affiliate has captured this top award. Over 1,100 local affiliates are active in the Alumni Association. The 48 members of the Bushnell-Prairie City Affiliate won this prestigious award for the many activities they accomplished in support of vocational education in agriculture and the FFA. Some of the activities included renting a Heinold Hog Marketing Station, providing equipment, and advising 32 FFA members in raising 50 head of feeder pigs, 15 ewes and lambs, three steers and a horse. The rented Heinold-FFA Barn was used for a Market Lamb and Hog Show organized by the Alumni. The Alumni also sponsored a Career Day where each student spent one-half day at an agricultural career of their choice. A parents' night featuring a steak fry was held in September to advise parents of new students of the importance of vocational agriculture - FFA.

The Alumni budget of approximately \$55,000 was generated through income from a Beef Show and Sale, raising 26 acres of corn on the school farm in cooperation with the FFA chapter, and a sausage sale.

The FFA advisors are C. E. McGrew and Jeff Bryan. The FFA Alumni president at time of submitting application was James Miller.

## SECOND PLACE NATIONAL AFFILIATE AWARDED TO BUCKEYE VALLEY, OHIO

The Buckeye Valley FFA Alumni Affiliate in Delaware, Ohio, has been selected second place in the 1985 Outstanding Affiliate Award contest. For the second year in a row, this affiliate has been runner up in the contest.

This award recognizes the 91 members of the Buckeye Valley Affiliate for their outstanding support. The members were active in obtaining and inventoring over \$10,000 worth of classroom teaching materials from a vocational agriculture program that closed. The Alumni contributed over 550 hours of work on two FFA/FFA Alumni horse shows. Over \$2,300 was made from this activity. This affiliate hosted a reception preceding the FFA banquet and a summer banquet for new FFA members and parents.

The Buckeye Valley Affiliate is under the leadership of Jerry Monahan, president and Duane Van Sickle, FFA advisor.

## BUSINESS SESSION IN REVIEW

**Annual Dues** - A motion by Tim Mickey of Wisconsin that was passed by the delegates establishes annual membership dues for 1987 at \$5.00. This will be the fifth year for annual dues to remain at \$5.00.

**Life Dues** - After considerable discussion to increase Life membership dues to \$150.00, the delegates voted against any increases and the Life dues for 1987 will remain at \$100.00.

**Washington Conference Scholarship** - It was moved by Raymond Cockrum of Oklahoma and passed by the delegates to have the Washington Conference Scholarships, starting in 1987, become \$300.00 each instead of the actual registration amount.

## \$15,275.00 GIVEN TO FFA MEMBERS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The National FFA Alumni presented 47 scholarships, valued at \$325.00 each, to local and state FFA Alumni to be used by FFA members attending the 1986 Washington Leadership Conference. State FFA Alumni Associations were presented one scholarship for every 500 active Alumni members. Local Alumni affiliates receive a scholarship for every 250 active Alumni members or for 100 Life members. The local and state Alumni groups receiving the scholarships will select the FFA member to receive the full registration fee and a trophy at the 1986 FFA Washington Leadership Conference.

### 1986 WCP SCHOLARSHIPS

GEORGIA	1	TENNESSEE	1
ILLINOIS	1	VIRGINIA	1
KANSAS	2	WISCONSIN	13
MINNESOTA	2	OZARK, MISSOURI	2
MISSOURI	2	DENMARK, WISCONSIN	2
MONTANA	1	KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA	1
NEBRASKA	3	OWASSO, OKLAHOMA	1
NORTH CAROLINA	1	NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO	1
OHIO	1	POMEROY, WASHINGTON	1
OKLAHOMA	1	TOTAL	47

NOTE: (\* Based on 1985 membership)  
For 250 members - Ozark, Missouri (2)  
Denmark, Wisconsin (1)

For 100 Life Members - Kingfisher, Oklahoma (1) Owasso, Oklahoma (1)  
Denmark, Wisconsin (1) Pomeroy, Washington (1)  
New Lexington, Ohio (1)

## NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK CONTEST



The Spring, Wisconsin Affiliate won the National Scrapbook Contest for the third year. This affiliate receiving the gold rating placed first among the eight national contest entries. The entries received the following ratings:

GOLD	Spring, Wisconsin	SILVER	Lancaster, Wisconsin
SILVER	Denmark, Wisconsin	BRONZE	Gilmer County, Georgia
	New Lexington, Ohio	HONORABLE MENTION	Brodhead, Wisconsin
	Bushnell-Prairie, Illinois		Milan, Missouri

## WEA SCHOLARSHIP

The National FFA Alumni presented Wisconsin with a scholarship, valued at \$200.00, to be used by an FFA member participating in the 1986 FFA Work Experience Abroad Program. The scholarship is awarded annually to the state with the most Work Experience Abroad participants. Wisconsin has received this scholarship for the past seven years.

## 1985 LEGION OF MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Legion of Merit Awards were presented to 188 recipients during the National FFA Alumni Convention. For receiving this award for five consecutive years, lapel pins were presented to Rick Metzger and Robert Sommers of Ohio. Lapel pins were also presented to Wayne Barneycastle, Lamar Branch, Gary Farmer, William Weaver, and Steve Wells of Georgia, Ivan Anderson, Rita Hay, and Christina Wolfe of Ohio, and Rebecca McWilliams of Tennessee for three consecutive years. The recipients are listed below by states:

### GEORGIA

Wayne Barneycastle (\*3rd)  
Lamar Branch (\*3rd)  
Gary Farmer (\*3rd)  
Scott W. Jones (\*2nd)  
Josiah Phelps  
Jimmy Sales (\*2nd)  
William T Weaver (\*3rd)  
Steve M. Wells (\*3rd)

### ILLINOIS

George Attig, Jr.  
John Fisher  
Gary Gittleson (\*2nd)  
Lee Hansen  
Douglas McCaw

### INDIANA

Richard Grubaugh

### IOWA

Luanne Barber  
Porky Burmeister  
James Gannon

### KANSAS

Eric Anholz  
Alan G. Archer  
Ron Benson  
Monty Biggs  
Don Blome  
Jeff Crawshaw  
Kirk Goehring  
Jerry D. Howell  
Jimmy Humphrey  
Duane Jabben  
Jim Kamphaus  
Philip Kingston (\*2nd)  
David Pfizenmaier  
Robert J. Reves  
Greg Sherbert  
Rodney A. Stewart (\*2nd)  
Chris Valburg  
Doug Wohler  
Bill J. Wood  
Della Wood (\*2nd)  
Marsha R. Wood  
Warren B. Wood

### KENTUCKY

Darin Estes  
Marti Hodskins  
Marty Young

### LOUISIANA

Harold Harris  
Jerry D. Sumrall

### MARYLAND

Laura Albaugh  
Charles T Linthicum, Jr.

### MINNESOTA

Dick Barrows  
Catherine Hensel  
Marcella Matthys  
Steven H. Olson  
Verne E. Radloff

### MISSOURI

Kevin Adams  
Scott Adams  
Julie Atkinson  
Tim Austin  
Sherry Barber  
Ryan Bilyeu  
Steve Campbell  
Ricky Chambers

Jason Childress  
Shawn Cook  
Lisa Dillman  
Shawna Dittmar  
Shon Drennan  
Shannon Dye  
Paul Hagood  
Tammy Hall  
Heidi Hayes  
Mike Hedin  
Stacey Honeycutt  
Jeff Johns  
Michelle Kates  
Matt Kinsey  
Todd Mitchell  
Bev Morgan  
Rita Morriset  
Deborah K. Pruett (\*2nd)  
Nikki Rousell  
Joyce E. Sayre  
Jidena Sheldon  
Randall Smith  
Randy Stewart  
Jared Stout  
Jason Stutesman  
Naomi Weiland  
Shannon Wernick

### MONTANA

Patricia Cavey (\*2nd)  
Russell Kolste

### NEBRASKA

Meri Lynn Ahrens  
Mary Ann Baldwin  
Robert Clausen (\*2nd)  
Lois Coufal  
Lawrence Franzen (\*2nd)  
Richard Freeman  
Douglas Garrison  
Grant Grotelueschen  
Dianne Grundman  
John M. Jedicka  
Gary L. Maricle (\*2nd)  
Jim Schultz  
Mary A. Taylor (\*2nd)  
Ted D. Ward (\*7th)  
Kent Zeller

### NORTH CAROLINA

William Teague (\*13th)

### OHIO

Glen Anderson  
Ivan Anderson (\*3rd)  
Don Antram  
Kevin J. Black  
Jeff Boyd  
Mary Felumlee  
Rita Hay (\*3rd)  
D. Jay Householder  
Denzil Luzadder (\*6th)  
Rick L. Metzger (\*5th)  
Dave Rodgers  
Alice Rudd (\*2nd)  
Robert Sommers (\*5th)  
Paula Stout  
Cheryl Tillman  
Duane A. Van Sickle  
Diane Wirkner  
Christina Wolfe (\*3rd)  
Tom Wolfe (\*4th)

### OKLAHOMA

Jody L. Allen  
Robbie Bartley  
Joel Carpenter  
Tina Cocanougher

Christy Collins  
Carol Covington  
Sandy Danyeur  
Kristel Dimmick  
Wayne Dimmick  
Amber Felty  
Monica Garrison  
Monica Hayden  
Shari Holloway (\*2nd)  
Roger Jennings  
Robin Krasser (\*2nd)  
Lori Luster  
Robert E. Mittasch  
Phillip S. Moffat  
Matt Muller  
Craig Niblett  
Margie Parker  
Joelle Ray  
LaDonna Ruyle  
Matthew Van Fleet  
Loni Varnell  
Nancy Williams

### RHODE ISLAND

Norman Hammond

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Juanita Harrington  
Kathy Maddox  
Donna Tennis

### TENNESSEE

Cindy Carmack  
LeeRoy Kiesling  
Harold Lineberry (\*6th)  
Rebecca McWilliams (\*3rd)

### VIRGINIA

Charles H. Craun (\*2nd)  
James A. Shiflet

### WISCONSIN

Don Cutler  
Floyd J. Doering (\*2nd)  
Sue Gruetzmacher (\*2nd)  
Dean Hougaard  
Clem Kafka  
Kevin Keith (\*7th)  
Dave Krahn  
Roger Link  
Merlin Lintner  
Bill Miller  
Ken Natzke  
Leander Nohl  
Phyllis Nohl  
Jack Olson  
Judith A. Paul  
Robert Pederson  
Keith Pickern  
Gene Pressnall  
Robert Raymakers  
Robert Schumacher  
Art Schweiner (\*2nd)  
Kenneth Seering (\*12th)  
George Smits  
Bill Stroupe  
Bert Trzebiatowski  
Cindy Tuschy  
Norbert Van De Hei  
Jerry Wendt

### WYOMING

Larry Struempf

\*Indicates number of consecutive years

## FIRST CONVENTION BANQUET



Dr. Aldrich

Ms. Eisler

Dr. Newcomb

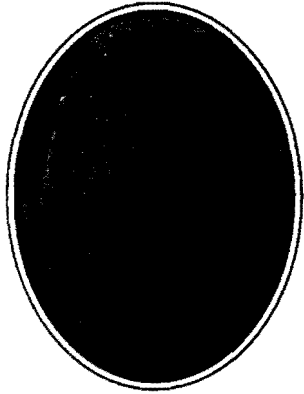
Over 200 persons attended the first FFA Alumni convention banquet held in Kansas City. The banquet program included an address entitled "Image! Professionalism! Is There a Relationship?" by Mrs. Reesa Eisler from Nebraska who won the National Young Farmer Spokesperson for Agriculture Award in 1984. Dr. Daniel Aldrich, Chairman of the National Academy of Sciences Study on Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture, gave an update on the study. The banquet's master of ceremonies was Dr. L. H. Newcomb from the Ohio State University. The Outstanding Achievement Awards recognizing the top two FFA Alumni for 1985 were also presented at the banquet. Information on this award is covered on the next page.

## RETIRING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS



The retiring National FFA Alumni Council members were presented plaques for their outstanding service to the FFA Alumni. They are (l to r) Dr. L. H. Newcomb, Ohio, American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture representative; J. Lamar Branch, Georgia, Southern Region representative; and Eldon E. Witt, Illinois, past National FFA Alumni President and FFA Executive Secretary representative.

## HIGHEST FFA ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTED TO



**PHYLLIS SOKOLOSKY**



**MONTE REESE**

Phyllis Sokolosky of Owasso, Oklahoma, and Monte Reese with Farm Credit Banks of Wichita, Kansas were selected to receive the 1985 FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award. Mr. Reese has served as a local, state, and National FFA Officer. He was a charter member and very involved in starting the Oklahoma FFA Alumni. He helped start the Oklahoma FFA Camp which has proven to be an outstanding Alumni activity. He has served as FFA Alumni president in both Oklahoma and Kansas. For over 15 years, he has been involved in promoting and operating the Land, Pasture, and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. He has recently been appointed to serve on the National FFA Foundation Sponsors Advisory Board.

Mrs. Sokolosky has been very active developing her local FFA Alumni into one of our outstanding affiliates. She has personally sold 66 Life memberships in her community. She is a member of the Oklahoma FFA Foundation and a past member of the National FFA Foundation Sponsors Advisory Board. She has served on the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Council for three years and the National Council for four years. She was national president in 1980-81. Her sons served as Oklahoma FFA presidents and one as a national FFA officer. Mrs. Sokolosky was selected "Oklahoma's Mother of the Year" in 1980. She served as the national chairperson for the 1985 FFA Alumni Leadership Workshops held during the convention.

The achievements of these individuals for the support of young people preparing for careers in the agricultural industry are great. They exemplify high ideals, reflect honor upon the FFA, and provide inspiration to current FFA and Alumni members.

## LARGEST AFFILIATES



Pictured above are members (l to r) from Ozark, Missouri, the largest affiliate with 597 members and Denmark, Wisconsin, the second largest affiliate with 386 members.

## FFA ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS

1. National Membership Increase  
1984 — 26,345  
1985 — 26,813 (increased 468)
2. National Life Membership Increase  
November 1984 — 5,293  
November 1985 — 5,976 (increased 683)
3. State with Largest Percentage of Growth  
1st: Kentucky — 231% — 144 to 334 members  
2nd: New York — 186% — 68 to 127 members
4. State with Most Alumni Members  
1st: Wisconsin — 6,779 members  
2nd: Oklahoma — 3,859 members
5. State with Largest Increase in Alumni Members  
1st: Kansas — 318 members  
2nd: Kentucky — 199 members
6. Most Affiliates in a State  
1st: Wisconsin — 190 affiliates  
2nd: Oklahoma — 136 affiliates
7. 21 states increased membership over 1984 total.  
14 states increased membership by at least 25 more members than in 1984.  
5 states increased membership by at least 100 more members than in 1984.

## MOST LIFE MEMBERS AND LIFE MEMBER AFFILIATES IN A STATE



The Oklahoma FFA Alumni (pictured above) was presented a plaque for having the most life members (1,102) of any state. The second place state was Wisconsin with 918. The Oklahoma Alumni also received a plaque for having 25 life affiliates. Wisconsin was second with seven.

## MOST LIFE MEMBERS IN AN AFFILIATE



The New Lexington, Ohio affiliate received a plaque for having the most Life members (128). The second place affiliate was Kingfisher, Oklahoma, with 122 Life members.

## WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 5,992. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter. We salute the 252 new Life Members.

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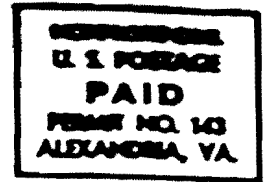
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