



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By

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Webster defines "GOAL" as "the end toward which effort is directed." This suggests that there are three important prerequisites before a goal can be met. First, there must be a predetermined, desired result. Second, there must be a conscious exertion of energy — a serious attempt — toward attaining the goal. Third, proper direction will require organizing, energizing, and supervising those efforts.

Have you set your goals for the Alumni for 1982? Of course, we all have continuing goals of providing more and better services for vocational agriculture—FFA. But what about your specific goals for this year? May I suggest some for you:

1. The national Alumni membership goal for 1982 is 25,000. This represents a 10.62% increase over 1981. Why not translate this percentage increase as a minimum goal for each of your state and local affiliates? An even higher goal would be more realistic for many of you. Remember, it is essential that you re-enroll those who were annual members last year.
2. If no Alumni affiliate currently exists in your county or service area, why not talk with your local FFA Advisor and offer your assistance in organizing a local Alumni affiliate? Only ten Alumni members are needed to charter a local affiliate. Your 1982 FFA graduates can form the nucleus for this effort.
3. May I suggest, also, that each of you set your goal now to achieve the FFA Alumni's "Legion of Merit" award this year. A special presentation will be made at the National Convention next November to those members who have signed up ten or more new members, or five Life members, or five Executive Sponsors this year. You can do it! It will be worth your while!
4. Mark your calendar now and make hotel reservations to attend the National FFA Alumni Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 10-11, 1982. At the request of the 1981 convention delegates, the 1982 Alumni Convention will be concluded in time for you to attend a greater portion of the FFA Convention. Set your goal now to attend the Annual Meeting.
5. Representatives on the National FFA Alumni Council from the Eastern and Southern regions will be elected this year by mail ballot. All members will have the opportunity to vote. Be sure to mail your ballot and cast your vote.
6. We each should set a goal of becoming involved in at least one new vocational agriculture—FFA activity. We all are busy but our investment of time in supporting the young people in this program is worth our extra effort.

Let's organize, energize, and supervise our efforts to reach these goals and make this the best year ever for the Alumni.

ALUMNI PROVIDES OVER \$9,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Washington Conference Program, operated by the National FFA, is designed for FFA Officers and Advisors to gain appreciation for our nation's great heritage and to participate in leadership and personal development workshops. This year the National FFA Alumni has offered thirty-six scholarships, valued at \$250 each, to cover the total registration fee for this conference. States are awarded one scholarship for each 500 active Alumni members. States receiving scholarships for 1982 are: Wisconsin 11, Oklahoma 5, Ohio 3, Missouri 2, Illinois 2, Nebraska 2, Minnesota 1, Virginia 1, Kansas 1, Georgia 1, and North Carolina 1. Affiliates with 250 members or 100 Life members also receive scholarships. Affiliates qualifying in 1982 are: Ozark, Missouri 2; Denmark, Wisconsin 2; New Lexington, Ohio 1; and Owasso, Oklahoma 1.

ALUMNI PROVIDES \$2,000 IN STATE GRANTS

The FFA Alumni state grants of \$500 each were awarded to the Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and Tennessee FFA Alumni. This new Alumni activity, which is designed to provide financial support to the state and stimulate state Alumni activities, is sponsored by the Ace Bolt and Nut Company. The Oklahoma FFA Alumni grant will be used to hire a coordinator for their expanded Alumni sponsored FFA leadership camp. The Texas FFA Alumni grant will be used to establish an FFA Alumni sponsored FFA Chapter Publicity Contest. The Arizona FFA Alumni proposed to establish and coordinate an FFA leadership camp for one week this summer. The Tennessee FFA Alumni grant will establish a former vocational agriculture teachers communication system to provide a regular newsletter and an annual meeting. This special Alumni group of an estimated 75 retired and former teachers will establish a ready pool of resource people for state legislative activities and vocational agriculture program support. This grant money will also be used to start a past state FFA officer program.

The state grant program will be continued in 1983. We have presently budgeted \$2,000 for four additional grants. Each state must submit their proposal by January 31, 1983.

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

The FFA BOAC program, which stimulates improvement in community development leadership skills, will be greatly expanded. Phase II will go into effect in 1983 and will include awards for individuals and a National Leadership Conference on Community Development. State winners and their advisor will participate in a one-week conference on the community development process. The R. J. Reynolds Industries will more than double the present special project contribution to the FFA for the BOAC program. We encourage your increased interest in this expanded and important FFA program.

ALUMNI INVITED TO GIVE CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

The FFA Alumni was invited to give Congressional testimony on the values of vocational agriculture education. Dr. Phillip Alampi, Secretary of Agriculture for New Jersey and the Eastern FFA Alumni Council Representative appeared before the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare of the U.S. House of Representatives on March 30. A limited number of copies of Dr. Alampi's testimony are available upon request from the National FFA Alumni office.



Congressman William H. Natcher, Chairman of Appropriations Subcommittee, is pictured thanking Dr. Phillip Alampi, presenter of testimony; Mr. Sam Stenzel, NVATA Director; and Dr. Clifford Nelson, AATEA President; resource persons for the FFA Alumni testimony in support of Vocational Agriculture.

POMEROY, WASHINGTON ALUMNI SET MEMBERSHIP RECORD

The Pomeroy, Washington FFA Alumni became the largest group to ever charter an affiliate on February 28. On chartering day they started with 163 active alumni members in their affiliate. They also set a membership record by having 64 life members which qualified Pomeroy as the largest life affiliate at time of charter.

REGIONAL ALUMNI WORKSHOPS

The National FFA Alumni Council has planned two workshops for Alumni leaders of local affiliates and state associations. The first workshop is being planned by Mrs. LaVerne Nelson, Western Region FFA Alumni representative. The workshop will be held in June for Alumni in Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Washington. The one-day workshop is tentatively scheduled for the Walla Walla, Washington area. The second workshop, being planned by Mr. Kenneth Seering, Central Region FFA Alumni representative, will be held in the fall. Plans now call for its location to be in either southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois. A new Alumni leader resource booklet and other materials are being prepared for these workshops by a contribution from the Ace Bolt and Nut Company. We hope that local and state leaders will contact the Regional representatives for additional information on these workshops.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982 GOAL
12,396	13,582	14,452	16,011	18,565	22,646	25,000
LIFE MEMBERSHIP						1982 GOAL
1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982 GOAL
869	1,148	1,560	1,960	2,450	2,997	3,350

Help us grow and we will present you with The FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Award. Sign up ten new members, five life members, or five executive sponsors and you are eligible to win this award. Notify the National Office for an award application. We need your help in reaching our 1982 membership goal.

FARMERS TO FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY

The FFA Alumni has been invited to participate in a trip to France and West Germany from July 19 to August 6, 1982. The French-American Foundation and the Carl Duisberg Society are offering this tour of farms, cooperatives, agribusiness, and historic sites. Twenty young farmers, professionals, and students in agriculture-agribusiness fields will be selected to participate. Married couples are welcome. Applications are required to be returned before May 15. Cost of the trip will be a \$950 participant's fee which is approximately one-third of the total trip cost from New York City. Grants from the French-American Foundation and the Carl Duisberg Society will cover the other costs. This trip is an educational experience and has received outstanding comments from past FFA Alumni participants. Information and application forms can be obtained from: Ms. Denise M. Heterilla, The French-American Foundation, 680 Park Avenue, New York City, New York 10021 or phone (212) 734-7344.

FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE SUPPORTS VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

The Collinsville, Oklahoma Alumni are funding and building a 18' x 32' greenhouse for the vocational agriculture program. The Collinsville, Oklahoma Alumni were the first life alumni affiliate in our organization.

FFA ALUMNI MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Jerald D. Vaughn, an FFA Alumni member and presently Publication Manager of Agri Marketing Magazine, published the following article in the April edition. Excerpts from the article are reprinted below:

"I believe in the future of farming . . ." The statement is as true today as it was 15 years ago when, as a Greenhand in the Braymer, Missouri FFA Chapter, I stood before a mirror memorizing the words of the Official FFA Creed of the Future Farmers of America. And over the years, I, like many of you, have grown to appreciate and recognize the experiences of Vocational Agriculture and FFA training.

Unfortunately, the future of farming and agribusiness for our nation's youth is in doubt if the current federal fiscal '83 proposed budget is approved. The impact won't be felt initially, but in the years ahead could have serious repercussions on the future of our nation's agriculture.

It's rather ironic that a program entitled, "The Economic Recovery Process" could in effect eliminate or greatly curtail Vocational Agriculture programs in our nation's rural communities. The new federalism, still in its developmental stages, calls for an extinction of Vocational Education at the federal level. Approximately 40 programs have been grouped together and targeted for \$47 billion in savings. Vocational Education is slated for a slash of \$324.9 million in '83, a 41% reduction of fiscal '82 funds.

According to the Office of Management and Budget, the request for fiscal year '83 will fund services to 13.3 million students (22% fewer than served in '81). Approximately 600,000 of these youth are enrolled in Vo-Ag classes. In order to maintain the current level of services, the state and local contributions will have to increase from 91% to at least 96% of the total funding.

The overall transfer from federal to state would occur in two, four-year stages. From '84 to '87 the states would draw from federal trust funds provided by federal excise taxes. From '88 to '91, the trust fund payment would be decreased 25% per year allowing states to impose their own taxes to fund programs or phase them out entirely.

Without Vocational Education at the federal level each state will have the authority to determine its use of vocational dollars. In areas where property taxes greatly affect and account for school programs and services, many Vo-Ag programs and FFA chapters could be eliminated.

The dollars spent for Vocational Agriculture have been a good investment. The funds have provided an excellent return in the form of qualified individuals who today are employed in various aspects of the ag community.

It's vitally important that we as beneficiaries of past programs assist in insuring Vo-Ag is not lumped in with various socially oriented programs but instead is judged on its own merits. Your expressions about Vo-Ag and the FFA could have a positive impact on the future of farming and agribusiness.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 3,193. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon your 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. For those Life Members who do not designate otherwise, their \$100 will automatically be designated to the permanent trust fund as a memorial to the Life Member upon his or her death. As a Life Member, you will receive a special Life Membership card, Life Membership certificate, and lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter.

Estel Eubanks	Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma	Linda May	Oneida, Wisconsin	Nelda Koller	Pomeroy, Washington
Beth Ann Core	Spencerville, Ohio	Robert Venable	Janesville, Wisconsin	Brent Koller	Pomeroy, Washington
Howard F. Fox	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Gilbert Mawhiney	Avalon, Wisconsin	Dick Waldher	Pomeroy, Washington
Alan Dunkelberger	Sommerville, Ohio	Robert Johnson	Delavan, Wisconsin	Meribeth Waldher	Pomeroy, Washington
Clyde W. Hibbs	Muncie, Indiana	Douglas Hadden	Stark, Kansas	Mark Waldher	Pomeroy, Washington
Eddie Smith	Houston, Missouri	T. H. McBurney	Penalosa, Kansas	Kayleen Bye	Pomeroy, Washington
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Winston H. Larsen	Easton, Maine	F. Wayne Spears	Pawnee, Oklahoma	Barbara Gingerich	Pomeroy, Washington
Kevin Huesman	Williston, Florida	Thad Ash	Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin	Edwin Koller	Pomeroy, Washington
Ed Durden	Bronson, Florida	Byron Fehl	Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin	Doris Koller	Pomeroy, Washington
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Michael Cunningham	Princeville, Illinois	Karen Unkel	Battle Creek, Nebraska	Gordon Ruchert	Pomeroy, Washington
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NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

FFA Alumni in the Eastern and Southern regions are encouraged to have their states nominate a person for the National FFA Alumni Council. In 1982, representatives from these two regions will be elected for three-year terms. We hope that each eligible State Alumni Association will nominate one person by July 1. A committee has been appointed to carefully study all nominees and will present a ballot of two individuals from each region at the July 18-20 National FFA Alumni Council meeting. The ballots for electing the Eastern and Southern Council representatives will be mailed to all Alumni members by September 10.

1982 ALUMNI CONVENTION SCHEDULE

The National FFA Alumni Council has planned this year's Convention for November 10-11. The first session will be Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. followed by committee/rap sessions at 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. The delegate reception will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The second session will be on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This change will allow the Alumni Convention to conclude one day earlier so Alumni can be more involved in FFA Convention activities. We hope you plan to attend this great event.

FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE 1982 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed \$100 or more in 1982 as an investment toward the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsor funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award programs and the FFA Alumni Association.

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