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Good Morning,

The state office has been busily reviewing applications and facilitating the evaluation of hundreds of applications the past few weeks. Thank you to our students and advisors that spent time on all of these applications, we understand the extra time commitment this takes. Congratulations to everyone who will be receiving an award and good luck to everyone who is moving on to the next level of competition. We also had some FFA members and advisors from Northern New York interviewed for a "Made in Northern New York" video series. You can check them out on the link below. Scroll down to "Made in NNY: FFA Part I & 2"

<http://www.informnny.com/made-in-nny>

Below are some important updates. Please reach out to us if you have specific questions.

AG ED/Professional Development Updates:

Please help us celebrate the New York State ACTE and Region I Award recipients from our Agricultural Education Family. Please be sure to congratulate these outstanding members of our organization for their dedication, commitment, and passion for career and technical education (CTE)

**Erin McCaffrey, Stockbridge Valley
Central School**

New York State ACTE Teacher of the
Year Award

Chip Ax, Morrisville State College

New York State ACTE Post-Secondary
Teacher of the Year
Region 1 ACTE Post-Secondary
Teacher of the Year

**Terry Hughes, NYS Agricultural
Education Outreach, Cornell
University**

New York State ACTE Lifetime
Achievement Award
Region 1 ACTE Lifetime Achievement
Award

Have you registered to attend the June 17-20th NYAAE conference for all NY Agricultural Educators? <http://www.nysffa.org/nyaaconference>

We have an exceptional slate of workshops and activities planned! Come experience the wonderful Oswegatchie Educational Center in the Adirondack State Park and attend workshops on: **Precision agriculture in your classroom; make room for Mushrooms; Discover the wonders of Wool; SHARK ATTACK-Using a CNC Shark and PlasmaCam for STEM applications; Putting the Fun in Food Science; and GMOs: Scratching the Surface of Biotechnology.**



Oswegatchie's AdironDuck Race is Sunday April 29th 2018! Your chapter can participate in our biggest yearly fundraiser and help send your students to camp.

For every duck your school gets credit for selling, you earn 50% of the profit in the form of "duck bucks". Duck bucks can be used anytime in the next 12 months for purchases and programs at Oswegatchie.

There are two ways you can participate.

1. Commit to selling a "flock" of ducks. This is a traditional method where you commit to a physical batch of tickets which you sell through your students, alumni and community. We do not take ducks back, so the number of ducks you request are yours to keep.
2. Just spread the word for supporters to go online and pick your chapter. This means you do not have to collect any cash or ticket stubs! Just share on social media, send emails, print some postcards.

This is our general duck sales page with every chapter listed.

<http://www.adironduckrace.com/buy-ducks.html>

We are also creating custom chapter web pages, like this

<http://www.adironduckrace.com/beekmantown-ffa.html>

Contact us today if you would like a custom page, or a batch of tickets to sell!

rwaite@oswegatchie.org OR wwaite@oswegatchie.org

From The NY Beef Council:

Below are some resources and a survey from the American Farm Bureau. Hopefully Agriculture Teachers might find the lessons useful and I think their feedback would be helpful. Some of the lessons seem to be for younger students, but I know some of the teachers are teaching middle school.

For the past several years the American Farm Bureau Foundation has hosted national "On the Farm" immersive experiences for educators to connect them to STEM principles applied in the beef

industry.

- Last year, select “On the Farm” alumni were challenged to take what they learned and apply it by creating a shareable resource.
- Five distinct resources were developed and have been approved by USDA. You can download the [resources here](#). Note that we specifically don’t call them “lessons”, because these resources take on many different forms!
- We would love to have educators in your state review these resources and complete a short [survey found here](#).
- While these resources were developed by educators, we greatly value the feedback of other educators as we strive to make these tools relevant across the country. To encourage participation, we’ll offer the following to the first 10 educators to complete the survey: a class pack of Beef Ag Mags, a True Beef DVD, link to download the True Beef Educator Guide and a \$15 credit to the [AgFoundation.org](#) store.

I would love for you to share this invitation to any educators who may be interested in reviewing these resources in your state! Our goal is to have all feedback collected by May 15th.

Thanks so much for sharing this information. Please let me know if you have any questions!

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New York Association of FFA Updates:

Below are some updates and reminders for the multiple events and activities coming up the next couple of months.

Waivers and Medical forms are required for all events at the state level. Please email them ahead of time to Nancy Grossman.

State Convention: Registration is live until April 9th, don’t delay register today! Draft schedules, engagement opportunities, competitions and more have all been posted! Please review all of this information with your students so that you can be prepared to register them for the appropriate activities. **Registration closes April 9th.** The official hotel of the 2018 convention has had a name change, it is now the Rochester Riverside Hotel. This facility is ideally located to all convention venues with direct access via skywalk to the convention center with a short walk to the Blue Cross Arena. Most workshops and LDE/CDE’s will be held in either the Rochester Riverside Hotel or Convention Center. Please visit our website for more

information about reserving rooms for your chapter: <http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention-hotels>. **In order to receive the reduced rate that includes breakfast you must reserve your rooms by Today.** You can now reserve up to five rooms at a time on the new online portal that the hotel has provided us. Please limit the number of excess rooms you reserve so all schools have the opportunity to join us at this location.

FFA Membership: Even though the roster deadline has passed, chapters can continue to add members until August 1st after paying a \$50 late fee. **We will be checking rosters for members advancing to State Convention, please make sure these students are on your roster.** There have been many updates and changes to the system. Please read **ALL** of the following information carefully so that this transition can be as smooth of a process as possible. We have created a new page on our www.nysffa.org website just for help with FFA membership and help with rosters. Please visit this link for information and tutorials on how to do your student roster this year: <http://www.nysffa.org/membership/>. As our state continues to see growth in our membership, we are starting to see some overlap with our homeschools and BOCES centers having students in two programs. As a reminder, students can only be members in one chapter. This is a student's choice which chapter they will be a member of. In order to be a member of a chapter students should be receiving instruction from the certified agriculture teacher at that program. **A new policy that took affect September 1st is, 7-12th grade members must be added to the national roster, only 6th graders can be added to the NY Only Roster.**

District President and State Officers Candidates:

District President Deadlines:

-The District President slate will be announced on April 14th following the announcement of the State Officer slate. We will be posting this information on our website, via the list serve, and social media. We may also live stream the announcement. The announcement will be some time after 4pm.

-District Presidents will be elected at State Convention on 5/18/18 by the delegates from their district.

State Officer Deadlines:

-Selection Process Location and

Date: The selection dates will be **4/12-4/14/18**,

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The poster features the FFA logo at the top left with the words 'INVESTIGATE', 'PLAN', 'SERVE', and 'EVALUATE' around it. The main title reads 'FFA Members Are Living to Serve'. Below this is a photo of three people in safety vests working outdoors. A text box titled 'DAY OF SERVICE GRANT' explains that these grants provide up to \$400 for one-time service events. At the bottom, it states 'Day of Service: Rolling deadline last day of each month (up to \$400)' and provides the website 'FFA.org/LivingToServe' and the hashtag '#LivingToServe'.

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve.” ~Martin Luther King Jr.

How is your chapter Living to Serve? FFA offers Day of Service Mini-Grants for \$400 to support chapters in planning community service events. The application is easy, and you can apply for funds to support a one-day service event that focuses on topics such as Community Safety; Hunger, Health and Nutrition; Environmental Responsibility; or Community Engagement.

Find out more at [FFA.org/LivingToServe/grants](https://www.ffa.org/LivingToServe/grants).

If you have questions, the Living to Serve team is here to help. You can email them at LTS@FFA.org

New York Application/ Due Date Information:

If you have questions regarding AET, award applications or CDE/LDE information please contact Catie Rowe, crowe@cornell.edu.

-American Degrees are due postmarked to the State FFA Office by April 1st (April 2nd, since the 1st is a Sunday)- Applicants need to mail in their signature sheet, checklist of minimum qualifications and manual review sheet.

Calling all CDE Lovers!

If you or someone you know has a passion for competition and want to judge at the 2018 State Convention in Rochester fill out this form!

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/45754-Aoe> This link can also be found under the "JUDGE FFA CONTESTS" tab on the State Convention page (<http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention>)

Do you want to be more involved in competitions this year? Do you enjoy seeing students hard work come to life in their favorite competitions? Become a CDE Coordinator! Email Catie Rowe at cmr323@cornell.edu for more information.

CDEs that need Coordinators for 2018:

Scrapbook/Secretary's Book/Reporter's Award

LDEs that need a Coordinator for 2019:

Jr Prepared Public Speaking

National FFA Updates:

1. National FFA Expo Makes 2017 Top Trade Shows List

I'm happy to report that the National FFA Convention & Expo has been named to the [2017 Trade Show News Network \(TSNN\) Top Trade Shows](#) in the United States. This list, ranked by net square footage, represents the top trade shows held last year in the United States. Spanning more than 253,000 square feet, the expo came in at number 80 out of 240 shows. Indianapolis was one of the top 10 cities in the rankings, with 10 shows named to the list. To learn more about this honor, read the news release [here](#) and see the list [here](#). A big thank you to our convention team that works hard each year to deliver premier leadership, personal growth and career success to all of our attendees.

2. Mark Your Calendars for the Next Virtual Field Trip

Go behind-the-scenes at John Deere and learn about the exciting careers involved in the product lifecycle of John Deere tractors from ideation to delivery. The live event will take place on May 3 at 1 p.m. EDT. We will have a viewing room ready here at 6060, but for others who would like to participate, enter your information into the registration link, <https://www.agexplorer.com/virtual-field-trip>.

3. FFA Featured in USA Today Special Edition

The National FFA Organization was once again generously offered a full-page ad in the USA Today U.S. Department of Agriculture Special Edition to promote FFA. You can view the online digital edition of the publication [here](#).

4. New Checklist Helps Keep Kids Safe

Here's a new resource from one of our Safety in Agriculture for Youth (SAY) partners you'll want to check out. The new [Child/Youth Agricultural Safety Checklist](#), developed by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, gives parents a tool to perform customized safety checks.

"Protecting our children on farms needs to be a priority. A youth dies in an agricultural incident about every three days in the United States," said Marsha Salzwedel, M.S., youth agricultural safety specialist at the National Children's Center, part of the National Farm Medicine Center at Marshfield Clinic Research Institute. "Taking 10 minutes to read this checklist will give parents safety strategies to help ensure that their children reap the many benefits of farm life while staying safe."

For additional child ag safety resources, go to www.cultivatesafety.org and click on "Resources."

5. Grand Opening of Technology School Celebrated With FFA Supporters

Lincoln Electric's Welding Technology and Training Center had its grand opening on Wednesday in Cleveland, Ohio. Western Region Vice President Bryce Cluff and National FFA Foundation Senior Regional Director Lori Randle had the opportunity to engage with Lincoln Electric Chairman and CEO Chris Mapes and National FFA Sponsors' Board Member and Manager of Educational Sales Jason Scales, Ph.D. More than 300 attendees from government, industry, media, postsecondary schools and organizations toured the facilities while also hearing how the school is preparing skilled workers for global manufacturing.

Lincoln Electric has been a sponsor of FFA since 1946. Bryce presented Chris with a pen made by an FFA member as a token of appreciation.

6. Success Through Service: Living to Serve Platform's Successful Launch

FFA members from across the country have put their leadership into action through participation in the Living to Serve (LTS) Platform. The platform currently provides funding opportunities through grants; engagement activities via the National Days of Service during the convention and expo; and training and educational resources. The team is also developing the new Living to Serve Challenge that will be launched during the 2018 convention and expo.

What does success look like for the platform? To date, FFA has distributed \$741,285 to 371 FFA chapters and 27 state associations/foundations representing 45 states. An impressive 6,350 FFA members — along with 3,383 non-FFA members, alumni and supporters, and other adults provided — 57,001 hours of service equating to \$1,376,004 of economic impact to those local communities served.

FFA is currently seeking interested agencies within a 20-mile radius of downtown Indianapolis that have an educational, service or philanthropic mission to act as a host site for the 2018 FFA National Days of Service. If you are interested in becoming a host site or know of a local organization that can benefit from having highly skilled and motivated volunteers, access the online application [here](#). Applications are due June 1, 2018.

7. Sad News

Don Ball, a dear friend of FFA, passed away last Friday. Mr. Ball, along with his wife, Mira, created an endowment to fund the National FFA Give the Gift of Blue program. Mr. Ball's involvement with FFA began when he was a student at Hebbardsville High School in Kentucky. As his obituary describes, FFA "was a natural fit for his strong work ethic and natural leadership ability, and it would greatly expand his horizons." Mr. Ball's commitment to giving back to others was evidenced in his support for various organizations. As a result of the endowment here at National FFA, more than 400 donors and sponsors have provided more than 5,000 blue jackets to members in need since 2014. You can view his obituary [here](#).

8. National Officers Continue Foundation Visits

Last Tuesday, national officers Ian Bennett and Erica Baier traveled to Austin, Minn., and met with the CEO of Hormel Foods, Jim Snee, along with several members of the company's executive leadership team. The officer pair led a larger group of Hormel employees, including several former members and former state officers, in discussions related to My Journey, AgExplorer, and corporate alumni and supporters chapters. The highlight of the visit was touring the new research and development lab and the SPAM Museum.

Ian and Erica also traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to meet 1969-70 national vice

president Steve Zumbach, who is now an attorney at Belin McCormick, and 1977-78 national vice president Peg Armstrong-Gustafson, the president/founder of Amson Technology. The officers also stopped by The World Food Prize Hall.

FFA supporters Rick and Bonnie Malir, who own the restaurant chain City Barbeque, recently hosted a National FFA Foundation visit at their home. Rick is a past national officer and was joined by national officer Bryce Cluff; past national officers Katy Poth-Endsley and Sydney Snider; Melissa Bell, the sponsor development consultant for the Ohio FFA Foundation; and Riley Bell. The group reminisced and talked about the great experiences they've had because of FFA.

National FFA Foundation staff and national officers Breanna Holbert and Gracie Furnish met at Nestlé Purina's offices in St. Louis on Tuesday. They were introduced to Jack Scott, vice president of sustainability and responsible sourcing for all Nestlé brands in North America, and Diane Herndon, senior manager, sustainability for pet foods, North America. Jack shared the great work Nestlé Purina is doing as a collaborative partner with groups like U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, the National Corn Growers Association and their farmer producers.

During their trip to St. Louis, the group also visited Rabo AgriFinance, Bunge North America, Osborn Barr and the National Corn Growers Association, as well as other sponsors and prospective sponsors in the St. Louis area.

9. **Work at FFA**

Below is the newest available position with the National FFA Foundation.

[Gift Processing Specialist](#)

We hope everyone who is on spring break or is about to have it, has the chance to relax and spend time with family and friends!



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