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The 63rd National FFA Convention

# PROCEEDINGS



# “Congratulations!

## Today is your day. You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away!”

*Oh, the places you’ll go!*  
Dr. Seuss



*This participant was one of 24,130 FFA members and guests at the convention. This year’s crowd set an all-time-high attendance record.*



*Eager members surrounded former National FFA Secretary Fred McClure upon his arrival in the convention newsroom. McClure, who is in regular contact with President George Bush, serves as assistant to the president.*



### 15 THINGS YOU CAN DO

That Dr. Seuss really knows how to nail it, doesn't he? You've got the talent. You've got the opportunity. What next? How can you become a leader for a growing planet? On the following pages you'll find the advice of some of the best minds around FFA. If you give these ideas a try, you just might find yourself, FFA and agricultural education going great places.

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*It was a big night for Todd Lotter and Jode Beer of Monroe, Ind. He earned Star Farmer of America and Beer won a diamond ring. They met in FFA, so he proposed to her after winning the award. The couple will wed in August, 1991.*



Robert Reynolds, Vice President and General Manager, Crop Protection Products Division, Monsanto Agricultural Company and 1991 Chairman Elect of the Foundation Sponsors' Board, was excited to be at the national FFA convention. "I was never involved in agriculture until five years ago, when I joined Monsanto," he said. "It was exciting to see all this enthusiasm. It makes the other 364 days of the year worthwhile."

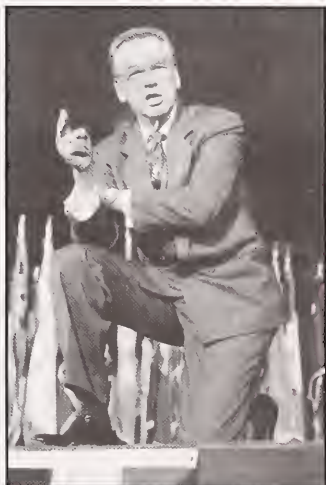
**"You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
any direction you choose."**

*Oh, the places you'll go!*  
Dr. Seuss

New friends. Old friends. Retiring officer addresses. Autographs and rolls of film. Career Show freebies. Blue jackets. Christmas in November and images of "Crazy" Joe Clark swinging his bat. These are the things we took with us as we flowed out of Municipal Auditorium closing out the 63rd National FFA Convention. But this year, we looked past the burst of renewed FFA spirit as we tucked the new Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education under our arms. This plan was not to be tossed into our scrapbooks, but used to develop a better FFA for us—and those yet to come.

President Bush has said that education is in a crisis, and many people agree.

Our own Robert Reynolds, chairman of the Foundation Sponsors' Board, said, "I'm scared there won't be enough competent people available to fill the growing needs of agriculture, like biochemists. We need people who can carry on with technology, or we won't be able to meet the needs of an increasing population."



Zig Ziglar fired up members with his pearls of wisdom, entertaining stories and personal challenges. Ziglar was sponsored by DVB Enterprises.



Joe Clark, center, former high school principal and subject of the film "Lean on Me," sang the theme from his film with the FFA chorus. As the kick-off speaker of the 63rd National FFA Convention, Clark challenged members to "be the best of whatever you are." Clark was sponsored by United Telephone Systems—Midwest Group.

Coleman Harris, National FFA executive secretary, agreed that the future is at risk, and said the new plan for agricultural education could be the solution. "Students and teachers must understand and focus on the mission of ag education," he said. "That's our framework for the future."

The plan, or more accurately, the blueprint, was developed by all of the national leaders in agricultural education. However, a blueprint is nothing without contractors and carpenters, who, in this case, are FFA members. Although proud and strong, FFA and agricultural education can no longer afford to be viewed as separate from the total learning system. We must become an attractive option in the mix of required courses, not an easily-snubbed elective.

At home, let's take a long, hard look at the foundations of our chapters and programs, many of which were erected decades ago and have weathered storms and disasters. We must be sure our iron

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*During business sessions, delegates pondered many issues facing the FFA. Delegates made tough decisions, among them the increase in the national convention delegate body to a fixed number of 475. See pages 15 to 22 for additional information on delegate action.*

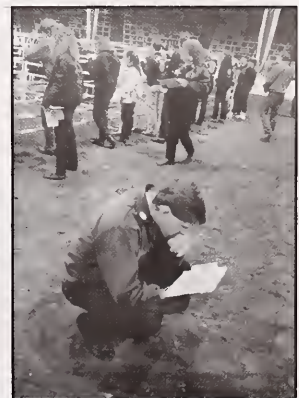
# “You will come to a place where the streets are not marked.

Some windows are lighted. But mostly they're darked. A place you could sprain both your elbow and chin! Do you dare to stay out? Do you dare to go in? How much can you lose? How much can you win?”

*Oh, the places you'll go!*  
Dr. Seuss



*Akihiro (Henry) Horiye got a pat on the back and heart-felt thanks from former national officers Warren Boerger and Kelli Evans. Horiye earned the Honorary American FFA Degree for his many years of service as translator and tour guide on the national officer tours to Japan. Many past national officers chipped in to bring Mr. and Mrs. Horiye to America for the convention.*



*An FFA member concentrated on his placings during the livestock contest at the American Royal. Ten contests took place throughout the Kansas City area during convention.*

# “Oh, the places you’ll go!

There is fun to be done!  
 There are points to be scored.  
 There are games to be won.”

*Oh, the places you’ll go!*  
 Dr. Seuss



*Veronica Horan was one of more than a thousand of dedicated individuals who work hard to make the convention a success.*



*An FFA member photographed the sights in Kansas City during a break in the national FFA convention. The city offered a wealth of educational, sightseeing, dining and shopping experiences.*

beams aren’t rusting, and that our wall studs are sturdy. We have to make agriculture attractive to more people and build additions to our long standing structure.

We have to market agricultural education in two directions. “Ag education is going to have to appeal to students,” Harris said. “Otherwise, why enroll? Demands on students are already too great.”

In addition, ag education must serve and attract sponsors like Reynolds who make our activities possible, and eventually hire our members in their companies.

Technology is changing every day. Researchers continue their quest for new cures, from the common cold, to cancer and AIDS. Agriculture, too, is changing, with genetic engineering, biotechnology and computer robotics. Agricultural education and the FFA are also evolving, not just for the sake of change, but to take solid steps to improve programs and ensure our future.

The architects have drawn up the blueprint. The crew in your chapter is ready. Using the tools and leadership provided through FFA, begin building a program to meet the needs of all students. You’ll reward the members of today, and those who will wear the jacket tomorrow.



## 15 THINGS YOU CAN DO

“Trade in your rearview mirrors for telescopes and look ahead to the changing needs of our organization. The FFA will only prosper if we’re willing to embrace progress.”

—Kevin Oschner  
 1987-88 National FFA Secretary  
 Member, Official Manual Review Committee  
 Ft. Collins, Colo.



*Miss America, Marjorie Vincent, signed autographs at the career show after a special guest appearance at the convention. Vincent’s appearance was sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Division.*



*With so many activities taking place during the convention, national FFA officers were often spread too thin. With the help of a cardboard friend, FFA members got their picture taken with a stiff Donnell Brown look-alike.*



*Reved up and ready to go: Opportunity for all was what the National FFA Convention was all about. Members were challenged to take home this new attitude where they could help push FFA and agricultural education toward the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan. "If there must be a stereotype," says the plan, "Let it have nothing to do with race, creed, sex or color. Let it have everything to do with effort, energy, ideas, commitment and capabilities."*

# "So...be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Great Places!

Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So...get on your way!"

*Oh, the places you'll go!*  
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## 15 THINGS YOU CAN DO

"Organize a chemical disposal day for your community. Many people have hazardous household products around the house that they no longer use, but they don't know how to dispose of them. Learn how to take care of these products and set aside one day a month to get together and collect and dispose of unused portions of the chemicals and their containers."

— Bill Blue  
Sales Specialist  
Dow/Elanco  
Indianapolis, IN

# American FFA Degrees

**Sponsored by Case IH; Pirelli Armstrong Tire Corporation; American Cyanamid Company, Agricultural Division; Farm Credit System; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; and Na-Churs Plant Food Company**

The American FFA Degree is no ordinary honor. Members earn this degree, step by step. From the day they stood before their peers to recite the FFA creed as Greenhands to the moment they signed their names to the multiple application for the American FFA Degree, they were working towards the highest laurels FFA can bestow.

There were more of them than ever before. On Friday, 1,056 members walked across the stage to claim their gold keys and certificates. The group was also honored with a banquet prior to the session.

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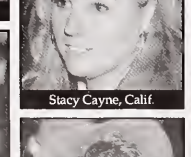
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— Joe Clark  
Former School Principal  
Subject of the film "Lean on Me"

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# Computers in Agriculture

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Computers are now the rule rather than the exception in many classrooms and homes across the country. FFA recognizes the outstanding achievements of students in putting these technological giants to work in everyday life.

National winner Karla Williams uses computers to keep records for her family's feedlot. She designed financial spreadsheets for her local FFA chapter and the Montana Agricultural Teachers Association. Using desktop publishing, she developed a state FFA convention newspaper. She also worked with county agencies to integrate comput-

ers into their operations.

On Wednesday afternoon, the eight finalists gave 10-minute presentations about their programs to a panel of judges. Judges then selected a national winner and a runner-up. The national winner received \$500 and a plaque and the runner-up, \$250 and a plaque, in addition to the \$250 travel award presented to each finalist.

## National Winner:

Karla Williams, Joliet, Mont.

## Runner-Up:

Robert W. Johnson, Platteville, Colo.

## Finalists:

**CONNECTICUT:** James Jaquiere  
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Clay Britt  
**ALABAMA:** John Bullock

**MONTANA:** Kevin Herrick  
**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Karla Williams  
**CALIFORNIA:** Melissa Hath  
**COLORADO:** Robert Johnson  
**ARIZONA:** Domic Salce

## State Winners

**ALABAMA:** John C. Bullock, Red Level  
**ARIZONA:** Domic Salce, Springerville  
**ARKANSAS:** Christopher L. White, Lavaca  
**CALIFORNIA:** Melissa Hath, El Nido  
**COLORADO:** Robert W. Johnson, Platteville  
**CONNECTICUT:** James Jaquiere, East Canaan  
**FLORIDA:** Corey Parks, Sarasota  
**IDaho:** Patrick Stowell, Homeola  
**ILLINOIS:** Steven Vacher, Jacksonville  
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**IOWA:** Eric R. Lang, Donaldson  
**KANSAS:** Donnie L. Seeger, Penokee  
**KENTUCKY:** William McIntosh, Georgetown  
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**MASSACHUSETTS:** Tanny Jabbebrand, Lawrence

**MICHIGAN:** Curt Ratajczak, Standish  
**MINNESOTA:** James Krusz, Elbow Lake  
**MISSOURI:** Corey R. Hill, Williamstown  
**MONTANA:** Karla Williams, Joliet  
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**NEVADA:** Amy Fahstoltz, Elko  
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# Agriscience Teacher of the Year

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**National Winner:**

Mark D. Lalum  
Kalispell, Mont.

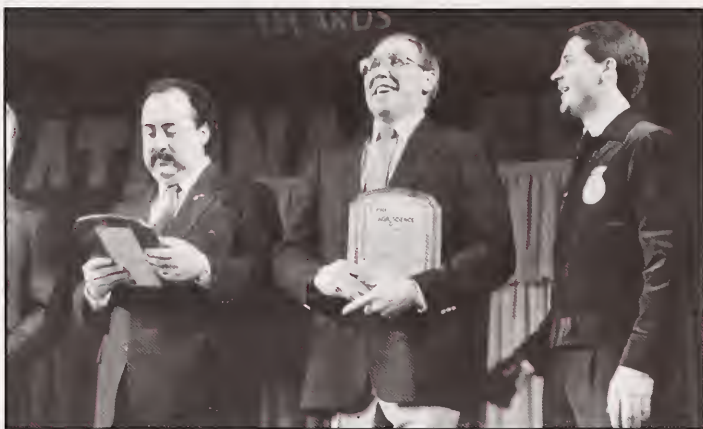
**Regional Winners:**

South Dakota: John D. Rist, Bowdle  
Ohio: Anthony F. Casalnuovo, Uniontown  
Montana: Mark D. Lalum, Kalispell

The agriscience program at Flathead High School is bursting at the seams, thanks to the innovations initiated by teacher Mark Lalum.

Noting in 1985 that enrollment in the freshman class had dropped from 50 to 23, Lalum committed himself to identifying and remedying the problem. Working with a four-person staff, Lalum has built the program to nearly 200 students with 100 percent FFA involvement.

"When we began evaluating the program five years ago, students could not receive science credit for agriculture classes," Lalum said. "Now we have restructured our curriculum so the classes are more science oriented and better prepare students for future employment."



National President Donnell Brown, right, congratulates Agriscience Teacher of the Year Mark Lalum, center, and runner-up Anthony Casalnuovo, left.

# Agriscience Student Recognition



The national winner in the Agriscience Student Recognition Program is congratulated by fellow members of the Branford, Fla., FFA Chapter.

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**National Winner:**

Tracie A. Daniels  
O'Brien, Fla.

**Runner-Up:**

Lisa Marie Hefty  
Auburn, Ind.

**National Finalists:**

Indiana: Lisa M. Hefty, Auburn  
North Dakota: Blaine E. Jorgenson, Williston  
Pennsylvania: Wayne J. Hassinger II, Middleburg  
Florida: Tracie A. Daniels, O'Brien  
Tennessee: Jennifer L. Gil, Greenbrier  
Colorado: Aaron J. Brown, Lindon  
Washington: Andrea Howell, Prosser  
Wyoming: Ronald J. Swearingen, Laramie

Tracie Daniels grew up hearing her father talk about nematodes and the damage they inflicted on the family's peanut crop. In 1985, she began an experiment which she hoped would increase her understanding of the threat of this soil-borne parasite.

For her work, Daniels was named first place winner in the Agriscience Student Recognition program. Second place was awarded to Lisa Hefty for her research in fertilizer leaching and its impact on ground water safety.

Daniels was rewarded with \$8,500: \$1,000 for her state win, \$2,000 for the region and \$5,000 for the national. Hefty, as second place, received a total of \$6,000: \$1,000 for state, \$2,000 for the region and \$3,000 for national.

**15 THINGS YOU CAN DO**

"Democratic societies can work only if people participate. So whatever else you do cast your vote on every election day. Volunteer to work in campaigns. Really participate by helping to decide who is going to serve in government ... Decide what's right and wrong about an issue and take a stand. In a democracy there is no substitute for time and personal involvement."

— Clayton Yeutter  
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C.



Ronald Swearingen, winner of the Wyoming Agriscience Student Recognition Program, discusses his project with a panel of judges.

# Stars Over America

**Stars recognition awards sponsored by the executive sponsors of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Audiovisual sponsored by DowElanco. International Experience Tour of Europe sponsored by Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Chrysler Fund.**

No other FFA awards carry the prestige of Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman. These winners are recognized throughout the FFA as top achievers, chosen on the basis of their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs.

From a field of 1,056 American FFA Degree recipients, four agribusiness applicants were chosen, along with four production agriculture applicants. On Thursday night, during the Stars Over America Pageant, names of the Star Farmer of America and the Star Agribusinessman of America were revealed.

The rewards were many for the honorees. The Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman of America each received \$2,000 and the six regional Stars each received \$1,000. All were recipients of handsome plaques, and the eight will have the opportunity to experience European agriculture during the Stars International Experience Tour.



Star Farmer Todd Lotter, left, and Star Agribusinessman Chad Luthro exchanged congratulations after the Thursday announcement.



Todd Lotter  
Star  
Farmer  
Monroe, Ind.



Allen Lewis  
Southern Region  
Star Farmer  
Gates, Tenn.



Morgan B.  
Ott III  
Eastern Region  
Star Farmer  
Bealeton, Va.



Weylin  
Eldred  
Western Region  
Star Farmer  
Bellingham,  
Wash.

Lotter owns a dairy farm, where he milks 63 cows and has more than 70 dairy heifers, steers and calves. Lotter performs all daily and management tasks for the 1,500-head swine feeding partnership he shares with his father. He also farms more than 300 acres of beans, corn and alfalfa.

Lewis farms full-time with his father. Together they raise more than 1,400 acres of cotton, soybeans and wheat. They custom harvest cotton and contract-finish hogs. Lewis is a two-time national award winner: In 1986 he was the National Fiber Crop Proficiency award winner and in 1988, he took first in the National Diversified Crop Production Proficiency competition.

Ott is a partner in Marshfield Holsteins with his father. He is responsible for caring for calves, feeding the 90-cow milking herd and managing the crops. The operation includes more than 300 acres in hay, corn and pasture. Ott maintains and repairs his farm equipment, crediting agricultural education for development of these skills.

When Weylin Eldred and his brother Wesley were in high school, they convinced their parents that they could run a dairy farm. The family pitched in and purchased a dilapidated dairy. Today Eldred milks 138 cows and owns 122 replacement heifers. He plans to be milking 250 cows within the next two years.



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Agribusinessman  
Anland,  
Iowa



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Region Star  
Agribusinessman  
Branford, Fla.



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Bingham  
Western  
Region Star  
Agribusinessman  
Glendale,  
Ariz.



Jody  
Germann  
Eastern  
Region Star  
Agribusinessman  
Bowling  
Green, Ohio

Luthro started Agri-Tech Products Company in 1988. His computer and electronic sales and consulting business was an outgrowth of early interests in computers and agriculture. He financed the business with profits from his SAE program: working with the family farm and Luthro Custom Farm Service. Luthro was the 1988 Computers in Agriculture award winner and served as Iowa state secretary.

Land is one of two main buyers for Land Watermelon Sales, Florida's largest watermelon shipping business. He has worked to improve the local industry by promoting the boxing of watermelons in the field a method that cuts the amount of handling needed in the field before shipping to northern markets. Land also owns several quarter horses, 100 cattle and 50 percent of Land Brothers, a watermelon buying and packing business.

Bingham has today more than 70 landscape accounts, and first became involved in the industry while working in the school greenhouse. As a junior and senior, he managed the Poiria High greenhouse, which grossed more than \$30,000 each year. Business skills Bingham developed helped him become a respected landscaper—managing tasks from organizing daily operations to securing plant contracts.

A fourth-generation horticulturist, Germann has spent much of his life working for the family business, Klotz Flower Farm. As part of his SAE program, he started a nursery to grow plant materials. He also arranged flowers and maintained the facilities. Germann has introduced new practices to the business, such as substituting temperature control for chemicals in regulating bedding plant growth.

# Keep on Keeping the Dream Alive

## Donnell Brown National President

Looking back on a year so fantastic, it is hard to find the words to express my feelings. This has been a year full of opportunities unforeseen by this West Texas boy when I first



learned the FFA creed. "Travelling from the wonderful little town of Throckmorton to the mountains of Montana, through the Platte Valley of Nebraska, into the forests of the South, and across that giant ocean blower to watch the sun rise on Japan, the mannaus touch my heart. As I reflected on this year of service I realize one thing—it is the people that make the difference. It was I so glad to have had the chance to serve you."

I will soon pass the gavel to another and continue on life's highway, but before I turn now. "One thing is for sure, I will always be with you. I believe in, and this year has reinforced that belief, I think Baxter Black put it best in his own words: "Ode."

It's hard to be a penguin when your heart is a scorching sun.

When you're more at home a horseshoe than flyin' on a plane.

When peaceful country events mean more than your lights.

And clear blue skies outweigh the lure of fancy banquet nights.

The last year at the convention you made me President.

It's mine's gone by quickly, I'm not sure where I went.

I surely was an honor and I did the best I could. But I did the truth, my friends, my speaker's list that good.

I'm better on a bronc, ozone's avers or pullin' shoes.

But I'll stay without a stutter I believe in what we do.

Or opinions are important, I feel in my heart.

So I'll stand up and take my, I'm glad to do my part.

I've talked to politicians and lobbied for you.

right. Spent hours on the telephone, spent many sleepless nights. Then left the farm too often to my family and its smile. And tried to represent us all, our problems and our life.

"I wouldn't have missed this chance for the world. I am so honored to have served you—the future of American agriculture at its best—and the National FFA Organization, incorporating agriculture through our learning-by-doing process and developing strong character, morals and values in those who wear the blue and gold.

The FFA prepares us for a successful future, not the noble, and worthy occupation on earth, agriculture. There is no greater joy than knowing you help feed and clothe the world. Agriculture is the oldest, largest and most important to our civilization. It says in the Bible that God gave Adam the duty of tending the Garden of Eden. That was the earliest agriculture. It will be with us until the end of time, because we cannot survive without food.

We can be proud and grateful, but now it's our turn to decide the destiny of our country, our America and our future. We must all pull together, adapt to our changing society and work the best interests of all. You determine the outcome. United we stand and we possess, and divided we fall. It is up to you to chart FFA's future and make the best we can do.

Many I wish to thank, to destroy our dream and goals, we keep us from reaching the top. Don't fall victim to the enemies of alibid, greed, passion and false pride. Guard your masterpiece—the person you are out to love. Live, die, dream, die, die, die, and die to be yourself. Follow your dreams, let them grow and they will be yours forever.

I do not wish much more than to

share valuable time with our families and our lives. But one thing I was waiting for was an airplane, and in the waiting area was a TV. A quick little promotional message caught my eye. "Though I lasted only ten seconds, I made it. I was on the news. The dog I saw in the clip is now my mascot."

The clip is simply a picture of a black Labrador retriever sitting down with a Frisbee in his mouth. The boy I saw with will tell you says, "Sit. You sit. Good dog." Then the dog barks. Everyone says it along with me. Sit. You sit. Good dog. On the count of three, you put the dog's name in. 1, 2—You howl your name. Sit. You sit. Good dog. That one more time. Sit. You sit. Good dog. My (you), B (be), U (be).

It is exactly what I hope you will be— you. Let your own mascot become a part of each of you to fulfill the reason and purpose for which you were created. It has been said that when we depart from this world and go to meet our Maker he will not ask, "Why didn't you try, or why didn't you become a better person?" He will simply ask, "Why didn't you become you?" I dare you to be you and keep on keeping your dreams alive.

There are many obstacles or disablers that seem to hold us back. They are overcome if only we utilize the many talents we are blessed with. I want to share with you a story about a person who overcame a rather large handicap. It is not visible and few people even know he has a problem.

He grew up in a small town with very young parents. Bright, sharp and attentive, the young boy easily made friends when he started school. He was the first one who the teacher knew would be at the top of the class. Verbal in nature, he was a boy who really enjoyed starting to learn to read. Unlike the other kids in his class, he had a hard time.

He went on to first and second grade when suddenly he was stopped by his reading skills. The boy had to concentrate, on so hard, to read the words on a page. In third grade they realized he had a problem with seeing the words. His vision was fine but the letters he looked at a written page the words appeared broken. The letters would seem to be in a different order, sometimes they would flash or vibrate on the page.

No wonder he had to concentrate so hard to read the words. In his mind he had to reorder the letters in order to read the words correctly.

After long periods of studying the words so slowly, he would fix. The words would begin to move and run off the edge of the page, or swirl around in a spiral.

But then they called it "dumb." Today we know this condition as dyslexia. Can you imagine growing up believing you're stupid, or reading at a very slow rate because you had to concentrate on each word to understand? Even though dyslexia had his school performance and he never made the best grades, he refused to accept the idea that he was dumb or that he would never be a success. This young man realized he had many great talents and abilities that he could use. He continued on with great determination to be the best he could be. Involved in 4-H, FFA, sports and other school activities, the boy was still very sharp and fun to be around. He was a leader of people.

Though his grades were low he was able to pass, even graduating from college with the help of his parents. As he grew older, he would say he is a true success because he used his abilities instead of feeling sorry for himself. He has earned on the boards of directors of the American Quarter Horse Association for 24 years and the National Cattlemen's Association for 16 years. He is an honorary alumnus of Texas Tech University, he owns and operates the eighth largest registered cow-calf operation in the nation and

in January he peers named him 1990 Livestock Man of the Year. Most people call him Rob; some call him R.A. I am proud to call him Dad.

Today there are glasses called "dancers." They have a colored lens and if you see my dad you will notice his lenses are yellow and mine are blue.

My parents have instilled in their children the great values and morals that make us so very happy, loving family. They taught us to be ourselves and to stand for what we believe.

What do you stand for? What talents do you have to make your life, the FFA, America and the world a little better? Give it your all and let's do it together.

There has been one song this year that has really touched my heart. When I saw the video, I knew I recognized what I went to share with each of you. One month ago it was named Country Music Video of the Year. I did not know what this year had in store for me but I'm glad it has turned out like it has, because I wouldn't have missed this "dance" for the world.

Today, I say thanks to my heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and to each of you for making this past year the finest, the experience of a lifetime. Just remember, you be you and keep on keeping your dreams alive because you are the best. You are born—and now it's your turn to lead!



## Scott Crouch National Secretary

"One moment in time." The similarity between that song and my personal desire to serve this organization as a national officer is overwhelming.

It seems like only yesterday that I first entered agricultural education. As I reflect on the beginning of my association with this organization, I find that my first year in FFA was fairly routine.

When I was a sophomore, my advisor asked if I would be interested in attending the national convention and in showing boys at the American Royal. Like any 15-year-old, eager to be excused from my days of school, I agreed with enthusiasm. Little did I know that those five days would forever change my life.

My first memory of Kansas City is of registering in Bartle Hall where thousands of blue and gold jackets surrounded me. I was amazed at how friendly everyone was and at the fact that there really were girls in FFA.

After registering, we moved to the Municipal Auditorium to await the beginning of the vesper program. It was here in the auditorium that I had something important. Courtesy Corps members got upset if you three paper airplanes.

As vesper began, I gave my undivided attention to the stage where the national officers presented a spiritual and patriotic tribute to America. Their perform-

ances were riveting and I remember walking away from the convention hall inspired by their words.

For the next three days, I obediently and religiously watched the officers conduct the 1984 National FFA Convention with more pomp, pageantry and prestige than I had ever seen. I was moved by their addresses and so impressed with their professionalism. By the end of the convention, I had adopted the national officers as my personal role models. I studied their actions and emulated their styles in hopes that one day I would fill their shoes. I left Kansas City in 1984 with a much greater appreciation for our organization and with a renewed interest in agriculture.

Upon returning home I realized my admiration and conviction for these individuals who would eventually become very close friends—my advisors—Mr. Wolf, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Price. Together we would prepare me for leadership positions on the state and national level.

Over the next two and a half years, I was able to gain a better understanding and judging events in addition to serving as a chapter and district officer. I can honestly inform you that my participation in these activities was a tremendous Scott grows in experience. I can also honestly tell you that I was not successful in my early endeavor.

Never did I master the art of judging district and district officers. I have a track record, you will discover more about me than successes. I remember on several occasions having to pick myself up, brush myself off, and enthusiasm went. I had been stuck with the FFA because he still had his magnificent obsession to represent you as a national officer.

Recently, in 1989, I was selected to represent Indiana as their national officer candidate. After a week of challenging tests and a couple of interviews, I heard the announcement: "The nominating committee's recommendation for national secretary is Scott Crouch from Indiana." As you can see in the convention film, my confidence and enthusiasm went so far as to be immeasurable as I began my term of

service. Over the past year my travels have taken me to six foreign countries and 43 states. My most memorable experiences have been the surprises. After the Rhode Island state convention, I was called upon to pull a set of stubborn twin lambs from a pasture. I was very progressive. There was also the Center, North Dakota, where I went back the endrope came crashing down on the head table, nearly knocking the chapter advisor unconscious.

I am convinced that the finest lost in the world is prepared in New Mexico. I cannot forget being arrested in Texas for exceeding the speed limit while running an errand for the state president. And I will never forget asking my taxi driver in Puerto Rico how much my law was and hearing him say, "How do you get your license? I never got to thank him for dropping me in the middle of the Puerto Rico jungle two miles from the nearest village.

Over the past year, I have participated in 42 chapter banquets, eight state conventions, countless workshops, various conferences, 1,652 pieces of mail and contact with 1,652 new acquaintances. I have had the components of the greatest year of my life. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making this year so wonderful.

I would like to complete my year by discussing a topic that may astound you. The topic is your future. If you think about it, you will find your future. It is there because it is your future. If you put your future before you, you will find your future. It is there because it is your future. It is closer than you are to it. It is not a calendar, that denotes its presence.

We now find ourselves immersed in the 1990s... the decade that will conclude the century. History repeatedly tells us that the final decade of a century is a time of change and advancement. Five hundred years ago, during the 1490s, Christopher Columbus discovered a new world. Columbus was not great just because he documented the New World, but because he had the faith and perseverance to search for it. The 1500s gave us the Renaissance, a time when artists,

writers and philosophers produced some of humanity's greatest works. Exploration, expansion and colonization were common themes during the 1600s, while the 1700s gave the world enlightenment, revolution and freedom from tyranny. The 1800s saw Western societies transformed from agrarian states to manufacturing nations during the Industrial Revolution.

The 1900s will again be a decade of revolutionary change. Currently, we are seeing the disintegration of communism throughout Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. We are seeing the boundaries of individual nations erasing as the booming global economy of the 1990s replaces the national economies of the past. We are seeing agriculture converted into science as genetic engineering, biotechnology and immunology increase our ability to produce food and fiber for our world to consume.

The environmental movement of the 1990s will allow agriculture to evolve even further as conscientious citizens like you and me lobby and pressure our government to lend alternatives to fossil fuels and nuclear power. The leadership of this century will challenge agriculture to begin growing and producing crops to meet the world's energy and industrial needs. I believe former FFA members from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas will lead this challenge by growing genetically enhanced hybrids designed for industrial purposes. The use of polluting our soil for the health of the earth, and we will be producing crops on the earth's surface to satisfy our energy needs.

One day soon, FFA members and their advisors in the states of California, Florida, Alabama, Oregon and Washington will realize that there are no personal or the medical community and will lead to cure for the common cold, arthritis, heart and AIDS. Production agriculturalists will begin growing these pharmaceutical plants and animals in high-tech controlled environments. Don't be surprised

by the location of many of these production sites as they will include laboratories, greenhouses and facilities under the ocean and in outer space.

There will be phenomenal career opportunities in agriculture during the 1990s, and FFA members have an awesome responsibility to continue advancing the sciences and technologies of agriculture, our world's most vital industry.

Winston Churchill once said, "There comes a time in every man's life, a magnificent moment when he is tapped on the shoulder and offered to do a great and difficult thing, unique to him and fitted to his talents; what a tragedy if that moment finds the man unprepared or unqualified for the work which would have been his finest hour." In essence, Winston Churchill has challenged us to prepare ourselves for the future contributions we should make to our democracy. As the leaders of the future, we owe it to ourselves and our country to strive for excellence in all our educational activities.

This year my mission has been to identify, develop and nurture future leaders for this organization. I have learned that by being a leader means having the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those whom permit others to lead. I sincerely hope that in some small way I have contributed positively to the long-term development of every young leader here. In essence, Winston Churchill has challenged us to prepare ourselves for the future contributions we should make to our democracy. As the leaders of the future, we owe it to ourselves and our country to strive for excellence in all our educational activities.

In closing, I wish for you a magnificent obsession, one that will give you a reason for living. I hope that at times you become so frustrated and so challenged that you begin to push back the very barriers of your own personal limitations. I hope you give so much of yourself that it some days you wonder if it's worth it all. Finally, I wish for you a brilliant moment of magnificence in which you realize everything you are and everything you were meant to be. Thank you, and may God's richest blessings be yours.







# Delegates

**ALABAMA:** Brandon Abbott, Bradis, Joe Barber, Vinegar Bend, Rebecca Arns, George, Hartford, Tony Carlisle, Opelika; Christopher Eheringer, Daleville; Stephen Kiser, Padmont, David Mines, Uniontown, Raymon Randolph, Tom Creek, Michael Reese, Calera, Marie Ruth, Lineville; Richard D. Scott, Uniontown, Lamar Seals, Bessemer, Kelly Williams, Fruitdale

**ALASKA:** Jason A. Baliek, North Pole; Jeremy S. Stone, Wasilla

**ARIZONA:** Cheryl Faulstich, Yuma, Clint McCall, Yuma; Dominic Saloa, Springerville

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**CALIFORNIA:** Nicole Andron, Fullerton; Ronda Azevedo, Maxwell; Janine Kagay, Covina; Lynda Keeton, Santa Rosa; Jeff Loggans, Redding; Catherine Metz, San Jose; Ryan Mendosa, Linden; Brenda Moore, Hughson; Larry Nichols, Eureka; Kim Oehlschlaeger, Atwater, Robin Perez, Clovis; Joshua Richards, Fall River Mills; Nathan Seefelder, Petaluma; Jenny Thomas, Bodfish; Julie Traddaway, Gilsby; Amber Washington, San Bernardino; Kevin White, Anderson

**COLORADO:** Daniel Ellsworth, Meeker; James Pritchett, McClave, Jemond Sanborn, Stoneham

**CONNECTICUT:** Ray Buzgo, Oxford; Coleen Haradsky, Eastford

**DELAWARE:** Stephen Cook, Newark; Kimberley Dannenhauer, Felton

**FLORIDA:** Heather Folsom, Mayo; Mike McCracken, Avon Park; Keith Smedley, Gaines City; Andrea Stevenson, Chimes; Dusty Waling, Gainesville;

Tim Weber, Sarasota; Nathan White, Pensacola

**GEORGIA:** Jeff Bentley, Cavemille; Kerry Courchaine, Covington; Andy Hart, Statesboro; Shelby Higdon, Harlem; Arron Norman, Moultrie; David Taylor Jr., Thomasville; Priscilla Weldon, Nicholson

**HAWAII:** Bruce Gushiken, Hawi; Lehua Sanoria, Pahoa

**IDAHO:** Dale Keller, Clifton; Geert Loeffen, Fruitland; Angela Richard, Murphy

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**MARYLAND:** Tammie Bull, Maryland Line; Melinda Horner, Keymar

**MASSACHUSETTS:** Darrin Parks, Hafford; Jennifer Ward, Danvers

**MICHIGAN:** Philip M. Bowman, Alto; Andy Brown, Laingsburg; Heather Gordon, Bad Axe; Raymond Wagester, Remus

**MINNESOTA:** Christine Kidrowski, Clara City; James E. Lee, Clearwater; Val Luthman, Goodhue; Jenuzsh Sol, Reading; Brian Van Zomerem, Alexandria; Anne Willhart, Kimball

**MISSISSIPPI:** Allen Butler, Jackson; John King, Magee; Jeff Mayo, Philadelphia; Shan Parker, Renzi; Bryan Russell, Philadelphia

**MISSOURI:** Curt Blades, Shelbina; Leigh Burkhalter, Wellsville; Jessie Davis, Craig; Stephanie Blake, Jackson; Kirk Karcher, Sweet Springs; John Kiebocker, Stotts City; Shelly Simpson, Hartsville; Donna Swoford, Pleasant Hill

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**NEVADA:** Jessica Carone, Lamolite; Amy Fahsholtz, Eiko

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Travis Allen, Newmarket; Tammy Woodell, Airstead

**NEW JERSEY:** Liz Jost, Washington; Joel Rudzewski, Mt. Laurel

**NEW MEXICO:** Michelle Eichorst, Corrales; Wade Mulcock, Artesia; Clay Post, Corona

**NEW YORK:** Heather Bates, Cobleskill; Kyle Thygesen, Cossayuna; Russell Turner, Loch Sheldrake; Richard G. Welsh, Arcandora

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**OHIO:** Randy Boes, Fostoria; Matt Burns, Twin; Bridget Dielsch, Findlay; Sara Dufke, Canton; Ryan Kiscoff, Ema; Rick Perkins, Bloomville; Jerry Rauch, Little Hocking; Sara Ryan, Monclova; Suzanne Smith, Newark

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**OREGON:** Brian Gilmore, Canby; Emily Read, Culver; Rick Whitehead, Tillamook

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Tom Gome, Oxford; Gregory L. Hamish, Manheim; Keith Hay, Bryn; Eric Marshall, Reinholds; Rebecca Sonnen, Richland

**Puerto Rico:** Johanna Lizary, Ulaoua; Annette M. Nerys, Carolina, Monica Rivera, Ulaoua

**RHODE ISLAND:** Liz Johnson, Exeter; Seth Johnson, Exeter

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Candice Haliman, Batesburg; Michael Hamingway, Gresham; John Holladay, Manning; Levern Fanning, Norway

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Kindra Beltschpacher, Bowdle; Mike Fasthorse, Presho; Jill Heemstra, Dolton

**TENNESSEE:** Kelly Carmack, Gates; Tim Corbett, Bufton; Curt Davis, Charleston; Kip Green, Manchester; Kari Lamb, Altam; Stefan Maupier, Newbern; Ralph Stewart, McEwen; Melissa Thompson, Lebanon

**TEXAS:** Melinda Beckendorf, Tomball; Judson Bennett, Odessa; Tooin Boeng,

Matron, Liane Bratley, McAllen; Zach Brady, Abilene; Erica Clark, Mansfield; Amy Davis, Lubbock; Dennis Degert, Malone; Heather Dolins, Katy; Brent Grimes, Chillicothe; Krisie Johnson, Ennis; Kimberley Koger, Ackerly; Russell Langley, Centerville; Brooke Liles, Glen Rose; Paul Mahoney, Thornton; Marc McKinzie, Dike; Matt Owen, Salado; Jo Ann Petty, Kennard; Wendy Phillips, Iraan; Justin Ransom, Wichita Falls; Heather Reitzoff, Pleasanton; Eric Robbie, Weatherford; Jana Rodenick, Royce City; Julie Stahl, Stockdale; Russell Tabor, Lompasas; Greg Ubanczyk, Herford; Beth Windham, Abemathy; Tracy Wright, Robstown

**UTAH:** Monica Allen, Enda; Conn Famuliner, Westport; Shay Wright, Elberta

**VERMONT:** Harold Carleton, West Newbury; Karin Stingham, Springfield

**VIRGINIA:** Joy Bckel, Rapidan; Randy Doss, Rustburg; Junior Good, Mt. Crawford; Barty Hayden, Fredericksburg; Beth Miller, Mt. Crawford; Laura Ann Morris, Luray; Joey Reinhardt, Tappahannock; Billy Worell, Hillsville

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**WEST VIRGINIA:** Damin Clemens, Martinsburg; Sandra Harris, Leroy; Luann Moyers, Normantown; Deanna Poole, Morgantown

**WISCONSIN:** Beth Barty, Monticello; Scott Hart, Baraboo; David Luff, Mason; J. R. Neu, Necho; Kevin Hott, Norwalk; John Rozum, Whitehall; Rob Selzer, Stanley; Carmen Steiner, Darlington; Joel Wondra, Sun Prairie

**WYOMING:** Howard Jones, Moorcroft; Susan Ziehl, Mills

# Business

In serious deliberations, delegates faced crucial issues pertaining to equal representation. The reapportionment conflict over representation had been bubbling for years, and in 1990, the pot came close to boiling over. After concern was raised by the Texas Association, the "Fixed 400" delegate proposal was amended to a "Fixed 475" system, after approval by the National FFA Board of Directors. The amendment passed at the Friday afternoon business session. This motion caused more than a 400 percent increase in the number of delegates from two years ago.

In a brief debate, delegates considered recommendations for a new creed written by Shirley Sokolosky. The Promotion and Information Committee did not mention the Sokolosky creed or read it before the delegates. However, the committee did vote to change three words of the E. M. Tiffany creed which has been revised only once since

its adoption in 1930. The vote changed the word "farming" in the first line to "agriculture." In the second paragraph, the word "pursuits" replaced "pursuit," and in the last paragraph, the phrase "rural America" became "American agriculture."

Receiving more discussion were less controversial items modernizing the FFA. Delegates approved committee recommendations for changing the names of the Stars Over America titles. The delegates moved to change the names to American Star Farmer and American Star in Agribusness, converting the latter to a gender neutral title.

In an unusual debate over a committee report, delegates recommended clarifications to the women's dress code. A requirement for knee-length black skirts passed; however, a proposal for neutral-colored nylons was defeated.



Toby Cauby, left, and Mary Burrough addressed the convention Saturday on behalf of FFA International programs.



FFA members made a big splash when they converged on Kansas City for the 63rd time.

# Committee Reports

## Auditing

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company be found satisfactory in meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year September 1, 1989, to August 31, 1990.
2. Continue placing a copy of the budget summary in the convention package sent to official delegates and state FFA staff before arrival in Kansas City. Provide, upon request, copies of the National FFA Organization budget from the National FFA Center.
3. Continue distributing a condensed financial report in the packet each delegate receives upon registration in Kansas City. Encourage delegates to share this information with their fellow state officers and other interested FFA members.
4. The national FFA treasurer's should continue to explain the condensed financial report and highlights of the current operating budget to the delegate body.
5. Continue providing, upon request, copies of the Stoy, Malone and Company audit report from the National FFA Center.

6. We respectfully submit the following reasons for the loss of revenue during the past fiscal year:

- A. National FFA Supply Service cost increases.
- B. National FFA Supply Service loss of sales.
- C. An increase in travel expenses.
- D. An increase in staff payroll expenses.
- E. Costs of FFA name change.
- F. Costs of FFA emblem change.

We extend a special thanks to David Miller, our retiring national treasurer, for his years of dedicated service to the National FFA Organization.

We also extend our warmest regards and best wishes to Charles Keels, our new national FFA treasurer.

We commend the efforts of Wilson Carnes and Don Michaels for their time and efforts in advising the national Auditing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Keith Sencley, Fla. (Secretary)  
Wesley L. Barefoot, N.C.

Heather Folsom, Fla.  
Howard Jones, Wyo.  
John Kleibocher, Mo.  
Matt Owen, Texas  
Emily Read, Ore.  
Suzanne Smith, Ohio  
Lee Thurber, Neb.

## Chapter and State Association Operations

During deliberate consideration, this committee studied ways to improve chapter and state associations through four subcommittees and now offers these recommendations:

1. Enhancing Pride and Commitment in Members and Officers
  1. The National FFA Organization produce a motivational video to enhance pride and understanding of official FFA dress and the FFA code of ethics. Consider seeking the endorsement of famous former FFA members such as Bo Jackson.
  2. Publish and send to chapters a listing of pamphlets and videos about involvement in FFA.
  3. Create a pamphlet for non-members describing the benefits of FFA. The pamphlet should include quotations from former members about how FFA involvement has helped them.
  4. Produce a tape of motivational music available through the National FFA Supply Service for use at banquets, meetings, and so forth (for example, "We Are the FFA's," "America" and "Top Gun Anthem").
  5. Include in the National Leadership Conference for State Officers sessions to enable state officers to assist chapter officers in understanding and performing their duties effectively.
  6. Clearly official dress for females as follows: skirt must be knee length or longer.

Effective Public Relations

1. Produce exciting, encouraging, yet understandable videos for sixth- through eighth-grade students to introduce all aspects of FFA.
2. Produce materials that encourage parents to participate in FFA activities such as Food for America.
3. Increase competition and awards in Building Our American Communities projects to secure community support.
4. Encourage sponsors to become more actively involved in the events they support financially.
5. Improve communication with various types of media to educate the public about how the FFA affects our American community as a whole.
6. Expand the current National FFA Week packet to include more specific ideas for exciting activities.
7. Improve the image of FFA by producing more effective slogans and advertisements.

Securing Support

1. Produce materials to help school administrators and faculty members understand the importance of agricultural education and FFA.
2. Publish an article in *FFA New Horizons* suggesting ways to get support from school boards and administrators.
3. Provide an article for the *Agricultural Education Magazine* giving suggestions for securing administra-

tion support.

4. Devote one day during National FFA Week in which members show appreciation for agriculture instructors and school administrators.

5. Provide a national how-to-book about obtaining support from the community and agribusness groups.

Developing an Effective Program of Activities

1. Stress to members the importance of following school attendance policies while participating in FFA activities.
2. Seek sponsorship for publication of an annual "Go for the Gold" booklet and video highlighting gold emblem chapters and their programs of activities.

3. Devote time during national activities to prepare state officers for training chapter officers in how to develop effective and useful programs of activities.

4. Publish and distribute a description of the major divisions of the Program of Activities.

We thank Mr. Charles Keels, North Carolina, for his time and effort in making this committee a success. As well, we thank Mr. Bellis, Ms. Dalton, Mr. Christianson and Mr. Denmark, our subcommittee consultants.

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## National Awards and Degrees

We have reviewed the following subcommittee areas: chapter Awards, Agricultural Proficiency Awards and American FFA Degrees as well as Computers in Agriculture, Agriscience and Achievement awards. We recommend the following:

1. The initiation of a selection process to determine a national winner in the chapter awards program.
2. That recognition similar to the BOAC volunteerism award be given for chapter safety campaigns.
3. That a blind review process be used in the agricultural proficiency award program, with the top five winners recognized on stage and a winner announced at the national convention.
4. That agricultural proficiency award funding be distributed according to individual state membership with no state receiving less funding than is currently allocated.
5. That the issue of placement versus ownership be reevaluated and placed on the committee agenda for the 1991 convention.
6. That in-service education activities be available to instructors and FFA members on how to complete agricultural proficiency award applications.
7. That computer assistance for understanding agricultural proficiency award applications be made available to FFA members at the National Agricultural Career Show.
8. That the outstanding student awards in produc-

tion and agribusness be renamed American Star Farmer and American Star in Agribusness.

9. The incorporation of a \$3.85 hourly wage rather than \$3.35 to determine minimum qualifications for American FFA Degree recipients.

10. That a plaque sponsored by the National FFA Organization be presented to each state winner in the Computers in Agriculture award program.

11. That the Achievement Award program be placed on a one-year probation, with renewal dependant on participation.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors and consultants.

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# Committee Reports

## National Contests

We submit the following recommendations to the National FFA Board of Directors:

1. A committee be formed to research the Oklahoma State Range, Land and Pasture Contest, collect information from other state contests and find out whether a national contest is feasible.

2. A committee knowledgeable in the equine industry be developed to research the need and feasibility of developing the following programs:

- National horse judging
- National horse show
- FFA rodeo

3. A committee be formed to investigate the possibility of a national master showmanship contest with animals provided by the American Royal.

4. A national tractor driving safety program be integrated in the agriculture curriculum to promote safety in agricultural mechanics and to increase involvement in state tractor driving contests.

5. An agriscience contest be developed and formatted like the agricultural mechanics contest, in which the categories are rotated yearly. Example categories include food technology, hydroponics, aquaculture, computers and biotechnology.

6. A crops contest similar to the National College Crops contest be discussed and possibly implemented.

We further recommend the following:

7. The FFA Agricultural Sales contest be evaluated after its first year as a national contest.

8. Future national contest committees be provided with the names and brief summaries of the contests held in each state and the number of states participating in each contest.

9. The contest department look into the possibility of an entrepreneurship contest to be run by members by teaching them how to start a business, market and advertise a product and follow up on their business.

## Information and Promotion

Based on the following objectives: (1) to increase public awareness of FFA and American agriculture, (2) to improve the image of FFA and (3) to improve internal and external communications, develop a communications plan and evaluate contemporary issues. We recommend the following:

1. A specific public relations plan be written for all chapters and states as well as the national organization. The plan should include general public service announcements, publications, audiovisuals and other resources.

2. A general article be sent to all chapters including basic information explaining the National FFA Organization and the changes that have occurred within. The image of FFA and media relations should be enhanced through use of a basic public service announcement for chapter use.

3. The National FFA Organization should recommend that the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association consider a name change to better reflect the two organizations.

4. The national officers should attend national meetings of high school administrators to promote FFA.

5. Update resource materials with special emphasis on photographs and their relation to the FFA image.

6. The National FFA officer team should schedule their priorities in this order: national activities, chapter activities. This reflects the idea that national officers should reach as many members as possible.

7. We encourage state officers to develop a yearly plan to promote the FFA through the National Food for America and public relations activities.

8. Encourage chapters to relay their needs and resources to their state association, which should relay that information across the state using a proper method of communication.

9. Develop an all-purpose workshop format to be distributed to state "rescue" Conference participants who would share it with other state officers.

10. Develop fill-in-the-blank news releases for such activities as BOAC, Food For America and other FFA programs.

11. Encourage state officers to network by developing a directory of state officers and distributing it to state officers and state staffs.

12. Make more information available to members and advisors by placing such publications as *Participation in Selected FFA Activities* on computer disks for data-base and cross-reference purposes.

13. Develop a separate, advanced supplement to

10. Contest superintendents be informed of the need to incorporate agrimarketing questions and/or activities into existing contests.

11. The contest department look into the possibility of a cooperative contest.

12. The commodities marketing contest be promoted at the state level and that existing guidelines be followed.

13. Computer skills be infused into existing contests where feasible.

14. We strongly recommend that a national parliamentary procedure contest be developed to increase the proper use of parliamentary procedure, which is extremely important to efficient communication and decision making. The criteria for establishing new national contests include a requirement that at least 50 percent of the states participate. Currently more than 90 percent of the states conduct a parliamentary procedure contest.

15. All states encourage participation in a Greenhand quiz. This would develop interest, knowledge and participation in FFA contests and activities.

16. All states encourage a radio broadcasting communication contest. The purpose of this contest would be to develop a new area of interest.

17. All states encourage participation in an agricultural discussion and debate contest. The purpose of this contest is to increase awareness of agricultural issues.

18. All states encourage participation in a FFA knowledge bowl. Its purpose is to encourage older students to remain knowledgeable about current issues in FFA and agriculture.

19. All states encourage a contest to involve chapters in creating a videotape commercial promoting the three aspects of FFA: leadership, citizenship and cooperation. This will promote interest in the FFA using modern technology.

20. A national FFA knowledge contest for junior

high and ninth grade members be developed. Each association would send a team consisting of four members. The top three scores would be tabulated; the lowest score would be dropped. We recommend that the Dutch system of evaluation be used. The top teams would go into a challenge round. These teams would answer FFA knowledge questions orally. The team winning the challenge round would be the overall winner.

21. The *FFA New Horizons* magazine publish articles on winners of the agricultural skills contests. This will help promote contest participation.

22. A package of resources be developed to aid students in preparing for contests. The package could be sold through the National FFA Supply Service or another FFA source.

23. We encourage the National FFA Board of Directors to attempt to find sponsors to provide scholarships for each of the agricultural skills contest winners.

24. The top four speakers from each region compete in a semifinal contest with the top four speakers selected from that group to compete in the national convention finals. This would leave the possibility that the top four speakers in the nation could all come from the same region.

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25. We encourage the establishment of a new chapter resource system that addresses the following contemporary issues: (1) Environmental issues including pesticide use, biotechnological advances and environmental restriction. (2) International trade: instructing members in currency exchange, commodity trainings, subsidies, tariffs, career opportunities and resources for further information. (3) Agricultural instructors in covering the diversity of agriculture by providing resources immediately usable in the classroom. (4) Other issues that may present challenges to the advancement of the agricultural education program.

26. Send information about agricultural scholarships and careers to counselors and administrators.

27. Develop extensive cooperation between high school agricultural education programs and organizations with similar interests in the conservation of our natural resources.

28. We recommend that the word "paraphernalia" replace the word "equipment" in the sentinel's part of the official opening ceremonies.

29. We recommend no changes in the dress code symbols of our National FFA Organization.

30. We believe that a creed is necessary for the organization because this statement of beliefs instills a sense of pride and confidence in its members. We find change necessary because (1) several phrases in the current creed fail to recognize the vast opportunities available to members and (2) the creed needs to address certain pressing issues such as the diverse lifestyles of our members and the wide variety of career options in the agricultural industry.

Specific changes are:

(1) in paragraph 1, sentence 1, change *farming* to *agriculture*.

(2) in paragraph 2, sentence 1, change *pursuit to pursuits*. (a) in paragraph 5, sentence 1, change *rural America* to *American agriculture*.

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the FFA *Student Handbook* for older members.

14. Revise FFA *New Horizons* in the following ways: (1) add a special pull-out section periodically to promote national FFA activities such as the Washington Conference Program, (2) revise and combine the "FFA in Action" and "Chapter Scope" departments. Fewer activities should be covered, but in greater depth, and incentives such as National FFA Supply Service coupons should be given to chapters featured. Pull-out cards that allow members to request more information about a particular feature should be added.

15. Distribute additional copies of *Between Issues* to chapters so it is more readily available to chapter officers. Update newsletter should also be distributed along those lines.

16. Develop a national advertising campaign including 30- or 60-second TV commercials, radio spots, or advertisements in major magazines such as *Reader's Digest* or *Newsweek*. The advertisements should: (1) show diversity in the organization, (2) show FFA friendships and the FFA family spirit, (3) show careers available in agriculture, (4) incorporate the "I'm a FFAer, I'm a Winner" theme, (5) target the entire nation, (6) create a handwagon-like appeal and (7) create more than one commercial to air. We suggest that a professional advertising agency be hired to develop the campaign.

17. Produce films for students of all grades, each appealing to a specific age group. Use the same objectives and criteria as the national campaign, emphasizing careers in agriculture. We suggest that the films be 5-7 minutes long.

18. Create a film and outline for presentation to outside organizations and civic groups, using the criteria outlined in the national campaign. Personal student interviews should be featured. Film length should be 5-7 minutes.

19. Create an audio magazine on cassette to be sent to state associations and local chapters. We recommend that the program be sponsored to defray costs.

20. We suggest that the agricultural education mission statement and goals be printed on the inside back cover of the FFA *Official Manual* and in the FFA *Student Handbook*.

21. Make plaques, posters and bulletin boards including the mission statement and goals available to chapters through the National FFA Supply Service.

22. Encourage chapters to provide copies of FFA *New Horizons* to school administrators, local businesses and the school library.

# Committee Reports

## International Development

We submit the following recommendations:

1. Broaden the impact and involvement of international programs—from individuals to groups—in FFA chapters, local schools and communities to improve agricultural education.
2. Encourage each chapter to establish an international development committee within the Program of Activities.
3. Seek local financial assistance for international programs.

**Recommendations for current international programs.**

4. International experience applications use a yes-no checklist form.
5. Deliver five or more follow-up presentations.
6. Prepare two or more news articles before, during and following the international experience.
7. Submit a follow-up report to sponsors and the FFA International Department.
8. Participants must recognize sponsors.
9. Applications should include a form to certify health.
10. Participants in FFA international programs must schedule time once a week to discuss experiences gained.
11. Secure scholarships for international experiences.
12. Continue to allow state officers and former state officers to travel abroad for agricultural seminars.
13. Develop more short programs (two weeks) to additional countries.

### Recommendations

#### for Future International Programs

14. Request that a staff member from the national FFA International Department attend National Leadership Conferences for State Officers to present a program about international agriculture.
  15. Locate youth organizations in other countries that would participate in exchange programs.
  16. Develop a program in which students correspond with students of other countries without traveling abroad.
  17. Invite representatives from other countries to the national FFA convention.
  18. Expand sister-city and sister-state programs.
  19. Establish partnerships between subject areas to provide a global perspective across the curriculum.
  20. Develop a publication to provide comparisons between FFA and other youth organizations throughout the world.
  21. Assist students from other countries in applying the community development process.
  22. Develop an international organization for young people interested in agriculture.
- Promotional Activities**
23. Staff a booth at the Agricultural Career Show with foreign exchange students, international staff and past participants.
  24. Publicize FFA through flyers and information cards.
  25. Develop a video on experiences abroad and hosting opportunities.
  26. Develop eye-catching posters.

27. Publish articles in state publications and *FFA New Horizons*.

28. Issue reports about current participants.
  29. Send packets and posters to all chapters.
  30. Promote fund-raising in local communities.
  31. Invite international students to the national FFA convention.
  32. Present programs at state conventions.
  33. Change the video every five years and the poster every two years.
  34. Create a T-shirt for participants.
  35. Recognize participants and hosts at the state level.
- Hosting**
36. Develop promotional materials emphasizing hosting opportunities.
  37. Promote services through FFA Alumni and FFA New Horizons.
  38. Give all host families information kits about their guest's social customs, language and other cultural differences.
  39. Provide a contact for hosts and guests in case of problems.
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## Leadership

The National FFA Leadership Program Committee suggests various offers in promoting leadership among the FFA members. We feel that because taking the lead is a main thrust forward in agriculture, the delegate body must thoroughly review the following proposals.

1. We strongly urge that the following actions be taken:
  - a. In order to make advisors aware of the Washington Conference Program (WCP) and to increase member participation, we feel informative mailings and pamphlets should be circulated and that state officers should encourage participation in this program.
  2. The National FFA Organization should encourage more sponsorship in the WCP programs from contributing companies.
  3. An article about WCP and a registration card should be put in the FFA magazine to give the program more exposure to members.
  4. Encourage all states to send in a bid for at least one Made For Excellence (MFE) conference in their state. If there is not enough participation in one state then a number of states should pull together to form a host site.
  5. We support the introduction of a Big Brother, Big Sister Mentor Program. We suggest that the students tutored be kept on the program until membership age.
  6. Establish a national FFA member exchange program. The National FFA Organization will establish opportunities for members to be taken into chapters and for chapters that want an exchange to find one. All arrangements are to be made by the chapters and exchange students. A list of recommendations should be published by the National FFA Organization.
  7. We support the idea of the agriculture classes forum activity that has been discussed.
    - a. The development of a curriculum that agriculture teachers can use as a formula to understand issues.
    - b. Agriculture issues should be infused into contests and awards in the FFA.
    - c. Develop an agriculture issues forum for community involvement to learn more about agriculture issues.
    8. We know the dangers of drug use among teenagers. Since the FFA is a youth organization we encourage chapters to address the drug problem in their schools and communities. These programs should be allowed to be used as Building Our American Communities (BOAC) projects or chapter safety projects.
    9. We suggest that national guidelines be set for state officers covering the following areas:
      - a. appearance
      - b. attitude
      - c. commitment
      - d. correspondence/communication
      - e. qualifications
      - f. etiquette
    10. We recommend that a more standardized curricu-

lum be set for all National Leadership Conferences for State Officers which includes the following areas:

- a. personal development
  - b. leadership development
  - c. team development
  - d. provide tools such as pamphlets or work books that include ideas for workshops and chapter visits
  - e. programmatic information
  - f. current agricultural events
11. The State Presidents' Conference should schedule more committee meetings throughout the week.
  12. We recommend that the National FFA Organization consider giving states the option to carry a group insurance policy for state officers.
  13. We encourage that adult MFE conferences be held simultaneously with the student MFE conferences, but conducted as separate conferences.
  14. We suggest that the agenda for adult MFE conferences includes time management skills, the pressures of teaching, goal setting, training on how to help students deal with peer pressure and how to utilize outside support groups such as FFA Alumni, parent chapters and volunteer speakers. The videotape "The Teacher Difference" should be viewed at some time during the conference.
  15. Alumni members, parents and agricultural education instructors will be eligible to attend this conference with priority given to agricultural education instructors.
  16. We encourage each state to acquire funds through the following possible sources: state education agencies, the National FFA Foundation and project sponsors.
  17. Possible incentives the state may consider offering could include paid mileage, free meals and allowing first-year advisors to attend free of charge.
  18. A promotional brochure must be developed similar to the student MFE conference brochure. The stated purpose of the conference will be to better oneself as a person and as an instructor.
  19. Better use be made of the advisors handbook. Suggested steps include:
    - a. Update the material in the handbook.
    - b. Package the handbook in an attractive and appealing way.
    - c. Encourage states to conduct training/in-service programs on the use of the handbook.
    - d. Encourage the universities that train teachers to use the handbook in their curriculum.
    - e. Encourage states to provide a handbook to each new teacher with funding from the state education agency, FFA Alumni, National FFA Foundation and project sponsors.
    20. A task force be formed to investigate methods for initiating increased participation in the agriculture teachers and agriculture science awards by:
      - a. Simplifying the applications.
      - b. Allowing chapter members to submit applica-

tions on behalf of their agricultural instructor.

- c. Provide a greater financial incentive through means of awards/scholarships to participate in the contest.
21. Develop a chapter-level point system that recognizes the leadership skills demonstrated by seventh grade, eighth grade and high school students. Points would be earned by members' leadership involvement in the FFA and other organizations.
  - a. System is a stepping-stone system that awards a higher level each year in the program.
  - b. First-year recipients meet qualifications by working toward earning a minimum number of points. Winners would receive a state pin. Each year thereafter, the qualifications increase and when earned, the recipient receives a bar attached beneath a pin which says "first level," "second level," etc.
  - c. Award limited to chapter level.
  - d. Criteria for achievement based on leadership within and outside FFA.
  - e. Program begins when student enrolls in FFA and concludes when the member graduates from high school.
  - f. An "x" number of points determines each level.
  - g. A member can advance only one level per year.
  - h. Award would be worn on the FFA jacket with highest award shown.
  22. Do not create a leadership proficiency award, but rather recommend that states look into developing a state leadership award.
    - a. Award designed to recognize members with outstanding leadership contributions both within and outside FFA.
    - b. Any current or former state FFA officer will not be eligible to receive recognition or apply for this leadership award.
    - c. References to SAE awards and degrees will not be taken into consideration by the judges.
    - d. Applicants must be in high school at the time of applying.
    - e. State winners present a leadership workshop at their state convention.
    23. Recommend the continuation, promotion and expansion of scholarship programs recognizing leadership in the FFA.

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# Committee Reports

## Membership Development

We submit the following recommendations:

1. Develop and promote a recruitment package entitled *The National FFA Organization Student Recruitment and Benefit Program*, which would include a recruitment video, purpose/benefit brochures, benefit booklet, agricultural fact booklet and FFA idea booklet to be used and presented by state, district and local FFA officers. The package would be developed and marketed using the same color schemes as *The Agricultural Career Idea Booklet*.

2. Endorse and utilize the report of the National FFA Task Force on Middle/High School Administrators and Guidance Counselors. The committee recommends that Goal 2 be the first priority, Goal 1, second, and Goals 3, 4 and 5 as is.

3. Develop a program to target the recruitment of minorities in agricultural education as outlined in Goal 2 of *The Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education*.
4. We suggest that a list of scholarships and benefits offered through the National FFA Organization be included as an addition to the original Agricultural Career Recruitment program.

5. We strongly and aggressively urge the National FFA Organization to support the development of an additional staff position focusing on public relations. A director of public relations for the National FFA Organization would greatly enhance our organization's efforts in recruitment and membership development as well as purposes of agricultural education.

6. Each state identify science competencies taught in entry-level agriculture courses and work with colleges and universities to permit agriculture courses

to be counted as science credits for college admission.

7. All state departments of education and/or state agriculture teachers associations should make every effort to broaden the curriculum and adopt agriculture course titles that appeal to students and reflect the current industry of agriculture. If possible, state officers and/or FFA members should take part in the new titles.

8. The *Think About It* brochure should be reviewed by a committee and possibly modified by defining some of the career options.

9. We recommend that a four-year dues package be investigated in which high school seniors pay for a four-year membership in the fall of their senior year.
10. We support *The Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education* and the *FFA Tactical Plan*.

11. A booth should be set up at the national convention to promote FFA benefits and opportunities.

12. Develop membership cards that provide privileges for FFA members and advisors.

13. Develop chapter and student incentive programs such as a scholarship program for members from 100 percent chapters and a booth to inform other members about 100 percent chapters.

14. We have submitted a detailed report to Marshall Stewart to serve as a guideline for developing other membership privileges.

15. To support the program Project Growth, but modify it by changing the teacher incentives.

16. Develop a special degree for seventh and eighth grade students (below the level of the Greenleaf FFA Degree). This would give middle school students their own degree and allow them to

participate like the high school students.

17. The task force should analyze the feasibility of separate junior contests at the national level.

18. Examine the distribution of delegates among committees and subcommittees to ensure that subcommittees do not have multiple delegates from any state.

19. We feel that delegates should receive more specific information on their committee and subcommittee assignments rather than some of the excess materials such as the *Official Manual*, *FFA New Horizons* magazine and *Greenweek*.

20. Facilities for delegate meetings should be upgraded to help control noise.

21. We recommend that the states put more emphasis on collegiate FFA and that the National FFA Organization create guidelines for participation of these members before considering the possibility of combining collegiate FFA and FFA Alumni. Respectfully submitted,

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## Member Services

After analysis and debate concerning the National FFA Supply Service and the *FFA New Horizons* magazine, we submit the following recommendations:

We recommend the following additions to the National FFA Supply Service product line:

1. FFA giftwrap
2. Long FFA running shorts
3. Official black purse
4. Poster of the new mural at the National FFA Center

5. Blue and gold polo shirt
6. Quality gold and silver jewelry such as officer chains
7. Waterfall scarf with FFA initials
8. Leather watch with FFA on face
9. Official advisor and collegiate FFA blazers

Following are recommendations for revisions in existing products:

1. Traditional scarf in waterfall design
2. Change sweatshirt jacket collar to resemble FFA jacket collar
3. Offer option of chain attachments on official jacket

4. Update lettering on all hats
5. Offer sweatbands in different colors
6. Offer boxer shorts in different colors
7. Update all jewelry chains to herringbone or rope chains, for example
8. Offer a variety of stuffed animals
9. Update "Are You an FFA Nerd?" poster
10. Make both traditional and modern versions of officers' symbols available
11. Change design of windshield sign annually to match the year's theme
12. We suggest discontinuing all camouflage products except hats.

Concerning the National FFA Supply Service catalog, we submit the following recommendations:

1. The catalog cover should focus on modern issues and the product lines, using colors that project the image of our organization and appeal to first- and second-year members.
2. The size of the words "Supply Catalog" on the front cover should be increased.
3. The following facts about the catalog and supply service need more promotion: the 100 percent satisfaction guarantee; extra catalogs are available on request; all advisors have catalogs; by purchasing items from the supply service you help keep the cost of dues down because funds are provided to the National FFA Organization; most items can be ordered directly by members.

4. Consider publicizing the aforementioned information about the supply service and catalog availability through *FFA New Horizons*.
5. Explore the possibility of sending posters and/or flyers emphasizing the above facts to state associa-

tions for distribution to chapters by state officers.

6. Study the feasibility of charging members for catalogs and refunding the cost with the first purchase.

7. We commend the National FFA Supply Service for the following catalog features: page corner itemization, catalog back cover, title of catalog on spine, grouping of items and descriptions together and the 100 percent product guarantee.

We further commend the supply service on yet another year of providing high-quality products, exceptional service and outstanding responsiveness to the progressive needs of our organization.

We encourage all chapters to purchase items from the supply service. We request that all state FFA associations, at all times, promote the purchase of products from the supply service. We urge the National FFA Supply Service to continue working closely with manufacturers to help insure that the highest quality products are available to FFA members. We believe it is in the best interests of our organization to provide high-quality products to our members.

For the FFA New Horizons magazine we make the following recommendations:

1. Improve the image of FFA by featuring famous former FFA members such as Jimmy Carter or Bo Jackson in a centerfold article that could be used as a poster in agriculture classrooms.

2. Motivate FFA members with articles that address leadership and communication skills, by or about Zig Ziglar or A. R. Williams, for example.

3. Target younger members through a puzzle page with crossword puzzles or word-search puzzles, for example, using trivia information specifically about FFA.

4. Stimulate FFA interest in the past by incorporating a flashback column, for example, "20 years ago on this day... 10 years ago on this day."

5. Enhance the interest of readers by distributing inspirational quotations throughout the magazine, for example, "together we can" quotes.

6. Stimulate reader input by incorporating mail-in response cards to critique the magazine while addressing specific controversial issues.
7. Enhance member/chapter relationships by supplying addresses of the chapters featured in "Chapter Scope."

8. Diversify reader interest by profiling urban area chapters and supervised agricultural experience programs, for example, "SAE in the City."

9. Influence administrative professionals such as school principals and principals not directly involved with agricultural education with articles focusing on career and leadership development through FFA.

10. Address the issues of drug and alcohol addiction through inspirational messages such as "Just Say No" or facts about teen pregnancy or drug abuse, addressing the issues subtly while not focus-

ing specifically on a particular viewpoint.

11. Increase emphasis on serving diverse populations by including articles of interest to such members as minorities and females.

12. Advance interpersonal relations between FFA alumni and FFA members by including items about alumni influence in the magazine, possibly through an "Alumni Corner."

To bring the magazine into the 1990s we recommend:

1. At least one page in each issue—the Junior Edition—should focus on seventh and eighth graders. Topics could include success stories, an agriculture glossary, contests and awards, diaries of seventh and eighth graders (such as "day in the life of...") and discussions of school, SAE and future plans. Also develop a Chapter Scope for the seventh and eighth grades.

2. For minority, disadvantaged and handicapped people, publish articles on handicapped people in FFA and how they overcome their handicap. Continue to represent minorities in the magazine.

3. Continue to include women in the magazine.

4. Topics we discussed for the 1990s are ecology, environmental issues, animal rights, sustainable agriculture, the broadening of agriculture in the future, how academic skills relate to agriculture, non-production proficiency and new technology, equipment and research.

5. Continue to survey readers. On the survey lower the subscriber age, include part-time farming and interview FFA alumni for the survey.

6. Send guidance counselors inserts from the magazine to help them counsel FFA members with such information as FFA scholarship news.

7. To broaden advertising allow the FFA Alumni to buy advertising space in the magazine. Allow anyone to buy advertising space in the magazine as long as they follow the FFA Code of Ethics.

Amendment to committee report:

As part of a public relations campaign, *FFA New Horizons* should make readily available through fliers and short news articles information about agriculture and agricultural education to improve agricultural literacy in America.

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# Committee Reports

## National FFA Convention

The 63rd National FFA Convention was a great success. Careful evaluation of convention operations, the convention program, the agricultural career show, leadership workshops and delegate operations has led to the following suggestions:

### Convention Operations

1. We recommend the following for the Courtesy Corps: send more information to chapters participating, provide more recognition through meal functions and during convention sessions; publicize the need for Courtesy Corps members in *FFA New Horizons*, *National FFA Convention Proceedings*, housing and registration forms and other publications.
2. We recommend that information be mailed separately to the flag bearers, including the correct time and place for practice on Wednesday evening. It should not include information about Courtesy Corps activities. Copies should be mailed to state FFA staffs.
3. We recommend the formation of a committee to evaluate housing and hotel check-in procedures. The committee would negotiate equity in room and restaurant costs for FFA members.
4. We suggest establishing a transportation system, such as a shuttle bus, to transport members to points of interest including hotels, shops, restaurants and the American Royal.

### Convention Program

1. We recommend that American FFA Degrees be presented over a two-day period with rehearsal the night before the ceremony. Recipients should receive their degrees before the Stars Over America Pageant.
2. The excellent performances of the National FFA Band and National FFA Chorus added excitement and enthusiasm to each session. However, the performances would serve their purpose better if they occurred less frequently during the sessions. Career Show and Leadership Workshops.
3. We recommend that *FFA New Horizons* print an article introducing the Agricultural Career Show and explaining the set-up time, opening and closing times and the show manager's name and phone number.

State publications should distribute the same information. Continue previous publications and develop new publications.

2. We commend the national FFA officers for the organized and effective manner in which opening ceremonies are performed. However, we are concerned about the ribbon-cutting ceremony—due to the large crowd, many people are unable to see.

3. We suggest that the Hall of States be seriously considered for recognition as a national contest focusing on the agriculture within the respective states.

4. We recommend that directional signs be posted to clearly mark important areas.

5. Computer scholarships and college services, as well as other services, should be made known and accessible to all members.

6. We recommend that the Talent Show be held in a more central location.

7. We recommend that the leadership workshops be promoted through *FFA New Horizons*.

### Delegate Operations

1. We suggest allowing more time for committee organization at the State Presidents' Conference.

2. Provide advance notification of committee assignments to delegates of the State Presidents' Conference to aid in developing agendas.

3. Establish written communication between committee leaders and members to clarify duties and proposed agendas.

4. Include in the delegate packets addresses of committee members and the rationale behind agenda items.

5. We recommend that a sign be placed in the hotel lobby stating the location and time for delegate registration.

6. Print a special delegate's convention program on a pocket-sized card. This program should include all official functions delegates are expected to attend.

7. We recommend that committee reports be submitted to all delegates in some form of writing such as paper copies or overhead transparencies.

8. We recommend a short recess during the business session, perhaps presenting one or two talent performances.

9. We highly recommend that more microphones be placed throughout the delegate floor for easier access.

10. We recommend that the national treasurer's schedule be arranged to allow attendance at the Auditing Committee meeting.

11. We suggest that the National FFA Board of Directors consider action on *all* business included in committee reports and *all* business passed by the delegates.

12. Establish and publish a time when committees can hear proposals and take testimony from delegates, national staff, state staff and other concerned individuals.

13. Continue housing members of a committee on the same floor of the hotel.

14. The rotational system for seating delegates should be published and mailed to all state associations.

15. Provide a specific location for the National Convention Committee to meet on Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening.

We extend sincere thanks to Donnell, Brad, Bill, Scott, Dan and Casey, as well as the many other individuals, businesses and industry sponsors who contributed to the success of the 63rd National FFA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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National Officers posed with official delegates.

# Committee Reports



Delegates discussed suggestions for the organization during committee meetings. The delegate body, made up of 276 state FFA leaders, was divided into 13 committees that proposed various revisions in the structure and function of the organization.

## Program of Activities

The following recommendations are instrumental to the successful use of an FFA Program of Activities on all levels:

1. Update the Program of Activities to comply with any changes to the National FFA Constitution and with all approved program committee reports. Also update other items that have changed, for example, change the name of the American Royal Queen contest to the American Royal Ambassador program.
2. Refer the Program of Activities to the national FFA staff for intensive review in order to align the program of activities with the tactical plan, the Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education and the mission statement and goals of the Strategic Plan. It will then be presented to the National FFA Board of Directors for final action. The board will report on its implementation to the delegate body at the 64th National FFA Convention.
3. Include an index in the *Official FFA Manual*, making reference to specific areas in the Program of Activities.
4. We give special thanks to Terry Heiman and Marshall Stewart for their input and advice. Respectfully submitted,

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# FFA Achievers



Five former FFA members were inducted into the National FFA Hall of Achievement during the Thursday afternoon session. The five have made outstanding contributions in the areas of agribusiness, leadership, agricultural education and agricultural production. From left: Norman Brown of Battle Creek, Mich., served as national FFA secretary in 1958-59. As president of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation he has made possible grants to provide for education, improved health and the development of agriculture worldwide. Frederick McClure, originally from Texas, now serves as President Bush's assistant for legislative affairs in Washington, D.C. He served as national FFA secretary in 1973-74. Maritha Erickson, Minn., accepted the honor for her late husband, Don Erickson. He was an agriculture instructor for 29 years, then served as state advisor of the North Dakota FFA Association for 13 years. Carl Humphrey of Jefferson City, Mo., witnessed the founding of FFA at the first national convention 63 years ago. He went on to teach agriculture for 13 years and later served as director of agricultural education and state FFA advisor in Missouri for 30 years. Robert Book of Indianapolis, Ind., is president of the Indiana Institute of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition. He was previously group vice president of agricultural marketing for Eli Lilly and Company, a National FFA Foundation sponsor. All five recipients will be pictured in a permanent display at the National FFA Center. The Hall of Achievement is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

# Committee Reports

## Support Services

We have put quality time and effort into the thought process of our report in these areas: FFA Alumni, National FFA Foundation, The National Council for Agricultural Education (The Council), the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association (NVATA), Collegiate FFA, Alpha Tau Alpha, Agriculture Student Councils, National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization, National Young Farmer Educational Association, National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE) and American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture (AATEA). We recommend the following:

### FFA Alumni

1. Publicize FFA Alumni more by having the National FFA Alumni Council provide brochures to states for dissemination to local FFA advisors. Brochures would include a membership application, information about incentive programs and a cost/benefit analysis.
2. Offer a joint dues package that would cover parents' FFA Alumni dues and students' FFA dues.
3. Develop an incentive award program for states with the most new FFA Alumni affiliates.
4. Recommend that FFA Alumni sponsor the National FFA Convention satellite broadcast.
5. Recommend that FFA Alumni place an advertisement or article in FFA New Horizons and negotiate FFA Alumni members' dues to include subscriptions to FFA New Horizons.
6. Recommend that FFA Alumni provide Washington Conference Program scholarships and/or other services for FFA members as an incentive for states to provide items for the FFA Alumni auction.
7. Insert a flyer in the FFA Alumni Association Newsletter with such information as incentive programs and lists of speakers.
8. We congratulate FFA Alumni for its record number of life members.
9. We commend National FFA Alumni Association President Josiah Phelps for his efforts.
10. We commend FFA Alumni for involvement in implementing and developing the Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education.

11. We thank the FFA Alumni for sponsoring leadership workshops in conjunction with the national FFA convention.

12. We thank the FFA Alumni for its continuing support. National FFA Foundation and The Council

We recommend the following:

1. The National FFA Foundation develop and fund an agriscience proficiency award.
2. The foundation look into developing age categories for current award programs.
3. The foundation seek funding for members to acquire leadership resources.
4. The foundation look into distributing the Strategic Plan to supporters of the FFA.
5. The Strategic Plan be available to all supporters of high school agricultural education and the plan be used to guide and direct all future agricultural education efforts.
6. Develop a media packet that includes transparencies, audiotapes, videotapes and other necessary resources.
7. The National FFA Foundation and The Council regularly submit articles about new projects and information on their activities, including a budget for annual activities.
8. The foundation work directly with FFA support service organizations to further their goals and objectives.
9. The foundation contact states in regard to acquiring additional sponsors.
10. The foundation make a list of supporters in states so the states can contact them when needed.
11. The foundation explore the feasibility of acquiring a list of potential business speakers on various agricultural topics.
12. The foundation develop a brief informational flyer for state officers to use when talking about the foundation.
13. The foundation assist in sponsoring satellite television coverage of the national FFA convention.
14. The foundation send sponsorship requests to current state officers, agricultural proficiency award winners, state degree winners and others, and again to those groups four years later.
15. The foundation solicit sponsors for member-

ship cards with discount benefits.

16. We commend The Council on an exceptional job in developing the Strategic Plan.

17. We commend the National FFA Foundation for raising approximately \$4 million for our organization.

18. We thank both The Council and the National FFA Foundation for outstanding support of agricultural education.

### Post High School Organizations

1. Post high school organizations should distribute educational materials from a booth at the Agricultural Career Show.

2. Provide information about each organization in the *State Officers Handbook*.

3. Publicize programs offered by these groups.

4. Have FFA representation at events of these groups.

5. Develop and distribute to FFA members information about these groups through *FFA New Horizons* and public service announcements.

6. Hold joint activities with FFA.

7. Develop a speaker list for chapters and civic groups.

8. Broadcast public service announcements on the national FFA convention satellite telecast.

9. Make information available about these organizations.

10. Encourage state and national officers of all the organizations to address high schools, conventions and conferences.

11. Look into the possibility of conducting a personal development workshop for postsecondary agriculture students modeled after the FFA Made for Excellence conferences.

12. Encourage the organizations to submit articles to *FFA New Horizons*.

13. State and national officers of all organizations should correspond with one another.

14. Invite all organizations to local, state and national activities.

15. Make use of our organizations in the respective conferences, conventions and meetings.

16. Hold a conference for post high school organizations to meet with other agricultural organizations and advisors, officers and supervisors on local, state and national levels.

17. Recommend that all organizations develop a videotape about their organization to be distributed to state officers.

18. Report on national officers attending post high school organization meetings.

19. Develop more collegiate activities.

20. Invite a representative from each group to subcommittee meetings in Kansas City.

21. We extend our sincere appreciation to all the post high school organizations for their support.

22. We commend all post high school organizations for providing an avenue for continued involvement in agricultural education.

## Professional Agricultural Education Organizations

We recommend:

1. The development of a council at the state level that would involve representatives from NVATA, NASAE, AATEA, FFA and other agriculture-related industries and organizations. The council would identify and address issues toward developing solutions and would encourage representatives from the state councils or state staffs to become involved with the national council.

2. Encourage all groups to change the words *vocational agriculture to agricultural education* in accordance with the National FFA Organization and to stress the dependence of these groups on education.

3. Invite groups to set up booths at the Agricultural Career Show to disseminate educational materials, participate in cooperative meal functions, broadcast public service announcements during the satellite telecast of the national FFA convention, offer inserts in the *FFA Times* and offer the opportunity to be a guest speaker at the national FFA convention.

4. Develop lists of speakers for chapters and civic organizations.

5. Recommend that professional organizations (NVATA, NASAE and AATEA) develop and distribute information defining their organizations and their relationships with FFA through FFA publications.

6. Develop and participate in joint activities with FFA and other organizations related to agricultural education.

7. We extend our appreciation to the NVATA, NASAE and AATEA for taking time to improve our organization. They not only influence our young people in a positive way, they help prepare our future leaders.

8. We thank the NVATA, NASAE and AATEA for being open-minded enough to work with our recommendations.

As a full committee we thank the following people for attending our subcommittee meetings, sharing their knowledge and enabling us to prepare a more complete committee report: Dr. Ted Ward, Roxanne Summer, Leonard Lombardi, William Schreck, Alan O'Neil, Eugene Guling, Ed Woepfel and Dean Gagnon.

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# National Band



Members of the National FFA provided rhythm for convention sessions.

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At the north end of the convention floor, just outside the doors that enter the arena, the National FFA Band prepared for the Grand Entry. Before the Thursday night session, they waited, instruments at the ready. The hall brimmed with people, and there was tension in the air as band members waited for the signal from Director William Moffit. Finally it came, and the band stormed its way towards the stage, once again providing a favorite moment for convention participants.

After relatively few hours of rehearsal, the band offered a high-energy performance whenever it took the stage. Director Moffit, his assistant director Gene Englerth and chaperone/assistant Jeannette Moffit, and Chaperones Ed Schultz and Sue Beute once again provided the leadership that brought together excellent young musicians from across the land.

**ALABAMA:** Maxie Ray Gray, Centreville  
**ARIZONA:** Rudy Cardena, Wellton; Trent Straub, Pearce  
**ARKANSAS:** John Hamis, Montrose; Christy Ouel, Stamps  
**CALIFORNIA:** Nathan Cookson, Covelo; Lori Kilgore, Palmdale  
**CONNECTICUT:** Jennifer Kingstorf, Rockville; Kellie Moffat, Naugatuck

**FLORIDA:** Eric Coburn, Alluras; Joel Griffler, Tampa

**IDAHO:** Erik Marone, Troy; Amy May, Troy  
**ILLINOIS:** Tammy Daniels, Waterloo; Travis McIntyre, Coalsville

**INDIANA:** Sara Harmon, Depauw

**IOWA:** Tom Jansma, Rock Valley; Rachel Knedler, Creston; Joe Looker, Indianola; Matthew Oliver, Long Grove; Corey Stott, Cantril; Merry Weld, Clarion

**KANSAS:** Justin Jones, Wamego; Jason Larson, Columbus; Tammy Paterson, Clay Center

**KENTUCKY:** Mike Camerlich, Stanford; Jeremy Hinton, Sonora; Brandon Tarwin, Brooksville

**MARYLAND:** Steve Eyer, Keymar; Rebecca Ann Mills, Frederick

**MICHIGAN:** Scott Davis, Ashley; Jennifer Gruenberg, Falmouth; Robert Higgs, Hubbard Lake; Scott Ralston, Akron

**MINNESOTA:** Aimee Anderson, Websler; Paula Barsness, Hancock; Dawn Bondhus, Storden; Lee De Haan, Hollandale; Les Haack, Oreneco;

Karla Kabes, New Prague; Denise May, New Prague; Jason Shipley, Ivanhoe

**MISSISSIPPI:** Bo Brown, Carthage; Matt Rhodes, Rientzi

**MISSOURI:** Amanda Fischer, Galena; Matt Francis, King City; Amy Hanley, Green Ridge; Jeff Johnson, Granby; Brenda Jones, Chillicothe; Andrew McCrea, Maryville; Chris Schafer, Fayette; David Smith, Tarkio

**MONTANA:** John Dana, Troul Creek; Heidi Gasser, Beltry; Justin Krum, Beltry

**NEBRASKA:** Christie Faesser, Pawnee City; Denise Friesz, Creighton; Kara Greenwood, Craig; Regg Hagge, Bloomfield; Julie Ann Nelson, Dannebrog; James Pavlik, Verdigris; Jeff Spiehs, Phillips

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** Denise Blanchard, Northwood

**NEW JERSEY:** John Kamer, Windsor

**NEW YORK:** Chester George, Winemucca; Valerie Relyea, Monnsville

**NORTH CAROLINA:** Shannon Maness, Bennet

**NORTH DAKOTA:** Jesse Braunagel, Chaseley; Nalin Pirke, Wishek

**OHIO:** Carrie Sue Coomer, Versailles; Chris Hartzel, Winchester; Stuart Kaeding, Orange; Janel La Cumskey, Oak Harbor; Phillip Lawson, New Madison; Amy Willman, Graytown

**OKLAHOMA:** Chance Celi, Ringwood; Elizabeth Crews, Holdenville; David Kill, Copan; Chad Kirk, Tiplon; Douglas Kizzlar, Billings; Kathy Krejcek, Medford; Jennifer Malone, Hatstone; John Pearson, Broken Arrow; Josh Waddell, Jones; John Wells, Skiatook

**OREGON:** Tanya Larson, Scappoose; Daniel Taylor, Carlton

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Tamara Hopkins, Waynesburg

**RHODE ISLAND:** Beth Lovas, North Kingstown; Todd Perkins, North Scituate

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Lee Mayfield, Wellford

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Jill Reinke, Sioux Falls; Shantel Swedlund, Arlington

**TEXAS:** Karissa Hawkes, Houston; Deanna Schumann, Bellville; Devinie York, Mi. Pleasant

**UTAH:** Jim Wilson, Lehi

**VIRGINIA:** Bryan Baltwin, Whitetop; Mark Swortle, Greenville

**WASHINGTON:** Barb Beattie, Chelan; Ivan Giddings, Yelm; Rochelle Norton, Monroe; Lynn Reichmann, Cashmere; Cheryl Van Beck, Othello

**WISCONSIN:** Dawn Eibergen, Granton; Amy Langenecker, Mequon; Cathy Larson, Amharst; Bonnie Olsen, Palmyra

**WYOMING:** Miranda Daniels, Shoshoni; Grazy Federer, Cheyenne; Alison Larson, Meeteetse



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"At most (domestic violence) shelters, the majority of the people are children. Just go to a shelter and play with them. Let them know that someone out there cares."

—Marjorie Vincent  
 Miss America  
 Oak Park, Ill.

# National Chorus

## Sponsored by Ford Division—Ford Motor Company

Year after year, that incredible, vibrant sound of the National FFA Chorus highlights convention sessions. Director Stan Kingma brings it forth from young voices assembled only four days before the convention's first tap of the gavel.

The chorus, chosen by audition tapes submitted through state associations, once again awed its listeners. From Broadway ballads to Christmas carols, the choir and its soloists exhibited the payoff that comes from hard work behind the scenes.

Besides Kingma's able direction, the chorus was staffed by accompanist Owen Robbins and chaperone/assistant Marilyn Kingma and chaperones Barbara and Kenneth Kirby of Granite, OK. **ALABAMA:** Jennifer Hughes, Arlon; Abel Sisco, Geraldine **ARIZONA:** Stephen Miller, Mesa **FLORIDA:** Venus Campos, Lutz; Andrea Knight, Mascotte **GEORGIA:** Stanton Usher, Covington **IDAHO:** Cory Bench, Oakley; Mary Graefle, Howe **ILLINOIS:** Jennifer Ash, Wateka; James Bailey, Chicago; Nicole Doyle, Henry, Valerie Gaisler, Mt. Pleasant; Tim Marmott, M. Carmel, Andrew Maves, Peaton, Cameron Shields, Cissna Park; Michael Smith, Newman **IOWA:** Lisa Beck, Ankeny; Tonia Elvers, Elkader; Shannon Foster, Vale; Jennifer Kinsey, Ankeny; Dirk Kirk, Sali; Mark Lee, Inwood; Brad Meyer, Rock Rapids; Kyle Shea, New Providence; Tony

Sienknecht, Gladbrook, Jenny Svendsen, Decorah; Scott Wiederstein, Audubon **KANSAS:** Kale Ambruster, Kiowa; Christopher Palmberg, Palco; Eric Vogel, Kiowa **MARYLAND:** Kelly Clagett, New Windsor **MICHIGAN:** Rebecca Barlow, Oshtemo; Michael Sterly, Petoskey **MINNESOTA:** Marie Arnold, Caledonia; Robert Henning, Okabena; Tanya Kueske, South Haven **MISSOURI:** Daniel Beck, Palmyra; Beth Brooksher, Graham; Melissa Grooms, Couch; Jane Hardy, Grant City; Michelle Harland, Shelby; Chris Huff, Sparta; Sarah Hunt, Clinton; Chance Irvine, Tarkio; John Irwin, Bois D'Arc; Leslie Miller, Marshall; Monty Montgomery, Sumner; Debra Ralcdiff, California; Randy Roush, California; Kristi Sampson, Hartsville; Jason Sandner, Anabel; Elisa Sherwood, Gower; Jason Spainhour, Avalon; Matthew Sportsman, Maillard; Renee Swieger, Weatherby; Scott Veatch, Trenton; Johnny Vietrock, Cole Camp

**MONTANA:** Julie Andres, Missoula; Samuel Gouchenour, Ledger **NEBRASKA:** Eric Dam, Hooper; Monte Dart, Enderis; Eric Ebers, DeWitt; Brock Ekhoff, Aurora; Brent Katz, DeWitt; Shawn Morsbach, Neligh; Lora Nelson, Hooper

**NEW JERSEY:** Christina Camden, Cream Ridge; David Little, Hackensillown

**NEW MEXICO:** Laney Lay, Melrose

**NEW YORK:** Lee Brown, Alexander

**NORTH DAKOTA:** Tracy Ekeren, Enderlin; Clint Pfaff, Enderlin; Justin Sailer, Grand; Erik Stordalen, Enderlin

**OHIO:** Rick Bachman, Grand Rapids; Joseph Durkin, Mansfield; Bruce Sonnenberg, Liberty Center

**OKLAHOMA:** Tiffany Aldridge, Lawton; Andrea Barker, Holdenville; Alicia Burdette, Skiatook; Edward Chandler, Webers Falls; Laura Colpitt, Collinsville; Alicia Crispus, Wynoka; Deanna Dunn, Hydro; Jeremy Frey, Sulphur; Matt Garnett, Cashion; Tara Geminden, Carrier; Tara Griggs, Allen; Ginger Howard, Ardmore; Jennifer Lagan, Enid; Shelly Metz, Guthrie; Travis Pembroke, Fairview; Sarah Powell, Caddo; Shana Propps, Lookabe; Carrie Singletun, Chickasha; Heather Stone, Nash; Kendra Unruh, Balco; Kenneth Waugh, Tipton; Carl Wilson, Cherokee; Troy Winchester, Marietta



The National FFA Chorus captivated their convention audience.

**OREGON:** Cory Boswell, Joseph; Eli Egerton, Pendleton

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Jay Clugston, Marheim

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Barrett Anderson, Nichols; Lee Barrett, West Columbia

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Seanna Fastnacht, Gann Valley; Paul Fuller, Clark; Nicole Kosi, Hainesburg; Ryan Schaefer, Kennebec; Nathan Smith, Vienna

**TENNESSEE:** Kenneth Rogers, Humbolt

**TEXAS:** Nikki Callaway, Houston; Amy Haid, Hallsville; Mollie Inlo, Palacios; Lee Wilcox,

Wallisville

**VIRGINIA:** Michelle Jones, Charlotte

**WASHINGTON:** Ami Fortman, Port Orchard; Teena Howe, Bellingham; Julie Proctor, Colfax; Jayson Small, Ferndale; Adam Thomson, Brewster

**WISCONSIN:** Warren Roberts, Omro; John Degner, Woneoc; D. J. Thompson, Stratford; Daniel Walezko, Independence; Janay Witte, Thorp

# National Talent



Talent performers performed before the Thursday night session.

## Sponsored by Ford Division — Ford Motor Company

Many aspiring entertainers have found their first large audiences at the National FFA Convention. For these young artists, the challenge of performing before their peers provides a growing experience not to be found elsewhere.

Under the guidance of Director Gary Maricle and Assistant Director Suzette Bazen, 76 individuals representing 25 states gave performances at FFA convention activities. Along with their appearances at Crown Center, civic clubs and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters meeting, the talent participants logged more than 200 events.

**ALABAMA:** Harlen Campbell, Charles Crawford; Jason Johnson, Tim Martin Michael Moore Micah Nettleton, all of West Point

**ARKANSAS:** Jeff Hall, WesternYell County, Shelle Morris, Nettleton

**CALIFORNIA:** Jodie Marston, Summerville, Michelle Schmidt, Gal.

**COLORADO:** Rhonda Faith Allen, Dolores

**DELAWARE:** Wendy Collins, Sussex Central

**HAWAII:** Leahua Sanoia, Brandi Tampon, both of Pahoa

**ILLINOIS:** Kevin Hornsby, Chicago; Lisa Marie Murphy, Spaulding; Martin Nance, Allison Simpson, both of Chicago; Patricia Jo Timmons, Seneca, LaToia Wilkins, Chicago.

**INDIANA:** Todd Myers, South Adams

**IOWA:** Brandi Lee Trupe, Prairie Valley

**MICHIGAN:** Kevin Garfield, Chesaning

**MINNESOTA:** Julie Ambrose, Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield; Sheila Henning, Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield; Kim Johnson, Climax; Greg Lincoln, Albert Lea; Carolyn Riosow, Hillary Rossow, both of Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield

**MISSISSIPPI:** Nicole Rinehart, Falkner

**MISSOURI:** Sonia Burton, Lakeland; Karen Sue Cox, East Buchanan; Amy Crighton, Melinda Hatfield, both of Willard; S. Sheree McCray, East Buchanan; Denisa Todd, Willard; Daniel Weaver, Couch; Krista Wheeler, Willard

**NEBRASKA:** Mickie Warner, Scribner-Snyder

**NORTH DAKOTA:** Cathy Kopp, Elizabeth Kopp, both of Des Lacs-Burlington

**OHIO:** Jodie Booth, Northwestern-Clark; Dan Boyle, Bowling Green; Mike Hyme, Amanda-Clearcreek; Amy Jonas, Ridgedale

**OKLAHOMA:** Travis Beams, Dole Grellner, both of Kingfisher; Heather Hartsfield, Coalgate; Monica Miller, Grandfield; Tara Muegenberg, Kingfisher; Kevin Rhoads, Geronimo; Tiffany Roherman, Carey Roher, Kate Schulte, all of Kingfisher; Melissa Stone, Tecumseh; Jamie Wood, Kingfisher

**PENNSYLVANIA:** Jodie Hall, Linda Hall, both of State College

**TEXAS:** Terry Shea Carver, Waskom; Craig Jones, Jay Pitts, Derek Spence, all of Cayuga

**UTAH:** Kerry Gibson, Ron Gibson, both of Weber

**VIRGINIA:** Tammy Cole, Grayson County

**WASHINGTON:** Jennifer Nico McVeigh, Riverview

**WYOMING:** Melody Milroy, Walden

**ASSISTANT FFA Talent Director—Suzette Bazen, Huntsville, Texas.**



# National Chapter Safety Awards

## Sponsored by Equipment Manufacturers Institute

Agricultural safety has been an important issue since the day the first farmer used the first tool. Today, safety is no less important, as FFA members and their families are challenged to use chemicals responsibly, operate equipment carefully and tackle the ever-growing problem of substance abuse.

FFA's National Chapter Safety Award program recognized chapters for their outstanding efforts in planning and executing programs to improve the safety of their community's citizens. Chapters were designated gold, silver or bronze winners based on the submission of an application, first to their states and then to the National FFA Organization.

Delaplane, Ark., was one such chapter. Recognized as a gold winner, Delaplane FFA members focused their efforts on safety in hunting, boating, drinking and driving, blood supplies and classroom fire training. Perhaps most notable was cooperation with the

local fire department to build a 1150-gallon tanker/pumper truck for use in fighting rural fires.

## GOLD

ALABAMA: Paramount High  
 ARKANSAS: Delaplane  
 ILLINOIS: Bulls; Warsaw; Winchester  
 INDIANA: Southwest-Hanover  
 IOWA: Bison; Creston; Webster City  
 KANSAS: Labette County  
 KENTUCKY: Scott County; Spencer County  
 LOUISIANA: Crowley  
 MICHIGAN: Laingsburg  
 MISSOURI: Stockton; Union  
 NEBRASKA: Schuyler  
 OHIO: Amanda-Clearcreek; Bowling Green; Wauseon; West Muskingum  
 OREGON: Union  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Bowdle  
 TEXAS: Ysleta  
 VIRGINIA: Highland County; Park View Senior  
 WASHINGTON: Cathlamet; Elma; Winlock; Yelm  
 WISCONSIN: Boscobel; Denmark; Mauston; Monroe; New Auburn; New Holstein

## SILVER

ALABAMA: Daleville; Jacksonville; Scottsboro  
 ARKANSAS: Codaville  
 COLORADO: Byers  
 FLORIDA: Lake Placid Senior; Taylor Sr. High  
 GEORGIA: Newton County; Perry  
 ILLINOIS: Seneca

INDIANA: Princeton  
 IOWA: Emmelsburg; Humboldt; Manson; Vinton  
 LOUISIANA: Elton; Oak Grove  
 MISSOURI: Carthage; El Dorado Springs; McDonald County; Nevada  
 NEBRASKA: Leigh; Verdigré  
 NEW MEXICO: Raton  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Mountain Heritage; Piedmont; Sun Valley  
 NORTH DAKOTA: Beach  
 OHIO: Peebles  
 OKLAHOMA: Billings; Laverne  
 OREGON: Illinois Valley  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Loris  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Harrisburg; Roslyn  
 TENNESSEE: Bradley  
 VIRGINIA: Essex; Monteleone Middle; Tunstall  
 WASHINGTON: Mabton  
 WISCONSIN: Black Hawk; Bloomington; Green Bay West; Oregon; Sauk Prairie  
 WYOMING: Douglas

## BRONZE

ALABAMA: Arab; Crossville; Robert C. Hatch High; Skyline; York West End  
 ALASKA: Delta Junction  
 ARIZONA: Peoria; Westwood  
 ARKANSAS: Hamburg; Stuttgart  
 CALIFORNIA: La Puente Valley ROP; Mt. Whitney-Visalia  
 DELAWARE: Smyrna  
 ILLINOIS: Amboy; Ashton; Cissna Park; Franklin Center; Sycamore

INDIANA: Clinton Central; Woodlan  
 IOWA: Appling; Cascade; Marengo; Mediapolis  
 KANSAS: Clay Center; Concordia; Hill City; Jackson Heights; Marysville; Oberlin  
 MAINE: Limestone  
 MARYLAND: Catocin  
 MASSACHUSETTS: Palmyer  
 MICHIGAN: Marshall  
 MINNESOTA: Atwater-Grove City-Cosmos; Lanesboro; New Ulm; Westbrook; Wilmar  
 MISSISSIPPI: Carthage; Hamilton  
 MONTANA: Conrad; Miles City  
 NEBRASKA: Franklin; Ravenna; Superior  
 NEVADA: Ruby Mountain; Steptoe Valley  
 NEW JERSEY: Belvidere  
 NEW MEXICO: Aztec  
 NEW YORK: Chemung-Tioga Future; St. Johnsville  
 NORTH CAROLINA: East Montgomery; Princeton; South Lenoir; West Montgomery  
 NORTH DAKOTA: J. E. Eastgate  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Greenwood; Spud Growers  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Berea; Furman-Manchester  
 TENNESSEE: Lexington; Riverside  
 TEXAS: Tom Bean; Baytown-Over E. Lee; Iowa Park  
 VIRGINIA: Cedar Lee Junior; Northampton High  
 WASHINGTON: Battle Ground  
 WEST VIRGINIA: Ripley  
 WISCONSIN: Bloomer; Green Bay Preble  
 WYOMING: Gillette

# Building Our American Communities

## Sponsored by RJR Nabisco Foundation

The Raton, N.M., FFA Chapter took home the national title in Building Our American Communities (BOAC) for their 11-project program, which included mine reclamation.

Additionally, the chapter was heavily involved in stewardship of natural resources. Members took part in cleaning up a state park, maintaining a cross-country ski trail, managing an 80-acre forest, and operating a greenhouse and tree farm.

## National Winner:

Raton, N.M.

## Second Place:

Bowdle, S.D.

## Third Place:

Citrus Senior, Fla.

## Fourth Place:

Grassland, Pa.

Kindra Beitspacher was named National Achievement in Volunteerism winner for her leadership in the BOAC project of the Bowdle, S.D., FFA chapter. The award honors the individual volunteer spirit that drives the BOAC program. Rebecca Schaefer of Brea, Calif., was named runner-up.

Many outstanding chapters were recognized for their community development efforts through the BOAC program. The following were recognized onstage Friday

morning.

## GOLD

ALABAMA: Cherokee Middle; Selma High  
 CALIFORNIA: La Puente Valley ROP  
 COLORADO: Olathe  
 FLORIDA: Citrus Senior  
 ILLINOIS: Cissna Park; Clinton; Franklin Center  
 IOWA: Algona; Buffalo Center; Bison; Crestland-Creston; Stanton; Nashua-Plainfield; Prairie Valley; Stormont; Webster City  
 KANSAS: Concordia; Marysville  
 LOUISIANA: Crowley; Hathaway  
 MICHIGAN: Lenawee Vo-Tech Center  
 MISSOURI: Owensville; Rolla Area Vocational-Technical Union  
 NEBRAS: 1: Blue Hill; Ravenna  
 NEW MEX: 0: Raton  
 NEW YORK: Chemung-Tioga Future Con. 412  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Southern Guilford  
 OHIO: Amos 1: Clearcreek; Wauseon; West Muskingum  
 PENNSYLV: A: Grassland  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: A: Bowdle; Elkton  
 TENNESSEE: Bartlett; Bradley  
 TEXAS: Goliad; Longview; Ysleta  
 UTAH: Granite Mountain  
 VERMONT: Mount Abraham  
 VIRGINIA: Broadway; Culpeper Junior; Park View Senior; Stratsburg  
 WASHINGTON: Bethel; Elma; Summer  
 WEST VIRGINIA: Marion County  
 WISCONSIN: Denmark; Loyal; Marion; Mishicot; Monroe; Pulaski

## SILVER

ALABAMA: Grand Bay; Houston County; Jacksonville; Paramount High; Scottsboro; York West End  
 CALIFORNIA: Hilmar; Mt. Whitney-Visalia  
 FLORIDA: Evans; Lake Butler Senior; West Orange  
 GEORGIA: Perry High  
 ILLINOIS: DeKalb; Somonauk-Leland; Sycamore; Warsaw; Winchester

INDIANA: Carroll Fort Wayne; Shenadoah  
 IOWA: Marengo  
 KANSAS: Hill City  
 KENTUCKY: Reidland; Scott County  
 LOUISIANA: Dubach  
 MICHIGAN: Laingsburg  
 MINNESOTA: Wilmar  
 MISSISSIPPI: Carthage  
 MISSOURI: El Dorado Springs; Keytesville; Monroe City R-I; Vandalia-Farber  
 NEBRASKA: Leigh; Schuyler  
 NEVADA: Steptoe Valley  
 NEW JERSEY: Warren Hills  
 NORTH DAKOTA: Wahnalia; Wyndmere  
 OHIO: New Lexington  
 OKLAHOMA: Burlington; Weleetka  
 OREGON: Union  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Clover; Furman-Manchester  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Garretson  
 TEXAS: High Island; Hockabay  
 UTAH: Bear River; Payson  
 VIRGINIA: Abingdon  
 WASHINGTON: Cathlamet  
 WISCONSIN: Bloomer; Holcomb-Lake Holcomb; Laconia; Mauston; Oregon

## BRONZE

ALABAMA: Florala High; Robert C. Hatch  
 ALASKA: Palmer  
 ARIZONA: Kila; Peoria  
 ARKANSAS: Delaplane; Rison; Stuttgart; Westem Yell County  
 CALIFORNIA: Del Norte; Sacramento-Burbank; Santa Rosa  
 CONNECTICUT: Mattabeset; Woodbury  
 GEORGIA: Troup High  
 IDAHO: Kuna; Mackay  
 ILLINOIS: Seneca  
 INDIANA: Clinton Central; Franklin County; Southwestem-Hanover  
 IOWA: Akron-Westfield; Lake View-Auburn-Wall Lake; Montezuma; North Fayette; Riceville; Southern Cal at Lake City  
 KANSAS: Clay Center; Highland; Jackson

Heights; Plainville Ag  
 KENTUCKY: Spencer County  
 MAINE: Limestone  
 MARYLAND: Frederick; Frederick County Vo-Tech Center  
 MASSACHUSETTS: Palmyer  
 MICHIGAN: Branch Area Careers Center  
 MINNESOTA: Atwater-Grove City-Cosmos; Lanesboro; Marshall; Rush City; Waterville-Elysian; Westbrook  
 MISSISSIPPI: Hamilton  
 MISSOURI: Carthage; Hartville  
 MONTANA: Denton; Miles City  
 NEBRASKA: Howells/Clarkson; Superior; Verdigré  
 NEVADA: Ruby Mountain  
 NEW HAMPSHIRE: Coe-Brown Academy (Much-To-Do)  
 NEW JERSEY: Medford Tech  
 NEW MEXICO: Aztec  
 NEW YORK: Greenwich  
 NORTH CAROLINA: Camden; Mount Pleasant; North Irredell; Northeastern; Princeton; Southern Wayne  
 OHIO: Eastwood; Elmwood; Oak Harbor; Oslego  
 OKLAHOMA: Calera  
 OREGON: Forest Grove; McKay  
 PENNSYLVANIA: Berlin Brothersvalley; Blue Mountain; Cedar Crest; Greenwood; Manheim; Spud Growers; Twin Valley  
 RHODE ISLAND: North Kingstown  
 SOUTH CAROLINA: Loris; Strom Thurmond  
 SOUTH DAKOTA: Grollon  
 TENNESSEE: Lexington; Riverside  
 TEXAS: Loretta  
 UTAH: Sky View; Tooele  
 VERMONT: Bennington  
 VIRGINIA: Dan River; Orange County; Park View Middle  
 WASHINGTON: Mabton; North Thurston; Yelm  
 WISCONSIN: Green Bay Preble; Green Bay West; New Holstein; Sauk Prairie  
 WYOMING: Pinedale; Southeast; Wind River

# National Chapter Awards

## Sponsored by Contel Corporation

Chapter excellence can be measured by the personal growth of FFA members, and it can also be seen in the thoroughness with which chapters conduct their activities. The National Chapter Award program gives chapters the chance to prove and be recognized for their achievements in 11 areas of their Program of Activities.

One such chapter, Elkton, S.D., was chosen to receive a gold award. Their neatly typed application revealed an enrollment of 28 in agricultural education classes, with an FFA membership of 29. Some of their activities were conducted to encourage members to excel in their SAE programs. For example, the chapter awards a \$50 savings bond for the best records and employs members in its nursery-greenhouse. Conducting activities from the traditional (taking part in FFA camp) to the innovative (owning and operating milk and soft drink machines in school), the chapter distinguished itself and was rewarded along with other top chapters during the Thursday afternoon session.

## GOLD

**ALABAMA:** Jacksonville; Paramount High  
**ARIZONA:** Antelope  
**ARKANSAS:** Valley Springs  
**CALIFORNIA:** Kingsburg; Mt. Whitney-Visalia  
**FLORIDA:** Sarasola Vo-Ag; Tate; Trenton Senior; West Orange  
**GEORGIA:** Colquitt County; Perry; Putnam County  
**ILLINOIS:** Chicago Ag Science; Cassia Park; Clinton; Salem; Sycamore; Warsaw  
**INDIANA:** Benton Central; Carroll; Carroll at Flora; Clinton Central; Oak Hill; Shenandoah; Tipton; Tri-County; Woodlan  
**IOWA:** Alburnett; Harlan; North Park  
**KANSAS:** Hill City; Plainville  
**KENTUCKY:** Breckinridge County  
**MAINE:** Limestone  
**MARYLAND:** Catoctin  
**MICHIGAN:** Corunna; Unionville; Sebawaing  
**MINNESOTA:** Willmar  
**MISSOURI:** Carthage; Chillicothe; Union  
**MONTANA:** Flathead  
**NEBRASKA:** Leigh; Norris; Tri County  
**NEVADA:** Ruby Mountain  
**NEW MEXICO:** Raton  
**NEW YORK:** Hamilton  
**NORTH DAKOTA:** Lisbon; Rugby  
**OHIO:** Bowling Green; Elmwood; Oak Harbor; Phillips; Preble Shawnee; Trumbull County  
**J.V.S.; Versailles; Wauson**  
**OKLAHOMA:** Allen; Cashion; Coyle; Kingfisher; Lawton; Marlow  
**OREGON:** Forest Grove

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Bowdle; Elkton  
**TENNESSEE:** Bartlett; Bradley; Polk; Riverside; White House  
**TEXAS:** Alvin; Calallen; Klein Forest; Mansfield; Pleasanton; Robert E. Lee; Yesla  
**VIRGINIA:** Broadway; Fort Defiance; James Wood  
**WASHINGTON:** Elma; Summer; Winlock; Yelm  
**WISCONSIN:** Denmark  
**WYOMING:** Chief Washakie

## SILVER

**ALABAMA:** Scottsboro  
**ARIZONA:** Peoria  
**ARKANSAS:** Lonoke; Marshall  
**CALIFORNIA:** Hanford; La Puente Valley ROP  
**COLORADO:** Dolores; Flagler; Fort Morgan; Valley  
**CONNECTICUT:** Housatonic Valley; Rockville  
**FLORIDA:** Colonial Indian River; Lake Butler Senior; South Sumter Senior  
**GEORGIA:** Franklin County  
**IDAHO:** Meridian  
**ILLINOIS:** Leroy; Seneca; Sparland  
**INDIANA:** Indian Creek; Southwestern-Hanover  
**IOWA:** Algona; Creston; Linn-Mar; Marengo; Southern Cal at Lake City  
**KANSAS:** Cherryvale; Clay Center; Concordia; Jelmore  
**KENTUCKY:** Spencer County  
**LOUISIANA:** Eilton; Hathaway  
**MARYLAND:** Clear Spring  
**MICHIGAN:** Branch Area Careers Center; Laingsburg; Marshall; Perry  
**MINNESOTA:** Greenbush; New Ulm  
**MISSISSIPPI:** Carthage; Nettleton  
**MISSOURI:** El Dorado Springs; Eldon; Hartsville; McDonald; Memphis; Monroe City; Rolla; Stockton; Troy  
**NEBRASKA:** Northwest; Waverly  
**NEVADA:** Churchill County  
**NEW JERSEY:** Attentown  
**NEW YORK:** Sidney  
**NORTH CAROLINA:** North Iredell; Piedmont; Sun Valley; West Carteret  
**NORTH DAKOTA:** Finley-Sharon  
**OHIO:** Montgomery County; Olsege; West Muskingum  
**OKLAHOMA:** Billings; Blair; Calera; Grandfield; Hinton; Morrison; Perkins-Tryon; Stratford; Tecumseh; Weleleka  
**OREGON:** Union  
**PENNSYLVANIA:** Grassland; Marheim; Seifsgrove; Twin Valley  
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Dorman  
**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Roslyn  
**TENNESSEE:** Cherokee; Lexington; Volunteer  
**TEXAS:** Aldine; Booker; Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; Clear Creek; Cleburne; Dumas; Goliad; Gonzales; Lobo Park; Jacksboro; Katy; Kingwood; Livingston; Lorena; Mission; Orange Grove  
**UTAH:** Bear River  
**VIRGINIA:** Montevideo Middle  
**WASHINGTON:** Culliamet; Evergreen; Fendalton  
**WEST VIRGINIA:** St. Mary's  
**WISCONSIN:** Bloomer; Bonduel; Darlingdon; Loyal; Marshfield; Mauston; Monroe; New Auburn  
**WYOMING:** Southeast

## BRONZE

**ALABAMA:** Brantley; Crossville; Daleville; George W. Long; Ider; Rehobeth  
**ARKANSAS:** Cedarville; Fayetteville; Lavaca; Prairie Grove; Oulman; Stuttgart  
**CALIFORNIA:** Kelseyville; Norco; Santa Rosa  
**COLORADO:** Delta; Moffat County  
**DELAWARE:** Smyrna  
**FLORIDA:** Branford; Lake Butler Junior; Lake Placid Senior; Ponce de Leon; Santa Fe; Taylor Senior  
**GEORGIA:** Effingham County; Newton County  
**IDAHO:** Kuna  
**ILLINOIS:** Dekalb  
**IOWA:** Anamosa; Bison; Guttenberg; North Linn; Vinlon  
**KANSAS:** Marion/Florence; Marysville; Westmoreland; Williamsburg  
**KENTUCKY:** Apollo; Barren County; Daviess County High; East Hardin; Fulton County; Logan County; McLean County; Oldham County; Scott County  
**LOUISIANA:** Lacasse; Midland  
**MICHIGAN:** Byron  
**MINNESOTA:** Atwater-Grove City-Cosmos; Belle Plain; Cannon Falls; Plainview  
**MISSOURI:** Clopton; Salsbury  
**MONTANA:** Clyde Park  
**NEBRASKA:** Blue Hill; Scribner-Snyder; St. Edward; Verdigr

**NEW JERSEY:** Newton  
**NEW MEXICO:** Animas; Clovis  
**NORTH CAROLINA:** Forest Hills; West Montgomery; Williams Township  
**NORTH DAKOTA:** J. E. Eastgate; Mott  
**OHIO:** Eastwood; Greenfield; River View; Southeastern-Clark  
**OKLAHOMA:** Alva; Bennington; Cushing; Hooker; Idabel; Oologah; Prague; Springer  
**OREGON:** Elgin  
**PENNSYLVANIA:** Greenwood; Little Dutchman; Manor; Mideburg  
**RHODE ISLAND:** Scituate  
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Clover; McBeer; Pleasant Hill  
**SOUTH DAKOTA:** Groton  
**TENNESSEE:** McMinn County High; North Knox; Northeast; Powell Valley; Woodbury  
**TEXAS:** Garfield; Gilmer; Godley; McGreggor; Quanah; Raymondville; Sulphur Springs  
**UTAH:** Tooele  
**VERMONT:** Enosburg  
**VIRGINIA:** Essex; Fauquier; Laurel Park; Lee Davis; Park View Senior; Patrick Henry; Spotswood; Stonewall Jackson; Turnstall  
**WEST VIRGINIA:** Ravenswood  
**WISCONSIN:** Clear Lake; Mishicot; New Holstein; Oregon  
**WYOMING:** Gillette

## Distinguished Service



Through Distinguished Service Citations, FFA salutes outstanding organizations that contribute time, funds and other support to agricultural education and FFA. Five organizations that have made strong, long-term commitments to the future of agriculture were honored during the Thursday afternoon convocation session. Representatives on hand to receive the awards were (from left) Mark Branstetter, Ford New Holland; Ray Beyer, Ford Motor Company; Dean Hager, Ford Division of Ford Motor Company; Dennis P. Niemeyer, Rhone-Poulenc Agricultural Company; and James E. Cason, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. The Ford Motor Company, through its various divisions, has supported FFA programs for 43 years. Ford New Holland sponsors the Outstanding Member Award for the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. The Ford Motor Company sponsors college scholarships as well as the Soil and Water Management Proficiency Award. The Ford Division of Ford Motor Company sponsors the National FFA Chorus and the National FFA Talent Show. Personal support through the three Ford groups has provided opportunities for numerous FFA members over the years. The Rhone-Poulenc Agricultural Company has been a key supporter of agricultural education and has sponsored FFA activities for 40 years. The company is currently involved in supporting the Ag Ed Network, college scholarships, the internship program, the National FFA Nursery/Landscape Contest, and the newsletters of the National FFA Alumni Association and the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association. The company has been instrumental in the development of the new FFA Agricultural Marketing Contest. Its officers continually provide advice and feedback to FFA. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of the USDA has supported the FFA Stars Recognition Award program since 1984. FCIC also supports the FFA Stars Eminent Tour. In addition, FCIC officials contribute a great deal of time in support of FFA activities; several are now working with agricultural educators on risk management insurance programs.



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 —Zach Bindy  
 Official Delegate  
 Abilene, Texas

# National Agricultural Career Show

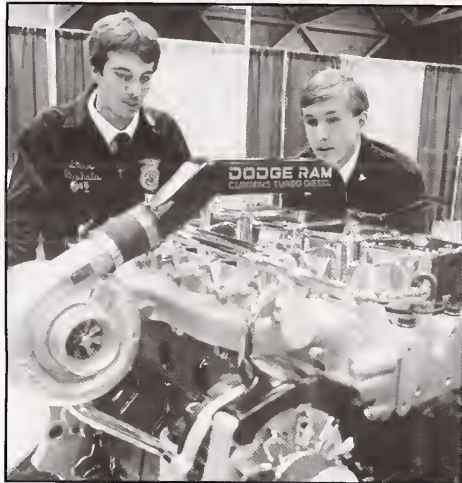
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Ag Ed Network/ARI  
Agn-Education, Inc.  
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Agricultural Cooperative Services;  
USDA/ASCS  
Alabama A&M University School of  
Agriculture and Home Economics  
Alaska Oil and Gas Association  
Alta-Laval Agri, Inc.  
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity  
American Angus Association  
American Association of Nurseriesmen  
American Breeders Service  
American Cyanamid  
American Farm Bureau Federation, Young  
Farmer and Rancher Activities

Exchange Program  
Community Birthday Calendar  
Cornell University College of  
Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Creative Educational Video, Inc.  
Crosby Donkey Ball, Inc.  
Delaware Valley College  
Delmar Publishers, Inc.  
Diversified Marketing Associates, Inc.  
Dodge Truck  
Equipment Manufacturing Institute  
Ertl Company  
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Famland Industries, Inc.  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Fellowship of Christian Farmers International

Chemicals Division  
Monsanto Agricultural Company  
Na-Churs Plant Food Company  
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National Pork Producer's Council

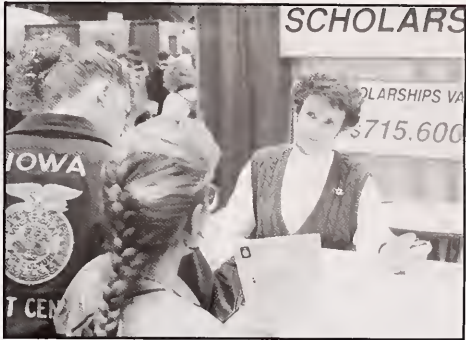
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Southern Illinois University at Carbondale  
Southwestern Technical College  
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Student Conservation Association, Inc.  
Stuppy Greenhouse Manufacturing, Inc.  
Sunrisc Growers, Inc.  
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Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Texas Tech University College of  
Agriculture Sciences  
Tri-State Breeders  
U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service  
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Soil Conservation Service, Earth Team  
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Agriculture and Home Economics  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois College of Agriculture  
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and Waseca  
University of Minnesota, St. Paul  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
University of Nebraska



Company displays attracted the attention of FFA members.



Hausi's booth in the Hall of States was a popular stop.



Jean Harris, manager of FFA's National Scholarship program, talked with members at the Career Show.

American Gelbvieh Association  
American Institute of Cooperation  
American International Charolais Association  
American Junior Hereford Association  
American Maine-Anjou Association  
American Management Association  
American Morgan Horse Institute  
American Paint Horse Association  
American Polled Hereford Association  
American Quarter Horse Association  
American Sales Association  
American Sheep Industry Association  
American Simmental Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
American Vocational Association  
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"Apply yourself. The National FFA  
Scholarship Program has 583 schol-  
arships valued at over \$715,000,  
ranging in value from \$500 to  
\$10,000.

— Jean Harris  
Manager, National FFA  
Scholarship Program  
Alexandria, Va.

# Honorary American FFA Degrees

It is no exaggeration to note that millions of adults have supported FFA since its founding. Teachers, parents, educators and members of the business community have brought an enthusiasm to the organization that has surely contributed to its success.

Once again, the FFA recognized adults who have distinguished themselves in supporting the group. Among the names are many chapter advisors, and the parents of national officers and regional Star Farmers and Star Agribusinessmen.

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Susan Summer's cheering section included mom Thelma Gesling and son Tim. Susan and her family journeyed from Frederick, Md., for the Honorary membership ceremony.



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"FFA members leave this convention with a new outlook on their future. Now is a great time to take a good look at yourself and start making decisions about who and what you want to be five or ten years from now."

—Chris Bailey

North Carolina State University  
Bear Grass, N.C.

# National FFA Foundation



Robert Reynolds, left, 1991 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board Chairman, urged members to be spokespersons, spreading the word about FFA and agriculture.



Tom Hennessey, 1990 Sponsors' Board Chairman announced the foundation raised over \$4.1 million in 1990 in support of FFA program.

Thomas Hennessey, chairman of the 1990 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board and president of TSC Stores, announced at the Thursday evening session that the National FFA Foundation received more than \$4.1 million in 1990. Hennessey reported that this represented a record level of support from more than 1,234 sponsors.

"I think it is a very optimistic view of youth on behalf of the business community," he says. "They see a group of young men and women with potential they are willing to support extensively."

Hennessey also introduced the 1991 Sponsors' Board chairman, Robert Reynolds, vice president and general manager, Crop Protection Products Division, Monsanto Agricultural Company, who introduced the Foundation theme for the coming year, "Bold Leadership for a Bright Future."

Since its creation in 1944, the National FFA Foundation has provided nearly

\$36 million to FFA members for awards, scholarships and programs. Yet, while monetary support is important to the organization, Foundation sponsors make other significant contributions.

Individual and corporate members of the Foundation challenge the FFA with new and exciting ideas, and help keep the organization on track with the latest in agriculture. Members of the board gather several times a year to generate new ideas for the development of programs and activities.

An example of this progressive leadership can be found in the new groundwater safety curriculum distributed to high school agriculture teachers and in the new commodity and marketing competitions for students.

The members of the Sponsors' Board play a key role in the search for new supporters and provide leadership to help the National FFA Organization provide the finest in educational opportunities for its members.

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# National FFA Alumni

The National FFA Alumni Association has grown by over 300 new members since last November, an accomplishment that was celebrated by delegates to the 1990 Alumni convention.

The distinction of the Blue Blazer Club, recognizing states that increased their membership by 50 during the year, was earned by nine states. This year's winners were Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Roxann Sommers of London, Ohio, only the second female president, was elected to lead the association into the new year. Other newly elected officers are Vice President Virgil Martinson, Stoughton, Wis. and Council Member-at-Large Duane Nielson, Vienna, Va. Returning council members include: Josiah Phelps, Fort Valley, Ga., past president; Mark Williams, Oviedo, Fla., southern region representative; June Dean, Sperry, Okla., western region representative; Dr. Ray Herren, Athens, Ga., teacher education representative and Larry Redding, Harrisburg, Pa., state supervisor representative.

Sommers, a 10-year association member, says she is looking forward to fulfilling her responsibilities as president. "I am excited about developing our plan for the FFA alumni association in assisting with the strategic plan for the National FFA Organization," she says.

Sommers added the association is in good financial condition and is planning to award more educational scholarships.

Members closed their busy day

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"It's time to stop smoking the peace pipe. Put on the war paint and fight. Members need to be aggressive — educating, recruiting, involving and getting more students excited about FFA."

— Kelli Evans  
1987-88 National FFA President  
Stillwater, Okla.

with the 5th annual FFA Alumni Auction featuring the Yoap family yelping from the auction block. After all was tallied, the association had raised more than \$39,500 to support the FFA.

The big buyers of the day were Wallace and Faye Schilberg of Milton, Wis., who bid \$19,000 on a 1991 Silverado half-ton, four-wheel drive pick-up donated by the Chevrolet Motor Division. Schilberg, a 10-year alumni association member and a former member of the Johnson's Crick FFA Chapter during 1948-52.

Ray Brown, West Bend, Iowa, shouted the highest offer for a four-wheel drive, all-terrain vehicle, \$3,200, donated by Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

Roger Duff, also from Milton, Wis., outbid everyone at \$1,500 for a tool chest donated by Snap-On Tools Corporation.

Patz Sales Incorporated contributed a 30-foot conveyor belt that was purchased for \$1,250 by Ken Natzke, Bonduel, Wis., who also chaired the auction.

After the gavel dropped marking the final sale and the end of their convention, the FFA Alumni Association continued playing a crucial role in the week's activities.

The association sponsored the popular national leadership workshops, offering members a break from the usual convention sessions with one-hour programs targeting leadership skills development, in Bartle Hall. Workshops chair, Odell Miller, of Marysville, Ohio, scheduled the presenters: Jeff Johnson, 1988-89 national FFA secretary, Florida; Kelli Evans, 1987-88 national FFA president, Nebraska; Terri Hames, 1987-88 national FFA vice president, Oklahoma; Warren Boerger, 1988-89 national FFA vice president, Ohio; Kevin Ochsner, 1987-88 national FFA secretary, Colorado; Dana Soukup, 1988-89 national FFA president, Nebraska; Scott McKain, 1974-75 national FFA secretary, Indiana; Mark Mayfield, 1973-74 national FFA president, Kansas.



Arnold Cordes, Eldon Witt and Ralph Dreesen received the FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award.

## Awards

Three long-time supporters of FFA and Alumni were honored as FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. Arnold B. Cordes, Wis., Ralph R. Dreesen, Okla., and Eldon E. Witt, Ill., were recognized at the Alumni banquet held Wednesday evening in Bartle Hall.

Denmark, Wis., was named as first place winner in the Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate competition. Taking second place was Milton, Wis. 29 other chapters were recognized as Outstanding Affiliates and were ranked either gold, silver or bronze.

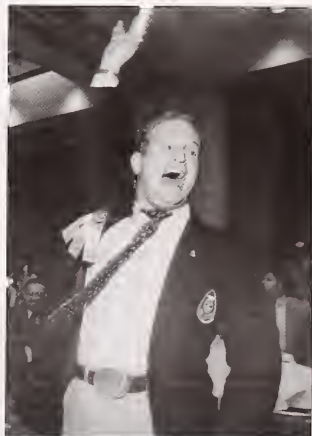
**Gold**  
Carthage, Mo.  
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Hopkind, Mich.  
Clyde Park, Mon.  
Norfolk, Neb.  
Schuyler, Neb.  
Frederick Co., Va.  
Castle Rock, Wash.



Roxann Sommers, left, took over the gavel and the reins of the FFA Alumni Association from retiring president Josiah Phelps.



Rick Metzger, FFA Alumni past president, enjoyed his job as ringman. This year's annual auction raised over \$39,500.

# Extemporaneous Speaking

## The Impact of Exports on the Marketing of Agricultural Products

Mark Jones,  
Tennessee

The United States of America has seen many remarkable triumphs in its history. From a rebellion against monarchy to a pinnacle of democracy, this nation has achieved more than any nation of its kind on earth. We, as Americans, most notably as American agriculturalists, have conquered every frontier we have ever known.

The sale of agricultural exports has often been the key to this success. The income derived from our powerful agricultural production system is what has built our great nation. We, as FFA members, know that farmers are the absolute backbone of our economy. Marketing is vital for our nation to prosper.

To illustrate this point, let us look at the 1970s. At that time we were experiencing an unprecedented farm boom. Production was skyrocketing; everyone was buying from us; farmers planted fence row to fence row in the hope of feeding a hungry world. We had a dream, a dream of total economic superiority through the sale of agricultural production exports.

Yet the Soviet grain embargo of 1979 cruelly crushed that dream. Without the vital Soviet market, there was simply no place for our excess commodities to go. Surpluses piled high across our nation while prices plunged.

The impact of this marketing disaster crippled the farm sector. In addition, the effects of this bust rippled through our economy and threw our nation deep into recession. One-third of America's family farmers were lost in the aftermath. Our troubles climaxed in the 1980s when the once all-powerful United States of America became a debtor nation.

For a nation to be economically strong it must sell more than it buys. Historically, agricultural exports have given America the edge in the world marketplace. Yet even today many critics point to the farm crisis and say that we can no longer depend on the marketing of agricultural products to make our country sound.

Nothing can be further from the truth. American agriculture stands ready to help us achieve our dreams again. By the year 2050, the world's population will have doubled. By the year 1995, 600 million people will have been added to our current population. Who will feed these multitudes? America will.

The past has shown us that exports have a major impact on our agricultural marketing system and, therefore, on our entire nation. The challenge is clearly defined.

Other nations such as Brazil and Argentina have stepped forward to assert themselves in the export industry. Trade blocs like the European Economic Community have hampered the efforts of agricultural product marketing.

Yet throughout all these difficult times, agriculture has remained in the black. American agriculture still stands tall.

We, as FFA members, have the unique responsibility to carry the voice of the American farmer to wherever it is needed. Today the message is that exports impact heavily on our



Mark Jones, national Extemporaneous Public Speaking winner, emphasizes a point in his speech on farm exports.

economy. We must push for agricultural marketing strength in the future.

We have what we need to keep America strong—agricultural produc-

tion. Let us now take the reins and guide ourselves toward brighter export tomorrows.

### Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Federation

A tough test of speaking ability is to be asked to deliver a speech extemporaneously—without rehearsal. With only 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a topic drawn at random, four finalists delivered speeches before a full auditorium and a panel of judges. After delivering their four- to six-minute speeches the finalists answered questions from the judges.

Competitions earlier in the week had narrowed the field of state winners to the four regional finalists.

Each finalist received a plaque and a cash award—\$200 for fourth place, \$250 for third place, \$275 for second place and \$300 for the national winner.

### National Winner:

Mark Jones, White House, Tenn.

### Second Place:

Zachary Stone Brady, Abilene, Texas

### Third Place:

Julie Gebhart, Springport, Ind.

### Fourth Place:

Kris Snyder, Prospect, Ohio

## VIP Citations



At the Friday morning session, FFA bestowed VIP Citations on seven individuals who have given exemplary service to agricultural education and FFA. From left: Max L. Amberson is retired chair of the Department of Agriculture and Technology Education at Montana State University and former state director of vocational education. Gus R. Douglas, retired commissioner of agriculture in West Virginia, served as the first national president of FFA Alumni. Richard L. Hummel is retired state supervisor in Ohio and received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Teachers of Vocational Agriculture. Roy Lett, who was chief of staff under Secretary of Agriculture John Block, is

developing an aquaculture education program. Joe Raunskar retired as served state supervisor of agricultural education in Oklahoma and served as president of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education. Eldon E. Witt, retired executive director of the Illinois FFA Association, was national FFA Alumni president and is chair of the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee. Absent from the photo is Floyd G. McCormick, who retired as professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Education at the University of Arizona and has served on several national FFA boards.

# National FFA Contests

Many FFA members came to Kansas City with competition on their minds. Teams that had previously won state contests demonstrated the knowledge and skills they acquired through classroom instruction and FFA at 10 national contests.

All contestants were honored at banquets at which winning teams and individuals were announced. Each first place team received a trophy and each team member was presented with a plaque. Second through fifth place teams also received plaques. All other teams received certificates rating them gold, silver or bronze. Individual high scorers were recognized with medals or certificates of honorable mention.

## Agricultural Mechanics

*Sponsored by Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund*

First place team:

Rugby, N.D.

High individual:

Kevin Starbuck, Fredonia, Kan.

## Dairy

*Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated and Babson Bros. Co./SURGE*

First place team:

Decorah, Iowa

High individual:

Missy Wilder, Decorah, Iowa

## Dairy Foods

*Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. and Patz Sales, Inc.*

First place team:

San Antonio, Texas

High individual:

Sam Gross, Urbana, Mo.

## Farm Business Management

*Sponsored by John Deere*

First place team:

Lakefield, Minn.

High individual:

Matt Birchmeier, New Lothrop, Mich.

## Floriculture

*Sponsored by ORTHO Consumer Products Division/Chevron Chemical Co.*

First place team:

Bakersfield, Mo.

High individual:

Jeanie Davidson, Bakersfield, Mo.

## Forestry

*Sponsored by Champion International Corp. and Homelite Division of Textron, Inc.*

First place team:

Dunmore, W.Va.

High individual:

John Rose, Dunmore, W.Va.

## Livestock

*Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.*

First place team:

Paso Robles, Calif.

High individual:

Eric Peterson, Milton, Wis.

## Meats

*Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Company and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation*

First place team:

Williston, Fla.

High individual:

Dustin Krueger, San Antonio, Texas

## Nursery/Landscape

*Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Kubota Tractor Corporation, CHIPCO®/Specialty Products Group of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company and Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.*

First place team:

Fayetteville, Ga.

High individual:

Chris Stanley, Fayetteville, Ga.

## Poultry


*Sponsored by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Tyson Foods, Inc.*

First place team:

Springdale, Ark.

High individual:

Mark Bowen, Springdale, Ark.



### 15 THINGS YOU CAN DO


"It is important, not only for FFA members but for all Americans, to seriously guard their rights and powers under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."  
— Fred McClure  
Special Assistant to President George Bush  
Washington, D.C.



Judging contests gave members a vehicle for proving their skills under pressure.



Members judged livestock in the American Royal building.



### 15 THINGS YOU CAN DO

"Take responsibility for the environment. It begins with small things: recycle your cans, turn off the lights, don't dump your oil. When simple actions become habits for many people, a great difference can be made."  
— Bill Slings  
Director of Information  
National FFA Organization



# Proficiency Awards

Many FFA members aspire to excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs and prove their achievement through participation in the national Agricultural Proficiency Awards program.

The road to the top is arduous; the competition intense.

National winners were chosen on the basis of their applications and an interview held Thursday afternoon. Judging panels were composed of National FFA Foundation sponsors, former officers and other friends of FFA.

The national winners, revealed Friday night, each received <sup>\$500</sup> \$250 a plaque, a cash travel award and an invitation to join other winners on the 1991 European Travel Seminar. Regional winners each received \$250, a plaque and a cash travel award.

Sponsors for each division follow the category name. National winners are designated by boldfaced type.

## Agricultural Electrification

*National Food and Energy Council, Incorporated*

**Central:** Matt T. Schantz, Alburnet, Iowa  
**Eastern:** Terry Amig, Elizabethtown, Pa.  
**Southern:** Mike McCracken, Avon Park, Fla.  
**Western:** Michael D. Mayo, Farmersville, Texas

## Agricultural Mechanics

*Case IH*  
**Central:** Daniel M. Kooztz, Bremen, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Eric Park, Marion, Ohio  
**Southern:** Timothy W. Thompson, Lakeland, Fla.  
**Western:** Coody Jones, Cleburne, Texas

## Agricultural Processing

*Carnation Company*  
**Central:** Ed S. Clow, Lake City, Iowa  
**Eastern:** Gregory B. Huber, East Earl, Pa.  
**Southern:** Joseph P. Balz, Nashville, Tenn.  
**Western:** Michael D. Peters, Kingsburg, Calif.

## Agricultural Sales and/or Service

*Chevrolet Motor Division—Trucks ICI Americas Inc.; SmithKline Beecham Animal Health; and Northrup King Company*  
**Central:** Terrell D. Stmad, Formoso, Kan.  
**Eastern:** Ryan T. McDougle, Mechanicsville, Va.  
**Southern:** Robert W. Tunn, Eilon, La.  
**Western:** Glenn Schorno, Yelm, Wash.

## Beef Production

*American Simmental Association; and Nasco Division/Nasco International, Incorporated*  
**Central:** L. Dow Raddall, Smiths Grove, Ky.  
**Eastern:** Dale R. Winner, New Weston, Ohio  
**Southern:** Robert J. Dettenheim, Oak Grove, La.  
**Western:** Jason Hendrickson, Adair, Okla.

## Cereal Grain Production

*Unocal 76; and Kellogg Company*  
**Central:** Rodney E. Werling, New Haven, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Adam J. Sharp, Stoubsville, Ohio  
**Southern:** Jimmy A. Barbour, Friendship, Tenn.  
**Western:** Mitch S. Klann, Flagler, Colo.

**15 THINGS YOU CAN DO**

"Be a long-term thinker when it comes to aiding developing countries. Some people think we're hurting ourselves by giving away grain and meat. Really we're helping ourselves. When these people have a better standard of living they will be able to import our products, and the balance of trade will be tipped back in our favor."

—Toby Causby  
 World Agriscience Studies Participant  
 Germany  
 Bristol, Okla.

## Dairy Production

*American Breeders Service; Alfa-Laval Agri, Inc.; and Manna Pro Corporation*  
**Central:** Jeremy T. Danfert, Bremen, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Brandie J. McDonald, Stephens City, Va.  
**Southern:** Ryan Perry, Mayo, Fla.  
**Western:** Jonathan T. Fernandes, Tulare, Calif.

## Diversified Crop Production

*Cargill*  
**Central:** Jim Nelson, Pipestone, Minn.  
**Eastern:** Bobby Jackson, Godwin, N.C.  
**Southern:** Tim Gibson, Dyersburg, Tenn.  
**Western:** Matt Muller, Altus, Okla.

## Diversified Livestock Production

*Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company; and Livestock Marketing Association*  
**Central:** Gary R. Weber, Milton, Wis.  
**Eastern:** Richard S. Herman, Taylorsville, N.C.  
**Southern:** J. Timothy Best, Folk City, Fla.  
**Western:** Brent Kistling, Burlington, Okla.

## Feed Grain Production

*Pioneer Hi-Brand International, Inc.*  
**Central:** Thomas O. Phillips, Burlington, Kan.  
**Eastern:** Galen J. Hellwarth, Celina, Ohio  
**Southern:** Allen Willis, Dyersburg, Tenn.  
**Western:** Joseph B. Tuttle, Plattville, Colo.

## Fiber Crop Production

*Sandoz Crop Protection Corporation*  
**Central:** Shannon K. Russon, Holcomb, Mo.  
**Eastern:** Erick L. Herring, Roseboro, N.C.  
**Southern:** Anthony E. Adams, Friendship, Tenn.  
**Western:** Jud Herring, Tipton, Okla.

## Floriculture

*American Floral Endowment; The Paul Eck Poinsettia Ranch; The Lerio Corporation; and Professional Plant Growers Association*  
**Central:** Brian J. Martin, Bondron, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Elizabeth L. Fravel, Winchester, Va.  
**Southern:** Mary Kate Parks, Lake Placid, Fla.  
**Western:** Dan P. Pearson, Oakville, Wash.

## Forage Production

*Gehl Company; and Northrup King Company*  
**Central:** Douglas J. Adams, Churubusco, Ind.  
**Eastern:** George L. Scott III, Milton, N.C.  
**Southern:** Shane Short, Delta, Ala.  
**Western:** Aaron Borba, Merced, Calif.

## Forest Management

*Stone Container Corporation; and Buck Knives*  
**Central:** Hunter Orana, Pendleton, Ky.  
**Eastern:** Earnest W. Elmore, Statesville, N.C.  
**Southern:** Jeremy S. Lowery, Century, Fla.  
**Western:** Jim Walters, Elma, Wash.



Fiber Crop winner Erick Herring reacted to his win.

## Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

*Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Incorporated*  
**Central:** Scott R. Jones, Springfield, Mo.  
**Eastern:** Stier E. Bollinger III, Thurmont, Md.  
**Southern:** Patrick L. Jackson, Grand Ridge, Fla.  
**Western:** Bryan S. Day, Waurika, Okla.

## Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

*Upjohn/Asgrow*  
**Central:** Shawn E. Holer, Marion, S.D.  
**Eastern:** Christopher T. Owen, Martinsville, Va.  
**Southern:** Adam C. Bordan, Albertville, Ala.  
**Western:** Brian Johnson, Gotebo, Okla.

## Horse Proficiency

*American Quarter Horse Association*  
**Central:** Brian Murphy, Rensselaer, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Janson B. Norman, Woodlawn, Va.  
**Southern:** Stephanie T. Wideman, Royston, Ga.  
**Western:** Ron D. Schumacher, Dayton, Ore.

## Nursery Operations

*MSD AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc.; and Chrysler Motors Corporation—Dodge Trucks*  
**Central:** James R. Jones, Lincoln, Neb.  
**Eastern:** Michael J. Lindenmuth, New Holland, Pa.  
**Southern:** Gary Hamby, McMinnville, Tenn.  
**Western:** Tonya G. Pheeters, Culver, Ore.

## Oil Crop Production

*Chicago Board of Trade; and FMC Foundation*  
**Central:** Ted A. Grell, Central City, Iowa  
**Eastern:** Clay Armstrong, Ashland, Va.  
**Southern:** Alan L. Sims, Newbern, Tenn.  
**Western:** William Hutzler, Pleasanton, Texas

## Outdoor Recreation

*Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.*  
**Central:** Michael Jaeger, Charles City, Iowa  
**Eastern:** Nathaniel A. Hawkins, Mt. Jackson, Va.  
**Southern:** Jason B. Martin, Bartlett, Tenn.  
**Western:** Dale C. Bennett, Mayer, Ariz.

## Placement in Agricultural Production

*DEKALB Genetics Corporation; and LeaseAmerica Corporation*  
**Central:** Byron C. Gramling, Ashley, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Mark G. Daugherty, Newton Falls, Ohio  
**Southern:** Jerry Vaden, Ripley, Tenn.  
**Western:** David Lee, Royal City, Wash.

## Poultry Production

*Pitman-Moore Inc.; Red Brand fence/ Made by Keystone Steel & Wire Company; and Chore-Time Equipment, Incorporated*  
**Central:** John J. Rozum, Whitelaw, Wis.  
**Eastern:** Matthew J. Lohr, Broadway, Va.  
**Southern:** Lindsey Jackson, Mayo, Fla.  
**Western:** Aaron L. Holcombe, Jay, Okla.

## Sheep Production

*American Sheep Industry Association; Justin Boot Company; Kent Feeds, Inc. and Evergreen Mills, Inc.*  
**Central:** Don Swanton, Goose Lake, Iowa  
**Eastern:** Brent S. Eyer, Eaton, Ohio  
**Southern:** S. Michele Pearnman, Arthur, Tenn.  
**Western:** Ryan Faidgrove, Buffalo, Wyo.

## Soil and Water Management

*Ford New Holland, Inc.*  
**Central:** Mark Rekweg, Woodburn, Ind.  
**Eastern:** Amy L. Dinneen, Yellow Springs, Ohio  
**Southern:** Darcy F. Hildreth, Smithville, Tenn.  
**Western:** Kinlon L. Rittberger, Hillsdale, Wyo.

## Specialty Animal Production

*Country General Stores; and Purina Mills, Inc.*  
**Central:** Keith Erickson, Wild Rose, Wis.  
**Eastern:** Robert W. Fogle Jr., Walkersville, Md.  
**Southern:** Donald W. Eason, Goodwater, Ala.  
**Western:** Tammy Wilnes, Yerington, Nev.

## Specialty Crop Production

*Kubota Tractor Corporation and CENEX/CENEX Foundation*  
**Central:** Scott H. Ruter, Clara City, Minn.  
**Eastern:** David L. Balsey, South Hill, Va.  
**Southern:** Benjamin A. Davis, Sargovinsville, Tenn.  
**Western:** Scott A. Sayer, Brownsville, Ore.

## Swine Production

*Pfizer Animal Health Division/Pfizer, Inc.*  
**Central:** James D. Christian, Garvin, Minn.  
**Eastern:** Todd M. Schrimmeyer, Versailles, Ohio  
**Southern:** Valerie L. Morgan, White House, Tenn.  
**Western:** Kevin D. Freundt, Guthrie, Okla.

## Turf and Landscape Management

*O.M. Scott & Sons*  
**Central:** Keven S. Gransee, Milton, Wis.  
**Eastern:** Keith D. Burd, New Lexington, Ohio  
**Southern:** John H. Woodall III, Hermitage, Tenn.  
**Western:** Troy L. Black, Othello, Wash.

## Wildlife Management

*Prudential Foundation*  
**Central:** Lowell Bjorgaard, Battle Lake, Minn.  
**Eastern:** Richard W. Stewart, Wilmington, Ohio  
**Southern:** Gina M. Strelt, Cantonment, Fla.  
**Western:** Louis V. Wilson, Owasso, Okla.

# Prepared Public Speaking

## Sponsored by FMC Foundation

State winners of prepared public speaking contests came to Kansas City ready to sweat it out in competition to determine the top FFA prepared speaker in the nation. Regional competitions narrowed the field to four finalists, who competed for the top spot in the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest Friday night.

Each speaker delivered a six- to eight-minute presentation and answered questions from a panel of judges.

The four finalists received plaques and cash awards—\$200 for fourth place, \$250 for third place, \$275 for second place and \$300 for the national winner.

## National Winner:

Vickie J. Smith, Buffalo, Mo.

## Second Place:

Leigh Ann Wyatt, Durkee, Ore.

## Third Place:

Philip R. Harbin, Cross Plains, Tenn.

## Fourth Place:

Kristin Marie Digulio, Coventry, Conn.

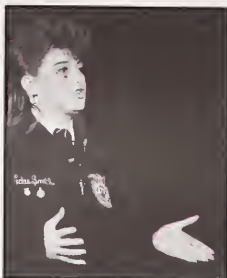
## The Life You Save May Be Your Own

### Vickie J. Smith

William Saroyan once stated, "Kids are always the only future this nation has." In today's society, mankind has become keenly aware of a startling reality. The reality of carelessness on the farm. The tragic result of this reality is lives of innocent children being taken away. Preschoolers and elementary students, suddenly and violently being stripped of the greatest gift that God has ever provided...The Gift of Life.

Although some say that human life will eventually die out, the sadness lies in treating it as though it were unimportant and irrelevant to survival. Every year, thousands and thousands of children, as well as adults, lose their lives to the deadly effects of unsafe conditions on the farm. I am standing before you today hoping, preaching and praying that one day, one of us in this room, will not be among the thousands of lives that have perished through farm-related accidents.

Agricultural life is the most important aspect in the business world today. But this big business can easily turn into a death trap for those that choose to ignore the responsibilities of safety precautions on the farm. Two years ago, a friend of my family was unaware of those safety precautions.



Vickie Smith

Suddenly, he found himself hospitalized because he had been caught violently in the chains of a combine. When the doctor told my family that our friend had lost his nose, an arm, a leg and most of his head, we began to question ourselves why better safety precautions had not been implemented on his farm. This man survived and was conscious for two weeks. Then he, too, became just another statistic for farm-related accidents and, consequently, deaths.

Throughout this speech, I am going to tell you about some safety precautions that can and should be implemented on your farm. I am going to show you how carelessness on the farm has cost people more than the agricultural business may ever hope to net. The price is life.

A national public opinion study shows that the number-one fear of parents in the United States is that their child will be kidnapped. In reality, accidents are the leading cause of death for children under 16. This is alarmingly true for farm kids.

Take, for example, David Virnig. Three years ago David was a typical 13-year-old boy who loved to help with the farm work. Then, on one October morning, his life changed in a few shattering seconds.

He was helping his brothers unload a silage wagon on the family farm near Hillman, Minnesota. When he reached for a switch across the PTO shaft, his shirt caught and he was dragged into the shaft.

Today, David is still much like other boys, except he has a pair of mechanical arms, with hooks for hands and sweatshirt with "Hookman" emblazoned on his back.

Since David's accident, his father has devised a safety guard for the silage box. He and his wife Marlene are facing huge medical bills which threaten to claim their farm of 21 years.

The sad reality is that David is not alone. According to national statistics, about 1,600 people are killed each year in farm-related accidents and at least 25,000 more are injured seriously.

By simply looking at these statistics, it is clear that certain steps must be initiated on the farm before an accident like David's occurs. We might stop and wonder what David's life would

be like if someone, anyone, would have taken the time to take the necessary safety precautions.

The first step in decreasing the number of lives lost because of farm-related accidents is education.

We as adults must take the responsibility for educating the children of the United States. Such education can come from three primary sources:

(1) Authority. As an adult on your farm, sit down with your children or teenagers who work for you and tell them exactly what farm equipment can harm them. Let them know that you care and express how important following safety rules and regulations is for their safety and for their lives.

(2) Awareness. Maralyne Adams was aware of how dangerous a gravity flow wagon could be...that is until she lost her 11 year-old-son.

Since that time, Maralyne has worked with FFA and 4-H members to help launch a group entitled, Farm Safety for "Just Kids." She has worked vigorously to educate students about farm safety by using a plastic model of a gravity flow wagon, demonstrating the dangers of such equipment. She is lobbying Ag in the Classroom officials to incorporate farm safety into the curriculum.

She states, "Many people in agriculture think accidents are the price you pay for being in farming. But don't tell me that life is the cost of doing business."

(3) Responsibility. Taking responsibility on your farm could someday save the life of a loved one. Fifteen farm safety tips require responsibility on your part. For instance, remember to store your chemicals and pesticides in locked areas, do not allow children to be extra riders on farm equipment and never allow children to operate farm machinery unless they have passed a safety course.

Although the three primary sources of education will not prevent every death or accident on the farm, the steps will reduce the risk that you or someone you love become another statistic.

Many people in today's society hold the attitude that a farm accident could never happen to them or someone they know. That was probably the attitude 15-year-old Scott had when a piece of baler twine hanging from a beam caught around his neck and choked him. Maybe that is what 2-year-old Jeffrey's father believed when he backed over his son with the tractor unknowingly.

If this is your attitude, then I sincerely hope that you have listened to this presentation, because through authority, awareness and responsibility, the life you save may be your own.

Kids are America's future, but what kind of future are we guaranteed if farm-related accidents continue to take their toll on this country's kids?



Casey Isom thanks U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Clayton Yeutter, for speaking to attendees at the National FFA Convention.

## Convention Speakers

Listening intently, laughing uncontrollably, thoughtfully reflecting... FFA members were motivated, entertained and challenged by the impressive slate of convention speakers. Among those appearing on stage were Clayton Yeutter, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture; Zig Ziglar, sponsored by DVB Enterprises; Joe Clark, sponsored by United Telephone Systems—Midwest Group; Miss America

Marjorie Vincent, sponsored by Chevrolet Motor Div.; Fred McClure, Assistant to President Bush for Legislative Affairs; W. Mitchell, sponsored by Farmland Industries, Inc.; Rich DeVos, President, Amway Corp.; Bobby Tucker, Executive Director, National Youth Department, BMA of America; and Chubby Checker, provided by the American Royal.

# National Officer Candidates

National officer candidates took part in an in-depth selection process lasting five days. An emotional roller-coaster ride for many, the week offered candidates a growth experience. Six of the 32 candidates were triumphantly called to the stage during Saturday's election; the rest turned toward home secure in the knowledge that they had reached the heights of FFA achievement.

**ALABAMA:** Shane Black, Athens  
**ARIZONA:** Amy D. Scott, Chinle  
**ARKANSAS:** Nina R. Laughlin, Conway  
**DELAWARE:** Shelly Jo Atha, Frankford  
**FLORIDA:** Wesley S. Davis, Vero Beach  
**GEORGIA:** Ben Nessmith, Statesboro  
**IDAHO:** Sara Braasch, Caldwell  
**ILLINOIS:** Jeffrey T. Beavers, Alexis  
**INDIANA:** Mark A. Timm, Fillmore  
**IOWA:** Bill A. Belzer, Albia  
**KANSAS:** Sandra Goering, Newton  
**MICHIGAN:** Bernie Stewart, Constanine

**MINNESOTA:** Christine A. Henning, Okabena  
**MISSISSIPPI:** Shawn Oliver, Weir  
**MISSOURI:** Christine M. Hart, Center  
**MONTANA:** Sara Hougen, Melstone  
**NEBRASKA:** Julie Dawn Classen, Ayr  
**NEVADA:** Jon A. George, Winnemucca  
**NEW MEXICO:** Ernest M. Cummings, Truth or Consequences  
**NEW YORK:** Jon Miller, Hamilton  
**NORTH DAKOTA:** Shane C. Goettle, Donnybrook  
**OHIO:** Laurie Sheridan, Athens

**OKLAHOMA:** Darryl J. Grellner, Kingfisher  
**PENNSYLVANIA:** Abraham Harpster, Spruce Creek  
**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Patrick E. Settle, Inman  
**TENNESSEE:** Kate Bell, Friendship  
**TEXAS:** Lesa Ann King, Howe  
**UTAH:** Nichole Phillips, Springville  
**VIRGINIA:** Matthew J. Lohr, Broadway  
**WASHINGTON:** Gene Giles, Kennewick  
**WISCONSIN:** Brian Roe, Madison  
**WYOMING:** Thea Slack, Kinnear



National officer candidates 1st row from left: Shane Black, Ala.; Nina R. Laughlin, Ark.; Amy Dawn Scott, Ariz.; Shelly Jo Atha, Del.; Wesley Scott Davis, Fla.; Ben Nessmith, Ga.; Bill A. Belzer, Iowa; 2nd row: Sara Braasch, Idaho; Jeffrey T. Beavers, Ill.; Mark A. Timm, Ind.; Sandra Goering, Kan.; Bernie Stewart, Mich.; Christine A. Henning, Minn.; Christine M. Hart, Mo.; 3rd row: Shawn Oliver, Miss.; Sara Hougen, Mont.; Shane C. Goettle, N.D.; Julie

Dawn Classen, Neb.; Ernest M. Cummings, N.M.; Jon Miller, N.Y.; Jon Aaron, George, Nev.; Laurie Sheridan, Ohio; 4th row: Darryl Grellner, Okla.; M. Abraham Harpster, Pa.; Patrick E. Settle, S.C.; Kate Bell, Tenn.; Lesa Ann King, Texas; Nichole Phillips, Utah; Matthew J. Lohr, Va.; 5th row: Gene Giles, Wash.; Brian Roe, Wis.; Thea Slack, Wyo.



Enthusiastic members of the Casey Isom fan club showed up in full force.

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**15 THINGS YOU CAN DO**

"Distribute recycling bins to both urban and rural families so everyone will think recycling."

— Brian Roe  
 National Officer Candidate  
 Monticello, Wisconsin

# 1990-91 National FFA Officers

**Mark Timm, 19, Fillmore, Ind.,** is the National FFA president for 1990-91. Timm, the son of Larry and Ruth Timm, is a member of the South Putnam FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Larry Bottorff.

Timm served as state FFA president in 1989-90. He was the state winner in the job interview, leadership and sales demonstration contests, and was a national FFA scholarship recipient.

Timm's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes a custom crop planting and cultivating business, and work placement on a farm and with a seed corn grower.

Timm will take a year's leave of absence from Purdue University where he is a freshman studying agricultural sales and marketing. He plans to continue his education after graduation to pursue a master's degree in business administration and then work for an agricultural company.

**Matthew Lohr, 19, Broadway, Va.,** was elected national FFA vice president for the eastern region. Lohr, the son of Gary and Ellen, is a member of the Broadway FFA Chapter. His local advisors are James Hively and Dennis Smith.

Lohr served as state president of the Virginia FFA Association and participated in speaking contests, skills contests and traveled to Germany on the FFA Work Experience Abroad Program.

Lohr's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes a large beef cattle operation and a poultry operation which annually produces two million broilers. He also raises corn, wheat, alfalfa and rye.

A freshman at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Lohr is studying agricultural education and poultry science, and plans to return to the family farming operation upon graduation.

**Lesa Ann King, 20, of Howe, Texas,** was elected national FFA vice president of the western region. King, the daughter of Joe and Katie King, is a member of the Howe FFA Chapter. Her local advisor is G.R. Riggins.

King served as state first vice president and area vice president. She also participated in parliamentary procedure and prepared public speaking contests, and traveled to Europe as part of FFA's Work Experience Abroad program.

King's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program included registered Charolais beef cattle, swine, oats, corn and forage crops. She recently incorporated embryo transplant technology into her beef cattle enterprise.

King will take a one-year leave of absence from Texas A&M University where she is majoring in agricultural economics and communications. After graduation, she plans to obtain a master's degree in international agricultural marketing and pursue a career in agricultural policy and international livestock marketing.



**Mark Timm**  
President  
South Putnam Chapter  
Indiana



**Danny Grellner**  
Secretary  
Kingfisher Chapter  
Oklahoma



**Matthew Lohr**  
Eastern Region Vice President  
Broadway Chapter  
Virginia



**Ben Nessmith**  
Southern Region Vice President  
Statesboro High Chapter  
Georgia



**Lesa Ann King**  
Western Region Vice President  
Howe Chapter  
Texas



**Julie Classen**  
Central Region Vice President  
Blue Hill Chapter  
Nebraska

**Danny Grellner, 20, Kingfisher, Okla.,** was elected national FFA secretary. Grellner, the son of Jim and Judy Grellner, is a member of the Kingfisher FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Kenny Beams. Grellner served as state president and state secretary.

He won the national prepared public speaking contest in 1988 and was the state winner in the Computers in Agriculture award program.

Grellner's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes raising stocker steers and commercial cows, as well as farm work placement.

Grellner will take a year's leave of absence from Oklahoma State University where he is a junior majoring in agricultural economics. After graduation, he plans to attend law school and work in international trade and law.

**Ben Nessmith, 24, Statesboro, Ga.,** was elected national FFA vice president of the southern region. Nessmith, the son of William and Carol Nessmith, is a member of the Statesboro High FFA Chapter. His local advisor is Walter Gibson.

Nessmith served as state vice president and participated in the public speaking and livestock judging contests. He was elected president of his chapter three consecutive years.

Nessmith's Supervised Agricultural Experience Program includes a purebred swine operation and farm placement. He has won many awards for his top-quality swine herd.

Nessmith will take a year's leave of absence from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He is a sophomore majoring in animal science and agricultural education. He plans upon graduation to teach agricultural education at the high school level.

**Julie Classen, 20, Ayr, Neb.,** was elected national FFA vice president for the central region. Classen, the daughter of Keith and Joan Classen, is a member of the Blue Hill FFA Chapter. Her local advisor is Duane Lienemann.

Classen served as state president of the Nebraska FFA Association. She has participated in various public speaking and skills contests during her FFA career.

For her Supervised Agricultural Experience program, Classen raises corn and alfalfa, and runs a feeder pig operation. She also owns two quarter horses and plans to continue raising colts to train and sell.

Classen attends the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and will take a year's leave of absence to fulfill her duties as a national officer. She is enrolled in the agricultural honors and agriscience program, and plans to work in agricultural public relations upon graduation.

## Nominating Committee Report

We, the nominating committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for national office. The committee nominates the following slate of candidates to the delegates of the 63rd National FFA Convention to serve as national officers for the year 1990-91.

**President:**

Mark Timm, Indiana

**Secretary:**

Danny Grellner, Oklahoma

Vice President Central Region:

Julie Classen, Nebraska

Vice President Eastern Region:

Matt Lohr, Virginia

Vice President Southern Region:

Ben Nessmith, Georgia

Vice President Western Region:

Lesa King, Texas

**National Treasurer:**

David A. Miller, Maryland

(through 12/31/90)

Charles L. Keels, North Carolina

(effective 1/1/90)

**National Executive Secretary:**

C. Coleman Harris

Washington, D.C.

**National Advisor:**

Larry D. Case, Washington, D.C.

**Respectfully submitted:**

James Comer, Ky. (Chair)

Geen Loeffen, Idaho (Co-Chair)

Sara S. Ryan, Ohio (Secretary)

David Acheson, Neb.

Jody Bickel, Va.

Allen Butler, Miss.

Chris Harral, Ark.

Marte Nesheim, N.D.

Timothy Norris, Wash.

Eldon E. Witt (Consultant)

Stacy A. Gartin (Consultant)

Sidney E. Koon, Jr. (Consultant)



As FFA members headed home, they looked to the future with great expectations. See you next year! 64th National FFA Convention, Nov. 14-16, 1991.