

New VISIONS



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Summer Conference to Revitalize Association's Strategic Plan

It's time to take the next step for the National FFA Alumni Association's future, and that involves some strategic planning. Alumni leaders are in the process of developing an action plan to guarantee they can measure and maintain accountability toward accomplishing the association's long-range goals (see sidebar below). The action plan will be released during the National FFA



The action plan will measure accountability towards the association's goals.

Alumni Development Conference (formerly known as State Leaders Conference), July 14-18 in Rock Island, Ill., which will be hosted by the National and Illinois FFA Alumni Associations. Participants will be asked to prioritize their local affiliates' goals and major challenges. For more information on the strategic plan, visit the website at www.ffa.org/alumni or contact us at alumni@ffa.org.

Long Range Goals

Two long range goals were set for the national association, and with the help of members and volunteer supporters, it can become a reality.

1. Every FFA chapter has an active and fully engaged FFA Alumni affiliate at the local level by 2020.
2. Become leaders in advocacy for agricultural education by 2020.

Study Leads to Need for Affiliates

A study completed in 2008 concluded that Alumni programs have a large impact on the sustainability of an agricultural education program. It also found that the role of an Alumni program needs to be reviewed, determining the maximum scope it can have on local agricultural education programs. An effective local Alumni affiliate/volunteer group supports teachers by allowing them to effectively "take the reins" of an agriculture program, which inevitably reduces the turnover rate among new teachers. The extra "arms and legs" of an effective local Alumni affiliate/volunteer support group can reduce work load, time commitment, and overwhelming feelings to which even seasoned teachers

are subjected and which can lead to burnout and ultimately teacher resignation. This analysis led to the first strategic goal.

Continual Advocacy Key to Future

In order for agricultural education to maintain a strong presence, and further a competitive curriculum, changes need to be made. Advocacy can no longer happen; it must be planned and executed by all stakeholders on all levels of Team Ag Ed. It must become a process not a single event. If the profession is able to accomplish this feat, the future of agricultural education will continue to look bright. This became the basis for our second strategic goal.



Together we can and are making a difference!

But the National FFA Alumni Association cannot do it without you! If you are an annual member, now is the time to renew your membership. To renew, send an e-mail to alumni@ffa.org with the wording "Membership Renewal" in the subject line or visit www.ffa.org/alumni to download the membership form, which can be found under the membership tab.

Calendar 2010

Important Dates to Remember

Dates listed are when items must be postmarked to the national office. Check with your state leader(s) for individual state deadlines.

May 15

- Turn in rosters and dues to qualify for awards and delegate counts
- Legion of Merit applications

June 1

- Alumni Development Conference (formerly SLC) registration

June 15

- Campbell's Barn Preservation applications (tentative)

July 1

- Local Program Support Grant applications
- Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate, Outstanding State Affiliate, Outstanding Achievement, National Distinguished Contributor, Website, and Newsletter applications, and Scrapbooks
- Council nomination applications

July 15

- Auction donation forms for items to appear in catalog

July 14-18

- Alumni Development Conference (formerly SLC) in Illinois

October 20-22

- Alumni Silent Benefit Auction, Indianapolis, Ind.

October 21-22

- Alumni Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.

October 22

- Alumni Live Benefit Auction, Indianapolis, Ind.

Please visit the FFA Alumni website at www.ffa.org/alumni to download updated award applications. Send requests for forms to pmcdonald@ffa.org or phone 317-802-4332 to have forms mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

ROUND TABLE

Who Am I and Why Am I at FFA?

FFA COO explains his background and vision for National FFA Alumni Association by 2015

I had the good fortune to be a part of a wonderful, close family that lived and worked on a farm in Kentucky. Our family had 25 beef cows, 50 sows, chickens, one milk cow, and too many acres of tobacco. I worked hard, and farming provided a livelihood and a future. In school, agricultural education and FFA were focal points for our community.

Participating in FFA was a wonderful experience. There is no doubt that FFA made a positive difference in my life then, and it still does to-day. My advisor, Mr. Fowler, was a great mentor who helped us grow in confidence and leadership. I served as chapter treasurer, president, and district vice president. I was an alternate on the state winning livestock judging team and presided over the state winning parliamentary procedure team my senior year.

During college and the early years of my career, I became disconnected from FFA. Later, I found myself on the National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board, serving as chair in 2005 and being thrilled to deliver comments on the national FFA convention stage. Now, after 33 years in the animal nutrition industry, I've come full circle in my current role as chief operating officer of the National FFA Organization. It is an honor to serve.

Importance of Active, Collegiate, and Alumni Membership

Each type of membership offers opportunities to stay engaged with FFA. Our goal is to see all of them grow. My vision is to have one million active members, 100,000

collegiate members, three million Alumni members, and an Alumni affiliate for every FFA chapter by 2015. The National FFA Board of Directors recently approved development of an ambitious Mission-Based Performance Network that will allow us to track student success and ensure connectivity and lifetime relationships with FFA. Local, state, and national programs can grow dramatically with this type of membership base and support.

What Will It Take?

FFA Alumni will play a key role in reconnecting former FFA members and helping communities see the benefits of strong agricultural education programs and FFA chapters. Alumni affiliates can assist local chapters by contributing their time and resources, but the National FFA Organization also needs your help. In the coming months, Alumni and FFA leaders want to hear the Alumni voice. You can start by sending us your best ideas for creating and strengthening Alumni affiliates to alumni@ffa.org. We will

also need suggestions for keeping FFA members engaged long after they retire their jackets and for fostering strong relationships with community members. Tell us when we are doing things right, but let us know when improvements can be made. Working together

we will reach more students, every day, in every classroom.

W. Dwight Armstrong

Dwight Armstrong
Chief Operating Officer
National FFA Organization



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Vision

The vision of the National FFA Alumni Association is a world where people and communities grow and develop to their fullest potential.

Mission

The mission of the National FFA Alumni Association is to secure the promise of FFA and agricultural education by creating an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.**

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Impact FFA: The Power of Women in Agriculture Giving as One



Impact FFA is a women's giving circle designed to support programs through pooled resources and to demonstrate the power of women assembled with a common purpose.

Forty years ago, FFA took a bold step that forever changed the organization: It invited young women to join. Women have made a lasting impact on the organization, and FFA has offered many new opportunities for them. Today 47 percent of FFA student leaders are women. The 40th anniversary was an occasion to assemble FFA Alumni and women in agribusiness to make a positive difference in the lives of students.

Inspired by the 40th anniversary year of women joining FFA, the National FFA Foundation is providing a new opportunity to demonstrate the power of women in agriculture. **Impact FFA** is a women's giving circle designed to support programs through pooled resources and to demonstrate the power of women assembled with a common purpose.

The goal of Impact FFA is to award **high impact gifts** totaling \$100,000 or more to at least one National FFA program or project. A donation of this magnitude may be in hearts of most individual women, but it may be beyond their means. Collectively, they can make this level of contribution if each gives \$1,000. Impact FFA circle members will review a minimum of five projects and determine where the funds can make the greatest impact.

Foundation staff are excited to create a community of well-informed women to raise the level of philanthropy for the National FFA Organization. They firmly believe that FFA members will be encouraged as they see the power of women to support FFA programs.



Join the Impact FFA circle in pooling your resources and experiencing "The Power of Women Giving as One." If you have questions or would like more information about Impact FFA, contact Bobbi Donahue at **317-802-4297** or bdonahue@ffa.org.



A Personal Letter from Samuel Cornthwaite:



What the Alumni Has Done for Me

This year at the National FFA Alumni Convention I was privileged to serve as a volunteer with the National FFA Alumni Association. As I was sitting with several volunteers and some of the Alumni staff, I couldn't help but recall and imagine what the FFA Alumni has done for me.

I started off with Alumni members' help in getting me to contests—I was on our state agricultural sales team for three years, including competing at the national FFA convention one year and in a half

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dozen others [events] each year. Then my thoughts turned to the trips I've taken. I've attended state convention every year, three trips to the national FFA convention, and once to the Washington Leadership Conference. Alumni even supported me in a trip to China with 49 other state officers.

I stopped for a moment to think about the financial costs I could have endured without their support. I slowly began to realize that I would not have had these opportunities if it had not been for the support of Shields Valley FFA Alumni members. There's a quote that says it best: "There is no greater moment than one invested in helping someone." I am positive that FFA Alumni *don't just say it, they live it, and do it.*

Sincerely,

Samuel Cornthwaite
Past Montana FFA Treasurer (2008-2009)

Editor's Note: Sam Cornthwaite is from the Shields Valley FFA Chapter, served as the Montana FFA Treasurer for 2008-2009, and is currently active in the FFA Alumni on the local, state, and national levels.

FFA Alumni Members in the News



Miller Receives State Award

David Miller, center, of Frederick, Md., received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland Agricultural Teachers Association during its recent state conference awards banquet. Presenting the award from the teachers association were Mike Harrington (L), state president, and Aaron Geiman (R), president-elect. The award recognizes individuals with high achievement in agricultural education at the local, state, and national levels over a lifetime.

Have you recently received an award or recognition from a community or professional organization for service to FFA, FFA Alumni, or agricultural education? Send a photo and description of your award to alumni@ffa.org.

You Can Make It Happen at the 2010 National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions!

Wondering how you can begin to live this year's Alumni theme? Start with the National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions!

You can make it happen in two ways:

Help spread the word! Alumni members and supporters annually raise thousands of dollars for student Washington Leadership Conference and collegiate scholarships. It can't be done without donations and bidders. Invite **EVERYONE** to participate: Your friends, fami-

ly, FFA chapter, and colleagues. Inform them about this opportunity to support FFA and touch the lives of students from across the country either by donating or bidding. Auction bidding no longer requires bidders to be physically present at the national FFA convention. Now everyone can participate in the live benefit auction via the Internet!

Donate and bid yourself! Your personal involvement in the auction will result in increased revenues and additional support, regardless of whether you are a winning bidder. This annual event will be held October 20-22 at the 2010 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. The live auction will simultaneously be broadcasted via the Internet, so watch for further details on how you can participate in the auction from home!

Donation forms received by July 15 will be included in the auction promotional catalog.

Visit www.ffa.org/alumni to download a donation form and to find additional auction information, or contact alumni@ffa.org or 317-802-4294.

**Become personally involved:
Invite others to participate;
donate and bid yourself!**

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FFA Alumni and Campbell Soup Company Pair Up to Preserve American Icons

Officials of the Campbell Soup Company, FFA Alumni, and FFA members will be wielding paint brushes and hammers as they begin to renovate five notable barns around the country. The barns, which were selected by the public through an online vote as part of Campbell's "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign, will be renovated and preserved this spring,

beginning in March. More than 350,000 votes were cast for the ten nominated barns.

Those barns selected include Providence Grove High School in Climax, N.C.; The Bowers School Farm in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; The Just Wait and See Farm in Union Bridge, Md.; The Dull Family Farm in Thorntown, Ind.; and The Augie Fudala Farm in Bark River, Mich. Five other barns nominated were The Rolling Hills Century Farm in Staunton, Va.; The Farm on St. Mathias in Brainerd, Minn.; Eureka Farm in Lewis, Iowa; The Neil B. McPhail Farm in Seneca, S.C.; and the Gregory Farm in White Hall, Ill.

Campbell's is dedicated to the future of the American agricultural industry, and the "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign is testament to that endeavor. Throughout the campaign, Campbell has donated a total of \$500,000 to the National FFA Organization to promote educational programs that help stu-

dents explore the many opportunities that modern agriculture offers to the future leaders in the industry.

You can view the current barns and details about the "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign at www.helpgrowyoursoup.com and on facebook.



FFA Alumni, FFA members, Campbell's Soup officials pose in front of the last of the five barns completed in May 2009 as part of last year's restoration projects. The Reynolds family barn shown here is located in Corfu, N.Y., and presents a fitting tribute to family farming and community camaraderie, which are a hallmark of the "Help Grow Your Soup" campaign.



**The "Help Grow Your
Soup" campaign is
dedicated to the future of
agricultural education.**

The 2010 FFA Alumni Development Conference

July 14-18, Rock Island, Illinois

Conference Welcomes All Members

A new name, new logo, new exciting workshops, and a new site are just a few reasons why every FFA Alumni member should attend the dynamic four-day conference designed to bring local and state FFA Alumni leaders together

to absorb ideas and become the best Alumni advocate they can be! The 2009-2010 National FFA

Alumni Council voted for a fresh new name for the association's summer conference, formerly known as the State Leaders Conference. The new name, FFA Alumni Development Conference (ADC), is more inclusive and welcoming to all Alumni members.



Conference Focuses on Technology, Affiliate Involvement

Participants will visit many attractions in the area, including an ethanol plant, the Historic Arsenal Island, and much more. Tours will give participants a glimpse of the agriculture, economics, and landscape of the state,

while featuring local FFA chapters. Workshops for the 2010 conference enforce the theme "You

Make It Happen!" Two tracks will focus on how members can make the most of technology and of their affiliate at every stage. Participants will be asked to share their knowledge through networking and educational activities during social engagements, which will provide an

environment for learning, friendship, relaxation, and fun.

Registration, Expenses

With their registration, participants will receive conference supplies, local transportation, four nights/five days of hotel stay (double occupancy), and the majority of meals. (See cost breakdown below). Transportation to/from the conference site is the responsibility of the attendee. Each state association may send one official representative who pays a reduced fee; the balance is covered by a \$200 ADC grant awarded by the National FFA Alumni Association. Additional Alumni members are encouraged to attend! Spouses and families are welcome to attend for a special fee, which includes lodging, tours, group meals, and social activities.

Online Registration Available April-June

Online conference registration will be available on the Alumni website at www.ffa.org/alumni from April 1 through June 1. Conference fees must be paid at the time of registration. There will be a \$50 fee for any cancellation received June 2-15, 2010; after June 15, 2010, no refund will be issued. FFA Alumni members are asked to contact their state's Alumni leaders or visit the National FFA Alumni website at www.ffa.org/alumni for details, including a tentative schedule and registration information.

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Conference Fees (Based on Double Occupancy)

Participant:	\$400
Official State Representative: (A National FFA Alumni grant covers the remaining cost of the conference for one official representative per state. Contact your state's Alumni leaders to determine availability.)	\$200
Non-Participant: (Spouses and families are welcome to attend. Fees include most meals and special events and is based on hotel occupancy with participant.)	
Adult:	\$350
Children 14 and under:	\$300
Single Room Occupancy Additional Fee:	\$250

Making Travel Arrangements

Participants are encouraged to make travel arrangements to arrive at the event hotel between 3 p.m. (hotel check-in time) and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, and depart by check-out time (Noon) on Sunday, July 18. Air travel should be arranged to the Moline/Quad City International Airport (Airport code MLI). Alternative airports include Peoria, Rockford, or Des Moines Airports. Amtrak is also available. Visit www.amtrak.com and enter final destination: Moline, Ill. The 2010 ADC conference kickoff dinner and opening session will begin at 6 p.m. on July 14.



2009 State Leaders Conference Impressions—Colorado



Jim McCray, Illinois
Eastern Region Representative
National FFA Alumni Council

"I went to Colorado hoping to help our state and to see the mountains. I came back with new goals for myself, our chapter, and our state council that hopefully will put us at the top of our own mountain. I anticipated meeting some new people and hopefully picking up a few ideas.

"The information presented was both entertaining and helpful in the growth of our local chapter and state organization. We discovered that other affiliates were experiencing some of the same issues, but the approach they were taking was more successful than the one we were taking. The new ideas alone made the trip worthwhile.

"I also discovered 125 people from all over the country who were passionate about agricultural education. The social time on the bus, or over dinner, was spent meeting new friends. Friends that were not only willing to share their success over those three days, but also three months later on the phone or in a e-mail."

"I strongly encourage you to attend the 2010 ADC in Illinois, so you and your affiliate can reap the benefits that I and my affiliate did."

Association News

WLC Scholarships

The 2010 National FFA Alumni Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) scholarships were mailed to local and state FFA Alumni associations at the end of January. This year, based on the 2009 State Leaders Conference fundraising, special projects and local and state FFA alumni members from the previous membership year, the association is able to present 159 WLC scholarships. To view the scholarships received in your state and the state contact, visit www.ffa.org/alumni. Encourage FFA members in your state to apply for these scholarships and contact the state FFA Alumni association for application procedures and deadlines. The National FFA Alumni Association's goal is to award all 159 scholarships to FFA members who will make a difference in their chapters and communities!

Alumni Intern Needed!

The National FFA Alumni Association is seeking a qualified individual for a six-month internship (approx. June through December) at the National FFA Center in Indianapolis, Ind. The position offers a student the opportunity to work on nationally-coordinated programs such as the Harvest for America food drive, assist with the summer leadership conference, and coordinate many facets of the national FFA Alumni convention. The job description for the position and applications can be found at www.ffa.org/alumni. **Applications must be received by April 15, 2010.**

Council Nominations

Applications are currently being accepted for the Central and Western Region Representative positions on the National FFA Alumni Council. The positions are for three-year terms, which run from 2010 to 2013. Elections for these positions will be held at the national convention business session on Friday, October 22. Contact current council members to learn more about council activity and impact or visit www.ffa.org/alumni and click on the Alumni Council tab. For a summary of responsibilities and required meetings, contact alumni@ffa.org or 317-802-4332. To obtain an application, visit www.ffa.org/alumni.

Convention News

Convention Judge Nominations

The National FFA Organization is accepting volunteer judge nominations for Teacher Awards and National Chapter Awards at the 2010 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. The judging for these events will occur from Wednesday, October 20 to Friday, October 22. (Convention judging is voluntary. FFA is unable to cover expenses for the judges.) Visit www.ffa.org/documents/conv_judgenom-form.pdf for a nomination form. Mail completed forms to the national office **by June 1, 2010.**

Housing Update

The national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions will soon be here. If you are planning to attend, you can make your hotel reservation beginning May 1, 2010, (please do not make reservations before this date). FFA Alumni members are encouraged to secure housing with their local FFA chapters.

FFA News

National FFA Commemorative Coin Act

U.S. Senate Bill #S.1553 and U.S. House of Representatives Bill #H.3464 will seek a U.S.-minted commemorative coin honoring the 85th anniversary of the National FFA Organization in 2012. In order for these bills to emerge from committee, FFA must list 67 Senate co-sponsors and 290 House co-sponsors—a two-thirds majority in each house. If you would like to see FFA immortalized and honored on a U.S. coin, contact your senators and congressional representatives and urge them to co-sponsor these bills. Here's what to do:

- Visit the NAAE website: www.naae.org.
- Enter your ZIP code in the "Contact Congress" block in the homepage left margin.
- Go to "Issues and Legislation."
- Select "The National FFA Commemorative Coin Act" (under Current Action Alerts).
- Read the Action Alert.
- Complete the editable message.
- Send it to your two senators and one representative.

Teachers and Alumni members: contacting and writing your local congressional representatives would make a great civics event as part of an FFA activity or agriculture class!

For other valuable and timely updates and information, monitor the National FFA Alumni Association website at www.ffa.org/alumni.

NAAE News



Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Ag Ed Program Winners

The National FFA Alumni Association annually sponsors an award that recognizes middle/secondary agricultural education programs that are members of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). FFA Alumni members can nominate their teachers for the award. After completing an application and winning state, regional, and national level competitions, 10 teachers were recognized for running some of the nation's best programs. National FFA Alumni President Diane Amera is shown here presenting the 2009 winners with their awards at the NAAE conference in Nashville, Tenn. Bottom row (L-R): Jessica Weisbart, Buena Park High School; Alice DuBois, Ponchatoula High School; Mark Zee, Marshfield Middle and High School; Melanie Block, Ravenna High School; and Anthony "Clark" Adams, West Rowan High School. Top row (L-R): Deb Seibert, Manheim Central High School; Heather Anderson, Manheim Central High School; Diane Amera; Tim Heeg, Marshfield Middle and High School; and Jason Chester, West Rowan High School. Not pictured: Donna Heinrich, Ponchatoula High School.

Illinois Agricultural Organizations Join to Share Common Interests

History was made on February 5-6, 2010, in Springfield, Ill., among two prominent Illinois agricultural organizations. The Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) and Illinois FFA Alumni Association partnered this year by conjoining conferences to network and build camaraderie among collegiate students and adult volunteers who share a passion for agriculture.

Meetings Offer Networking with Industry Professionals

Many former PAS students and parents are also FFA Alumni members and were delighted to see both groups work together towards building membership and networking with industry professionals. While both groups held their own respective meetings and contests, joint meal functions and award ceremonies were held, which focused on both organizations, hosted the final college bowl competition, and allowed participants to initiate new contacts in agriculture. Friday evening many attendees heard a three-man band and danced the evening away.



Illinois Alumni council members Janet Rigg (L) and Jim McCray (R) sort through items donated for the auction. The Illinois FFA Alumni auction raised more than \$35,000 this year to go towards scholarships and FFA members.

Joint Auction Raises Funds for Scholarships

About 250 from both groups attended the conferences. In addition to the caucus meetings, business sessions, and career program areas, the culminating activity was the live auction on Saturday afternoon. The silent and live auctions raised more than \$35,000 to be used for scholarships. Some FFA Alumni members served as judges for the PAS career development events while PAS members learned the importance of the FFA Alumni support and how they could become members. The joint conference was an exciting fun-filled two-day event that has sparked future endeavors by both organizations' leaders.



Emily DeSchepper, a ROWVA FFA member, assists the Illinois FFA Alumni Association by selling ATV raffle tickets during the Alumni/PAS Annual meeting. The Illinois Alumni sponsors an ATV raffle each year. The raffle ticket sales begin during the annual meeting and the ATV will be given away during the FFA convention in June. FFA chapter members sell the tickets for the Alumni until the convention. Alumni rebate 40 percent of chapter ticket sales back to respective chapters for them to use as needed. The activity is a win-win raffle for both the state Alumni and local FFA chapters.

For more details on the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization, visit www.nationalpas.org.



Jake Ekstrand (L), PAS member, and Adam Herwig (R), Illinois FFA treasurer, examine the Illinois FFA Alumni display.



During the annual meeting, the five districts that comprise the state, have the opportunity to hold a caucus. Shown are some of the members during the District IV caucus meeting. An advantage to having the joint Alumni/PAS meeting was the opportunity it allowed for PAS members to attend the caucus meeting of their home districts.



Caroline Bremer (L), Illinois FFA vice president, chats with an Alumni member. In the background are PAS and Alumni members in conversation waiting for the start of the joint kick-off banquet.



Clay Zwilling and Austin Ashby (both on L), dual PAS and Alumni members, are holding a friendly conversation in front of the PAS display with a fellow Alumni member. Ashby was later elected to serve as the PAS president for 2010.

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2009-2010 National FFA Alumni Council

Visit www.ffa.org/alumni and click on the Alumni Council tab for contact information and a photo to identify members of the 2009-2010 National FFA Alumni Council listed below.

Diane Amera	President
Sam Atherton	Past-President
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Johnny F. Jones	Southern Region Representative
Dan Classen	Central Region Representative
Steve Olson	Member-at-Large
Anita Schneider	Member-at-Large
Brady Revels	Past National FFA Officer Representative
Regina Holliday	Past National FFA Officer Representative
Kimberly Henderson	National FFA Representative
Allison E. Keggan	National FFA Representative
Dr. John Ricketts	AAAE Representative
Chip Bridges	NASAE Representative
David A. Black	NAAE Representative

Applications are currently being accepted for the Central and Western Region Representative positions on the National Council. See page 6 for more details.



A column designed to provide useful ideas, tips, and advice to build strong Alumni affiliates that support agricultural education programs and FFA chapters.

Kansas: Raising Cash with Trash



The Winfield, Kan., FFA Alumni affiliate has a unique fundraiser that involves trash. In fact, it is the affiliate's annual biggest fundraiser. During the Cowley County Fair in August, FFA Alumni members twice a day empty trash cans located throughout the midway, campgrounds, rodeo arena,

and the 4-H buildings. They also pick up trash in the grandstands after each event and every evening. FFA chapter members also assist when they are not showing livestock or attending to their other fair entries. Winfield Alumni secretary/treasurer LeAnn Bauman says the fundraiser involves little expense and an area business owner donates several packages of gloves for members to use in handling the trash. The affiliate provides the bags. Contact: LeAnn Bauman, 620-262-6440 and chiefsfan82@yahoo.com.



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