

FFA Alumni Association

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DISPLAY AN FFA ALUMNI FLAG



Pictured above, President Phyllis Sokolosky is shown admiring the FFA Alumni flag with Raymond Cockrum, State FFA Alumni Advisor in Oklahoma and National Council member. President Sokolosky states, "It is the season for conventions, summer leadership camps, and many other FFA-FFA Alumni activities." Your president encourages you to fly the FFA Alumni flag or use the flag as a banner at these local events. She also encourages you to let the community know about your local activities through newspaper articles, radio, and television. "Press On' for the FFA Alumni and make our local affiliates even greater through our summer activities." The FFA Alumni flag may be purchased through the Supply Service for \$50.00-Item number ALF-3.

THE NATIONAL FFA HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

"The National FFA Hall of Achievement will not only show FFA's golden past but will serve as a training center for an even brighter future full of leadership." This statement, made by Peg Armstrong, past National FFA Officer and Alumni life member, expresses the expectations of many Alumni for the new Hall of Achievement to be dedicated this summer. This project will depict the FFA history and story of agriculture. In addition to exhibits, a resource library will be included in the National FFA Hall of Achievement.

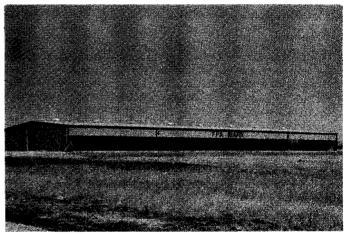
All FFA Alumni Affiliates are challenged to contribute to this project. Your FFA Alumni Affiliate could pledge to match, dollar for dollar, contributions made by your local FFA Chapter. This pledge will not only allow FFA Alumni to contribute but will challenge your FFA Chapter. All contributors will be listed in the Hall of Achievement.

We know that all FFA Alumni will be most proud of the National FFA Hall of Achievement, and they will all find that their contributions have been well spent. Contributions should be mailed to the National FFA Foundation, P. O. Box 5117, 310 North Midvale Boulevard, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

1981 WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Washington Conference Program is operated by the National FFA. The conferences are designed for FFA Officers and Advisors to gain appreciation for our nation's great heritage and to participate in leadership and personal development workshops. This year the National FFA Alumni has offered twentyfour scholarships valued at \$225 each to cover the total registration fee for this conference. States are awarded one scholarship for each 500 active Alumni members. States receiving scholarships for 1981 are Wisconsin 9, Oklahoma 4, Ohio 3, Missouri 2, Illinois 2, Nebraska 1, Minnesota 1, Virginia 1, and Kansas 1.

OWASSO ALUMNI DEDICATED SHOW BARN



On February 27, the Owasso, Oklahoma, Alumni dedicated an 80- by 200-foot metal building on a 10-acre site. The barn will house FFA project animals and serve as a show arena for FFA events. The FFA Alumni received the land as a donation and raised over \$60,000 for the building. Owasso Alumni President, E. J. Cook, stated that everyone had an opportunity to be a part of this project. The Alumni members are now raising money for the construction of pens and stalls on their 10-acre site joining the Owasso High School.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981 GOAL
12,396	13,582	14,452	16,011	18,565	21,000
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1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	GOAL
869	1,148	1,560	1,960	2,450	2,800

Help us grow and we will present you with the FFA Alumni Legion of Merit Award. Sign up ten new members, five life members, or five executive sponsors and you are eligible to win this award. Notify the National Office for an award application. We need your help in reaching our 1981 membership goal.

SUMMER INTERN SELECTED

The FFA Alumni Committee on Government Summer Intern for 1981 will be Keith Coble from Missouri. After reviewing a number of excellent applicants, he was selected for this outstanding educational internship. The summer internship of eleven weeks is designed to give the intern experience with Congress, U. S. D. A., and the Department of Education. Congressman Wes Watkins of Oklahoma and Chairman of the Congressional Rural Caucus has cooperated with the FFA Alumni in allowing the intern to serve as a Rural Caucus intern on a part-time basis. This gives the Alumni intern the benefits of Congressional seminars and other Congressional educational activities. The FFA Alumni intern program has not only proven to be an outstanding educational activity but has given vocational agriculture additional visibility in Congress and around Washington, D. C.

FALL INTERN PROGRAM APPROVED

A fall intern program in the governmental affairs area for 1981 has been approved. The program will offer a \$750 scholarship to the individual selected to serve as the fall intern. The individual may receive college course credits for the intern activities. The intern program, starting in September, will be in cooperation with the Congressional Rural Caucus giving the intern all Congressional intern educational benefits. Anyone interested in the FFA Alumni fall intern program should contact the National FFA Alumni Office immediately. The Alumni Committee on Government hopes to make its selection by June 1.

NATIONAL COUNCIL VOTES TO GIVE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

The National FFA Alumni Council voted at its last meeting to give one scholarship for each 250 active Alumni members in a local affiliate to cover the Washington Leadership Conference registration fee for an FFA member. The scholarship, presently valued at \$225, will be based on 1981 affiliate membership. The scholarships for affiliates are in addition to the ones being provided to State Associations.

FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE IN ACTION

The Silver City, New Mexico, FFA Alumni Affiliate, chartered in September 1979, has accomplished many support activities. According to Chet Brown, their President, the following have been achieved. A one-acre tract of land was donated by Alumni members for FFA members to use for their livestock projects. Alumni and FFA members built pens, feed sheds, feeders and supplied water and fencing for this great support activity. The Alumni also raised approximately \$1,200 from a raffle to purchase a livestock tilt table for the FFA. The FFA and Alumni joined together to run the concession at the County Fair which gave another \$700 to the FFA. The FFA Alumni gave \$600 for the FFA delegation to attend the 1980 National FFA Convention and \$310 to their chaperon. This money was raised by the Alumni at a concession held each month at community ropings. Other activities have included providing refreshments for a local dance, providing two scholarships of \$200, sponsoring a surprise pizza party following the FFA caroling activity, assisting with judging of FFA contests, providing local awards and challenging the FFA to a baseball game. In summary Mr. Brown states, "We have had a most enjoyable and profitable year. We have exceeded our goals."

This affiliate is only one of hundreds of local affiliates which are proving the value of FFA Alumni support.

GRANTON FFA ALUMNI HELPS WITH FFA WEEK CELEBRATION

The 108 FFA Alumni at Granton, Wisconsin, sponsored an allschool assembly program featuring a live orchestra and called it "Fun After Farming." A half-hour dance followed the concert. This most unusual event was a great success, according to vocational agriculture instructor and FFA Alumni member, Francis Steiner.

ACTIVE AFFILIATE STATUS

A new constitutional amendment stipulates that local affiliates are eligible to maintain affiliation status provided they have at least ten paid national members. This constitutional amendment, approved last fall by a membership vote of 661 to 89, becomes effective this year. All affiliates not maintaining at least ten paid members (including life) will lose their affiliation with the National Association at the end of 1981.

States must maintain at least fifty members as established in this same constitutional amendment.

The non-profit tax exempt group exemption status offered to all active FFA Alumni chartered affiliates can only be extended to groups maintaining the above minimums.

ESTATE PLANNING

The disposition of your estate is primarily *under your control.* To plan your estate-outline your objectives.

Four objectives you might consider:

- Financial security for the owner of the estate. You should carefully guard against moving into a position where insufficient assets are available for your current and future expected uses.
- Provide for the orderly transfer of assets. While financial security is perhaps the overriding objective, the next generation should be provided an opportunity to take over the going business intact in an orderly fashion.
- Be equitable. Equitable division does not necessarily mean equal division. Some heirs may have contributed much more than others to the creation of an estate, while others, due to age or some handicap, need special attention.
- 4. Minimize death tax and probate costs. Holding these costs to a minimum will result in the maximum conservation of the estate. Gifting can be a good tool to reduce the estate, thus lowering taxes, and promote the financial security of the donee.

We do encourage you to consider the Future Farmers of America as one benefactor in planning your estate objectives. For information and/or help, write or call:

Mr. Bernie L. Staller

or Mr. Kim A. Havens National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee Office P. O. Box 5117 Madison, Wisconsin 53705

1-608-238-4222

REVISION OF ALUMNI SLIDE-TAPE PRESENTATION

The National FFA will be revising the slide-tape presentation entitled "It's Happening," which is designed to assist with chartering local affiliates. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company will sponsor the revision, which is scheduled to be completed by this summer.

The slide-tape presentation called "It's Working" (produced last year) is available by contacting your State FFA Alumni officers. This production depicts the National FFA Alumni program of activities.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 2,546. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon your death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. For those Life Members who do not designate otherwise, their \$100 will automatically be designated to the permanent trust fund as a memorial to the Life Member upon his or her death. As a Life Member, you will receive a special Life Membership card, Life Membership certificate, and lifetime subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter.

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FFA ALUMNI SALUTES THE 1981 EXECUTIVE SPONSORS

The following have contributed at least \$100 for the 1981 Executive Sponsor Program as an investment toward the vocational agriculture-FFA program. The Executive Sponsor funds directly support the prestigious Star Greenhand, Star Farmer, and Star Agribusinessman Award Programs and the FFA Alumni Association. FFA Alumni are encouraged to become Executive Sponsors. More information is available from your National Headquarters.

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The National FFA Alumni Council members are serving our Association by sharing their outstanding leadership and expertise. We thought you would be interested in knowing more about your leaders.

Phyllis J. Sokolosky-President-Owasso, Oklahoma Spouse's Name: D. M. "Soc' Children: Dee 23, Noble 21, Ann 18, and Sue 16 Occupation: Homemaker Spouse's Occupation: Retired Pharmacist and Real Estate Developer Hobbies: Gardening, School, Church and Community Involvement, Entertaining in the Home, and Working wth Young People Harold D. Lineberry-Vice President and Southern Region Rep.-Nashville, Tennessee Spouse's Name: Wanda Children: Shirley Adrianne 23 Occupation: Director of Field Services, Tennessee Education Association Spouse's Occupation: Financial Specialist, Management Recruiters of Nashville, Inc. Hobbies: Knife Collecting, Stamp Collecting, and Fishing Floyd J. Doering-Past President-Madison, Wisconsin Spouse's Name: Betty Children: Barbara 33 and Mary 28 Occupation: State Supervisor, Agriculture Education/State FFA Advisor Spouse's Occupation: Homemaker Hobbies: Fishing and Public Speaking LaVerne Nelson-Western Region Rep.-Graham, Washington Spouse's Name: Rod Children: Kirby 23, Craig 21, twins Curt and Chris 19, and Jodi 17 Occupation: Homemaker and Substitute Teacher Spouse's Occupation: Electrical Engineer Hobbies: Kids (all ages), Crocheting, Calligraphy, Sewing, Quilting, Crafts, Reading, and Church Work Ozzie S. Gilbertson-Teacher Educator Rep.-Lincoln, Nebraska Spouse's Name: Kay Children: Deanna 22, Marsha 19, and Bradley 13 Occupation: Professor/Head, Agriculture Education Dept., University of Nebraska Spouse's Occupation: Homemaker

Hobbies: Spectator Sports and Barbershop Singing

Eldon E. Witt-FFA Executive Secretary Rep.-Roanoke, Illinois Spouse's Name: Mary Lou Children: Brian Lynn 29

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Doug Rinker-Past National FFA President-Blacksburg, Virginia Occupation: College Student (Majoring in Ag. Education) Hobbies: Woodworking, Racquetball, and Church Activities

Mark Herndon-National FFA President-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Occupation: College Student (Majoring in Ag Economics) Hobbies: Enjoys Working with Christian Young People and Church Activities

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