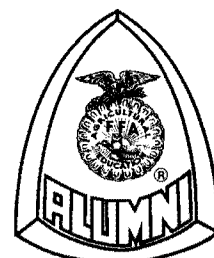


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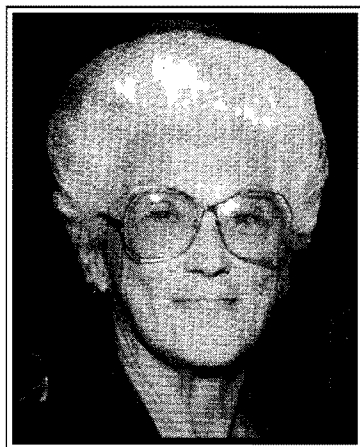


"FFA Alumni—
Supporters of Agricultural Education"

SUMMER 1994

President's Message

June Dean, Owasso, Oklahoma



Isn't it gratifying to know that by your involvement in the FFA Alumni you are helping young people to gain the knowledge and skills they will need to lead American Agriculture into the 21st Century. This is what FFA Alumni is all about. I hope your summer activities include enlisting new members and planning activities for your current members. Mark Twain's conclusion about the weather, "Every-

body talks about it, but nobody does anything about it" may be some affiliates' motto. But think about the payoff when FFA Alumni are active in support of future leaders, the FFA members of today. Our new promotional brochure, titled "Where does the FFA Alumni fit into this picture?" could be useful in your community to help increase volunteers and resource people. You might also send for some FFA Alumni life membership brochures. As an FFA Alumni member, you can order up to 10 copies free. Larger quantities are 10 cents each.

Ken Natzke, national vice president, and I participated in the Vision 2000 Task Force meeting in July. This meeting reviewed the National Strategic Plan for Agricultural Education and identified priority issues for the future.

I wish you an eventful and fun summer and encourage you to join me in Kansas City, Missouri, for the national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions November 9-12.

"FFA Alumni—50,000 in 2000"

The FFA Alumni set a record of 38,065 members for 1993. As of June 1, 1994, membership is 2,698 greater than this same time last year. Contact the national FFA Alumni office at 703-360-3901 for membership promotional materials.

FFA Alumni membership theme for 1994

**"Making a New Beginning –
Every Member Get a Member"**

New

FFA Alumni Mentoring Program

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, has funded the development expenses of a mentoring program for the FFA Alumni Association. The proposed mentoring program will be pilot tested in four states during the 1995-96 school year and available for all FFA Alumni affiliates with the 1996-97 school year. The FFA Alumni mentoring program will ask the adult mentor to give a commitment to meet with an FFA member for a minimum of ten times during the year. A series of ten topics on personal leadership development will be suggested. The FFA Alumni mentor will have a lesson/resource unit on each of the ten topics. A video(s) will be produced for introducing the program and some of the topics. Neil Schneider, Arizona, FFA Alumni life member, has been selected to develop the leadership lesson/resource units.

FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference Sponsored by Philip Morris USA

This annual conference for FFA Alumni leader's, held in Arlington, Virginia, July 26-30, is directed this year by Jeanea Lambeth, a member of the National FFA Alumni Council from Arizona. Many joint activities are scheduled with the FFA State Presidents' Conference. Philip Morris USA continues to support FFA Alumni growth by providing this opportunity for inservice training and networking of our state leaders.

FFA Alumni Life Membership Brochure

The National FFA Alumni Association has developed a new life membership brochure this year. In our last newsletter, we announced that FFA Alumni affiliates or FFA chapters can order up to 10 copies free. Larger orders are 10 cents each. Many have taken advantage of this offer. If you have not ordered brochures, please order today. Help promote life memberships by giving brochures to your friends who have an interest in agricultural education. Life membership is \$150. Your life membership becomes a memorial scholarship or can be designated for other agricultural education activities upon your death. Interest from the life memberships supports the National FFA Alumni Association on an annual basis. Please mail requests to FFA Alumni Assoc., PO Box 15058, Alexandria, VA 22309-0058. *Please remember: Each individual paying a \$150 life membership can designate, upon their death, a \$150 memorial scholarship to an FFA member.*

Activities for Administrators, School Boards and Counselors at National FFA Convention

The FFA Partner Development Team will be hosting a breakfast for administrators, school board members, counselors and other school officials during the national FFA convention on Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 a.m. The breakfast will be complementary but reservations need to be made in September with Dr. Joyce Winterton at 703-360-3600, ext. 300. You will need to pick up your tickets at the convention. The breakfast will provide an overview of convention activities and be an opportunity to thank these "key partners" for their support of FFA.

Based on past experience, the national convention is a strong selling point for the benefits of agricultural education and FFA programs. "Seeing is believing!" Alumni members can be instrumental in encouraging administrators, school board members and counselors to attend the convention.

Operational Agreement Developed Between FFA and FFA Alumni

The National FFA Organization and the National FFA Alumni Association have developed a memorandum of understanding. The National FFA Alumni Association will cooperate in support of the agricultural education enterprise and the mission of the National FFA Organization. The National FFA Alumni was chartered in 1972 as an affiliate of the National FFA Organization. This is the first memorandum of understanding developed for approval by both boards. The National FFA Board of Directors has the final legal authority for the operations of the National FFA Alumni Association.

The agreement states that the National FFA Alumni agrees to follow the policies, constitution and bylaws of the National FFA Organization. The FFA Board of Directors specifically authorizes the National FFA Alumni Council to operate as an independent subsidiary board of the National FFA Board of Directors. The FFA Alumni Council will conduct general business, annual conventions and other FFA Alumni events. The development and implementation of the Alumni program of activities and budget will be the responsibility of the Alumni Council. The Alumni Council will also manage and invest all FFA Alumni assets and provide membership services for the FFA Alumni members.

The FFA Alumni Association will present an annual report to the National FFA Organization for ratification. The report will include the program of activities, budget, changes to the constitution and bylaws, policy changes, multiple year contracts, legal concerns and financial reports. The FFA Alumni Association will reimburse the FFA Organization for non-duplicated, indirect FFA costs according to a targeted schedule that has been developed. FFA Alumni members will be considered members of the National FFA Organization.

A copy of the memorandum of understanding between the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Alumni Association can be obtained by writing the national FFA Alumni office.

FFA Changing Contests and Awards Program

In the fall of 1995, FFA will be operating under a new contest and awards program. This new program is the result of a massive customer research project conducted by the independent firm, Synergy Research. The project included data collection from FFA customers including students, teachers, state staff, teacher educators, school administrators, guidance counselors, parents and business representatives. When this project is complete, more than 2,000 customers will have been involved.

Major changes occurring in FFA judging team contests include the infusion of team problem-solving activities, multiple level participation and multiple team participation. In proficiency awards, more areas are being added to reflect agriculture's diversity and placement options are being added to increase student opportunities. The American Degree is being divided into a short form for degree applicants and a long form for star applicants. And finally, the current three chapter award programs of BOAC, Safety and Chapter Award are being combined into one National Chapter Award Program.

For information regarding these changes, please contact the FFA Teacher Services Team at 703-360-3600.

Attention!!!

Annual and Life Membership Dues

Annual national membership dues for 1994 and 1995 are \$7. Prorated life membership dues are \$37 per year for five years. Life membership for 1994 and 1995 is \$150.

FFA Faces the Challenge of Diversity

In January 1993, the National FFA Board of Directors established a Diversity/Recruitment Action Force. The purpose of the action force was to develop recommendations and proposals that would assist the board in providing a long-term strategic direction that would result in a more diverse student membership and national staff. The definition of diversity for this action force included ethnic, geographic, agricultural, demographic and socio-economic differences.

The membership of the action force included representatives of the following groups: agriculture teachers, state supervisors, teacher educators, agribusiness representatives, diversity/multicultural specialists, education leaders outside of agricultural education and minority student organizations.

After an 18-month term of service, the action force prepared fifteen proposals that were presented at the July 1994 meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors. These proposals cover, but are not limited to, the issues of student recruitment, advisor inservice, research and data collection, mentoring initiatives, teacher recruitment and FFA policy changes. These initiatives will hopefully result in FFA being more accessible to all students.

For further information regarding this effort, contact Larry Case, chair of the Diversity/Recruitment Action Force or Marshall Stewart, key staff consultant, at the FFA Center.

Going Once, Going Twice, SOLD

That's what you'll be hearing in the near future as the ninth annual FFA Alumni Scholarship Auction is rapidly approaching. A special *THANK YOU* to all of you who have made donations already, we have a lot of exciting items to be auctioned. We do need many more items (and a lot of buyers) if we plan on attaining our goal of \$47,500 to support the young men and women in the FFA. I want to share with you a partial list of the items you will have the opportunity to purchase at the auction in Kansas City on the evening of Wednesday, November 9, 1994. Please keep the donations coming!!!



New Chevrolet Pick-up
donated by *CHEVY TRUCKS*

Huskee Lawn Tractor donated by
Tractor Supply Company
&
Murray-Ohio Mfg. Company

5-Week Welding Course donated by
The Lincoln Electric Company

3 Boot Certificates
donated by *Acme Boot Company*

2900-watt Portable Generator
donated by
Kawasaki Motors Corp. U.S.A.

One-of-a-kind Topper Jr. Classic 20 ga. Shotgun
donated by *H & R 1871, Inc.*

3 cases WIX Toy Trucks donated by
WIX Corp. - A Division of Dana Corp.

Homelite 240 Chainsaw &
Woodsman Kit/Carrying Case
donated by

500 gallons Liquid Plant Food
donated by *Na-Chures Plant Food Co.*

Homelite Division of Textron, Inc.

Signed Art Print
donated by *Bonnie Mohr Studio*

Speeches, Seminars, Programs, Keynotes....
Jim Wand from *Wand Enterprises*
Rick Metzger from *RLM Enterprises*
Patrick Grady from *TNT Enterprises*
R.W. Smith

Motivational and Training Tapes
Mark Sanborn of *Sanborn & Associates*
Scott McKain of *McKain Performance Group*

Miller Electric Welder
donated by *Miller Electric Inc.*

Other items include 10 Units 11H2847 Juniper Rotate Jed from *Landmark Genetics*, Chair Side Table and TV/VCR Stand from *Sauder Woodworking*, 2 Round-trip passenger fares on the S.S. Badger from *Lake Michigan Car Ferry*, \$50 Gift Certificate from *Sullivan Supply*, Livestock Clippers from *Nasco*, 3 Connect-a-Box Storage Cabinets from *Ace Nut & Bolt Co.*, 2 Certificates for a pair of Northlake and a pair of Georgia boots from *Georgia Boot, Inc.*, wall clock, farm toys, John Deere Tractor Mailbox, and many more items. We also want to thank *Sharp Farms* of Liberty Center, Ohio for donating a whole hog to be used for our "Taste of FFA in Kansas City".

Plan on attending the new convention function called "Taste of FFA in Kansas City" which will feature FFA entertainment and the great quality agriculture food products donated by FFA supporters and prepared Kansas-style. The gala will serve as a prelude to the annual auction in the new Bartle Conference Center. The auction will commence following the gala at approximately 7:30 p.m. The auction is open to the public and does not require a ticket. If you need more information about the auction call Robert Cox at 703-360-3901 or Rick Metzger at 419-878-0081.

Local and State FFA Alumni in Action

Denmark, Wisconsin and Cathlamet, Washington

The FFA Alumni sponsored an exchange for FFA members this summer. Denmark has been conducting exchanges with other national gold emblem chapters for many years. Denmark also presented an FFA Alumni memorial scholarship from deceased life member, Joe Lax, to FFA member, Jason Kittell, to attend the Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College.

Nauvoo-Colusa FFA, Illinois

Mack and Terry Pope were successful bidders on 500 gallons of Na-Churs plant food during the national convention auction in Kansas City last November. Local representatives of Na-Churs collected bids from farmers prior to last year's auction. Salesman George Salrin's bid from the Pope's was the successful bid. Terry Pope's daughter is active in the Nauvoo-Colusa FFA Chapter and is involved in the 900-acre corn, bean and wheat farming operation. Na-Churs representatives are assisting with securing bids for the 500 gallons of plant food that will be sold at this year's auction. All proceeds from the auction go for FFA scholarships.

Maryland

The Maryland FFA Alumni sponsored the Maryland FFA vegetable judging contest held during the state FFA convention.

Indiana

The Indiana FFA Alumni Council is considering holding a separate state FFA Alumni convention in 1995. Presently, they hold their convention with the FFA. Also, new affiliates are being chartered in Indiana.

North Dakota

The North Dakota FFA Alumni Convention will be held the first weekend in December. Some constitutional changes will be considered. Several new affiliates are being organized.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin FFA Alumni are supporting an FFA Leadership Camp. The Wisconsin FFA held its first camp this year, and it was well attended.

FFA Alumni Awards Two FFA Scholarships for Presidential Classroom

The FFA Alumni awarded two scholarships, valued at one-half the registration fee, for FFA members to attend the 1994 Presidential Classroom conference. Suzanne Lutter from Wessington Springs High School, South Dakota, and Bonnie Jo Shindler from Rosalia High School, Washington, were selected to attend this unique conference to see our representative democracy at work. The FFA Alumni plans to provide two partial scholarships in 1995. For Presidential Classroom applications, call 1-800-441-6533.

College Scholarships Presented

The National FFA Alumni presented five \$1,000 college scholarships to students majoring in agricultural education. The 1995 recipients are Dean Acheson, Kimball, NE; Jonathan Watson, Bokeshe, OK; Scott Butler, Cullman, AL; Lisa Wharton, Marion, SD; and Vicki Rogers, Princeton, MO. These scholarships, for future agricultural instructors, are awarded as part of the FFA Scholarship Program sponsored through the National FFA Foundation.

Salute to FFA Foundation Executive Sponsors

Since our spring 1994 newsletter, the following have contributed \$100 or more as executive sponsors of the FFA. The number of years of contributions is listed in parentheses. All alumni are encouraged to become executive sponsors. For information, contact the national FFA Alumni office.

Arizona	Illinois	Nicholas M. Frey (1)	Missouri	New Jersey	Texas
Howard Morrison (17)	Boyd C. Bartlett (21)	Brian Hart (1)	Robert Collier (1)	Robert E. Ridsdale (1)	Lonnie L. Lindsey (3)
California	James Craft (2)	James E. Miller (1)	Robert S. Deakin (1)	New York	Virginia
John M. Lyons (1)	William J. Doyle (1)	Paul Schrickler (1)	D. C. Lewer (6)	Ronald N. Goddard (20)	Janis Brown (2)
Jim Orradre (7)	Homer E. Edwards (17)	Kansas	Mark Mayfield (6)	North Carolina	Robert/Kathleen
Warren Reed (7)	L. T. Hargett (6)	Phil Kingston (15)	David L. Morley (1)	Kipling Godwin (5)	Seefeldt (4)
Canada	E. C. Henderson, Jr. (2)	Kentucky	Nicholas L. Reding (1)	Ohio	West Virginia
Maurice Delage (23)	Allan R. Johnson (1)	Martin C. Holahan (7)	Robert W. Spence (4)	Carl S. Akey (2)	W. H. Wayman (16)
Colorado	Ron Provenzano (1)	H. Allen Middleton (9)	Jerry Steiner (1)	Scott Steiner (7)	Wisconsin
Robert C. Hummel (1)	Glyndon Stuff (10)	Michigan	Hendrik A. Verfaillie (1)	Richard Urbanowski (3)	Joseph Darcey (7)
Thomas Lovegrove (5)	Indiana	Scott Corrin (3)	Nebraska	Oklahoma	James L. Gibson (2)
Connecticut	John L. Hagaman (8)	Joseph L. Downey (13)	Richard/Sharon Katt	Harold Hamilton (5)	Charles/Aralda Larson
Richard M. Pelton (1)	Harold Taylor (5)	Earl R. Sorensen (17)	(10)	Pennsylvania	(17)
Donald L. Staheli (19)	George L. Vames (4)	Minnesota	Earl D. Wood (1)	Robert A. Woods (3)	Richard Meske (15)
Florida	Roy L. Waddle (1)	Harold Johnson (1)	New Hampshire	Tennessee	Eugene C. Meyer (10)
David Phillipson (20)	Iowa	Robert G. Wells (9)	Ernest Cutter, Jr. (6)	Richard A. Tisdale (2)	Wyoming
	Donald E. Anderson (8)	Richard E. Yahnke (4)			Jerry V. Payne (2)

Convention

The National FFA Alumni Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 9, in conjunction with the National FFA Convention, November 10-12. You are invited and encouraged to attend both conventions. The FFA convention is the largest annual student convention in our country. The excitement of more than 32,000 people and the outstanding activities makes the experience of the conventions unbelievable. Contact the national FFA Alumni office or your state FFA office for more information on the conventions and lodging.

News Flash

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Fund-Raising

Increased Profits

Free Enterprise Fund Raising has increased your profits to 45%! That's right, you can now make 45% profit from the suggested retail of fund-raising and the National FFA Alumni and NVATA will continue to receive 5% of all sales.

New Products

"Quick-Weld Year-Round Program"

This is a unique opportunity for a special product. Quick-Weld mixes as putty and hardens like steel. The two-part epoxy compounds are formulated into one stick making it fast and easy to mix. It begins to harden in 5-10 minutes and sets hard in 20 minutes. Quick-Weld sets hard under gasoline and bonds to most surfaces. You can saw it, sand it, machine it, drill it, grind it, and paint it. Quick-Weld is a useful product that may be used to make many different types of repairs.

Earn funds all year with our unique Quick-Weld program. Give your customers our toll free number (800-666-4998) and let them reorder a case any time using their credit card. When they call, all we need is name of the FFA Alumni affiliate or FFA chapter where they bought Quick-Weld. Quarterly, a check will be sent to the FFA chapter or FFA Alumni affiliate for 45% of sale price.

Safety First

Safety First Aid Kit – The finest first aid kit for the money. It's packed with the most needed first aid supplies including rescue breather, road flare, distress flag and latex gloves.

Safety Fire Extinguisher – Great for auto, garage and kitchen. This extinguisher is a non-toxic foam that is biodegradable and environmentally safe. It's ideal for grease fires!

Many other items are continued from last year.

For more information or to place an order, call:

Jack McCullough

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1-800-666-4998

FFA Alumni Life Members Leave Memorials

FFA Alumni life members may designate that upon their death a check, equal to the amount of their life membership, be given as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or as a contribution to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education, or to remain permanently in the national FFA Alumni trust fund. Since last July, we have been notified of the death of several life members. Listed below are the deceased life members and where their memorial has been designated:

Reinhold Albers, Oklahoma – FFA member in Broken Arrow FFA Chapter, OK
Jerry D. Beeby, Oklahoma – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
J. W. "Jack" Brian, Texas – Texas FFA Foundation, Inc.
Herman D. Brown, Texas – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Henry Edward Bryant, Georgia – a student at Ft. Valley State College, GA
Jim Bull, Illinois – FFA member in Rockridge FFA Chapter, Taylor Ridge, IL
Laveme Cairns, Illinois – Woodland FFA Alumni Trust Fund, Streator, IL
Jack D. Cole, Iowa – FFA member in West Bend Hawkeye FFA Chapter, IA
Harlin Comer, Kentucky – FFA member in Monroe County FFA Chapter, Tompkinsville, KY
Charlene Eberly, California – FFA member in Fallbrook Union FFA Chapter, Fallbrook, CA
Don Edwards, Kansas – FFA member in Erie FFA Chapter, KS
William J. Feimster, North Carolina – FFA member in North Iredell Chapter, Olin, NC
Ralph W. Felumlee, Sr., Ohio – FFA member in Licking Valley Chapter, Newark, OH
Wilbur Gingerich, Washington – FFA member in Pomeroy FFA Chapter, WA
B. E. Gingery, Nebraska – FFA member in Nebraska FFA Association
William Paul Gray, Virginia – Wm. Paul Gray Schlrschp Fund, Colorado State Univ., Ft. Collins, CO
Robert Griswold, Oklahoma – FFA member in Boise City FFA Chapter, OK
Dean Hatfield, Oklahoma – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
William M. Holig, Wisconsin – FFA member in Mauston FFA Chapter, WI
Terry Hom, Tennessee – Univ. of Tennessee Agricultural Dept., Knoxville, TN
Elmer J. Johnson, Virginia – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
W. C. Johnson Sr., Georgia – FFA member in Newton Co. Camp FFA Chapter, Covington, GA
Bill Kennedy, Florida – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Norman Krumwiede, Wisconsin – FFA member in Evansville FFA Chapter, WI
David E. Kvale, Wisconsin – FFA member in Westby FFA Chapter, WI
Joseph H. Lax, Wisconsin – FFA member in Denmark FFA Chapter, WI
Stanley R. Maddox, Georgia – FFA member in Camp John Hope FFA Chapter, Fort Valley, GA
Donald Maley, Maryland – FFA member in Maryland FFA Association
Gene Matthews, Missouri – FFA member in Norborne FFA Chapter, MO
Lois M. McIlwain, Tennessee – FFA member in Clinton FFA Chapter, TN
Wilbert H. Meischen, Texas – Texas FFA Foundation
Jesse W. Morgan, Virginia – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Robert E. Norris, Idaho – FFA member in Twin Falls FFA Chapter, ID
Victor E. Pagenkopf, Wisconsin – FFA member in Neillsville FFA Chapter, WI
Floyd E. Palm, Illinois – FFA member in Mid-County FFA Chapter, Varna, IL
O. W. Randolph, Illinois – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Donald G. Scott, Oklahoma – FFA member in Newkirk FFA Chapter, OK
William L. Sipes, Kentucky – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Charles Spitzbarth, Wisconsin – FFA member in Fennimore FFA Chapter, WI
Samuel A. Taylor, Illinois – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
W. Chaney Vance, Ohio – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Charles Warner, Nebraska – FFA member in Waverly FFA Chapter, NE
Leo Wedig, Wisconsin – Black Hawk FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund, WI
Vernon Wendelkin, Kansas – FFA member in Clay Center FFA Chapter, KS
Joan W. Wiefelspuetz, Wisconsin – Kiel FFA Alumni, WI
Bergetta Wilson, Wyoming – FFA member in Cheyenne East FFA Chapter, WY
Don Wilson, Illinois – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund
Elmo Worthington, Tennessee – National FFA Alumni Trust Fund

Agricultural Biotechnology Skill Standards

Last August, the National FFA Foundation received a U.S. Department of Education grant to develop national voluntary skill standards for the occupation of agricultural biotechnology technician. The FFA project is one of 22 grants given by the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor as part of the America 2000 initiative to help ensure a better prepared workforce.

Skill standards – developed jointly by education, labor and industry – guide students in their educational progress and assist educators in developing curricula that meet industry's needs for future workers. The National FFA Foundation chose the emerging occupation of agricultural biotechnology technician because it believes that agricultural biotechnology holds tremendous promise for future employment of workers with less than a baccalaureate degree.

The Foundation's efforts to develop technical and employability skill standards for agricultural biotechnology technician are being led by an Executive Committee made up of representatives from leading universities, agricultural and agricultural biotechnology companies and from organizations including the National FFA Alumni Association. In turn, the Executive Committee appointed a Technical Committee which has met for several multi-day workshops where they developed the specific skills needed for the job.

This spring, a questionnaire containing skills was developed and sent to more than 1,200 technicians working in agricultural biotechnology in labs, greenhouses, animal facilities and on experimental farms. The results of the questionnaire are currently being tabulated and will be published in booklet form later this summer.

For further information on the Agricultural Biotechnology Skill Standards project, call either Dr. Jeff Moss at 309-862-3827 or Karen Keeler Rogers at 708-680-6888.

Public Affairs Support Provided for Aquaculture

The FFA Alumni recently provided approximately \$450 of in-kind staff support for the National Council for Agricultural Education's project to infuse aquacultural education into the agricultural education system. The proposal submitted for congressional funding will include aquaculture curricula with emphasis on agriscience, biotechnology, environmental and sustainable agriculture. More than 500 high schools have incorporated aquaculture into their agricultural education program.

The economic value involved with the seafood import deficit and the apparent concern of ocean seafood is currently having a positive outlook for aquaculture as an important agricultural area. FFA Alumni is proud that Congress has funded curriculum development for the past four years. Congress is presently making final agricultural appropriation decisions for 1995. We have been told they are very interested in funding the development of aquaculture curricula. Agricultural education has a state of the art instruction program for aquaculture because of the federal funding, the outstanding materials produced by the National Council for Agricultural Education, and the working together of all agricultural education organizations on this program.

You can help by contacting your Senator and Congressman expressing support for the continued development of aquaculture curricula by the National Council for Agricultural Education in the 1995 agricultural appropriations.

National Council Meeting

The National FFA Alumni Council will meet in Corpus Christi, Texas, on August 4-6, 1994. Copies of minutes of any national meeting are available by writing the national FFA Alumni office.

Dr. Jim Wand Entertains at National Convention

Dr. Jim Wand, a former FFA member and currently an internationally known educator, motivator, and entertainer, will present two shows during the 1994 national convention as fund raisers for the National FFA Alumni Association.

The program involves a great deal of audience participation and will entertain everyone in attendance. Dr. Wand has conducted exciting shows at the past two national conventions and has performed at more than 25 state FFA conventions.

FFA Alumni Road Sign Available

The FFA Alumni emblem is placed on a 21" by 30" durable, high-impact polystyrene sign. This beautiful sign can be mounted at the school or used at FFA Alumni activities. It sells for \$20.00 which includes shipping and handling. Call 703-780-5600 with your order and ask for Item ARS. Also, Dura-Cal letters, 1-1/2" in height with adhesive backing, are available. One sheet of 60 weather-proof characters (Item D-4) costs \$2.95.

Welcome New Life Members

Since our spring newsletter, our prestigious list of life members has grown by 94 and has reached a total of 16,785. Life members may designate that upon their death a check, equal to the amount of their life membership, be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state, or may be designated to support some area of agriculture and/or agricultural education, or may remain permanently in the national FFA Alumni trust fund.

Arizona

Virginia Bizadi
Gilbert Lee
Roger Lee
Millie Roanhorse
Sally Zamudio

Arkansas

Buck Boger
Brent Brewer
Todd Clark
Mark Cook
Mike Cook
Nicki Dyer
Joseph Ham
Wayne Smith

Colorado

Del Chase

Florida

Jimmy Fletcher

Georgia

Bobby Hill
William Moore
Illinois
William Bayne Sr.
Monte B. Campbell

Chris Clemons

Jason Dunseth

Dan Kelley

L. E. Kelsey

Delbert Kluck

Ed Kocian

David Mouser

Jason Propst

Ronald Solich

Jeff Spencer

Richard Ver Heecke

Indiana

Kevin K. Ochsner

Iowa

Dave Anton
Randy Bjstrom
Bernard Burmeister
Evelyn Clark
Neal Engel
Bart Frush
Robert Herrstrom
David Hill
Forrest Hill
Lee A. Johnson
Michael Johnson
Robert Johnson
Dennis McKenney
Brian Moore
Steve Payne
Diane Roberts
Royce Rottinghaus
Ed Wilcox

Kansas

John E. Cross

Kentucky

Dwight Embry
Ted Holbrook
Billy Joe Miles
Steve M. Speed

Maryland

Tracey E. Trout

Massachusetts

Jeffrey LaFleur

Montana

Brian Cavey

Daniel DeBuff

Greg Preble

Terry Russell

New York

Herbert J. Dietz
Raymond Lighthall
Paul J. McCormick

North Carolina

Gary Braswell
Eric Plowman
Stony Rushing
Wendi Wise

Ohio

Chad Coffman
T. Jeffrey Levering

John Lothes

Kevin Turnbull

South Carolina

Earl M. Steadman

South Dakota

Jeff VanGerpen

Texas

James Barber
Frank Breazeale
Ben Brown
Sue Folmer

Roberta Gard

Tim Gard

Jimmy Kleimann

Delton Weise

Washington

Marc Raubuch

West Virginia

E. Garry Shanholtz

Wisconsin

Brent Bailey

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Joe Bushman

Brian Karls

Robert Lange

Paul Rapnicki

LaVern Saxe

Chad Steine

Arthur M. Wesener

Joanne M. Wesener

Did You Know?

We hope you will be a spokesperson for agricultural education. Please share these facts with others.

- National FFA increased membership this year. Membership is 426,523.
- The average U.S. farmer or rancher produces enough food and fiber for 128.7 people.
- FFA Alumni has increased membership every year since it started in 1972.
- Consumers in our country spend only 11.2 percent of their disposable income on food.
- The national FFA convention is the largest student convention with 32,111 registered attendance in 1993.
- U.S. agriculture land is about 99% owned by U.S. citizens or U.S. corporations. In December 1993, only 14.6 million acres were owned by foreign interests with 25% of this amount owned by Canadians.

Washington Leadership Scholarships

A total of \$30,225 or 111 National FFA Alumni scholarships were available to FFA members to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., this summer. Scholarship amounts are based on FFA Alumni membership totals in each active state. Local affiliates with 100 life members or 250 or more members also receive a \$350 scholarship. All active FFA Alumni states receive at least one scholarship for an FFA member to use toward WLC registration. This excellent conference was held for six weeks. More than 1,700 FFA members and advisors attended this year.

Diversity Workshop at National Convention

The FFA Alumni will host a diversity workshop for FFA members during the national FFA convention. The workshop will be sponsored by Land O'Lakes. It will be held on Thurs., Nov. 10, at 1:00 p.m. More information will be in the fall newsletter.

FFA Long-Range Planning Facilities Committee

The National FFA Board of Directors has activated a committee with the responsibility of planning the best possible facilities for the National FFA Center. Due to Public Law 740 containing language regarding the headquarters and principal office of the FFA, the committee reviewed a legal opinion. The committee is presently clarifying the relationship between FFA and USDE. To accomplish this task, the committee recommended a memorandum of understanding be developed by a subgroup of the committee. The memorandum will be designed to strengthen the relationship between FFA and USDE. According to the committee chair, it will indicate the amount of latitude available to FFA for selecting a site for the National FFA Center. The FFA Long-Range Planning Facilities Committee plans to meet again after the November 1994 board meeting. Within the parameters of the memorandum of understanding, the committee will make recommendations to the board regarding one or more possible options for location of the National FFA Center. Options under consideration by the committee include: 1) Renovate current facilities; 2) Purchase another existing facility in Washington, D.C. area; 3) Lease another existing facility in the D.C. area; 4) Build a new facility on the Mount Vernon property; 5) Purchase a new site and build a new facility in the D.C. area; and 6) Move the FFA Center to a location outside the D.C. area.



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FFA Alumni Calendar for August, September and October

- September 1 - State Newsletter Inserts
- September 1 - Outstanding Affiliate Entries
- October 1 - Legion of Merit Applications
- October 1 - Blue Blazer Award
- October 31 - Last Date for Receiving
1994 Membership Dues

Alumni Members' Assistance Requested

FFA Alumni members who serve on local/state FFA contest committees are invited to assist in administering the national contests in conjunction with the national convention in Kansas City this November. Many different jobs are required to conduct quality contests. FFA Alumni who have experience and are interested in volunteering, should contact Carol Duval, National FFA Center, at 703-360-3600, ext. 262.

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