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When designed as an individual giving program in 2007, the National FFA Foundation’s Blue Jacket program sought to involve individual donors by impacting local students. The program allowed all individuals who donated \$2,500 or more to the National FFA Foundation the opportunity to have an FFA jacket sent to the FFA chapter of their choice. In its first year, the program was successful realizing increased contributions from many previous donors. In the summer of 2008, Vern Hawkins of Syngenta, 2010 Sponsors’ Board Chair, had a simple question. How could a company utilize its local retail network to reach out to local agricultural education programs? This question led to a vision to make the Blue Jacket Program even more successful.

Through his leadership, all Syngenta retailers were challenged to assist at the local level, become involved in their communities and support those who are ultimately Syngenta’s future employees and customers. In 2008, 35 FFA students’ lives were impacted with new jackets. In 2009, thanks to the leadership challenge, the program experienced substantial growth, providing jackets to 75 students, more than doubling the number of jackets given the previous year. Along with the increase of jackets, in 2009 each recipient’s chapter received a \$500 check, allowing the chapter to invest in the impact of future leaders.

While National FFA is extremely excited about this program, none are more excited than those whose lives have been impacted by receiving a jacket, like Kristin Ackermann, a senior from Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, S.D., and Breanna Butler, a sophomore from Southwestern Heights High School in Kismet, Kan. For some, Kristin and Breanna may seem completely different. Kristin is involved with many sports including volleyball, track, basketball and soccer, while Breanna enjoys playing her baritone in the band, maintaining her 3.9 grade point average and working cattle. Kristin helps with landscaping projects that her FFA chapter conducts as part of her home and community development supervised agricultural experience (SAE), while Breanna volunteers for a local animal clinic as part of her small animal care SAE.

However, there is one passion that these two young ladies share: FFA. Both have been involved in career development events (CDE) and have served as Greenhand and Chapter officers. Both have the goal of becoming CDE state champion as well as serving in higher FFA offices. Although they both are active FFA members, neither of them had an FFA jacket with their name embroidered on it. “I always had to borrow a chapter jacket,” Kristin said. “It didn’t fit, the zipper didn’t work, buttons were missing

and I didn’t feel professional representing FFA!” Thanks to the Blue Jacket program and two local Syngenta retailers, they both now have their very own jacket. “When my jacket arrived, I was very enthused and happy,” Breanna said. “It is a very proud and overwhelming feeling.”

Kristin received her new jacket two weeks prior to the 82nd National FFA Convention, where she and her team were representing South Dakota in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE. “I was really excited” Kristin recalled. “It was such an honor to receive. It was really stiff, fit really well and was great quality!”

“As an advisor, I was very flattered and humbled to have our chapter selected for the FFA jacket and money,” said Mr. Todd Marks, 30-year veteran agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor at Harrisburg High School. “I knew we had community support, but I didn’t realize how large of an impression we had made upon our local business community. This honor has been an excellent motivator for current FFA members to continue working hard!”

Along with jackets, the chapter also receives \$500. Marks was able to use the money to purchase meat science identification materials, as well as shrubs to be planted around the school building for the enjoyment of the community and for use by the landscape class and nursery/landscape CDE.

Carmelita Goossen is the agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor at Southwestern Heights High School. “I was extremely excited and thankful for the opportunity. It is great that they are interested in future leaders and employees. They support us even without being asked,” Goossen said. “FFA exists at the local level, and by Syngenta and our local retailer, Plains Equity Exchange, sponsoring at the local level, chapters help students who are in need grow the most.” Southwestern Heights plans to use its \$500 to purchase benches, sinks and other items to make its new greenhouse, constructed solely by volunteers, a functional place of learning.

Goossen firmly believes in the impact this program and its sponsors are making, “The Blue Jacket program helps meet the need every chapter faces by providing jackets to those students who work hard, but otherwise would not be able to purchase their own jacket. It allows students who borrow chapter jackets, to have their own, not something they take for granted, instilling an intense sense of pride and professionalism!”



The blue jacket, for some it is merely an item of clothing, but for the half-a-million FFA members, it is a symbol of pride. The blue corduroy jacket represents leadership, trust and integrity. It gives students the confidence to succeed and hope for a prosperous future in agriculture. The blue jacket is much more than fabric. It represents the gold standards found in every FFA member.

The jacket began in 1933, when Dr. Gus Lintner, advisor for the Fredericktown FFA Chapter in Ohio, designed a jacket as uniform for the Fredericktown Band, which was to perform at the national FFA convention. Official delegates were impressed with the jacket and voted to adopt it as official dress. In 1948, the National FFA Supply Service began to supply all members with the jackets.

When a member puts on the blue and gold for the first time, the moment is almost magical. They know their experiences in FFA will help make them the future leaders they will become. “I remember the first time I put on my FFA jacket,” said Riley Branch, 2008-2009 National FFA Western Region Vice President. “The pride that I felt when I pulled it out of the box, and it was folded up, and I draped it out, and it had my name on the front, and I remember thinking, this is mine. I had my piece of a larger scheme, a larger idea of the FFA jacket and of the organization.”

Regina Holliday, 2008-2009 National FFA Southern Region Vice President, recalls when she put her jacket on her freshman year. “I’d always seen the blue jacket and always looked up to it in my school and wondered how I would get it,” Holliday said. “Once you put it on, there’s a feeling of instantaneous ‘wow.’ You feel like you can conquer anything. When you grab the zipper, and you zip it up, and you can just stand back in the mirror, and you just have to take it all in. There’s not a word to describe how you feel when you put it on.”

More than just a jacket, the blue corduroy brings people together.

“I remember the first time I wore it and went to an event and everyone around me had theirs on as well,” Branch said. “It was so exciting for me to think that I was a part of something bigger than myself. All of us together are working on one grander idea and one grander mission, but yet we have a different way of doing it. To me that’s what the jacket symbolizes. The jacket is one of the pieces that bring us all together, and we use the jacket in the organization to accomplish the mission in different ways.”

I really appreciate your dedication to the success of FFA members. I have enjoyed my experiences in the FFA, all of which have helped me to achieve many of my goals.

Sincerely, Emily Hobson, Santa Paula FFA

It is such an honor to be recognized by such sponsors for all the hard work I, along with other applicants, put into this project, and I would like to express my great appreciation. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Kyle Parreira, Tulare, CA

By Andrew Walker and Dustin Petty

If the 33 original members of the Future Farmers of America found themselves in FFA today, they would probably be surprised by what they saw. FFA members... in skirts? For the first four decades of its existence, FFA was strictly a boy's club.

When the Future Homemakers of America (FHA) formed in 1945, girls finally had a group of their own, and there are countless stories within the FFA archives illustrating partnerships between FHA and FFA chapters. However, "separate but equal" rarely worked, and it was only a matter of time before women would get their blue corduroy.

In 1968, a proposal was presented saying loud and clear that women should be included in the ranks of FFA. When the motion was made to amend the constitution, a delegate used the parliamentary procedure technique of objecting to consideration of the question. Delegates became confused, sustaining the objection, thus stopping the vote for equality.

Those determined to bring about equality weren't going to allow a repeat in 1969. Bob Craig, 1969-1970 Michigan FFA State President, was one of those individuals. "If the proposal wasn't adopted this time, state associations were talking about pulling out [of the National FFA]. Why should we be part of an organization that discriminated against women?"

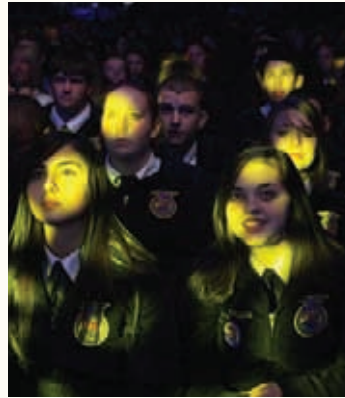
There were still those who opposed the measure, worrying that females would cause a disruption within the organization. "When our delegates went to the convention, I told them not to vote for the girls," said former FFA advisor Bob Stein. "I felt that the girls had a strong home economics club (FHA) and we had ours. I was worried about chaperoning girls on trips and how their presence would disrupt the work of the chapter."

Women were finally admitted by the delegates at the 1969 convention – with Bob Craig seconding the motion.

One of the first female leaders was Julie Smiley of the Mount Vernon FFA Chapter in Washington state. "I didn't think of myself as the first woman," said Smiley. "I just wanted to be good at what I did, and it was probably some of the most fun I ever had." Smiley doesn't remember much animosity toward her but acknowledges that there were those who worried this wouldn't work and something might go wrong. But that day never came. Due to her groundbreaking tenure as a national officer, she was offered a scholarship to Texas A&M University. "I think it would have been a challenge to have been one of the original girls in FFA," said Adrienne Boyette, 2008-2009 Florida FFA Vice President. "But the struggle made us stronger, and it's now great to see how accepted females are in FFA." Today, half of all leadership positions are held by women — the same women that comprise 41 percent of the organization.

But what about those who originally opposed a feminine presence in FFA? "I can't speak for everyone," said Bob Stein, now enjoying retirement, "but I was dead wrong. Girls have been a wonderful addition to the organization. FFA is stronger today because of the young women in our membership."

Apparently, this idea is recognized by others as well. During the 82nd National FFA Convention, the U.S. Senate adopted a resolution celebrating the 40th anniversary of women's admittance into the FFA and their contribution to the organization.



Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." In 2009, a group of thoughtful, committed women provided leadership to create a women's giving circle, IMPACT FFA, to support programs through pooled resources and demonstrate the power of women coming together with a common purpose. Like other women's giving circles, the intent was to create a community of well-informed women, "raise the tide" of philanthropy for the National FFA and to award high-impact gifts to at least one National FFA program or project each year.

In 2009, the IMPACT FFA members reviewed seven projects and determined that, to honor and recognize the 40th anniversary of women membership in FFA and to celebrate the leadership provided by women and all of their achievements in FFA for the past four decades, it would be appropriate to support the scholarships of the females who provided leadership for the previous year, the four female national officers.

Thank-you notes from the scholarship recipients:

"You are truly changing the lives of hundreds of thousands of students across the country, and from the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for making that possible. Your support is so greatly appreciated, and we look forward to your continued relationship with the National FFA Organization."

Hannah Crossen

– 2008-2009 Eastern Region Vice President

"As I look back on my experiences as a National FFA Officer, above all the travel, beautiful places, life lessons, tours, speeches and workshops, what I remember and cherish most are the people. The selfless support from people I'd never met was incredible and humbling. Thank you so much for your support in our journeys as National Officers and as we finish our college endeavors. My teammates and I admire you for your many accomplishments and your altruistic generosity."

Nessie Early

– 2008-2009 Secretary

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Laila Hajji

– 2008-2009 Central Region Vice President

"Thank you so much for your generous donation. It is through wonderful supporters like you that I am able to pursue a higher education. Please continue to support FFA & ag ed and thank you for all that you do for students!"

Regina Holliday

– 2008-2009 Southern Region Vice President

Without generous sponsors like you, many young people including myself would not have the rewarding experiences that we have had. Thank you once again for making this positive impact on young people that you support.

Sincerely, Emily Johnson, LaRue County FFA/Kentucky Association

When Campbell Soup Company was seeking a partner to help get a positive message to consumers, they immediately thought of FFA. “We wanted to let our consumers know where our ingredients come from,” said John Faulkner from Campbell Soup Company, “and we knew FFA was dedicated to the health and prosperity of American agriculture.” These initial ideas blossomed into a great partnership between the Campbell Soup Company and the National FFA Foundation was formed, and the “Help Grow Your Soup” campaign was launched!

The “Help Grow Your Soup” campaign consisted of multiple media and promotional avenues, as well as projects involving all of agricultural education. One component project was development of the National FFA Partners in Active Learning (PALS) program — designed to foster relationships and educational moments between high school and elementary students. Other component projects included greenhouse construction grants and teacher recruitment initiatives — in partnership with the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) — and barn restoration projects coordinated by the FFA Alumni Association.

“The online component of helpgrowyoursoup.com was really wonderful. We asked consumers to go to the website and click on the red barn, and we’d make a donation on their behalf to the National FFA Organization.” said Faulkner. “Very quickly, we went right on past our goal, which was 250,000 clicks for \$250,000 for the National FFA Organization.”

Recording artist Jewel served as celebrity “Help Grow Your Soup” spokesperson, making television appearances, radio spots and numerous printed media articles. Campbell Soup used the campaign to let the world know the quality and freshness of their soups are directly attributable to the quality produced by those in agriculture and that FFA is raising up future leaders in the industry.

In 2009, the program evolved with the launch of the redeveloped PALS curriculum. Campbell Soup Company, FFA and Urban Farming collaborated on the development of community gardens, allowing students from urban communities in Atlanta, Camden, Chicago, Detroit and New York to learn more about where their food comes from.

“A lot of kids, believe it or not, think that the food just comes from the grocery store. The program that we’re doing now is able to teach the kids where food comes from — planting the seed, nurturing the seed — it’s amazing when kids see their seedling start growing how protective they are...they’re like little plant parents. So I think it’s going to be a real good thing for our kids,” said Carol Resto, Instructional Aide at James Monroe Elementary Wyandotte, Mich., just outside of Detroit. Wyandotte Mayor Joseph Peterson explained: “The gardens like this that are being done today by the kids help give them insight on the future: teaching them young, increasing their knowledge on what they can do to be independent and self-sufficient, a great asset to them and to the future of the country. If everyone supports the youth in this manner, this is going to help them prepare for the future and make the world a better place to live in.”



“Where would we be without agriculture?” asked Catherine Hartz, PALS Mentor and Senior at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte. “It’s the basis of what Michigan is about. Young kids should be educated on how to plant a seed, how plants grow and what they do for our bodies and nutritional information. FFA has taught me to stand up and step out, and kind of make a place for myself. I can be who I am and be an educator to young people. I hope they feel proud in what they’re doing, and learn about it.” PALS mentee Haley Elliott, a fourth-grader at James Monroe Elementary, agreed with Catherine and has learned, “Healthy food keeps you in shape, gives you more energy instead of junk food.” Michigan State FFA Officer Aaron Balowski believes the “Help Grow Your Soup” campaign has been a great partnership. “The sponsors are what make this work,” he said. “FFA and urban-type settings are a great way to help education, but sponsors are what make it happen. [Sponsors] provide the tools to take it to the next level.”

In the latest “Help Grow Your Soup” evolution, Campbell Soup Company worked with the National FFA Alumni in the fall of 2009 to identify iconic barns in need of restoration. Ten barns were identified as finalists for restoration and listed on helpgrowyoursoup.com. As they had done so successfully before, Campbell used the online campaign component to garner more than 250,000 clicks as supporters voted for the five winning barns. As a result, barns in Michigan, Maryland, Indiana and North Carolina are slated to be restored by volunteers — including cadres of FFA members, Alumni and supporters — during the spring of 2010.

The “Help Grow Your Soup” campaign allowed the Campbell Soup Company to engage with FFA at all levels — from elementary-school students to active FFA members to Alumni and former members. Along with getting their message out to consumers, they were also able to embrace, in a wonderful line from the FFA Creed, “the best traditions of our national life.”

Faulkner said, “At Campbell Soup Company, everyone has been so impressed with our partners at FFA. Everyone we’ve worked with has been incredibly helpful and supportive as we’ve built this program together. And then to see that cascade down to the local level, to the state level and to the community level is really what it’s all about.”



Thank you for sponsoring the FFA convention. I am proud to be a part of the FFA and I have enjoyed my three years of participation in the program. It has helped me grow in many ways. I hope to use the knowledge I have gained from my FFA experience in my college career, working towards my floral certificate at the Santa Rosa Junior College. I am happy to be a part of such an accomplished group of people, and will carry my knowledge and a sense of community through my college experience and my career. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely, Alyssa DeVincenzi

FFA is an organization that not only teaches students leadership, but also prepares them for future careers. Thank you for sponsoring the Job Interview CDE and for everything else you do with the FFA Organization. This organization has taught me so much about whom I am, my potential and my ability to succeed. I have no doubt that you will continue to serve those involved in FFA, and I look forward to expanding my involvement with FFA.

Respectfully, Heather Harder, Colfax, WA


2009 was a transformational year for the National FFA Foundation. On behalf of the 2009 National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to our corporate sponsors and individual contributors, as well as the foundation staff. Together, we stepped up to the challenge to raise more than \$14.55 million for the continued success of the Blue and Gold legacy. The personal drive and commitment to make this year a success was phenomenal. It was through the team's hard work and diligence that we were able to sustain the personal and professional development of young men and women from around the country, allowing them to develop valuable leadership skills necessary for future success.

This year our convention theme was "Lead Out Loud." Our nation's FFA students know that when they put on the blue jacket, they represent all of FFA — past, present and future — and they do just that, they lead by example. There is a challenge in our FFA future leaders to not only see the best in yourself and others, but also to lead and to serve. With more than 500,000 FFA students in more than 7,400 chapters, our future leaders discover and build themselves through their agricultural education experiences that you, as a supporter, made possible. They are finding ways to lead out loud in their communities today and will continue to do so. These young people will be our future employees and leaders. The future of agriculture and our communities remains bright!

It has been a year of great change and excitement — within FFA, in the United States and around the world. FFA students, advisors and staff will be challenged in the year ahead, but their commitment, the strength of FFA's programs and the support of valued sponsors and new contributors will drive our progress.

During my time as a Sponsors' Board member, I have had the remarkable opportunity to work with sponsors, students and staff, all dedicated to the FFA experience. The students of FFA take great pride in their accomplishments in agricultural education and leadership. They value what FFA sponsors have made possible. I hope you will continue that support of this great cause.

Thank you again for your generous contributions to FFA. You have made a positive impact on the lives of the young men and women of FFA and the future of agriculture. 2009 truly demonstrated the value, the significance and the great future of the National FFA Organization. Thank you for continuing to "Lead out Loud," as we go into this new decade!



Jeff Simmons
2009 National FFA Sponsors' Board Chair

Your support and hard work benefit over 500,000 FFA members across the country. It was an honor to compete on the national level, and FFA has developed my leadership abilities to help me succeed in the future. Thanks again for your support.


Sincerely, Drew Nash, White House, TN



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On behalf of the farmers and employees of our cooperative, I would like to thank the National FFA Foundation and everyone involved with FFA for helping us develop this valuable new partnership. It is with great satisfaction that we support an organization that is doing so much to develop not only the next generation of farmers, but also leaders in all walks of life.

Forever Blue represents all who wish to make a significant impact in FFA member's lives and specifically value the hopeful spirit, generosity, enthusiasm and high ideals embodied by FFA programs. It also represents the common connection among the thousands of people who recognize the necessity of FFA and agricultural education in strengthening people, communities and the agricultural industry.

In 1979, Mr. Lawrence L. Augenstein demonstrated his leadership by recording the first planned gift made to FFA. How appropriate that this first gift came from a member of the first National FFA Officer team. Larry designated FFA as the recipient of his life insurance policy. Larry was a humble man and made the gift in memory of his father, Robert William Augenstein. Since then, many have made gifts or established endowments as a way to honor or remember those who are close to them.

At the 82nd National FFA Convention, the Forever Blue Circle was unveiled to recognize the friends of FFA who know the positive impact FFA makes in the lives of students and who have demonstrated their leadership by making an investment through an estate or planned gift or by creating an endowment. Members were invited to celebrate in Indianapolis at a special event that provided an opportunity to say "thank you." Franci Phelan of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was the guest speaker and discussed the Gates Foundation philosophy that all lives have equal value and therefore their goal is to help all people have the opportunity to lead healthy, productive lives. Her inspiring presentation was followed by recognition of the charter members of the Forever Blue Circle.

The National FFA Foundation is thankful for the many generous gifts from friends who have helped in the past, influenced the present and enhanced the future. These leaders share the Foundation's continuing desire and determination to provide premier leadership, personal growth and career success for our children and grandchildren. The Foundation is committed to securing the sources of support in the years to come.

Please consider joining the Forever Blue Circle by making provisions for FFA through a deferred gift or by establishing an endowment.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support to the FFA. I also want to thank you for your sponsoring of the agricultural services award. The FFA teaches kids the value of leadership, personal growth and development. You can be sure that your support and time is going to a good organization. I again want to personally thank you for your sponsorship. Thank you!

Sincerely, Dustin Stanton



Individual Giving Council Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends:

It is refreshing and inspiring to see young people preparing not only for career success, but also to lead their peers through service. FFA members are more than students interested in agriculture and agribusiness. They are some of the brightest, most motivated young people in America. This encouraged me to serve as chairman of the National FFA Foundation's Individual Giving Council. I believe this is what inspired the more than 1,300 individuals recognized here. I want to personally thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of young ag leaders. FFA members will be the future leaders of our businesses and our communities.

Thank you.

During the 82nd FFA National Convention, students were encouraged to Lead Out Loud. The support that individual donors and sponsors gave to FFA sets an example of just what that means in everyday life. Those who provide time, talent and treasure impact the lives of future leaders who, in turn, will provide that leadership for the next generation. You have helped to develop tomorrow's leaders by the leadership you demonstrated through your contributions.

You have also committed to the promise, spirit and success of the students of today and the leaders of tomorrow. Even though it was a challenging year for many, FFA has remained strong because of your generous contributions. In hard times, it feels especially good to touch a life.

I am proud to have been the first chairman of the Individual Giving Council, and I want to thank the dedicated members of the council and the staff for the work they have done that allows all of us to celebrate a great year. As the students take great pride in their leadership and agricultural accomplishments, let us remember that we have all invested in the future through our support. I trust that you will continue to touch the lives of young leaders served by FFA.



Sincerely,

Charlie

A. Charles Fischer
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I am so honored to be selected as a finalist, and your generous donation to this program is beyond kind! It is groups like yours that inspire students to greatness!

Thanks again, Hanna Muller

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Entrepreneurship is the aspect of FFA that always intrigued **Slade Don Nightengale of Cordell, Okla.** In fact, at the young age of 8, he had begun his own stocker cattle operation with the money he earned from driving a tractor. When Slade first enrolled in agricultural education classes, he had an operation with 22 head of cattle — an inventory that he knew he wanted to grow. He was able to secure funding and soon purchased 128 head of cattle. He then rented 160 acres of land from a local landowner, with 45 acres of cropland and 115 acres of native grass pasture. Utilizing some of his father’s equipment in exchange for labor, he was able to plant the cropland. Today, he has 450 acres of planted wheat, 478 head of cattle and a lease for 1,000 acres of grass.

“I didn’t know what to expect when I enrolled in agricultural education classes in 8th grade,” Nightengale said. “Completing five years of high school agricultural education, being involved in FFA and having a supervised agricultural experience program taught me many valuable lessons. Production agriculture requires record keeping, marketing and financial skills. My agricultural education classes and FFA have helped me develop these skills to prepare me for my career in production agriculture.”



Robert Gordon
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After meeting FFA student members, I was impressed by what a positive difference the FFA makes in the lives of so many young people. Through its leadership and education programs and incorporating practical agricultural experiences, the FFA is helping to create confident, centered young people who will make a difference. Supporting the FFA is one of the best investments one can make in the future of America.

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Spark of Entrepreneurial Spirit

Success in her genes

Ariel Waldeck, 18, of Cecilia, Ky., has always wanted to follow in her grandfather’s farming footsteps so it wasn’t surprising when she decided to show Brown Swiss cattle, the gentle giants her grandfather always loved. “I chose Brown Swiss because that’s what my grandfather had,” Waldeck said. “He died when I was seven and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. Showing goes hand in hand with genetics and embryo transfer. You want the best when you show so that’s how I got involved in embryo transfer.”

After two years of showing and more losses than wins, she decided to take matters into her own hands and develop a better-quality Brown Swiss. Artificial insemination took her a step closer to the perfect show cow, but the results still fell short so she started buying embryos. She flushed her own cattle and implanted the embryos and soon celebrated an excellent conception rate that hovered around 70 percent. With such success, word of mouth spread, and Waldeck started All-American Genetics. Her company works with customers from all over the world to produce high-quality show animals. Just in the past year, she and her business partner have expanded the business to a new level by not only flushing other people’s cattle and implanting embryos but also raising the calves until they are 90 days old and can be returned to the owner. She also ships embryos from her own herd all over the world and sells cows and cattle. In addition, Waldeck offers classes for local farmers who are interested in starting embryo transfer on their own farms.

Waldeck is currently attending the University of Kentucky to pursue a double major in agricultural communications and integrated strategic communications.

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For **Amy Lynn Robak of Oak Park, Minn.**, conservation and agronomy were the areas that held her attention. In fact, she worked hard to help farmers make economical and environmentally friendly decisions in the area of crop nutrients. She credits her FFA advisor, Alan Stemper, with helping her set goals that would dovetail with her interests and help her continue to learn more about these areas. She began work at the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation Office and was able to work with farmers who were concerned with environmental and natural resource issues on their land.

“I simply wanted to learn new technologies in the field of agronomy such as crop nutrient tools,” Robak said. She was able to learn about soil conservation practices and how nutrient management can benefit local farmers. Amy credits her father, Richard, for getting her interested in conservation methods, such as crop rotations and manure applications.

Robak is currently attending University of Wisconsin-River Falls, majoring in conservation/agronomy.

“My nutrient management research project influenced me enough to pursue a minor in Land Use Planning focusing on agriculture preservation,” Robak said. “I plan to pursue graduate school at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to obtain my degree in soil fertility. I want to help farmers develop economically sound farming practices.”

“Being selected as the American Star in AgriScience has been an amazing experience and opportunity for me. It started for me growing up on a family dairy farm in Minnesota and having the experience of working with our farm doing research. My skills were developed by joining our local FFA chapter. By joining FFA, my research experience was only further developed and more opportunities were available for me. Without the help of my advisor, mentors and sponsors, I would have not achieved any of my accomplishments I have received today. With hard work and dedication, I believe anyone can achieve anything.”

Amy Robak
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Spark of Entrepreneurial Spirit

Connecting the agricultural community
Kela Kelln, 18, of Fairview, Okla., had an idea in 2005 when the show goat industry began to take off. Why not mimic the successful website oklahomashowpigs.com and start a website for show goats?

Her ambitious goal paid off. With an initial investment of \$2,000 and some help from her parents, she purchased the website domain www.oklahomashowgoats.com as well as software. With the help of the owner of oklahomashowpigs.com, she was able to build her website adding graphics and a new logo. She also added a message board feature. The message board provided a forum for people to discuss topics in the goat industry. Kelln contacted local breeders and feeders to advertise on the website and linked from the oklahomashowpigs.com website. This allowed her to reach out to additional audiences and increase traffic to her website.

The result has been successful. When she took over the website in 2006, she had more than 465,000 hits. In 2008, there were more than 1.2 million hits. She has held two online goat auctions and continues to make updates to the site, and this fall she plans to add a classified-ad page allowing people to advertise equipment, services or goats. She plans to expand the online auctions as well.

Kelln has been around agriculture and FFA her entire life and has shown champion pigs, chickens and goats around the state.

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For **Tony Crescio of Randolph, Wis.**, all aspects of farming intrigued him, from the crops to the equipment to the business side. For as long as he can remember, he’s been farming.

He works with muck soil at Jack’s Pride Farms, Inc. He began when he was in middle school, and the more he worked with his family, the more he became fascinated with the crops and the equipment that was needed to help with a successful harvest. Crescio wanted to be able to help with all areas of the farm and develop a solid-based onion, carrot and mint oil production business. Over the years, he’s been able to learn all aspects of the farm. He has even received recognition as a national agri-entrepreneurship national winner for starting a small business creating air fresheners and soaps with the mint oil.

As he continues to gain experience, Crescio’s responsibilities on the farm continue to grow. From tilling to planting and harvesting, he also helps with weed control for the plants. He also runs the still to distill peppermint oil. His overall career goal is to farm with his father, uncle and grandmother as a partner in the corporate farm.

“With my goal to become a partner in our farm corporation, I have farmed 40 acres of my own peppermint for the last four years,” Crescio said. “The money from this has helped me pay for school, as well as assisted me in saving money to buy into the corporation.”

Whether it’s agriculture, science or even business, FFA offers students a wide variety of career options. Many students are able to capitalize on the hands-on experience that FFA offers. Through the help of their advisors and support of FFA sponsors, students are able to create a successful future for themselves.

“I would like to thank the National FFA Foundation for all its support with the various programs I have taken part in over the years. The opportunities and relationships that have resulted from my participation in the proficiency and agri-entrepreneur programs are those which I would have never made had it not been made possible by the National FFA Foundation. The rush of standing on stage in Lucas Oil Stadium is one moment I will never forget. I am very grateful and honored to be the 2009 FFA Star in Agricultural Placement. Again, thank you for all the memories and your dedication to agriculture.”

Tony Crescio
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Spark of Entrepreneurial Spirit

For the love of animals
Cathryn Clark, 16, of Johnstown, Ohio, first recognized the need for a pet-sitting service in her community while she was volunteering at Shearer Pet Hospice in Columbus, Ohio. Pets that are in hospice care require 24-hour attendance, which can be difficult for an individual to take on by themselves. Many pet owners needed assistance with their pet’s around-the-clock care.

The idea that a pet-sitting service could be a success was reinforced when her friends and neighbors, upon hearing about her work with the pet hospital, starting asking her to help them take care of their pets. She was getting offers to pet sit, or take the family dog for an extra walk.

So she started “Clark’s Ark Pet Sitting Service.” She cares for both large and small animals and either travels to the animal’s home to check in on them, or boards them in her own home overnight. Many of her customers love the convenience of her service and the idea of leaving their pets in a “home” atmosphere, as opposed to a hospital or kennel-type atmosphere.

“I have always been involved with animals. My mom does search and rescue for animals and is a vet tech; I have worked with her since I was little. I wanted something that I could do anywhere.” Clark has learned to be organized and self-motivated through her business enterprise. She has also learned that with hard work and responsibility come many rewards.

Your support and contribution are greatly appreciated by me and the FFA, because without people like you, it would be hard to make an organization successful.

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A sweet business

Clayton N. Carley, 17, of Milford, Ill., is a people person. Some of his favorite activities are community and school fundraisers, because they give him a chance to use his conversational skills to sell items and to raise money for worthy causes.

Right before Carley’s freshman year of high school, he realized that he was going to need money for college, for a car and for funding many of his other activities and endeavors. It wasn’t long before he had a plan. He sat down with his parents to discuss the idea of setting up his own vegetable stand. Carley’s family had always grown sweet corn at their home in Milford for personal use. Many times they would have an overabundance of corn and would share it with their friends and neighbors. Many people would remark that the Carley’s sweet corn was the best they’d ever tasted. This gave the Carley the idea that he could gain a lot of a market share, thanks to his superior product.

So he found a prime location and set up “The Sweet Corn Shack.” Business the first year was a little shaky, but as word spread throughout the community about the quality of Carley’s product, and his excellent customer service skills, business began to boom.

Carley says that he’s learned a lot from his business, like how to properly grow garden produce using integrated soil management practices, how to keep a budget, how to market a product and how to provide top-notch customer service. His endeavor has not only has a positive impact on his life but has also had a positive impact on the community.

“I will never forget when a customer came to me and said that he was very impressed with how I sold my corn and was nice to my customers and had a strong work ethic and determination,” Carley said. “He said that he had mostly lost hope in the future because of what he sees in teenagers these days, but what I have done in the FFA has restored his hope.”

It is people like you that enable the youth of California to be successful and receive recognition.

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Dale Wolf was known for his active participation, support, leadership and guidance for agriculture, education, and the National FFA. He served as Chairman of the Board of DuPont’s pharmaceutical business and as Group Vice President of DuPont Ag & Nutrition Enterprise. He also held the position of chairman of the National Agriculture Chemical Association and chairman of the International Chemical Association. In 1987, Mr. Wolf left DuPont to become a public servant. He was elected Lieutenant Governor and then served as the 77th Governor of the state of Delaware.

In recognition of Mr. Wolf’s contributions to agriculture and his fellow citizens, DuPont and other friends established the Dale Wolf Scholarship Endowment as a lasting tribute to his dedication and service. The National FFA Foundation will award a scholarship to a college-bound FFA member pursuing a four-year degree in agriculture or ag sciences and who has a record of academic excellence and public service.

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Martin Sorkin served the world of economics and agriculture from his first position with the Agriculture Department in 1934 as an economist with the Federal Crop Reporting Service in Indiana. During World War II, he was involved in developing national food rationing programs. After the war, he helped develop policies for distributing surplus crops to countries facing food shortages. The effort evolved into the Food for Peace program, now administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He remained an unofficial consultant to high-ranking Agriculture Department officials throughout his life. In the 1960s and 1970s, he served on several presidential advisory commissions on food, nutrition and economics.

Mr. Sorkin left the Agriculture Department in 1961 to work as an independent consultant. He provided economic consulting services to many trade groups and agribusiness corporations, including Archer Daniels Midland (ADM).

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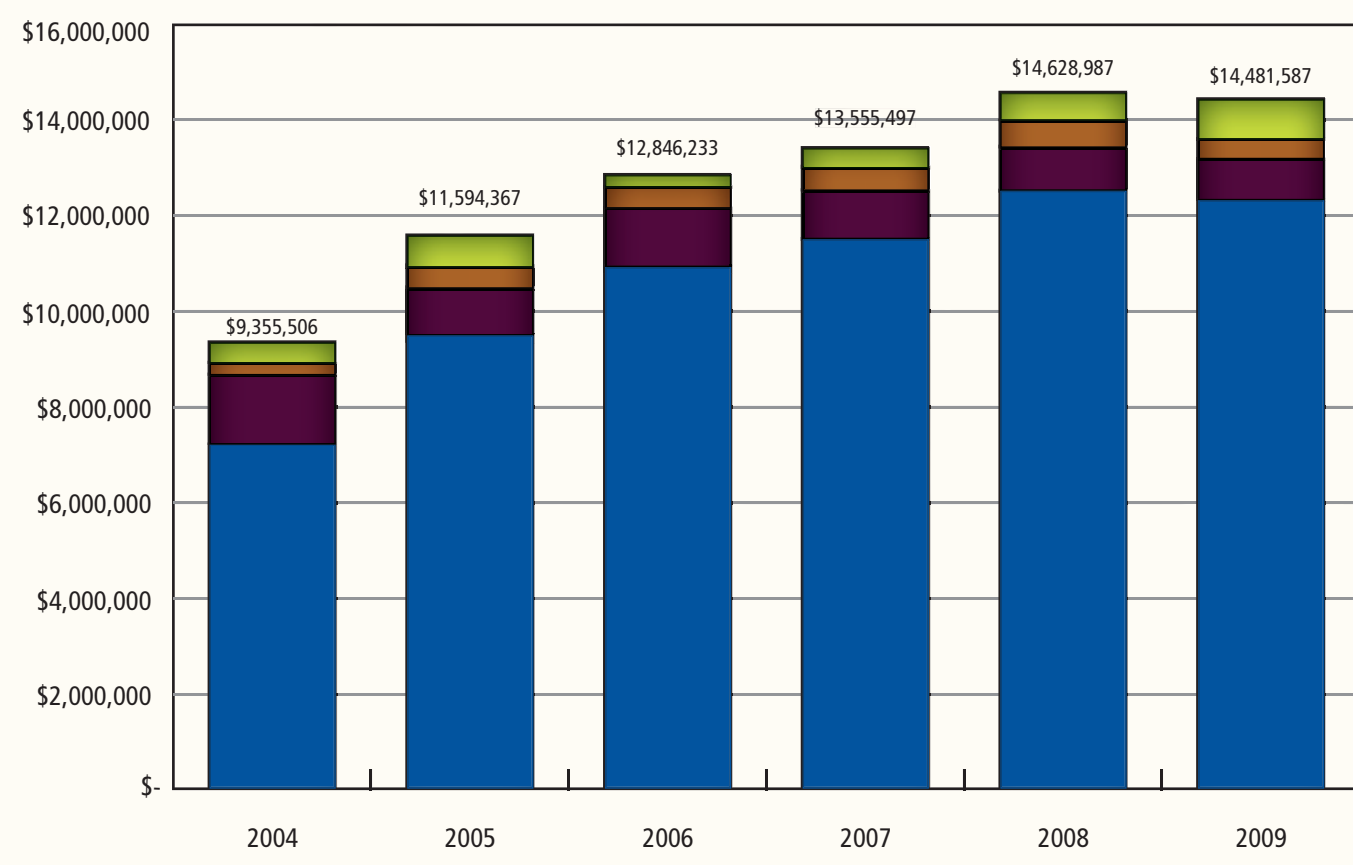
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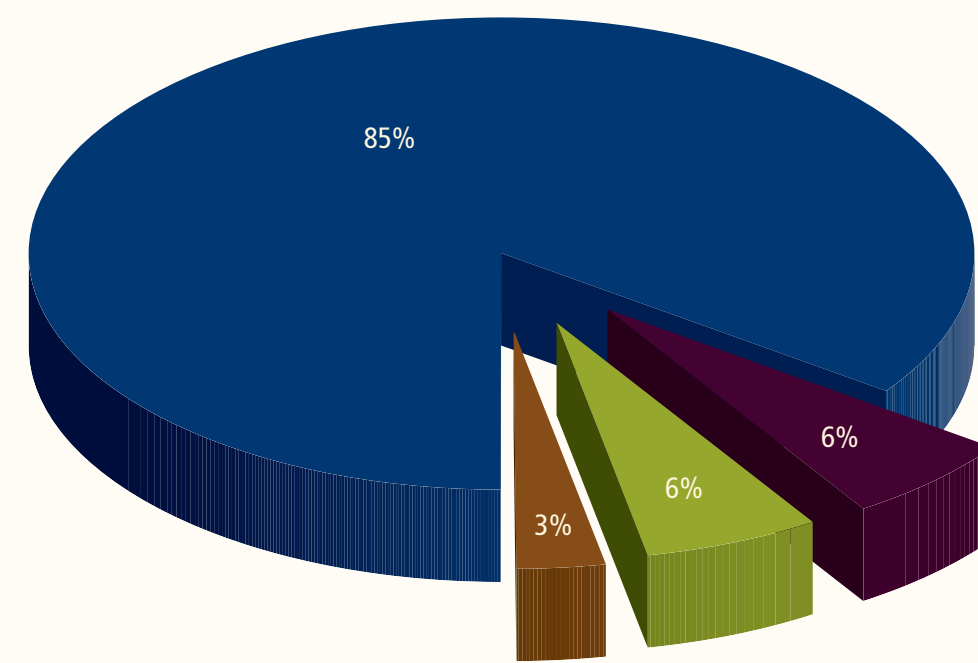
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