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President's Message Mark Williams, Oviedo, Florida



It's hard to believe but spring is already here. This is the time of year we need to be strengthening our local affiliates by increasing membership. As I have said in the past, "the strength of our organization is in our membership." Membership is truly what makes the organization. Strong organizations have strong memberships active in accomplishing the organization's mission.

The membership committee has set a goal to increase membership five percent or 1,750 members this year. The motto of the membership development program for 1993 is "Every Member - Get a Member." The National FFA Alumni Council also approved the slogan, "FFA Alumni—50,000 by 2000." In order to obtain our membership goal, we need the help of each and every Alumni member. Please join and help make our organization stronger and better able to serve our purpose of "supporting and promoting the FFA and agricultural education."

I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on the activities of the National FFA Alumni Council. On March 12-14 the council held its spring meeting at the Florida Leadership Training Center in Haines City, Florida. We had a very successful meeting and some of the items of business covered included:

1. A committee was appointed to review the election process for positions on the National FFA Alumni Council. This committee will review and make recommendations to the Alumni Council in July regarding any changes that may be necessary to address the concerns that some states have relating to the election process.
 2. The auction committee reported that plans are well under way for the 1993 auction. Your help is needed.
 3. The Alumni Council completed the 1993 FFA Alumni Program of Work.
 4. The *FFA Alumni Manual* is in the process of being revised. Each member of the Alumni Council received a draft to review before the final printing.
- The resolutions committee encourages local affiliates and state associations to submit resolutions for consideration by the

FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference

The FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference is scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday, July 27-31, in the Washington, DC, area and is sponsored by Philip Morris USA, owner of such brands as General Foods, Oscar Mayer and Marlboro. This conference is a special project of the National FFA Foundation. It will be held the same week as the FFA State Presidents' Conference and two FFA Washington Conference Programs.

The conference will focus on marketing and developing the FFA Alumni. Each person will be involved in the refinement of marketing strategies for membership development at the state and local levels. Personal growth and team building will be featured in the workshops. FFA Alumni participants will also have opportunities to hear about legislative issues. Highlights, in addition to the excellent workshops, will include a VIP tour of the Philip Morris tobacco headquarters and factory in Richmond, Virginia, sight-seeing of the Washington, DC, area, and joint activities with the FFA State Presidents' Conference.

All FFA Alumni members are invited to attend the conference which will be held at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel. State FFA Alumni presidents, or one state representative, are invited to attend at a reduced registration fee and free lodging. The conference fee is \$440 before May 15 or \$490 after May 15. This fee includes registration, lodging and most meals. The conference expenses are tax deductible for FFA Alumni leaders officially representing their affiliate or state.

For more information, contact Linda Evans, conference director, at Box 165, Curtis, Nebraska 69025 or 308-367-8761, or call the national FFA Alumni office at 703-360-3901.

National Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 12-14, 1993, national council meeting, held in Florida, can be obtained by writing the national FFA Alumni office. The next meeting of the National FFA Alumni Council will be July 22-24 in Virginia. Please contact your regional representative on the Alumni Council or the national office if you have agenda items or issues that should be addressed.

delegates at national convention. Please send resolutions to the national FFA Alumni office by July 15.

Remember, if there is anything the Alumni Council can do for you, please contact us personally or the national office.

Increasing FFA Alumni Membership

FFA Alumni membership growth is vital to developing a strong Association. The development of a workshop on the importance of having FFA Alumni members has been approved. This activity is designed for teachers and will be provided as part of FFA teacher inservice workshops. Plans are being made to feature this workshop at the national convention in November. Contact the national office if you are interested in scheduling this inservice training for a teachers' meeting in your state in 1994.

This year emphasis will be placed on chartering new local affiliates and assisting active affiliates with membership growth. The slogan for 1993 is "Every Member – Get a Member." If every person reading this newsletter remains active and gets at least one new member, we will have our greatest membership growth in history. Since the FFA Alumni began in 1972, the association has grown every year. *You* can play an important role with setting another membership record.

Outstanding Achievement Award Nominations

The FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes FFA alumni members for their leadership and service to agricultural education, the FFA, and the FFA Alumni. Nominations for the award on the national level must be submitted on an application and mailed to the national office postmarked by June 1. Applications must be signed by a state FFA Alumni leader. The recipients will be announced at the national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions in November.

National Council Nominations

The election of the member-at-large position on the National FFA Alumni Council will be held at this year's convention. If you are interested in serving the three-year term, contact your state FFA Alumni officers or the national office for an application. Applications must be approved by the state FFA Alumni council and mailed to the national office postmarked by June 1.

Alumni MasterCard

The FFA Alumni MasterCard, issued and administered by MBNA America Bank, is free the first year. The National FFA Alumni Association receives benefits from each card issued and every dollar charged on each account. Last year the FFA Alumni received over \$3,000 from the 350 cards issued through the program. For information, call 1-800-847-7378 ext. 5000 and use code PJZN 10-764.

Long Distance Advantage Program

FFA Alumni members can save up to ten percent on all long distance telephone calls and help support the National FFA Foundation and FFA Alumni at the same time. This program guarantees savings on every call over normal Sprint rates, no monthly charge, no cost to join, normal calling card features and no switch over fee. Call now to help the FFA Alumni (1-800-435-6832). Be sure to tell the sales operator, you are interested in the FFA Alumni Members' Long Distance Advantage Program.

FFA Alumni Expenses Qualify for Federal Income Tax Deductions

Some expenses incurred in FFA Alumni volunteer work can be deducted if you itemize deductions on Form 1040, Schedule A. The following items are approved deductions:

1. Transportation – out-of-pocket expenses for gas, oil, parking fees, and tolls for your car, provided they are directly related to your volunteer work. You can write off a standard rate of 12 cents per mile, plus parking fees.
2. Membership dues are deductible.
3. Any material items donated to the FFA Alumni can be deducted at the realistic value. Example, if you donate a used saw to the FFA Alumni, you can deduct its approximate value. Contributions of more than \$5,000 should be professionally appraised before donating.

For further information, see the instructions for Form 1040, Schedule A, of the Internal Revenue Service.

Did You Know ?

The facts and trends listed below show why volunteers are important to our schools and especially agricultural education programs. FFA Alumni members in more than 1,300 active affiliates are important partners with our educational system.

1. Occupations which require all workers with competencies in agribusiness, as identified in the 1992 Employment Opportunities in Agribusiness Study, show an increase from 4,066,000 in 1990 to a projection of 4,244,000 by 2005. This data was supplied by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Agricultural education will have the responsibility of training thousands of replacement workers each year in addition to the more than 170,000 workers identified by the occupations listed in the study.

2. The agribusiness occupation identified with the largest projected growth is gardener/groundkeeper. By 2005, it is projected that we will have 1,222,000 workers in this occupation. This is 28 percent more than 1990 workers.

3. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly four million Americans, ages 16-24, did not complete high school or were not enrolled. This is 13 percent of all youth and young adults in that age group.

4. Approximately 40 percent of all female dropouts leave school because they are pregnant. Teenage-parents cost taxpayers more than \$16 billion each year in support for their children.

5. Eighty-two percent of prisoners in the United States are high school dropouts.

6. The 1991 study of the supply and demand for teachers of agricultural education showed that an estimated 545 new teachers were needed. There were only 445 new graduates interested in teaching agriculture.

7. The U.S. "farm" is running under capacity. From 60 to 78 million acres of cropland have been left idle each of the past five years. Placing land into productive use with new products and functions is very important to the United States remaining a world leader in agriculture. Agricultural education is playing a vital role in producing and marketing these new products and their uses.

Will Your State Receive a Blue Blazer Award This Year?

The state FFA Alumni president, or their designee, will receive a special FFA Alumni blue blazer if membership is increased by 100 or more members this year. The Ace Bolt and Nut Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, has sponsored these beautiful blazers since this award was created eight years ago. We hope your state will have an FFA Alumni member receive this special blue blazer membership award this year.

Connecticut FFA Alumni Sponsors FFA Member Exchange Program

The Housatonic Valley FFA Alumni, from the northwest corner of Connecticut, encourages your affiliate to sponsor an FFA Member Exchange Program during the summer.

For the past fourteen years, the Housatonic Valley FFA Alumni have sponsored FFA member exchanges with chapters in other states. FFA members from Housatonic Valley have visited chapters in California, Virginia, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Washington, Texas, Iowa, Oregon, Missouri, Idaho and Montana. In turn, the recipient chapters and Alumni have sponsored students to travel to Connecticut.

Both chapters set up an itinerary pertinent to their local agriculture and community activities. The exchanges are for approximately two weeks. The Housatonic Valley FFA Chapter and FFA Alumni Affiliate conduct an annual picnic during the exchange. The Housatonic Valley FFA Alumni sponsors the airfare for their students, reviews applications and selects the FFA members to represent them in the exchange, and helps with hosting the visiting FFA members. George Wheeler, the FFA advisor, states, "This has been a wonderful educational success and many long-lasting friendships have developed."

Virginia and Nebraska Young Farmers and FFA Alumni Hold Joint State Conventions

The FFA Alumni and Young Farmers in Nebraska and Virginia combined their resources and hosted a joint annual conference for their members. The conference in Nebraska was held in Kearney, and the Virginia conference was held in Roanoke. The conferences were structured so that the Alumni and Young Farmers had joint sessions with speakers and workshop presenters, as well as individual sessions to conduct the business of their respective organizations. The Nebraska conference adjourned with a joint closing banquet which was followed by an FFA Alumni article auction. Alumni leaders in both states considered the joint conventions a success.

National FFA Alumni Convention

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the national FFA and FFA Alumni conventions in Kansas City, Missouri, November 10-13. Hotel reservations should be made as early as possible.

Congressional Breakfast

The second annual congressional breakfast, celebrating agricultural education and the FFA, was held March 2, 1993, at the Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC. The breakfast, hosted by the FFA Alumni and National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, was attended by 85 people. The American Cyanamid Company sponsored the event. Senator Larry Craig, Idaho, and Congressman Charles Stenholm, Texas, former FFA members, served as honorary chairpersons for the event. A panel discussed the topic, "School to Work Transition - Agricultural Education and Biotechnology." Panelists included Senator Larry Craig; Dr. Roger Krueger, Biotechnology Specialist, American Cyanamid Company; Dr. Larry Case, Agricultural Education Specialist, USDE; and Ms. Kimberly Perry, Executive Director, Postsecondary Education, Agricultural Education. Many former FFA members working in Washington attended the breakfast.

Alumni Salutes Executive Sponsors

Since our winter 1993 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	Phil Kingston (13)	New York
Douglas P. Daley (11)	Leo T. Rasmussen (3)	David E. Cohen (2)
California	Kentucky	Ronald Goddard (19)
Tom Munter (7)	H. Allen Middleton (8)	Alfred H. Krebs (24)
E. Frank Santos (2)	Louisiana	Wilbur Townsend (19)
John A. Stearns (28)	Patrick J. Quinn (12)	Ohio
Connecticut	Maryland	John E. Fisher (9)
Earle K. Borman Jr. (9)	Susan J. Butler (6)	Oklahoma
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Mark Rumbold (8)	Kenneth Guebert (18)	Wisconsin
Robert Van Patten (4)	Robert L. Harness (11)	Arnold B. Cordes (15)
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Nick D. Hein (9)	Jonathan Kemper (3)	Floyd/Betty Doering (16)
Michael Jackson (6)	Mark Mayfield (5)	Kevin A. Keith (10)
G. William Tolbert (3)	Robert W. Reynolds (6)	William D. Knox (13)
Iowa	James Robertson (5)	Gene Koupa (1)
Donald E. Anderson (7)	James A. Williams (3)	Charles/Aralda Larson (16)
Jim Cornick (12)	Nebraska	Gary A. Myers (1)
Owen J. Newlin (20)	B. E. Gingery (15)	Gene Pressnall (13)
Hal I. Sellers (2)	Richard/Sharon Katt (9)	Victor V. Voigt (16)
Kansas	Ted D. Ward (16)	Canada
Nelson/Marilyn Galle (16)	New Hampshire	Maurice Delage (2)
	Wentworth Hubbard (14)	

Welcome New Life Members

Since our winter newsletter, our prestigious list of life members has grown by 440 and has reached a total of 13,917. A life member receives the FFA magazine and may designate that upon their death their \$100 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.

Arkansas	Jim Holmes	Marty Goedken	Steve Cash	Wisconsin	Richard Guenther	Jake Legler	John Salzmann
Carol Betis	Russ Jensen	Chad Kelchen	Thom Hege	Wayne Albright	Gayle Gumm	Rene Lehman	Lori Salzmann
Melvin Daniel	Leland Johanning	Alan Spencer	Julie G. Howard	Jeanne Alling	Lawrence	Jerry Lenzner	Michael Schaub
Kristi Huit	Terry Jones	Cynthia A. Spencer	Jean Clark Miller	Julie Amhoelter	Gunnelson	Rick Lieffring	Ron Schmitz
Robert Rhein	Charles Josephson	Elmer Zaugg	Norman Naylor	Ken Artz	Carroll Haeterich	Dennis Logteman	Lee Schnell
Brian Tribble	Edward Kiefer	Eric Zeil	Mark A. Payne	James Ash	David Hamm	David M. Lulich	Jean Schroeder
Christy Umphries	David Killey	Kansas	Brian Walters	Jerry Ballmer	James E. Hasel	Robyn Lulich	Rusty Schwedersky
Eric Walker	Dwayne Kleckner	Kevin Crain	Wrenn Wilkinson	Larry Bartlett	Kent Havens	Cy Lyons	Timothy Schwrtz
California	Krieg Koehler	Tod Hettenbach	Ivan Wilson	Gary Batenhorst	Shane Havens	Laurie Manthe	Anthony Seebecker
Calvin Stark	Roger Kuntz	Bob L. Munson	Michael E. Yost	Mike Bauer	Doreen Helm	Etta Martin	Dawn Seebecker
Connecticut	Paul Lash Jr.	Francis L. Reichart	North Dakota	Wayne Becker	Michael Hiber	Chuck Meeker	Bernard Setz
John R. H. Blum	David Lentman	Dennis Schwarz	Roger Holztagel	Doug Behnke	Jeff Hicken	David Meyer	Harold Shaver
Georgia	William C. Lyman	Curtis Stoffer	Frank Manderfeld	Jeremy R. Belter	Alvin Hildebrandt	LuAnn Meyer	George Shellstad
Lynn Barber	David	Larry L. Viterna	Elmer Schwarz	John Bertram	Dan Hintz	Jerry Miesler	Bob Sippel
Darrell Boatright	Matzenbacher	Kentucky	Ohio	James Bires	Karen Hintz	Brenda K. Mika	Michael Skelton
Britney M. Bowen	Susan	James W. Bailey	Frank L. Breedlove	Jessie Bischoff	Mary Hoesly	Charles Mittelstadt	Gerald Skogen
John L. Dale	Matzenbacher	Alva C. Bennett	Richard Brill	Bob Boehning	Donald Hoffman	Pete Mittelstadt	Gary Sommers
Louise A. Dale	Russell Maul	Fred Chumbler Jr.	James Casto	Jean Bohnhoff	Laurel Hoilien	Janeen Naedler	Gerri Spaete
Kay Farmer	Janet P. McDaniel	J. Allen Coleman	Jason Crist	Duane Boon	Bernadine Hornby	Carl Nehm	Sheldon Stangler
Sharon Gandy	Larry D. McDaniel	Ronny Cooper	Donald Delaplane	Bill Bowers	David Hornby	LeRoy Nelson	Stuart Stangler
Suzanne M. Ginn	Lois McDaniel	John W. Crowder	Doug Delaplane	Julie Bradley	Delores Hornby	Ernest Neuenfeldt	Grant Staszak
Greg W. Ledford	Robert L. Mings	Larry A. Duvall	Steve Edger	Ed Brandt	Tom Horsch	Gerald Neumann	Roman Statz
James McCormick	Allen Mueller	Sherry Ederheimer	Larry Frazier	Pat Brecklin	David Householder	Gerry O'Connor	Gary Sternitzky
Chad McGee	Brian Mueller	Charles C. Lucas	Patricia Frazier	Richard Britzke	Dean Hughes	Mike Olson	Joyce Sternitzky
Larry McMillan	Glen Mueller	Laura S. Winstead	Allen Bruce Geyer	Dick Brodie	David Huser	Victor Pagenkopf	Mike Striegl
Dale A. Redeker	Janet Mueller	Mississippi	Daryl Goodwin	Curt Brown	Thomas Iverson	Christopher Patton	William Sullivan
David F. Rewis	Roger Mueller	Jasper S. Lee	John Guttadore	Bill Bulin	Richard Julka	Ray Pawlisch	Kenneth Swanson
Charles Rogers	Willis M. Mueller	Missouri	Ray Hatem	Scott Bunyea	Daniel Kaiser	Sue Pederson	Scott Swanson
Billy Smith	Deborah F. Ochs	Alan W. Berry	Kyle Kristin Knief	Dave Burkett	Cathy Kallian	Rick Peters	M. T. Szatalowicz
Kelly Thompson	Samuel J. Ochs	Beverly A. Berry	Jim Luster	Les Burkhalter	Joy Kapellen	Harvey Petersen	Howard Teasdale
Mary F. Thompson	Art Olson	Michael S. Jackson	Dan Miley	Ivan Burmeister	Kathy Kehl	Christopher Pietz	Roger Thomas
Robert Thompson	Keith D. Parr	Nebraska	Charles Radabaugh	Shirley Burmeister	Kevin King	Dean Porter	John Trapp
Tom B. Thomson	Gail E. Petersdorff	Dean Acheson	Luther Ruff	Bill Calhoun	Mike King	Michael Porter	Michael Trapp
Pete Weaver	Arnold Rahe	Kevin Anderson	Todd Schmitmeyer	Steve Carpenter	Jerry Klassy	Carroll Potter	Annette Trescher
Nancy Wheeler	Gordon Rahe	Neal Blomenkamp	Robert Seals	Allen Carter	Pauline R. Koopp	Charles Prellwitz	Chad Updike
Deryle T. Whipple	James Rahe	Kelly Chapman	Kim A. Weiss	Carol Carter	Tony Koss	Diane Prellwitz	Art Vanderwaal
Illinois	Kurt Rahe	Craig Erdman	Charles C. Wright	Tony	Jane Krause	Diane Prosser	Dennis Verg
Jeremy Adkisson	Sharon Rahe	Sheila Garrison	John Wright	Christopherson	Paul Krause	John Prosser	Jeff Vespeyman
Gary Altes	Kenneth Redfern	Scott Keetle	Pat Wuebker	Diane Conradt	Steve Krause	Paul Prusak	Dale Vine
James Anderson	Ronald L. Reische	Kevin Krivohlavek	Oklahoma	Tom Dellamuth	Tom Krause	Tim Prusak	John Vinopal
Wayne Anderson	Debbie Rooth	Robert A. Mager	Richard D. Welch	Wayne Dieck	David Kruse	Robert Quast	Gerald Von Haden
David Armstrong	Greg Rooth	Jeff Maser	Pennsylvania	Dennis Dobberstein	Janice Kuhl	Dennis Radloff	Rebecca Wallace
Dean Barickman	Robert Runge	Dawn Moody	David E. Hall	Allen Dorr	Wayne Kuhl	Patricia Rau	Judy Walter
Richard Batterton	Charles Seefeld	Lee Nelson	Linda D. Hall	Gary Douglas	William Kutz	Randall Rau	Dale Walz
Howard Biddle	Randal Shimmin	Neal Pohlman	Nancy E. Hall	Tim Douglas	Dave Lader	Douglas	Karie Weber
Stan Boruff	Jerry Snodgrass	Jack L. Schinstock	Donna M. Neuffer	Carter B. Dueholm	John Lader	Raymakers	Dave Wetzel
Blaine Braucht	Mark Steber	Jon Simonsen	South Carolina	Roxy Eibergen	Evelyn Larsen	Sandy Robb	Kevin Wiest
Bill Bretzman	Richard Sweeney	Lana Steinhausen	Harold J. Mackey	Dawn Ellis	Gloria Larsen	David Roitt	Jonathan Williams
Donald Bumphrey	Joseph Thompson	Rose Wissenburg	South Dakota	Stanley Erlandson	Gordon Larsen	Daniel Rowley	James Wollmer
Ron Byers	Carl D. Thorp	New Jersey	Don Soukup	Larry R. Errthum	Jim Larsen	Ronald R. Rule	Audrey Zimdars
Laverne Cairns	Ron Tombaugh	Arnold Schnetzer	Virginia	Linda Fanning	Dawn Lauer	Brian Runde	David Zimdars
Dan Callahan	Lee Ward	New Mexico	Harry D. Coffman	William Fanning	Pat Lauer	John Saladini	Steven Zimdars
Thomas R. Clark	Robert Weaver	Gayle Chance	Doris A. Cooley	Roger Fanning Jr.	Paul Lefeber	Rick Salber	Ron Zimmermann
Steve Clementz	Julie Wetzel	Jim Chance	Richard Cooley	Jerry Figi	The Kansas FFA Alumni has several of its first in a series of limited edition tractors, produced by the ERTL Company, remaining for sale at \$25 plus \$3.50 handling. The 1992 model (#4998TO) is a specially decalated version of the 1/16 scale Farmall H. The FFA emblem decal appears on both sides of the hood, and the tractor chassis has a die cast insert reading: "1992 Kansas FFA Alumni." Orders should be sent to Rod Stewart, RR 2, Box 121, Washington, KS 66968.		
John Cottingham	Steve Wheat	Harvey L. Furman	Bill Kyger	Cybil Fisher			
Harry Defenbaugh	George Woodard Jr.	Patrick Gorman	Wayne Snapp	David Flood			
Doug Deiningner	William Wortmann	Marjorie L. Meister	Bob Wetsel	DeWayne Fossum			
Bill B. Durre	Micheal E. Wurtz	North Carolina	Matt Williams	Kris Franke			
Wilbert Eschmann	Indiana	Danny Blake	Washington	William Gonnering			
Amin D. Groom	William C. Hosler		Charles C. Capen	Camren Good			
George Hennenfent	Iowa			Mike Gross			
Jean M. Herold	Robert Briggs			Denise Grunewald			
Marvin Hoffmann	Jerry Chizek			Mary Guenther			

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Alumni Elected Chairman National Council for Agricultural Education

Former national FFA Alumni president Jim Sipiorski of Green Bay, Wisconsin, was elected chairman of the National Council for Agricultural Education ("The Council"). The election of Sipiorski, a staff classifier for the Holstein Association of America, occurred at their March 16, 1993, meeting. Dr. Larry Case, chairman of The Council since its beginning in 1984, has been appointed national advisor. The Council provides leadership, stimulates creativity, develops fresh initiatives, creates a climate for renewal and improvement of existing programs, and promotes the development of new programs in agricultural education. The FFA Alumni Association is playing an active role in this umbrella organization.

Membership Promotion Awards

The National FFA Alumni will be awarding the following at the 1993 convention in November. We hope your state will be included in this year's list of recipients.

1. The Legion of Merit Citation is presented to any individual signing up fifteen or more new or renewal members, or five life members, or five executive sponsors. Applications must be postmarked by October 1 for presentation.
2. Scholarships, valued at \$350 each, will be presented for the 1994 FFA Washington Conference Program. States will receive one scholarship for every 500 members. States with less than 500 members will receive scholarships based on 50 cents per member. Local affiliates will receive one scholarship for every 250 alumni members or 100 life members.
3. Plaques, indicating growth percentage, will be given to states increasing their 1993 membership.
4. Plaques will be awarded to states where FFA Alumni membership reaches 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100% of FFA membership. At the time Alumni membership equals 100 percent, a check for \$1 per member will be presented.
5. Plaques will be presented for the most life members in a state, most life member affiliates in a state, most life members in a local affiliate, and most Alumni members in an affiliate.

June Dean, Oklahoma, is chairperson of the FFA Alumni Membership Development Committee.

Fundraising Program Benefits FFA Alumni and NVATA

The National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association and the National FFA Alumni Association are excited to announce a new fundraising program. This program guarantees 35 percent of all funds raised will be left at the local level. It also guarantees additional support for the FFA Alumni and NVATA. For information on this exclusive effort, call 1-800-664-4998. If you are a local or state FFA Alumni officer, you will receive a starter kit, a free hunting knife, and information on incentive awards for the students involved in the local fundraising.

FFA Scholarship Auction

The 1993 National FFA Scholarship Auction, sponsored by the National FFA Alumni, is off to a great start. Items contributed for this year's auction include:

- 1994 CHEVY 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup truck
- 3 Ace Nut and Bolt cabinets
- Mossberg Model 835 3 1/2" Magnum 12-gauge shot gun
- Rocky mineral feeder
- 2 Shrade Cutlery 1993-94 Duck Stamp Commem. knives
- Frozen embryo – Black Knox Nat. Champ. Simmental Sire
- 2 Scholarships for Florida's '94 FFA Leadership Camp
- Landmark Holstein semen
- Tri-State Holstein semen
- Professional public speakers including Rick Metzger
- Several cheese pkgs.
- Several fruit boxes

Please contact Ken Natzke (715-758-2718), auction chairperson, with items you, a business in your community, your affiliate or state will donate, or send item(s) to the national FFA Alumni office by June 15, so we can start publicizing this year's auction. An extensive promotion campaign is being planned.

The auction will provide FFA Washington Conference Program scholarships, educational scholarships for future ag instructors, Work Experience Abroad scholarships, and Presidential Classroom scholarships. The scholarship auction is a win-win situation for everyone. Contributors receive recognition and self-satisfaction of supporting the FFA. FFA members receive opportunities that otherwise would not be available to them. Your support is needed now to support our future "leaders."

FFA Alumni Receives Grant on Agricultural Occupations

The National FFA Alumni Association and the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association have received a grant to continue their work in cooperation with the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee to identify occupations which require all workers with competencies in agribusiness. Validation of study by state specialists is being conducted this year. These occupations will be computerized so agricultural education can obtain more usable information from Occupational Employment Statistics data. Future grants will be requested to study occupations where a percentage of the workers require agribusiness competencies.

FFA Members Eligible for Dale Carnegie Course Scholarships

FFA members are eligible to receive a full scholarship covering the registration for a Dale Carnegie Course. The Dale Carnegie Institute will provide free materials to local Carnegie instructors to be used by FFA members participating in local courses. Carnegie instructors are allowed to place FFA members in their courses not filled with paying participants. Contact your local Carnegie instructor, if you know of an interested student. For additional information, contact Woody Cox at the national FFA Alumni office (703-360-3901).

FFA Alumni Supply Items (Spring '93)

(NEW) A. Alumni Road Sign

FFA Alumni emblem is placed on a 21" x 30" durable, high impact polystyrene sign.

•Item ARS ea \$20.00

Letter Decals – Dura-Cal letters 1-1/2" in height, adhesive backing, guaranteed for at least two years outdoors, sheet with 60 characters.

•Item D-4 ea \$2.75

(NEW) B. Alumni Flag

FFA Alumni flag (3' x 5') is 100% nylon for indoor or light outdoor use. Flag is blue with emblem in gold.

•Item ALF-3 ea \$57.00

(NEW) C. Alumni Manual

1993 edition, available after May 15.

Tells how to organize, suggests activities and programs, and discusses awards, services and history of the FFA Alumni.

•Item ALM ea \$3.50

10 or more ea \$2.60

D. Cap

Off-white cap with blue bill and special Alumni patch on front. One size fits all.

•Item ACAP-1 ea \$8.50

10 or more ea \$8.00



E. Stationery & Envelopes

Note: These items should be ordered directly from the Alumni office. Stationery can be personalized but envelopes come with emblem only. Available in both one- and two-color emblem.

Stationery per 1000 (one-color) \$75.00

Stationery per 1000 (two-color) \$100.00

Envelopes per 500 \$20.00

F. Alumni Business Cards

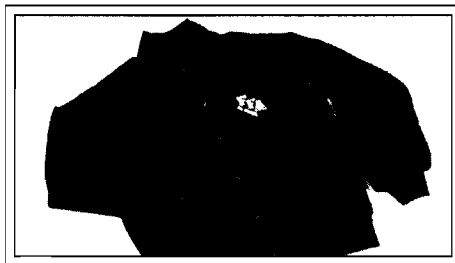
Gold and blue Alumni emblem with name and address. Quantity 300.

•Item BUSC-ALU \$40.00

G. Corduroy Jacket

Royal blue corduroy jacket, 85% cotton, 15% polyester with mandarin collar, knit cuffs and wristband. Snap front. Raglan sleeves. Alumni patch. Sizes S M L XL. Add \$2.00 for XXL. Name in gold embroidery at no extra cost. Please state name.

•Item 355-AL ea \$47.00



H. Blazer Emblem

Attractive Swiss embroidered (3" x 4") blazer emblem in three colors on a blue felt background.

•Item Crest No. 4 ea \$3.40

I. Badge

Identification at banquets, meetings, conventions, and other activities. Sturdy 2" celluloid badge.

•Item ACB-1 ea \$5.00

10 or more ea \$3.99

J. Decals

Emblem decal (4" x 5-1/4") in three dimensional color with mylar finish. Weatherproof with peel-off backing. Will adhere to most any surface.

•Item AD-1 ea \$1.25

10 or more ea \$1.00

K. Alumni Luggage

This set features two popular pieces that are carry-on sized. The underseater carry-on is sized 20" x 13" x 7", the garment carrier is 46" x 22" x 3". Made of 420 denier navy oxford nylon with red piping and gray trim. Oxidized metal hardware and large front zipper pocket complete this set with "FFA Alumni" gold-stamped on each piece. Purchase separately or save with purchase of the set.

•Item LUG-CO-ALU Carry-On Underseater ea \$19.00

•Item LUG-GAR-ALU Garment Carrier ea \$34.00

•Item LUG-SET-ALU Set of Two ea \$48.00

All prices include shipping.

L. Alumni T-Shirts

T-shirt in 100% cotton with "Alumni FFA" front and back neon imprint (back side pictured). Sizes S M L XL. Available in XXL for an additional \$2.00.

•Item 364-T California blue ea \$9.75

•Item 364-B Black ea \$9.75

Size XXL ea \$11.75



M. Alumni Polo Shirt

(pictured next page)

White polo shirt with Alumni screen imprint in blue and red. Sizes S M L XL.

•Item 360 ea \$17.95

N. Alumni Ash Sweatshirt

(pictured next page)

Ash sweatshirt in 50/50 poly/cotton with Alumni logo in blue and red. Sizes S M L XL. Available in XXL for an additional \$3.00.

•Item 363 ea \$17.00

Size XXL ea \$20.00

O. Alumni Fleece Cardigan

(pictured next page)

White fleece cardigan with Alumni logo in blue and red. One size fits all.

•Item 361 ea \$25.00

P. Alumni Ash T-Shirt

(pictured next page)

Ash T-shirt in 50/50 poly/cotton with Alumni logo in blue and red. Sizes S M L XL. Available in XXL for an additional \$2.00.

•Item 362 ea \$8.00

Size XXL ea \$10.00

Q. Alumni Poster

Alumni emblem (old emblem) in full color printed on 70# (23" x 35") enamel paper.

•Item AAA-1 ea \$8.00

R. Alumni Tie

Exclusive design for FFA Alumni. Dark blue with gold lettering

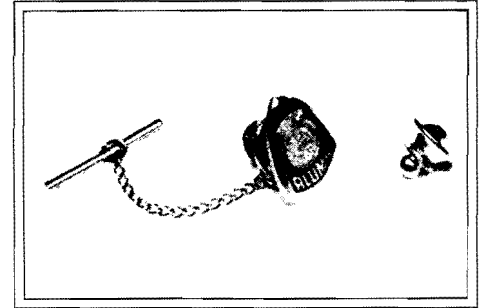
•Item AL-T ea \$10.00

S. Official Membership Pin

Gold pin with satin blue background can be worn on the lapel or as a tie tac.

•Item ALP-1T Member Pin ea \$13.50
10 or more ea \$11.50

•Item ALP-1TL Life Member Pin (with diamond) ea \$32.50



T. Alumni Plaques

Most any type of plaque can be adapted for special occasions. Please look through the plaque section of the FFA Catalog for plaques. Standard FFA Alumni plaque is cherry finish (7" x 9") with screened Alumni emblem and engraving plate.

•Item PAL-1 ea \$27.00

Etched engraving per character \$.15

Screen-etched Alumni emblem plate (3 3/4" x 5") for use with other plaques.

•Item 6004-R ea \$11.50

For information or phone orders, call 703-780-5600. Other items such as oxford jackets and cap patches (emblem) are available.

FFA Alumni Supply Order

SEND TO: FFA Alumni Supply, P.O. Box 15058, Alexandria, VA 22309. Include check, money order or credit card information.

PRICES INCLUDE HANDLING CHARGE

PRICES LISTED ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL October 1, 1993.

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 Phone _____

Item #	Qty.	Size	Description	Lettering Desired (Type or Print)	Price Each	Total Price

Credit Card Information: _____ Subtotal _____
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 Card No.: _____ State Tax (VA members only) _____
 Expiration Date: _____ Signature (ordered by): _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** _____



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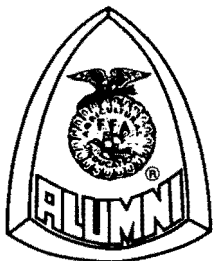
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- May 15 - FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference
Advance Registration Due
- June 1 - Outstanding Achievement Award Applic. Due
National Council Nominations Due
- July 1 - State Resolutions and Constitutional
Amendments for National Consideration Due
- July 22-24 National FFA Alumni Council Meeting
- July 27-31 FFA Alumni State Leaders' Conference