

# New VISIONS



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## Conventions Commemorate Milestones in FFA History, Education

The 2010 National FFA Convention will commemorate a year of milestones. After 45 years of service to FFA, Dr. Larry Case will be completing his final convention as national FFA advisor. The 75th anniversary of the inception of the New Farmers of America (NFA) celebrates a chapter of our shared history in hopes of helping point the way to an even brighter FFA future.

The National FFA Alumni Convention is



equally exciting this year with outstanding educational workshops for both Alumni and student members. The silent and live benefit auctions will help raise funds and awareness for student scholarships.

The Alumni Fun Room is the place to be with "Minute-to-Win-It" style games, dancing, and more.

The convention's keynote speaker will be featured during the FFA Alumni Awards Session,

Thursday, Oct. 21. Dr. Derek Greenfield will speak on an inspiring topic, "Today is the First Day of the Rest of Your Life." Derek currently serves as assistant professor of education at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., and has set several milestones as an educator (see sidebar at bottom left of this page).

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### Convention Speaker is a Passionate Teacher



Dr. Derek Greenfield

As a testament to his talents as an educator and dedication to students, Derek has been named six times to the list of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and received Faculty of the Year honors in his previous position at Shaw University. His innovative course, "Hip-Hop and American Society," has been featured twice in *Source* magazine. He also spent seven years as an award-winning youth worker in inner-city Chicago. He has published several academic papers and is the author of the widely acclaimed motivational book, *The Answer is in Your Hands*.

With his energetic style, innovative ideas, and sense of humor, Derek has become a highly requested speaker, addressing enthusiastic audiences from Texas to Tonga. His keynote presentations and workshops have been featured at events such as the International Conference on Cultural Diversity, National Youth Professionals Institute, and Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference, including dozens of colleges and universities such as MIT, University of Texas, and Michigan State University. He has also served as motivational consultant for organizations such as McDonald's Corporation, Hilton Hotels, Progress Energy, United Airlines, and the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks.

Derek received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Sociology from Northwestern University, and earned his Doctor of Education degree from Cape Peninsula University of Technology in South Africa. He is currently conducting research towards his Ph.D. in Cultural Studies at the University of Washington.

### Bylaws Amendment: Associate Membership



A new free, non-voting membership has been proposed. At the Alumni Development Conference, the National FFA Alumni Council and staff identified the need for an additional membership category.

The associate membership category will offer prospective Alumni the opportunity to be engaged with and learn about the Alumni Association at local, state, and national levels.

This new category of membership is a proposed amendment to the National FFA Alumni Bylaws. The bylaws can be found on the Alumni homepage at [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) with the proposed addition and changes highlighted in red.

This amendment will be voted on by delegates during the business session at the National FFA Alumni Convention on Friday, Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.-Noon, in rooms 205-207 of the Indiana Convention Center.

To obtain further background on this proposed change, contact Executive Director J. Frank Saldaña at [fsaldana@ffa.org](mailto:fsaldana@ffa.org).

# ROUNDTABLE

## Change: Facing it with a Positive Message

National FFA Alumni President Bids Farewell

Change is inevitable in our lives. The question is how do we face the challenge of change and what kind of an impact will we have? We can affect how change impacts our lives through our attitude, flexibility, and life choices.

As we experience change in our daily lives, so do organizations and communities to which we belong. The FFA Alumni



Diane Amara

Association is no different. Over the course of several years, it has experienced the process of going from one phase to another through bylaws

changes, personnel changes, and annually with the change in leadership on the National FFA Alumni Council.

As I traveled to Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, and Wisconsin for state meetings during my presidency, I noticed many differences among those states. Even with the differences, the overall purpose to advocate and strengthen agricultural education and FFA members is the same for Alumni in each state. Ohio is the only place I could afford a million dollar pair of jeans, with fun money, of course! It is our diversity that will continue to strengthen the National FFA Alumni Association. We each have a long road to travel and that is the challenge each of us faces—opening our hearts and

minds to change each and every day.

The agricultural industry, by nature, is constantly changing. To continue to be effective leaders in our communities, states, and nation, we need to evolve to meet those challenges. Some of you have heard me comment that I believe FFA Alumni members support the economic viability of our communities and nation so we can continue to provide safe and secure food worldwide. Advocating for agricultural education and FFA is an opportunity to educate and tell our story to everyone. Let's not be selective with whom we share our story of agriculture, rather let's make sure it is a positive message that will be a benefit to our dedicated agriculture teachers and our agriculture community.

My responsibility as your leader isn't over; it is changing. As your president, I am deeply honored to have had your trust and confidence in my abilities to lead the National FFA Alumni Association. I thank you for your vote of confidence. While I will not be your president after this convention, I will always be your advocate for agricultural education and FFA. My passionate belief in the vital role of agriculture is no different.

So I encourage you to attend this year's convention to begin the next phase of change, for you personally and for our association. And I know, **You Make it Happen!**

Diane Amara  
National FFA Alumni President

### 2010 National Council Candidates

The following FFA Alumni members are listed on the ballot for National FFA Alumni Council positions. Their biographies can be viewed online at [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) under the Alumni Council tab. Delegates will cast their votes at this year's convention business session on October 22. Members are encouraged to contact their state FFA Alumni leaders to express their preferences. If you are

interested in knowing more about the roles and responsibilities of the Alumni Council, attend the "FFA Alumni Council 101" workshop, immediately following the conclusion of the business session.

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#### Vision

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

#### Mission

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

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## Is Your FFA Alumni Affiliate at Risk of Losing Tax-Exempt Status?

Thousands of charities will lose tax-exempt status if they do not file a Form 990-N with the IRS in 2010. Previously, organizations (**this includes state FFA Alumni associations and local FFA Alumni affiliates with a federal employee identification number**) with less than \$25,000 annual gross receipts were not required to file an annual report with the IRS. But a 2007 regulatory change required such



entities to file a simple e-postcard notice called the Form 990-N if they were not otherwise required to file a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Any organization that has not satisfied its annual report filing requirements for three years in a row is subject to revocation of tax-exempt status. If such status is lost, the organization will

have to reapply for tax-exempt recognition by filing Form 1023 and paying the filing fee. Since organizations with gross receipts of less than \$25,000 have been required to file Form 990-N since 2007, if they have not filed it for 2007, 2008, and 2009, they are in danger of losing tax-exempt status this year.

The original deadline for filing the 990-N for 2009 was May 17, 2010. On July 26, the IRS announced a "one time relief program" to preserve tax-exempt status for entities that missed their third year of filing the requisite 990-N or 990-EZ. Organizations qualifying to submit the 990-N for 2009 that missed the May deadline now have until Oct. 15, 2010, to file a 990-N before their tax-exempt status is revoked.

Visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for a "List of Organizations at Risk of Automatic

Revocation of Tax-Exempt Status" in your state.

**How does a local or state FFA Alumni affiliate obtain tax-exempt status as a subsidiary of the National FFA Organization?**

- Obtain an Employee Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS.
- Complete the FFA Return Form and submit it to the National FFA Organization.
- National FFA will contact the IRS to have your EIN linked to the national organization's group exemption number (GEN).
- File either a 990-N (e-postcard) or 990/990-EZ annually.

Visit [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) to access tax-exempt information, an FFA Return Form, IRS 990 forms, and more.

### Change in Use of Funds from Life Membership

Dear Life Members:

The life membership investment account continues to produce income through interest that exceeds the annual costs associated with life members. This additional income presents a wonderful opportunity to further support FFA Alumni programs, providing crucial support for FFA members nationwide.

The purpose of this notice is to inform members that when the available spending funds from the life member account exceed the expenses to support life members, those excess funds will be used to propel other National FFA Alumni programs.

Your strong support of FFA and your continued dedication to making great opportunities like these possible are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact J. Frank Saldaña at [fsaldana@ffa.org](mailto:fsaldana@ffa.org).

Sincerely,  
Diane Amara  
National FFA Alumni President



### Corporate FFA Alumni Members

The National FFA Alumni Association would like to recognize the following Corporate FFA Alumni members as an integral part of the premier organization that secures the promise of FFA and agricultural education. On behalf of the more than 48,000 members that comprise this association, we would like to extend our appreciation to the following individuals and businesses for helping it to create an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

Buffy Astin  
Plant City, Florida

James Valley Grain  
Verona, North Dakota

Ameriprise Financial  
Lansing, Michigan

Wheat Growers  
Oakes, North Dakota

Farmland Ampride  
Oakes, North Dakota

Michael Hamilton  
Plano, Texas

## Benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity

Charitable giving does not have to be a one-way proposition. It is possible to make a charitable gift and actually have an income stream flow back to you—all while generating valuable tax benefits. Numerous charitable

strategies allow you to realize such benefits. One of the older and most popular is the charitable

gift annuity. The rates for gift annuities are generally higher when compared to fixed investments such as certificates of deposit. This is good news for those who want to make an important charitable gift, but who need to retain cash flow based on the value of the donated assets.

At its heart, a gift annuity is simply a contract between a donor and a charity such as FFA. In exchange for a gift of a specified amount, the foundation agrees to make speci-

fied annual payments for life to one or two beneficiaries (annuitants). Perhaps you will find that a charitable gift annuity is just the kind of charitable giving plan for you.

**For more information about the benefits of planned giving, contact Bobbie Donahue at [bdonahue@ffa.org](mailto:bdonahue@ffa.org), 317-802-4297, or visit [www.ffa.plannedgifts.org](http://www.ffa.plannedgifts.org).**





## Resources

### FREE Access to LifeKnowledge Lessons

With a simple click of the mouse, teachers can obtain the tools needed to help build students into leaders. LifeKnowledge Online knows times are tough, so its FFA mission precept-based lessons will not only save time, but money, as the downloads are absolutely free! Alumni members can encourage their local teachers to take advantage of this free offer to build young leaders. If you or your teacher has questions, contact [lkonline@ffa.org](mailto:lkonline@ffa.org). Visit <http://ffa.learn.com/lifeknowledge>.

### FREE Middle School Curriculum

With more than 150 free pre-packaged lessons to choose from in the Middle School Food and



Agricultural Literacy Curriculum, teachers now have more time to focus on their students. The National FFA Organization offers a curriculum, sponsored by the National Pork Board, intended to keep students engaged and teachers at ease. These lessons are designed to teach students to become savvy consumers by exploring agriculture from multiple perspectives—food science, animal science, natural resources, plant science, agricultural science and technology, agricultural issues, and careers in agricultural sciences. The curriculum can be customized to fit all planning needs! Teachers can use one lesson, one unit, or the entire curriculum! Look for the curriculum at <http://ffa.learn.com>. Alumni members can share this information with their middle school agriculture teachers or with those teachers con-

templating a middle school agricultural education program.

## Alumni

### Ag Connect Expo: Free Registration

The world of agriculture will assemble at the AG CONNECT Expo in Atlanta, Ga., January 7-10, 2011. Attendees include FFA Alumni members who can receive free registration for the Preview Day, January 7, 2011. The registration form with the promotional code and further details of the partnership can be found on the National FFA Alumni website at [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) or by visiting the AG CONNECT website at [www.agconnect.com](http://www.agconnect.com). Use the FFA Alumni promotional code, “FFA11,” in the appropriate spot.

## National Convention Alumni Workshops

Alumni workshops are back by popular demand with several high-impact presentations during this year’s convention:

### Thursday, Oct. 21—ICC\*, Rooms 205-207

10-11 a.m.

**“Launching the MemberSHIP: Follow your Cruise Directors to the Land of Online Membership Management”** by Amber Smyer and Phyllis McDonald, National FFA Alumni staff. The 2011-2012 membership year will involve a transition from the old paper and Excel rosters to an all online format. Ensure your local affiliate and state FFA Alumni association is providing input into the functionality of the new online system and how to prepare your members for the transition.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**“Chasing the Dollar: Rake in Resources by Learning to Dig-Up Grants and Identify Fundraising Ideas that Will Blow your Mind!”** by Jim McCray, National FFA Alumni Council, and Jimmie Loftis, Tennessee FFA Foundation. This workshop will share innovative fundraising ideas and proven strategies for identifying revenue sources to fund your Alumni programs and ensure continued support for agricultural education programs and students!

1:30-2:30 p.m.

**“Breathe New Life into your State and Local FFA Alumni Leadership: Get Certified in CPR<sup>2</sup> (Council’s Primary Roles and Responsibilities)”** by David Miller, National FFA Alumni Council, and

Kevin Keith, National FFA Local Program Success specialist. This workshop is designed to enhance your local and state FFA Alumni boards. Learn your roles and responsibilities as an FFA Alumni leader and how to influence progress in your affiliate or association!

### Friday, Oct. 22—ICC\*, Rooms 205-207

\*\*Noon-1 p.m.

**“Alumni Council 101: Is the National FFA Alumni Council Right for You?”** by former members of the National FFA Alumni Council.

\* Indiana Convention Center

\*\* This workshop immediately follows the closing of the Alumni Business Session.

**Be sure to visit the  
FFA Alumni FUN ZONE in ICC 500 Ballroom  
and the FFA Alumni Nation exhibit in the  
Career Show booth #501!**

**Alumni Nation** 

# Lights, Camera, Auction!

2010 National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions—Raising Funds for Student Scholarships

**H**ave you always wanted to be a star? Now is your chance to walk the FFA Alumni red carpet, be swarmed by paparazzi (or at least adoring students), and make a difference by participating in the National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions! The live and silent benefit auctions are annually held to raise funds for FFA students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). In 2009, the auctions provided 152 WLC scholarships to local affiliates and state FFA Alumni associations. This was only made possible through the generous donations and participation of FFA Alumni members, supporters, and donors. You can ensure that these monies are available to students this year by participating in the auction:

**Donate:** Show your support for FFA and this rewarding activity by donating to the auc-

tions. Donated products, gift certificates, travel packages, and gift baskets will help us reach the goal of raising \$170,000! To donate to the benefit auctions, visit [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) to download a donation form, or contact [alumni@ffa.org](mailto:alumni@ffa.org) or 317-802-4294 for more information.

**Student Involvement:** Local agricultural education programs can assist the auction fundraising effort by donating outstanding student projects. Projects can include welding, woodworking, floral design, supervised agricultural experience program products, and everything in between! Encourage students from your local chapter to participate!

**Bid:** If you will be attending the 2010 National FFA Convention, visit the Indiana



Convention Center 500 Ballroom to bid on hundreds of great items in the silent benefit auction. Then join the fun and excitement of the live benefit auction on Friday evening. If you are unable to attend the convention, you can still participate in the live benefit auction via the Internet! Log on to place pre-bids or connect the night of the auction to bid live against those attending the convention. (See auction ad at bottom left for more details.)

Live Benefit Auction conducted by



**Can't Attend?**  
Bid Online at:  
[www.unitedcountry.com/ffauction](http://www.unitedcountry.com/ffauction)

**2010 NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI BENEFIT AUCTION**  
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**26th ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION**  
Raising Funds for Student Scholarships  
Live Benefit Auction: Friday October 22, 2010 at 6 p.m. (EDT)  
2010 National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Bid on these great items:**

- 2011 Ford F-150 XLT
- New Holland
  - Rustler™ 115 4X4 utility vehicle
  - Tractor/baler lease
- 46" Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor with bagger
- FFA items and memorabilia
- Tractor Supply Company vendor products
- Trip to Germany for two with CLAAS
- And much more!

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Visit [www.unitedcountry.com/ffauction](http://www.unitedcountry.com/ffauction) to view these auction catalogs, register and bid from home!

## State Basket Contest

As part of the benefit auctions, a state basket contest will be held for all state FFA and state FFA Alumni associations to enter. What does the term "basket" mean in your state? Create a fun and inventive basket filled with your state's products and specialties! All baskets will be judged on Oct. 20 to determine the best overall basket, which will be sold in the live auction. The contest offers an opportunity to show state pride and support FFA! Visit [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni) and click on the "Auction" tab to view contest rules!

### Award Categories and Prizes

<i>Best Overall</i>	\$550 WLC scholarship
<i>People's Choice</i>	\$250 WLC Scholarship
<i>President's Choice</i>	\$200 registration fee to the FFA Alumni Development Conference



### Close Inspection.

An FFA Alumni member inspects the various items available for bid at last year's Silent Benefit Auction. See the catalog in this issue for more details on items for bid.

# FFA *for* Life

## Don't Leave **FFA** Behind after Graduation

*Editor's Note: This article has been reprinted by permission from the August 2010 issue of FFA New Horizons. The intent is for Alumni members to use the information to encourage graduating seniors to maintain their contact with FFA by remaining involved in various ways.*

By Jessica Mozo

**Y**ou may think once you take off your blue jacket for the last time at your chapter's year-end banquet, your FFA involvement is over. But it doesn't have to be. There are lots of ways you can stay plugged in with FFA after high school, whether it's through Collegiate FFA, the National FFA Alumni Association, or local Alumni/booster clubs. Here are some ideas:

### Connect Locally

"FFA Alumni affiliates offer the opportunity for former FFA members and supporters of agricultural education to connect with the organization that has meant so much to them," says Lucy Whitehead, program manager for the National FFA Alumni Association. "They really get to see how FFA impacts students and have a hands-on role in the molding and shaping of tomorrow's leaders in agriculture. It's very gratifying to know FFA members are well-respected; make great employees; and are innovative, well-rounded individuals who are prepared to face the world."

### Join Nationally

Another way to continue your FFA involvement is by joining the National FFA Alumni Association. The group is composed of about 48,000 FFA Alumni who share a common desire to make FFA students' lives better.



Former FFA members can connect locally by donating time to their local FFA Alumni affiliates. This donation can take the form of training teams for competition to raising funds for scholarships.

"FFA relies on Alumni members for student recruiting; scholarship money; and aiding with camps, conferences, the national FFA convention and other personal development programs," Whitehead says. "Agriculture teachers rely on FFA Alumni members and countless volunteers to help ease the outside commitments of teaching and bring more support to agricultural education programs. That gives teachers the freedom to do what they do best—teach students."

### Donate Time

You can also become part of an FFA Alumni affiliate, an organized group of individuals who are concerned with the success and growth of their FFA chapter. FFA Alumni affiliates support FFA advisors, mentor FFA students, educate at school board meetings, chaperone FFA events, raise money for scholarships, help train teams for competition, make the news media aware of FFA, and much more.

### Go Collegiate

If you just couldn't get enough of FFA in high school, you can even continue your involvement in college. Collegiate FFA chapters can be found on many campuses and provide valuable membership benefits, from socializing with the top agriculture students on your campus to helping out with service projects and finding the resources you need to embark on a successful career.

**To learn of other ways to encourage  
graduating seniors and former  
FFA members to remain involved,  
visit [www.ffa.org/alumni](http://www.ffa.org/alumni).**



FFA Alumni members can effect long-lasting, meaningful change in the community through efforts such as collecting perishable and non-perishable food for the hungry. The Harvest for America Food Drive is one example.



# New Jersey Pilot Project on Board Effectiveness Goes National

New Jersey Department of Education and National FFA Alumni staff developed the New Jersey Team Ag Ed Board Leadership Symposium. Amber Smyer and Lucy Whitehead, National FFA Alumni Association program managers, and David Miller, National FFA Alumni President-elect, conducted the symposium for New Jersey's Team Ag Ed in August. The goal of the symposium was to improve, streamline, and increase productivity of the state's foundation board, Alumni affiliates, agriculture teachers' council, and others.

## The training reviewed board roles and responsibilities

- Defining your role on the board
- Work, wisdom, wealth defined
- General board responsibilities
- Specific board member responsibilities
- Board/life balance

## Best practices of high performing nonprofit boards

- Board recruitment and training/orientation process
- Board assessment
- Effective committee structure
- Defined roles of board versus staff
- Future vision
- Resources

## Practice Makes Perfect

After completing the groundwork for a high performing board, group members discussed what their role would be in the Team Ag Ed partnership and how they could serve agricultural education as a whole. The final step for the group was to apply their knowledge. Participants learned how to set board goals and the steps to achieving them. This successful event created an energy and immediate action plan that participants shared with their respective boards. If you are interested in holding this symposium, contact [alumni@ffa.org](mailto:alumni@ffa.org).



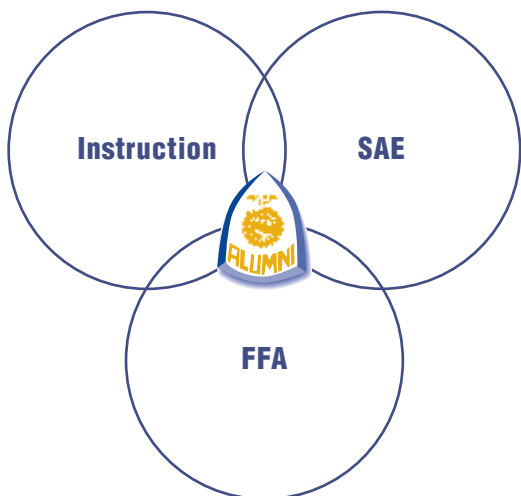
The New Jersey Team Ag Ed Board Leadership Symposium provided education to improve, streamline, and increase productivity of the state's foundation board, Alumni affiliates, agriculture teachers' council, and other participants. At far left is David Miller, National FFA Alumni President-elect, one of the presenters.

# Making the The Three Circle Model More Effective

By Ann Larson

We have all heard the saying, "Keep Your Eye on the Ball," but do we know what that ball is in the field of National FFA Alumni Association? That ball, that pivotal goal, is to aid and assist FFA at the local, state, and national levels.

FFA is composed of three components, commonly known as the "Three Circle Model."



This model shows that in order to have a viable agricultural education program, it must have FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE), and classroom instruction. As Alumni members, you are in the unique position to offer your time, talents, and treasure to your local agricultural education program. Your support of your local program should benefit all aspects of the Three Circle Model.

Spend time assisting and mentoring students as they develop their SAE projects.

Agriculture teachers are always looking for materials for their classrooms, guest speakers, industry insights, job shadowing opportunities, and much more. Alumni provide these amazing talents and, if properly coordinated through your instructor, an FFA Alumni affiliate can prove to be an asset in sustaining classroom success.

FFA chapters can also greatly benefit from organized and vocal Alumni who are willing to be judges, chaperones, advocates, and fundraisers.

To say Alumni is the glue that holds the model together would be boastful, but they

are the FFA faithful who believe in the future of agriculture. With a solid and strong Alumni support system FFA and agricultural education will continue to grow and produce the leaders of tomorrow.

If you do not already invite your agriculture teacher or school board members to your local affiliate or state association meetings, it is imperative you begin the process of introducing them to how FFA Alumni can support and assist in building effective programs.

**As Alumni members, you are in the unique position to offer your time, talents, and treasure to your local agricultural education program. Your support of your local program should benefit all aspects of the Three Circle Model.**

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## 2010 National FFA Alumni Association Convention Schedule

### Thursday, October 21

4-6 p.m.	FFA Alumni Awards Session	205-207*
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### Friday, October 22

8-9:30 a.m.	FFA Alumni Delegate Check-In	<i>Outside</i> 205-207
9:30 a.m.-Noon	FFA Alumni Business Session	205-207

2010 Registration will be completed online in advance of convention.  
Last minute substitutions can be made during delegate check-in.  
Contact your state Alumni leader if you wish to serve as a delegate.

\*All activities will be held in the Indiana Convention Center (ICC) unless noted.

### 2010 National FFA Alumni Benefit Auctions

#### Wednesday, October 20

1-6 p.m.	Silent Auction Open for Bidding	500 Ballroom
1-6 p.m.	Live Auction Items on Display	500 Ballroom

#### Thursday, October 21

9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Silent Auction Open for Bidding	500 Ballroom
9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Live Auction Items on Display	500 Ballroom

#### Friday, October 22

9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Silent Auction Open for Bidding	500 Ballroom
4-10 p.m.	Silent Auction Payment/Pickup	500 Ballroom
5-6 p.m.	Live Auction Social	500 Ballroom
6 p.m.	Live Auction Begins	500 Ballroom

#### Saturday, October 23

8-10 a.m.	Auction Payment/Pickup	500 Ballroom
10 a.m.	Mini-Auction for Unclaimed Items	500 Ballroom

### 2010 National FFA Alumni Workshops

#### Thursday, October 21

10-11 a.m.	<b>Membership Management</b>	205-207
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<b>Fundraising Ideas</b>	205-207
1:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>Enhancing Board Effectiveness</b>	205-207

#### Friday, October 22

Noon-1 p.m.**	<b>Council 101</b>	205-207
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\*\* This workshop immediately follows the closing of the Alumni Business Session.

For further details about these workshops, including titles, see page 4.

### 2010 Hypnotist Shows and Student Workshops

Proceeds from the following hypnotist shows benefit the National FFA Alumni Association.  
Encourage your local chapters to attend, enjoy, and support the FFA Alumni!

#### Wednesday, October 20

*Hypnotist Shows:* 6-7:30 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. in Sagamore Ballroom 3-5

#### Thursday, October 21

*Workshop:* 10-11 a.m. - "Forever Blue" in 121-122

*Hypnotist Shows:* 6-7:30 p.m., 8-9:30 p.m., and 10-11:30 p.m. in Sagamore Ballroom 3-5

#### Friday, October 22

*Workshop:* 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - "What? We Have an Alumni?" in 123-124  
*Hypnotist Shows:* 4-5:30 p.m. in Cosmopolitan Ballroom, Hyatt; and 8-9:30 p.m. in Grand IV-V, Westin Hotel

Be sure to visit the FFA Alumni FUN ZONE in ICC 500 Ballroom,  
and the FFA Alumni Nation exhibit in the Career Show booth #501!