

# UPDATE

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

February

5-8	National Agriculture Education Inservice, Indianapolis
15	Scholarship Applications due, FFA Center

March

10-13	National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) Conference, Green Bay, Wis.
15	T-shirt design submissions due, FFA Center

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FFA

**National FFA President hospitalized:** National FFA President Javier Moreno of Puerto Rico has been hospitalized in Pennsylvania following an automobile accident while driving to his host home the evening of Jan. 19. Javier suffered injuries to his ankles and knees for which he underwent surgery. Javier was moved from the Special Care Unit to a normal hospital room Jan. 25 afternoon his heart rate stabilized. He is recovering well; at this point, further surgery is not expected. He will receive a walking cast on his left leg in the next week, and his right ankle will remain in a cast for eight to ten weeks. Both of his knees were stitched up during surgery and are healing well.

Aside from his legs, Javier is doing very well. He has pain in his neck and back that is a result of the crash, but nothing that currently concerns the doctors. His doctors hope to discharge Javier from the hospital into a rehabilitation unit sometime next week. He will remain there anywhere from one to three weeks, depending on his progress with balance and movement. It's difficult to say at this point when he will resume traveling for FFA, as he has a good deal of physical therapy ahead of him. Knowing Javier and his drive to do whatever he can for FFA members, he'll be back in action before the doctors originally expected.

Cards for Javier can be sent to him in care of the National FFA Center. A discussion board has been created on [ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) to provide updates and for members to leave comments for Javier: <http://www.ffa.org/chapters/html/nationalofficers.htm>. Tiffany Sanderson of the national FFA staff will contact relevant parties regarding any changes to Javier's official travel schedule. For questions, contact Tiffany, [tsanderson@ffa.org](mailto:tsanderson@ffa.org), 317-802-4239.

**FFA Chief Operating Officer Staller to retire:** Bernie Staller has announced he will retire this fall after serving 13 years as chief operating officer of the National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation. Staller has devoted 37 years to agricultural education, 13 of them with the FFA organization and 27 with the FFA foundation.

National FFA Advisor and Chief Executive Officer Larry Case, said the National FFA Board of Directors would work with Staller and the national staff to develop a selection process for filling the chief operating officer position. That effort could take six to nine months, according to Case.

Staller began his career as an agribusiness instructor and FFA advisor at Janesville-Parker High School in Janesville, Wis., where he taught for 11 years. Staller next joined the National FFA Foundation in Madison, Wis., as assistant executive director in July 1977, and was subsequently named executive director April 1, 1979. He assumed responsibilities as chief operating officer for both the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation March 18, 1991. Staller managed the successful relocation of national FFA business operations and staff from Alexandria, Va., to Indianapolis in 1998. In 1999, Staller oversaw the relocation of the national FFA convention to Louisville, Ky., after the 51,000-person gathering outgrew its location in Kansas City, Mo. These accomplishments led to fiscal savings and increased service levels for FFA members, teachers and state associations.

**National FFA Board of Directors meeting:** The National FFA Board of Directors met in Alexandria, Va., at the end of January. A summary of the meeting is attached.

**News and notables on ffa.org:** During January and the first week of February, the FFA Web Team completed annual maintenance on ffa.org and moved the site to a new server hosting company. As a visitor to the site, you should not encounter any problems, but please be aware that some changes have been made, and some minor file cleanup is still in progress. Most notably, the discussion boards will be running on a new platform, which will require users to login as a new user in order to access the boards.

New on the homepage is a list of most requested searches, making the most searched-for items available in one click from the homepage. Remember, the site index, contact FFA page and good starting points for teachers, state staff, students, chapters and supporters are always available as one-click links in the top navigation bar. A handy “how to navigate ffa.org” document (attached to this UPDATE) is now available from the download assistance page [<http://www.ffa.org/html/download.html>](http://www.ffa.org/html/download.html), where you’ll also find an important notice to Mac users using Internet Explorer as their browser of choice.

**2004 BLAST Off Trainers Selected:** The following individuals will be working with state officer teams throughout the spring and summer for BLAST Off: Angela Browning, California; Ann De Lay, California; Brad Dodson, California; Tim Hammerich, California; Kim Anderson, Georgia; Kerry Priest, Georgia; Cory Epler, Kansas; Matt Wolters, Kansas; Amy Nicol, Ohio; Jason Lacey, Oregon; Carrie Harp, Washington; and Rick Henningfeld, Wisconsin. Look for information regarding conference registration and logistics in the coming month. For more information, contact Tiffany Sanderson, [tsanderson@ffa.org](mailto:tsanderson@ffa.org), 317-802-4239.

**NLCSO dates and locations announced:** Dates and locations for the 2004 round of National Leadership Conferences for State Officers are complete. The following are the confirmed dates and locations for this coming summer: Wyoming - June 20-23; Louisiana - June 20-24; Nebraska - June 22-25; Kentucky - June 28-July 1; New York - June 27-July 1; Washington - June 28-30; Arizona - July 4-9; North Carolina - July 6-9; Virginia - Aug. 2-6. More information on NLCSO will be available in the coming months. For questions regarding location details please contact the state staff in the respective states listed above. For questions specific to program content, national FFA officers, or NLCSO contact Andy Armbruster, [aarmbruster@ffa.org](mailto:aarmbruster@ffa.org). National Leadership Conference for State Officers is sponsored by Ariat International, International Truck and Engine, Intervet, Wayne Farms LLC, Wrangler, KRAFT Inc., ADM Inc. and Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

**FFA Week materials available online:** 2004 FFA Week materials - including logos, ad slicks, official proclamations, public service announcements and fully customizable news releases - are available at <http://www.ffa.org/programs/ffaweek/index.html>.

**Dates for State Presidents' Conference announced:** The dates for State Presidents' Conference in 2004 have been announced. SPC will be held on July 20-24 in Washington, D.C. Please contact Seth Derner, [sderner@ffa.org](mailto:sderner@ffa.org), or Tiffany Sanderson, [tsanderson@ffa.org](mailto:tsanderson@ffa.org), if you have any questions.

**State FFA Officer Web page now online:** A new online State Officer Center featuring articles, tools and resources to support and enrich a state FFA officer's year of service is now available at <http://www.ffa.org/statestaff/so/index.htm>. The page is organized into four sections - Speeches and Workshops, Team Effectiveness, Personal Effectiveness and Agriculture and Partners. Officers and state leaders can expect to find monthly feature articles, along with downloadable documents for reference and planning purposes. Expect to learn more about what these pages will offer at the Ag Ed Inservice.

For questions regarding this program please contact Doug Kueker, [dkueker@ffa.org](mailto:dkueker@ffa.org). The State FFA Officer Center is sponsored through generous support from Dow Agrosiences Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

**Washington Leadership Conference:** Start planning your trip to D.C.! The dates for this year's conference are: June 1-6, June 8-13, June 15-20, June 22-27, July 6-11 and July 13-18. Prices for the conference have increased and are as follows: Student package \$550, Advisor double \$585, Advisor single \$780, Advisor Guest \$975, Room-only package, \$475. This year's conference will consist of high levels of service learning, mentoring and volunteerism strategies, problem solving skills, relationship building skills and character development. The FFA premier leadership conference is shaping up to be the best yet! There will be a chapter mailing in late February complete with a registration form. For more information e-mail [wlc@ffa.org](mailto:wlc@ffa.org) or call 317-802-4312.

**Membership update:** Membership information received at the FFA Center through Jan. 15 totals 259,771 members, or 56 percent of the total membership last year. More rosters are coming in all the time. The speed and accuracy of the Excel and Online systems are really paying off this year, putting this process well ahead of schedule.

**90% Club:** The following states have submitted 90 percent of membership as compared to last year's state total (as of Jan. 15):

**Online States**

Illinois  
Ohio

**Excel Template States**

South Dakota  
Texas  
Iowa

## **PROGRAMS AND AWARDS**

**Agriscience Student and Teacher of the Year:** The Agriscience Student and Teacher of the Year are two of the more lucrative award programs that FFA has to offer. In recent years the participation in these two areas has been on the decline, while participation in the Agriscience Fair has continued to set new records. Please encourage students involved in agriscience at the state level to consider applying their project in the student of the year category. Every state

winner receives a \$500 scholarship, and the top two from each state are considered for national participation. The national winner receives \$5,000 in scholarship money, the largest scholarship opportunity in FFA award programs (Agriscience Fair, CDEs, etc.). In 2003 only eight states submitted applications.

Participation in the Agriscience Teacher of the Year program has also been on the decline. Every state winner is entitled to \$100, and the national finalists receive \$500 and a \$1,500 grant for their chapter. The National FFA Organization would love to see an application submitted from every state if possible. Please encourage teachers and students involved with agriscience to take advantage of these great opportunities. Applications for both the Agriscience Student and Teacher of the Year are due to the FFA Center postmarked by July 15th. For further assistance in this area please contact [agriscience@ffa.org](mailto:agriscience@ffa.org) or call 317-802-4262.

**A call for H.O. Sargent Diversity Award applications:** During this time of year our hearts are opened and re-attuned to what it truly means to be a member of the human race. With genuine care and compassion we seek to meet one another's needs and desires in ways truly indicative of selfless brotherhood and sisterhood. This time of year is also the time for our youth and adults to begin plans and activities for the H.O. Sargent Diversity Award.

The H.O. Sargent Diversity Award is a special honor and recognition given by the National FFA Organization in celebration of the work and dedication of FFA members and non-FFA members advancing efforts to diversify FFA and/or agricultural education. The award program, initially established through the leadership and vision of Mr. G.W. Owens of New Farmers of America and Dr. H.O. Sargent of the U.S. Department of Education, was re-instituted in 1995 in commemoration of the contributions underrepresented groups and majority groups together have made to FFA and agricultural education.

Activities that qualify an individual for the award are as varied as the imagination and resources allow. This is in part because "diversity" is broadly defined to embrace any activity that has a goal of bringing balance between minority and majority groups within your community, school, chapter and more. Consequently, pen pal programs, community service activities, cultural awareness programs, membership recruitment campaigns, and a wide range of other projects make a nominee eligible for the award. It's all about accepting, connecting, developing. Both FFA members and non-members can apply or be nominated. The application deadline is June 30 (postmark date). The application is attached below. For more details visit

[<http://www.ffa.org/programs/hosargent/html/app.html#MEMBER.>](http://www.ffa.org/programs/hosargent/html/app.html#MEMBER)

For more information, contact Damon Spight, [dspight@ffa.org](mailto:dspight@ffa.org), 317-802-4244. The H.O. Sargent Diversity Award program is sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

**State CDE plaques available:** Please remember to order plaques for your state's CDEs. Orders must be submitted at least 30 days prior to your presentation using the state plaque order form found in the 2004 State Guide ([<http://www.ffa.org/statestaff/html/stateguide.html>](http://www.ffa.org/statestaff/html/stateguide.html)). Contact: Jessica Ells, [jells@ffa.org](mailto:jells@ffa.org).

**2004 CDE deadlines announced:** Deadlines have been set for the 2004 National FFA CDEs. They are as follows:

June 1: Team Declaration Forms due

July 9: Team Certification Forms, Waivers, Payments, and Special Needs  
Requests due  
State assistants forms due

Aug. 15: State speaking judges forms due  
Prepared Public Speaking Manuscripts due  
Sept. 15: Agricultural Communications Portfolios due  
Agricultural Issues Portfolios due  
Job Interview Portfolios due  
Marketing Plan Portfolios due  
Oct. 1: Membership Payments due  
Oct. 14: Add/Delete Forms due

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**2004 National FFA Organization Scholarship Program:** This year the National FFA Organization scholarship program will award approximately \$2 million to eligible FFA members and other agriculture students for their college education. Here are two examples of those awards:

- Cargill will award 350 scholarships at \$1,000 each to high school seniors who live in a community where Cargill operates facilities. The student must plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree in any major at an accredited post-secondary institution in the fall of 2004. Students are selected based on academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Applicants must visit their local Cargill facility or subsidiary to obtain a signature from a location manager on their application. Each scholarship recipient's high school may also be eligible for a \$200 library grant.
- Ford dealers across the country have partnered with Ford Trucks and Ford Motor Company to provide more than 600 scholarships at \$1,000 each to FFA members. Scholarship applicants must be planning to attend any accredited two- or four-year institution in any area of study. Their local dealer's signature is required for eligibility for these scholarships. One lucky chapter will be eligible to receive a two-year lease on a Ford F-Series truck based on the number of chapter applicants for the scholarships.

Last year approximately one out of every four students who applied for the program received a scholarship. In 2004, more than 6,000 students are expected to apply for approximately 1,600 available scholarships ranging in value from \$1,000 to full tuition for four years at the University of Louisville.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Last year in the Ford program alone, \$77,000 went unawarded due to a lack of applicants. Please make sure your students are aware of the great opportunities offered by the National FFA Scholarship Program. More details about these and other National FFA Organization scholarship opportunities, including a guidebook listing eligibility criteria, an application and a list of participating Ford dealers are available at <http://www.ffa.org/programs/scholarships/index.html>.

For any questions concerning the program, e-mail [scholarships@ffa.org](mailto:scholarships@ffa.org). The application deadline is Feb. 15.

## MERCHANDISE

**The third annual T-shirt design contest entries are due March 15.** Encourage your local FFA chapters to get creative and submit a design in the Third Annual FFA T-shirt Design Contest. Entries are due March 15, 2004. Winning designs will be featured on t-shirts and sold in the 2004-2005 National FFA Blue Catalog and on [ffaunlimited.com](http://ffaunlimited.com). The winning chapters will earn 50% of the gross profits on the shirt's catalog sales for one year. As of the end of December, the



five winning chapters from the '03-'04 contest had earned a total of \$11,491.75. And this year's winners are on a record-setting pace! The #1 selling t-shirt, 03-WOAG, has already earned \$8,657! See the 2003-2004 winners in this year's National FFA Blue catalog. (p. 16-17) Questions? Contact Dawn Sharp at [dsharp@ffa.org](mailto:dsharp@ffa.org).

**FFA Week is just around the corner.** Shop early to make sure you have all of the necessary items to make it a huge success for your chapter. From giveaway pens to bumper stickers to billboards, FFA has the perfect products to promote FFA Week, which runs from Feb. 21-28, 2004. Visit <http://www.ffaunlimited.org/gold-supplies-ffa-week.html> for more information.

## COLLEGIATE

**Calling all Collegiate FFA chapters!** Planning is in process to start a monthly Collegiate FFA e-mail that will provide many valuable updates for your collegiate chapter. If you and your students are interested in joining this listserv, please submit your name, e-mail information and any content ideas that you may have to Kristy Miller, program coordinator of Collegiate Services, [kmiller@ffa.org](mailto:kmiller@ffa.org), 317-802-4220.

**2004 PAS Conference set for March:** Plant your "Pathway for Progress" at the 2004 National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) Conference, March 10-13 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Be part of the action, and make progress with PAS during four exciting days that feature:

- Agribusiness tours related to the PAS Career Program Areas
- National career program award competitions
- An opening session tailgate party at Lambeau Field
- State officer rally
- National PAS business
- Election of the 2004-05 National Officer Team
- The PAS Associates meeting
- Entertainment and plenty of informal fun

Don't miss the excitement of the 2004 National PAS Conference, hosted by Wisconsin PAS. Discover sporting Green Bay, home of football's Green Bay Packers, the Green Bay Gamblers hockey team and NCAA Division I basketball by the UW-Green Bay Fighting Phoenix. Learn about Wisconsin agriculture while enjoying shopping and entertainment just steps from the hotel's door. And - of course - learn, make new friends and prove (and improve) your skills at conference sessions, tours and competitions. Start planning your conference trip now. To find out more information about joining the National PAS or to view further information about the upcoming conference, visit the PAS website at [www.nationalpas.org](http://www.nationalpas.org). You may also request additional information by contacting Kristy Miller, [kmiller@nationalpas.org](mailto:kmiller@nationalpas.org), or 317-802-4220.

## EDUCATOR NEWS

**Summer internship opportunity at the National FFA Center this summer:** The National FFA Organization will be offering an internship opportunity for an experienced teacher to work with SAE-based awards and activities this summer. Please encourage interested teachers to check the job posting on the website or to review the advertisement in the February and March issues of "FFA Advisors Making A Difference". Applications for the position are due postmarked by April 1. Contact Rosalie Hunsinger, [rhunsinger@ffa.org](mailto:rhunsinger@ffa.org) <<mailto:rhunsinger@ffa.org>>, 317-802-4255 with questions.

**The National FFA Organization accepting nominations for judges:** FFA is accepting nominations for judges for the Agricultural Proficiency Awards, Stars, Agriscience Awards, and

National Chapter Awards at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., this fall. The Agricultural Proficiency and the Star Awards judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, and all of the judges will be invited to an awards luncheon on that day. The Agriscience Awards will be judged on Thursday, Oct. 28 and Friday, Oct. 29. National Chapter Awards will be judged on Wednesday, Oct. 27. We are not able to cover any expenses for the judges. Nominations can be submitted on the form enclosed with this mailing and should be mailed to Rosalie Hunsinger, National FFA Organization, P.O. Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN, 46268-0960 or faxed to her at 317-802-5255.

**2004 Food and Society Conference:** The Food Project (TFP) is partnering once again with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to create a significant and meaningful youth presence at this year's 2004 Food and Society (FAS) Conference April 19-22, 2004, in Squaw Valley, California. This collaboration is part of TFP's BLAST (Building Local Agricultural Systems Today) Initiative. BLAST's mission is to develop a network of young leaders who will build and advocate for sustainable, community-based food systems around the country and around the world. Nominate a youth/young adult team to participate in the conference. If selected, the team would join others from around the country for a Pre-Conference Training and Networking Day on April 19 and for special workshops during the proceedings that will help youth and young adults get the most out of the conference. The Pre-Conference activities will include communications and leadership training, sharing of models and practices, tours of local projects and team-building. All lodging, meal and local transportation costs will be covered in full. Airfare or other travel costs may be subsidized by scholarships. If you have questions please contact Anim Steel or Amanda Blaine at The Food Project: 617-442-1322, or e-mail [ablaine@thefoodproject.org](mailto:ablaine@thefoodproject.org). Applications for the Kellogg Foundation's Food and Society Conference are available at <http://www.thefoodproject.org/newtfp/misc/cfsc.shtml>.

**Working together to integrate math and science:** In a partnership between DuPont, NAAE and the National FFA Organization FFA is offering a program designed to increase the integration of math and science into agricultural education curriculum in a creative approach.

Six teachers will be selected to attend the three designated workshops during the summer of 2004 (see the options in the attached documentation). The purpose of the workshops will be to provide new and innovative approaches to the areas of environmental science, sustainability and biological sciences. The weeklong institutes will provide an opportunity to integrate innovative ideas, methods and lab activities to existing curriculum. The instruction during the conference will address national standards from multiple disciplines while meeting state and district standards.

Tuition and travel expenses are sponsored for the six successful teacher recipients. In return for the training the six teachers will be asked to conduct workshops at either the 2004 National FFA Convention or the 2004 National NAAE Convention. A stipend for the convention presentations will also be awarded to the selected teachers. For additional information on the project please contact Tony Small, [tsmall@ffa.org](mailto:tsmall@ffa.org), 317-802-4300. Applications were due by Jan. 30, 2004, and the successful candidates will be notified of the selection by Feb. 15, 2004. Contact: Tony Small, Local Program Success, Manager, P.O. Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268-0960, [tsmall@ffa.org](mailto:tsmall@ffa.org).

**The Center for Excellence in Education announces new initiative:** Under a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development and in partnership with Sts. Cyril and Methodius International Foundation, in Sophia, Bulgaria, the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) will sponsor a conference for 100 Bulgarian farmers to discuss U.S. methods and products for

increasing dairy productivity.

The program will focus on U.S. dairy farm practices to increase milk production and to explore the feasibility of expanding beef farming in Bulgaria. The conference will take place on April 7-8, 2004, in Nova Zagora, Bulgaria.

Farmers in Bulgaria will be introduced to practical and science based practices and U.S. products by Dr. Patrick Burns of Colorado State University, Dr. Duane Flack, president, Associated Agricultural Consultants and Dr. Michael Schutz of Purdue University. U.S. farmers who will represent the best of dairy farming practitioners include Mr. Mark Deardroff of Indiana and Mr. Ward Zigler of West Virginia.

**Making Science Come Alive Conference:** Using hydroponics to “make science come alive” is what the Science Alive conference has been doing for the past three years. Once again the Flowing Wells FFA Chapter, University of Arizona, Yavapai Community College, Cropping Inc., American Hydroponics and the Aquaponics Journal have teamed up to bring another exciting edition of this hands-on conference. The conference mission is to equip teachers to complete amazing, inexpensive and meaningful science-based projects with their students. The conference topics include hydroponics, aquaculture, tissue culture, biotechnology and program management. The conference will be held in Tucson, Ariz., May 19-22, 2004. Teacher registration is \$375 before Feb. 20 and \$420 thereafter. Special student rates are available too. The registration fee covers several meals, tours, classroom curriculum, samples and catalogs. Please visit the website [www.ag.arizona.edu/science\\_alive](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/science_alive) for more details and registration forms. You can also contact Aaron Ball, [ballaa@flowingwells.k12.az.us](mailto:ballaa@flowingwells.k12.az.us), 520-690-2332, for more information.

## **STATE STAFF NEWS**

**National Agriculture Education Inservice:** The National Agricultural Education Inservice will be held Feb. 5-8 at the downtown Adams Mark Hotel in Indianapolis. The same registration format used last year will be followed. Please read all the attached information and make plans to attend the upcoming Inservice.

In addition, the National New State Staff Inservice (NSSI) will be conducted on Feb. 4-5, at the same location. This is a wonderful opportunity for new state staff to learn more about the programs and services provided by the National FFA as well as connect with the individuals who facilitate them. Those who would greatly benefit from the NSSI are new state FFA advisors, executive secretaries, directors, and other new state staff who work closely with the National FFA Organization. NSSI will run from noon on Wednesday, Feb. 4, until noon Thursday, Feb. 5. At the conclusion of NSSI, new state staff will also have the opportunity to attend the National Agricultural Education Inservice. Those who wish to attend NSSI prior to the National Ag Ed Inservice are asked to check the appropriate box on the attached registration form (*AEIS 2004 Registration Form*).

For questions on registration, please contact Michele Gilbert, Local Program Success assistant, [mgilbert@ffa.org](mailto:mgilbert@ffa.org), 317-802-4301.

For questions on the National Ag Ed Inservice or NSSI, please contact Tony Small, Local Program Success manager, [tsmall@ffa.org](mailto:tsmall@ffa.org), 317-802-4300.

**Future National Ag Ed Inservice Dates:** February 3-6, 2005; February 2-5, 2006.

**Future NSSI Dates:** February 2-3, 2005; February 1-2, 2006.



## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

**Teacher resources:** The FFA Global website has numerous resources available for teachers to utilize in their classrooms. Choose from a wide range of lesson plans and interactive global projects. Bring global agriculture into your classroom by visiting: [www.ffa.org/programs/global/](http://www.ffa.org/programs/global/) online resources or call 317-802-4309.

**International teacher opportunities:** Competitive scholarships are available for agriculture teachers to participate in an international experience through EARTHWATCH. The scholarships are available for use in 2004. EARTHWATCH institute promotes sustainable conservation of our natural environments and cultural heritage by creating partnerships among scientists, the general public, educators and businesses. Expeditions take place year round throughout the world. Participants can receive up to \$1500 scholarships to cover a portion of the expedition costs plus membership to EARTHWATCH. To learn more about the expeditions available, visit [www.earthwatch.org](http://www.earthwatch.org) <<http://www.earthwatch.org>>  
Scholarship applications are available online at [www.ffa.org/programs/global/](http://www.ffa.org/programs/global/). Please call 317-802-4309 for more information.

**FFA Global Leadership Training available online!** FFA Global is looking for agriculture instructors who are interested in exploring agriculture in our exciting, online learning program about global agriculture. A “real world” storyline allows students to learn about global agriculture and U.S. policy as they follow the lives of two fictional FFA members as they travel to Moldova, Honduras and Ethiopia. Several chapters are already using the program and if you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact FFA Global at 317-802-4309 or at [global@ffa.org](mailto:global@ffa.org) <<mailto:global@ffa.org>>. Visit the FFA Global Leadership Scenarios site at <<http://www.ffa.org/scenarios/>> today!

**UPDATE** is also available at [www.ffa.org/news/html/ffapubsindex.html#update](http://www.ffa.org/news/html/ffapubsindex.html#update) each month. Attachments are available online.

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### **The FFA Mission**

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership**, **personal growth** and **career success** through agricultural education.

### **The Agricultural Education Mission**

Agricultural Education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems.

The National FFA Organization is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the National FFA Organization Constitution and Bylaws.

The National FFA Organization affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

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