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## Living to Serve

In the spirit of the National FFA Convention's theme "Living to Serve," North Dakota FFA Chapters stepped up to the plate to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Some chapters raised funds in their schools, asking for loose change. The Bottineau FFA Chapter sold beef



jerky; the Maddock FFA Chapter gave away popcorn at a volleyball game and asked for donations; the McClusky raised funds and also donated a pickup load of supplies for the effort; the Wyndmere FFA Chapter chopped volunteer corn from a farmer's field for payment for the cause, and there was even a chapter who had a hat day at school in exchange for donations. Jack Nagel, the president of the Wyndmere FFA Chapter said, "Through our service project, we were able to help out a local farmer, while at the same time earning money from that farmer to contribute to hurricane relief. I think that this is just another example of one of the key messages that the FFA teaches—that without labor, neither knowledge nor wisdom can accomplish much."

In all over \$8,000 has been raised so far that has gone to local Red Cross organizations or to a National FFA fundraising effort called Seeds of Hope, which is an effort to help FFA chapters and Agriculture Education Departments that have been affected by the hurricane season. Robert Foertsch, State FFA Ambassador, believed that the Seeds of Hope effort really has touched a cord with many FFA chapters. He said, "One of the most important objectives is practicing and establishing brotherhood. Because

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## National FFA Convention

### Wyndmere Student named Agriscience Student of the Year

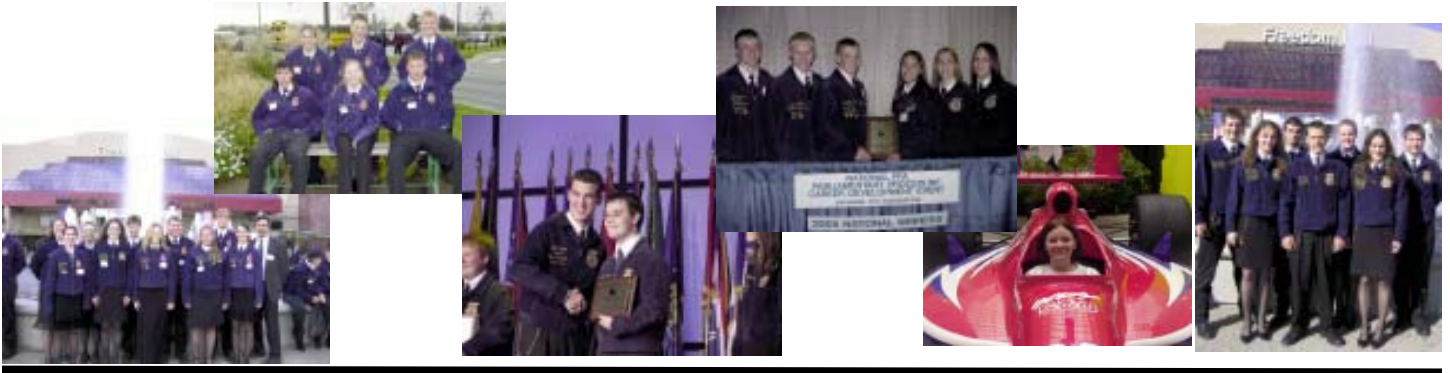
A study on how modifying the photosynthesis of corn has won a Wyndmere, ND student the title of the 2005 National FFA Organization Agriscience Student of the Year at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky last week. Robert Foertsch, our ND State FFA Ambassador, found that corn utilizes a certain type photosynthesis that is insufficient in certain environments. He found that if he could convert the photosynthesis type, he would be able to greatly increase the crop production. Although his results were inconclusive, he feels that his study is a major breakthrough in changing photosynthesis.

The Agriscience Student Scholarship and Recognition Program is sponsored by Monsanto as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Eligible FFA members are selected on the basis of research projects involving agriscience skills, using applications and new technologies in their high school agriculture classes. Students apply these lessons to their supervised agriculture experience (SAE). They are also evaluated on their academic achievement, as well as their involvement in school and community activities.



# NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

**Our FFA State Winning Teams would like to thank the following for their sponsorships to the national convention: Bryan Kenner, J R Simplot, Cavendish Farms, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Northern Plains Potato Growers Assn., Midwest Dairy Assn./ND Division, ND Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Bobcat Ingersoll-Rand, ND Department of Agriculture, MDU, and Cur-Vol Dairy**



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## 42 Earn American Degree in Louisville

Forty-two North Dakota FFA members received the coveted gold American Degree key, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization – an award that approximately one half of 1% of the total national membership attains.

This honor recognized demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievement in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. Recipients must have earned \$7500 through a supervised agricultural experience program and productively invested those earnings.

The ND American Degree recipients are: Katie Althoff and Aaron J. Mohs from the Wahpeton FFA Chapter; Nathan Blessum, Julie Ann Kramer, Daniel A. Lee, Ryan Mantei, Blake J. Schaan, Cody R. Schmitt, and Steven Wentz from the Rugby FFA Chapter; Whitney Brag from the Kindred FFA Chapter; Joshua DeMorrett from the Rhame FFA Chapter; Paige Haugland from the Divide County FFA Chapter; Books Hetle from the Grant County FFA Chapter; Steve Hoepfner, Daniel Kaffar, and Mark Kaffar from the Beulah FFA Chapter; Buck Hollenbeck and Travis Pfennig from the McClusky FFA Chapter; Loren Jacobson from the Watford City FFA Chapter; Tyler Klain, Stephanie Lee, Alissa Lick, and Nicole Swanson from the Turtle Lake/Mercer FFA Chapter;

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the North Dakota chapters are part of a national organization, whenever there is a time of need in any part of that organization, the other chapters are called to their duty to support their sister chapters.”

FFA chapters in the following towns have been involved in the fundraising effort: Harvey, Napoleon, Medina, Beulah, Carrington, Center, Fessenden/Bowdon, Granville, Hazen, Mott/Regent, Wishek, Wahpeton, Park River, Rugby, Leeds, Bottineau, St. John, Turtle Lake/Mercer, Maddock, Powers Lake, Crosby (Divide County), Towner, Bowman, Garrison, Minot, Rhame, Bismarck, McClusky, Belfield, Lisbon, Killdeer, Hebron, Finley/Sharon, Wyndmere,

Colfax (Richland 44), Des Lacs/Burlington, and the District 7 FFA Chapters. Cassie Johnson, the Rhame FFA Chapter President, summed it up with, “We wanted to show that even a small town can make a big difference to other people’s lives.”

Scott Wisness, the Mott/Regent FFA Chapter advisor, said, “This was a great project to raise awareness of helping others in need of it. My students had a great attitude when asking for donations at our football games. We also had a hat day every Wednesday for the school in which students that donated a dollar would get to wear a hat that day. They knew the money was going to a good cause. I’m glad the FFA stepped up in this effort.”

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Casey Morris and Rylan Sundsbak from the Des Lacs/Burlington FFA Chapter; Adam Little from the Bottineau FFA Chapter; Mike Nims and Stacilyn Rotenberger from the Lisbon FFA Chapter; David Pressler and Bruce Sukut from the Gackle/Streeter FFA Chapter; Amy Nolan from the Carson FFA Chapter; Daniel Oberholtzer and John Smetana from the Mohall FFA Chapter; Jason Roise from the Stanley FFA Chapter; Brandon Quam, Thomas Schmit, John Score, Robert Volesky, and Nichole Vosberg from the Wyndmere FFA Chapter; Riston Zielke from the Wishek FFA Chapter; and Mindy Lee Goodman and Kolena Ann Johnson from the Schultz (Towner) FFA Chapter.

# Thanks, Farm Credit Services

The Farm Credit Service Agencies in North Dakota have been providing official student handbooks to FFA Chapters for 29 years.



The Lakota FFA Chapter received 45 Official FFA Handbooks from Leo Saylor, Financial Services Officer at Farm Credit Services of Grand Forks. Accepting the handbooks above are John Kelly and Joy Lehman from Lakota.

## National Chapter Awards went to:

- Rugby (3 stars)
- Napoleon (3 stars)
- Wahpeton (2 Stars)
- Richland 44 (2 Stars)
- Kindred (2 Stars)
- Killdeer (2 Stars)
- Finley Sharon (2 Stars)
- Garrison (2 Stars)

## Dates to Remember

- 2005
  - Dec. 3-4 North Star Classic in Valley City
- 2006
  - Jan. 7-8 Greenhand/MFE/ALD Conference
  - Feb. 18-25 National FFA Week
  - Feb. 26 FFA Day with the Timberwolves
  - March 22 Foundation Board Meeting- Jamestown
  - June 5-9 ND State FFA Convention in Fargo
  - June 11-14 State Officer BLASTOFF
  - June 15-22 NLCSO for State Officers

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## A Note from the President



Greetings to all FFA members and wonderful supporters of the FFA from the North Dakota FFA Foundation Board. I'm honored to be able to serve you as Foundation President this year.

This fall has brought our state and country some terrible weather. The district leadership conferences were finally all held with great cooperation from Steve and Doug and the state officers and office staff.

Hurricane Katrina and Rita delivered a terrible blow to the South. At our September meeting at the fine facilities at the North Dakota Farmers Union headquarters in Jamestown (Thank you for hosting us), we made a decision to pursue an effort to raise funds for relief victims. The National FFA organization eventually named the effort "Seeds of Hope" to help victims of the south build back Agriculture Education programs and FFA chapters. Leave it up to the FFA and its GREAT members, more than 30 chapters in North Dakota raised over \$8000 to be used towards the effort. Good effort, FFA members! Activities ranged from hat days in school, to removing volunteer corn from bean fields, to challenging other school organizations for donations, to collecting spare change, to selling beef jerky, to giving away popcorn at games for a donation, etc. Many chapters gave directly to the Red Cross in their area. FFA members always seem to do the amazing!

Speaking of amazing, the results from the National Convention just held were outstanding. Look for them in this issue. We are very proud of our representation at the convention. Congratulations to all members and their advisors and coaches for another outstanding convention.

As time flies by and Thanksgiving approaches, all of us on the board give "Thanks" to all of the supporters of our organization, and all of the opportunities that you give the FFA organization and its members. We need you, the members need us, and together we can accomplish what we were organized to do. If anyone has any questions about the FFA Foundation or suggestions as to what we could possibly do, please feel free to contact myself or any of the board members. We will do what we can to address your concerns.

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# Results from National Convention

**Ag Communications CDE:** Kenmare Team (Silver); Laura Johnson, Gold, 2nd place, \$750 scholarship; Amber Jensen, Gold

**Ag Mechanics CDE:** Mohall Team (Gold, 6th place); Kevin Aho, Gold, 2nd place, \$750 scholarship; Steven Schmidt, Gold

**Ag Sales CDE:** Kindred Team (Gold, 5th place); Brooke Jameson, Gold, 11th place, \$500 scholarship; Whitney Haux and Luke Vangsness, Gold

**Agronomy CDE:** Carrington Team (Silver); Taylor Mattson and Justin Topp, Gold

**Dairy Foods CDE:** Carrington Team (Gold); Bobby Hensen and Brandon Mattson, Gold

**Dairy Cattle Selection:** Harvey Team (Silver)

**Farm Business Management:** Napoleon Team (Gold, 7th place); Kevin Moch, Gold, 1st place, \$900 scholarship; DelRae Becker, Gold, 11th place, \$500 scholarship

**Floriculture CDE:** Minot Team (Silver); Sydney Gessner and Kasey Schott, Gold

**Food Science & Tech. CDE:** Richland 44 Team (Gold, 7th place); Jessie Hendrickson and Ethan Myhre, Gold

**Horse Judging CDE:** Killdeer Team (Silver); Karmen Kupper, Gold

**Livestock Evaluation:** Carrington Team (Gold); Amanda Montgomery, Gold, 8th place, \$500 scholarship

**Meats Judging CDE:** Minot Team (Silver)

**Nursery and Landscape CDE:** Minot Team (Gold); Mitchell Becker and Ian Thompson, Gold

**Creed Speaking CDE:** Carissa Suter (Beulah) -- Silver Award

**Dairy Handling CDE:** Paul Just (Wishek), Silver Award

**Parliamentary Procedure:** Napoleon Team (Silver)

**Prepared Public Speaking:** Jayme Fiesel (Harvey) -- Bronze Award

**National Chorus:** Jon Leadbetter (Finley/Sharon), Andrea Blohm (Beulah), Sarah Stockman (Williston)

**National Band:** Cody Blotter (Turtle Lake/Mercer), Mindy Gerfuson (Tioga)

**Courtesy Corps:** Teddy Hoefner from Beulah

**Science Fair:** Angela Birchfield (Richland 44); Beth Hendrickx (Rhame); Michelle Woodall (Granville); Erin Gaugler (Grant County)

**AgriScience:** Robert Foertsch (Wyndmere) -- Agriscience Student of the Year (see page 1)

**Honorary American Degree:** Bridgette Readel (Dow AgroSciences), Wade Moser (ND Stockman's Assn.), Wade Anderson (Harvey), Kevin Nelson (Hebron)

**National Officer Candidate:** Brooks Hettle (Grant County)

**Turf Grass Management Placement Proficiency:** Derek Beckley (Carrington) - National Finalist, \$250 scholarship

**Sheep Production Proficiency:** Lee Copenhaver (Carrington) - National Finalist, \$250 scholarship

**Emerging Ag Technology Proficiency:** Robert Foertsch (Wyndmere); National Finalist, \$250 scholarship

**Diversified Crop Production Proficiency:** Brad Fritel (Rugby), NATIONAL WINNER, \$500 scholarship & Costa Rica Trip

**Agricultural Processing Proficiency:** Seth Schulz (Carrington), National Finalist, \$250 scholarship

**Forage Production Proficiency:** Neil Veen (Carrington), NATIONAL WINNER, \$500 scholarship

## FFA Day with the Timberwolves

The Timberwolves take on the Memphis Grizzlies on Sunday, February 26, 2006.

*Tickets are \$24. Order your tickets by December 15 for the best locations and block seating. Tickets will go fast!*

*For information and/or ticket purchase, contact Travis Hamre at 612-673-1689 or at [hamre@timberwolves.com](mailto:hamre@timberwolves.com).*



### 2004-05 ND FFA Facts

Ag Education Enrollment: 4,530 Secondary Students; 1,590 Middle School Students = 6,120 Total Students

FFA Membership: 4,186 Secondary Students; 568 Middle School Students = 4,754 Total Members

Supervised Occupational Experience Programs (SAE): 93.5% of FFA members have established SAE Programs with 40.1% in Agricultural/Agribusiness Employment; 19.7% in Agriculture Entrepreneurship; 19.5% in Agriculture Related Employment; 20.7% Agricultural non-cash directed activities

\$5,986,113 were earned by member SAE's in 2004  
\$1,311.18 Average Earning for an SAE in 2004

# SPONSORS NEEDED

## State Convention Activities (June)

Floriculture CDE	\$400
Floriculture CDE supplies	\$600
Ag Mechanics Contest supplies	\$600 (partial)
Horse	\$250 (partial)
Quiz CDE	\$250(partial)
Small Animal Care CDE	\$200
Band	\$200
Chorus	\$200

## Proficiencies (June at state convention)

Fruit Production	\$200
Ag Sales Entrepreneurship	\$200
Swine Production Placement	\$200
Poultry Production	\$200

## Land Judging & Range Judging (August)

Land Judging (partial)	\$200
Range Judging	\$250
National travel for Land Judging	\$800
National Travel for Range Judg.	\$800

## District Leadership (Sept./Oct.)

Officer of the Day	\$400
Quiz CDE	\$400 (partial)
Demonstration	\$100

## Travel to National Convention (November)

Parliamentary Procedure CDE	\$500 (partial)
Floriculture	\$800
Horse Judging	\$800
Meats	\$800
Nursery	\$800
Crops Judging	\$800
Dairy Cattle Selection	\$800
Small Animal Care	\$800
Quiz	\$800
Band	\$200/ student
Chorus	\$200/student
Courtesy Corps	\$200/ student
Science Fair	\$200/ student
Talent	\$200/student
National Proficiency Winners	\$200/student

## Or Sponsor a jacket for \$53!!

Do you remember the first time you zipped up your FFA jacket? The FFA Jacket Project provides members with the opportunity to earn an FFA jacket through an application process. Call Beth at 701-224-8390 if you are interested.



Here State Officers Andrew Dosch and Jared Peterson look on as Andrew Johnson makes a hole in one. Thanks for the photo goes to State Officer Jayme Fiesel

## Golf Scramble a Success at Hawktree with Hole in One

Andrew Johnson from Cooperstown was the big winner at the ND FFA Foundation Golf Scramble on August 11, 2005. Andrew got a hole in one on Hole #15 at the Hawktree Golf Course and won a Dell Computer. The hole in one was sponsored by the ND Grain Growers Association. It was a 3 par hole with 138 yards.

The team from the First International Bank in Bottineau won 1st place in the scramble. Team members were Bob Little, Andy Freeman, Swain Benson, and Chad Strand.



The second place team consisted of FFA Advisors: Duane Schmidt from Center, Lane Moellenkamp (FFA Foundation Board Member) from Fessenden, Neil Halley from St. John, and Randy Leinius.

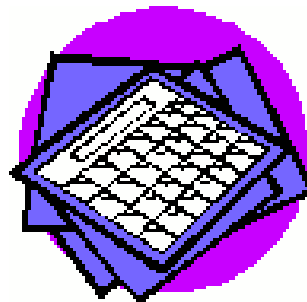
Third place went to Mike Berry, Dwight Rasmussen, Travis Larsen, and Chuck Herley representing Monsanto.

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## Consider an End-of-the-Year Gift for FFA

As the end of the year draws near, many pause to review, reflect and plan for the future; thoughtfully addressing how FFA and agriculture education has changed their life, their son or daughter, or maybe even grandchildren. FFA offers unique leadership training for all facets of life. Has FFA touched your life: if so, why not help the FFA Foundation provide programs and services to reach and inspire thousands of youth you may never know.



Now is the time to begin taking stock of your 2005 financial situation. Many people find that a gift to the FFA can play an important role in reducing their tax bill. Taxpayers who itemize all allowed deductions such as home mortgage interest and medical expenses, may also deduct all gifts of cash and certain other property up to 50% of their adjusted gross income.

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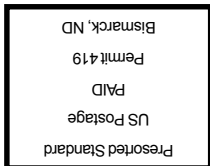
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# ND has 6 National Finalists for Proficiency Awards

It was quite an exciting national convention for many North Dakota FFA students; this was especially true for six students who were national finalists for proficiency awards.

## **Neil Veen from Carrington – National Winner in Forage Production**



In the fall of 1999, Neil's family had an auction sale to remove themselves from small grain farming. Neil still loved farming and

convinced his family to keep some of the haying equipment and hay land. Neil then began renting this land from his family and haying for himself and hiring himself out for custom work. That same first summer, Neil and his dad formed Veen's Hay Service.

Today Neil and his dad have found that there is a big demand for custom hay services in the Carrington area. They provide custom baling, custom mowing, custom raking, custom hauling, custom seeding, custom fertilizing, and custom spraying. Neil is a second year student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming where he is pursuing a degree in agribusiness.

## **Brad Fritel from Rugby – National Winner in Diversified Crop Production and winner of Costa Rican trip**

Although he started out with only 80 acres when he was a freshman, Brad has worked hard to increase his acreage and the yields on his crops. Brad now farms 260 acres and has grown wheat, barley, canola, and soybeans in the last five years on land that he cash rents. Growing up on a farm really helped Brad learn all the skills he needs to be able to farm.

"Financial gain was a motivating factor, but as the time passed, I realized I had gained business management skills and communication skills," said Brad.

"These skills will help me in my pursuit of post secondary and future vocations."

Brad is a freshman at NDSU, majoring in crop and weed science with a minor in ag economics. Ultimately, Brad plans to take over the family farm and be the third generation to farm the land his grandfather bought.

## **Seth Schulz from Carrington – National Finalist in Agricultural Processing**



Seth got his first experience at meat cutting during deer hunting with his uncle. From that first interest in meat processing, Seth decided to apply

for a position at Barton Meats in Carrington. He began working there when he was a freshman where he worked part-time during the school year and full-time in the summer except for one summer where he was employed elsewhere. Since starting his employment, Seth has been exposed to all aspects of the meat processing industry. He has helped in slaughtering beef, swine, sheep, bison, deer, elk, and other wild game. He has learned to properly wrap meat products, to operate the meat grinder and meat cutting band saw, to stuff sausage, and to sanitize the processing. Seth said, "I feel I have gotten a really good handle on the entire meat processing business." In May, Seth graduated from Carrington High School and is still employed with Barton Meats.

## **Robert Foertsch from Wyndmere – National Finalist in Emerging Agriculture Technology**

Robert has spent the last two summers working for Great Plains Agronics, which is a consulting



agronomy firm. This experience has brought about a real love of biotechnology in Robert. He has worked as a

medium between the farmer and the science community. Basically, Robert collected data and then reported the findings to the farmers in order to maximize their production and minimize their costs. "One strong advantage I had in this field is my FFA crops selection CDE experience," said Robert. "One of the big things that I looked for while collecting samples from the fields was any weed species that could be problematic to total yield. My years on the crops selection team gave me an advantage. When traveling through the fields, I could see a patch of weeds and identify it as a common ragweed or common lambs quarters or field bindweed."

This summer position has led Robert to go into biotechnology at NDSU in Fargo. After receiving a bachelor's degree and maybe a master's degree, Robert plans to work for a large biotechnology company, working to increase yields with hybrids and genetically modified organisms.

## **Derek Beckley from Carrington – National Finalist in Turf Grass Management (Placement)**

In the past three summers, Derek has learned much about turf grass management. Derek gained employment at the Crossroads Golf



Course near Carrington in the spring of 2003. When he first started, his duties included mowing the grass, seeding the last seven holes, and reseeding bare spots on the course. Because of his hard work, Derek has developed skills in fertilizing the greens, the adjustment and maintenance of the mowing equipment, and operation and

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maintenance of the irrigation system. Derek said, "I enjoy the game of golf, so working at the golf course was a natural for me. I was on the high school golf team and saw working at the golf course as a way of having greater access to the course. I believe we have one of the nicest eighteen hole golf courses in the state of North Dakota."

Currently attending NDSCS in Wahpeton, Derek is a freshman in the crop protection program.

### Lee Copenhaver from Carrington – National Finalist in Sheep Production (Entrepreneurship)



Although Lee has been involved in sheep production on the family farm all of his life, it was in 2000 when he began raising his own sheep.

Lee started out with four ewe lambs and has built his herd to over 50 ewes and 85 feeder lambs at this time. After a college education, Lee is planning on returning to the family farm.

Lee has learned how to dock tails, lamb castration, deworming, vaccination, detection of birthing complications, shearing, grafting of lambs, the flushing of ewes, and the ability to detect mastitis in ewes. These skills will be very important as Lee continues to add to his sheep flock.

Currently Lee attends Dickinson State University where he is a sophomore, pursuing a degree in agribusiness management.



## Forever Blue!

*by Tammy Meyer, current Individual Giving Manager for the National FFA Foundation and former ND State Officer*

On behalf of the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation, it is my pleasure to invite you to go to the new website of the former FFA member and individual giving program, Forever Blue. As you may have guessed, the name "Forever Blue" fondly recognizes the common bond we all share as former members and supporters of FFA, the infamous blue corduroy jacket! I'm sure you will agree the years spent wearing the blue jacket were special and influenced who we are today. I can't think of one instance where I've met a former member and they didn't immediately start talking about their FFA experience. Even

though our jackets may be faded or may not fit any longer, each one of us who wore an FFA jacket has the opportunity to remain Forever Blue by continuing our support of the organization.

Please register if you have not already done so. Encourage others who were former members or supporters of FFA to register as well. We want to find as many of you as possible. Registering also gives you access to our chapter and member locator. It is our intention that this site be a one-stop resource for you to learn more about what the organization is doing, reconnect with former members/friends, and use as a business networking tool. We will continually provide updates on FFA programs as well as former member profiles and Foundation sponsor highlights.

Please spread the word and encourage former members you know to register. Let's show past, present, and future generations of FFA members what it means to be Forever Blue! To register, go to [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) and look for the Forever Blue logo or call Beth at 701-224-8390 and she will sign you up.

Thank you,  
Tammy Meyer

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Many of the state's chapters are taking part of the Seeds of Hope, a national campaign to aid agricultural education programs

and FFA chapters in the Gulf Coast that were devastated by the hurricanes this fall. Currently, an estimated 120 FFA chapters and schools, 5,000 students and their families, and about 150 agricultural education teachers have experienced severe damage or total destruction to their homes, facilities and school projects, including human and person loss.