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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- There are 77 Secondary Ag Education Programs in ND
- There are over 4,500 FFA members in ND
- ND has the largest percentage of high school students in FFA of any state.

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## ND FFA Members Successful at National Convention



### MINOT WINS AG SALES

Minot FFA won the National Agriculture Sales and Service Career Development Event at the National FFA Convention. The Minot team competed with the best teams in the nation to achieve this honor. In the end Minot was named the national winner with each team member placing gold and receiving a \$1000 scholarship. Students had to take a written knowledge test regarding salesmanship, prospect for new customer, demonstrate the steps of selling using a product that they prepared, and complete a team activity. In the team event, the team created a marketing plan for a product highlighting key features, benefits, prospects, and potential objections including methods for overcoming them. This is the fourth national winning team that North Dakota has had since becoming a charter member of the national organization in 1929. The Minot FFA had four teams competing at the national convention. The other teams were Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, and Meats.

Pictured below is National FFA officer Randa Braune, FFA advisor Mr. Jeff Ball, Jordan Peterson, Maria Pitner, Tessa Cammel, and Brianne Johnson.

The National FFA Convention was exciting for ND students for many reasons this year: there were 39 ND students who received their American Degrees; there were 65 ND FFA members who competed, and ND had one national winner for the proficiency award area of Fiber and/or Oil Crop Proficiency.

Vance Zacharias of Enderlin FFA Chapter was named national winner of the Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Proficiency award program. Four finalists competed to be named the national winner during the 83<sup>rd</sup> National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, IN.

When his uncle began eyeing retirement, Vance Zacharias jumped at the opportunity to buy his 393 acres of prime ND farmland. For two growing seasons, he's done it all by himself – with plenty of advice

provided by his experienced father and uncle. He sets goals before each planting season concerning the profitability margin and yield. Zacharias is the son of Dorinda and Vaughn Zacharias and his FFA advisor is Bob Moller.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excelled as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees, or volunteers while they gained hands-on career experience. Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production is one of the 47 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state and national levels. The Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production proficiency award program is sponsored by Bunge North America and Cargill as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. A travel stipend for Vance was provided by ND APUC.





*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.*



## Thank you, Wise Old Owl



Dr. Larry Case, the wise old owl, is retiring in December. Thank you for over 25 years of service to the National FFA.

**Jessie and Jennifer Hendrickson**



## Weddings of Past State Officers



**Emily (Steckler) and Matt Kline**



**Hope (Johnson) and Ryan Harris**



**Noah and Kaitlin Hall**

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## Alliance Pipeline Provides Funds for Community Service Projects

Since 2003, Alliance Pipeline has partnered with the ND FFA Foundation to provide funds towards several programs. One of the programs is the "FFA is Here to Learn and Serve" grant program where chapters are awarded funds to complete community service projects in their areas.



The following FFA Chapters were awarded up to \$500 for their projects for this school year: Berthold FFA, Beulah FFA, Bismarck FFA, Carrington FFA, Lakota FFA, Lidgerwood FFA, Maddock FFA, Mohall FFA, New Rockford/Sheyenne FFA, Oakes/Sargent Central FFA, Parshall FFA, South Heart FFA, and Towner FFA.

For more information about the projects, go to [www.ndffaoundation.com](http://www.ndffaoundation.com).

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP – BEGINNING SAE GRANTS

Fidtjov Bakk, an immigrant farmer in eastern North Dakota felt a strong connection to the ND FFA from when he moved to ND from Norway. Mr. Bakk believed in young people and in agriculture and wanted to bring his beliefs to the FFA. In 2006, the North Dakota FFA received land in Richland and Sargent counties from the Fidtjov Bakk Trust. The funds from this



farmland is being used in a number of programs – from tuition waivers to young farmers who enroll in the Farm Business Management Program, to scholarships for those enrolling in college and majoring in farm management and agriculture education, to grants for students to develop and expand their SAE programs. There is more information on these programs on the last page of the newsletter.

The Beginning SAE grants have been chosen; students had to fill out an application describing their SAE and what they would do with funds awarded to help them develop their SAE. The ND FFA Foundation Bakk Committee had 49 applications to look over and chose to award 15 applicants grants ranging from \$400-\$700 each.

- Jess Asheim – Mohall
- Ethan Bachmeier – Granville
- Nicolette Bitz - Napoleon
- Bryce Bohnenkamp – Oakes/Sargent Central
- Logan Clark – Powers Lake
- Veronica Edimann - Towner
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- Brenna Nehl – Grant County
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- Kane Opdahl – Beulah
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- Kaleb Westad – Maddock





**Thank you to Julie Ellingson and Ellen Huber for again holding the Sponsor Appreciation Workshop for our State FFA Officers.**

## Sponsors Needed

### State Convention Activities (June)

Dairy Foods	\$300 partial
Floriculture CDE	\$500 partial
Food Science Technology	\$250 partial
Horse CDE	\$300 partial
Intermediate Ag Mech	\$300 partial
Band & Chorus	\$300
Opening Session Speaker	\$1500
Dances at SC	\$2000
t-shirts at SC	\$3600

### State Fair (July)

\$150 for each of the following areas:

- Grand Champion FFA Chapter Horticulture Exhibits,
- Grand Champion FFA Chapter Education Exhibits,
- Grand Champion FFA Chapter Ag Produce Exhibits,
- Grand Champion Chapter Livestock Exhibits

\$250 each for the following areas:

- Dairy Awards, Horse Awards, Poultry Awards, Rabbit Awards, Round Robin Grand Championship & Reserve Showmanship

### National Leadership Conference for State Officers

\$2,000 partial

**Blast Off Training for State Officers \$1,500**

### District Leadership

Creed partial	\$150
Parliamentary Procedure	\$300
Greenhand Quiz	\$300
Extemporaneous Speak.	\$250
Officers of the Day	\$250

### Other sponsorships needed:

Funds towards Greenhand Conference, MFE, ALD, Washington Leadership Conference, scholarships for ag education majors, scholarships for production ag majors, scholarships for State Officers, Chapter Presidents' Conference, Chapter Officer Conference, SAE grant program, scholarship for DELTA (ag teachers training), Blue Jackets Bright Future program



The agricultural education program is built on the three core areas of classroom/ laboratory instruction, supervised agricultural experience programs and FFA student organization activities/ opportunities.

# We've *MOVED*



**We've moved our ND FFA Foundation office to 909 Basin Avenue in Bismarck.**

**Please come and visit us if you happen to be in town.**

**We feel so excited with our new space!**



Past State Officers celebrate with the first wedding of their team



## **Consider an End of the Year Gift for the 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 the life of a grandchild. 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 2010 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.*

*The most common form of charitable gift is cash. However, gifts of stock, life insurance policies, real estate, overstocked inventories, and many other items of value can ease your tax burden. We trust your thoughts are with the FFA when you make the best financial and philanthropic choices for 2010. Should you want to contribute, please call us at 701-224-8390 or drop us a note at PO Box 6022, Bismarck, ND 58506. If you are interested in making a substantial contribution in the form of life insurance, establishing a trust or including FFA in your will, please consult with your attorney or tax advisor.*

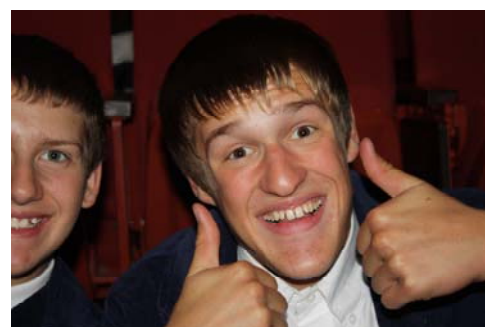
# National Convention Champs

**Ag Communications CDE:** Mandan Team — Silver team award  
**Ag Mechanics CDE:** Enderlin Team — Gold team award (#3) with Vance Zacharias placing 3<sup>rd</sup> High Individual.  
**Ag Sales CDE:** Minot Team — Gold team award (#1)  
**AgriScience Fair:** Taylor Ketterling from Wishek – Silver award  
**Agronomy (Crops) CDE:** Fessenden/Bowdon Team — Gold team award (#8)  
**Courtesy Corps:** Melissa Baker from Mandan, Donovan Zacharias from Enderlin, Tanner Sager from Lakota  
**Creed Speaking CDE:** Natalie Buck from Oakes/Sargent Central — Bronze award  
**Dairy Foods CDE:** Hebron Team — Silver team award  
**Dairy Cattle Evaluation:** Granville Team — Silver team award  
**Dairy Handler CDE:** Taylor Friesz from New Salem — Silver award  
**Extemporaneous Public Speaking:** Aaron Friedt from Mott/Regent – Bronze award  
**Farm Business Management:** Carrington Team — Gold team award (#3) with Chase Rosenau placing 9<sup>th</sup> High Individual.  
**Floriculture CDE:** Minot Team — Silver team award  
**Food Science & Tech. CDE:** Richland 44 Team (#10) — Silver team award with Tanasha Krull placing 10<sup>th</sup> High Individual  
**Honorary American Degree:** Barbara Mueller from Cummings (posthumously), Thomas Williams from Farm Credit Services  
**Horse Evaluation CDE:** Maddock Team – Gold team award  
**Job Interview CDE:** Anna Richter from Carrington – Silver award  
**Livestock Evaluation:** Towner Team – Silver team award  
**Meats Judging CDE:** Minot Team — Gold team award  
**National Officer Candidate:** Levi Hall from Berthold  
**Nursery and Landscape CDE:** Minot Team — Silver team award  
**Parliamentary Procedure:** Napoleon Team — Silver team award  
**Prepared Public Speaking:** Kara Scherbenske from Wishek — Bronze award  
**Talent:** Eric Miller from Mandan and Amy Buchholz from Richland 44  
**Flag Bearer:** Kaiden Straabe from Mandan  
**National Proficiency Finalists:** Vance Zacharias from Enderlin – National Winner  
**National Chorus Participant:** Brittany Lasher from McClusky



## Thanks to those who sponsor the National Travel Stipends for the State Winning Teams and Individuals :

Missy and Jory Hansen, Midwest Dairy Assn. – ND Division, ND Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, ND Soybean Council, ND Ag Products Utilization Commission, Bryan Kenner, Leo Vossler Memorial Fund, Northern Plains Potato Growers Assn., ND Department of Agriculture, ND Farm Bureau, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Cavendish Farms, ND Game and Fish Department, Kevin Teigen, Noah Hall, CHS Foundation



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## Night with the Bobcats

## Blue Jackets Bright Futures

### BOBCAT HOCKEY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR SECOND ANNUAL ND FFA CHAPTER NIGHT WITH THE BOBCATS!

Friday, January 7— 7:15 PM

Featuring Special Pricing

- Tickets, Slice of pizza & soda is only \$10 for students and only \$16 for adults
- Cost of just Ticket is \$9.00 for Adults or \$6.40 for youth

Email [GOBOBCATHOCKEY@AOL.COM](mailto:GOBOBCATHOCKEY@AOL.COM) with your order or call Audrey at 222-3300.

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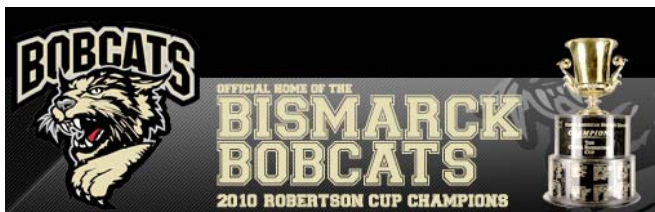
All you have to do is look around at an FFA event to realize how important it is to own an FFA jacket. But jackets cost money, and some students aren't able to come up with the funds to buy one. This led to a program called Blue Jackets Bright Futures. This program collects donations from past members, individuals, and supporters of the FFA to provide students with FFA jackets that they can keep. A donation of \$57 will supply one student with a jacket with his/her name of the jacket and his/her chapter name on the back of the jacket.



Last year, over 200 FFA members applied for these jackets and funds were raised to provide 150 members with jackets. It is the goal of the ND FFA Foundation to again supply 150 students with jackets this year. **Please help by donating \$57 so that a student will have that same pride of wearing the FFA jacket that you had as a student. Jackets will be given out at the Greenhand Conference in January.**

Please call Beth at 701-224-8390 if you are interested or send a check to ND FFA Foundation, PO Box 6002, Bismarck, ND 58506 with a note indicating that the donation be used for the Blue Jacket Bright Futures program.

**FFA MOTTO**  
“Learning to Do  
Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to Serve”



### NDAAE Awards Announced at the Fall Banquet:

- **30 Years of Service:** Ken Votava & Wade Anderson
- **Outstanding Young Member:** Marcus Lewton
- **Adult Teacher of the Year:** Tom Hanson
- **Outstanding Cooperation Award:** Gooseneck Implement of Minot
- **Distinguished Service Award:** Cy Fix of Bismarck and Peterson Farm Seeds (PFS) of Harwood
- **Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Ag Ed Program Award:** Richland 44
- **Outstanding Teacher Service Award:** Myron Johs



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 Nitro-Green Trees & Lawn Care  
 Northern Plains Equipment, Mandan  
 Jason & Carrie Odenbach  
 Paul Oehlke  
 Allen Olson  
 Jay & Vangie Olson  
 Sidney Olson  
 Clifford & Marilyn Orgaard  
 James Ostlie  
 Frank & Ruby Page  
 Donald Paulson  
 Craig & Diane Pausch  
 Phat Brothers Bakery/Donut Hole  
 Mike & Alecia Pretzer  
 Promiseland Farms  
 Alan & Julie Qual  
 Ramkota Inn  
 Levi Reese  
 Keith & Denise Rheault  
 Sean Rinckenberger  
 Jason & Heather Rohr  
 Kenneth Rostad  
 Roughrider Harley Davidson  
 Michael Rufer  
 Richard Ruud  
 Richard & Janet Sabol  
 Rod Schaaf  
 Schatz Truck Stop  
 Chris & Ronda Schauer  
 John Schultz  
 Donald Schwartz  
 Jennifer & Ed Schwind  
 Scranton FFA Alumni  
 Select Inn, Bismarck

Skiftun Farms  
 Raymond Skorheim  
 Ron Smithberg  
 Verne Spengler  
 Aaron Steckler  
 John and Gloria Steckler  
 Carlyle Stenberg  
 Stockmen's Supply West  
 Mike & Gail Swan  
 Taft Elevator, Div. of Rahr  
 Malting Co  
 Tracy Tebben  
 The Toy Farmer  
 James & Sheryl Turbiville  
 Don & Karen Uglem  
 James E Unterseher  
 Karen and Howard Van Bruggen  
 Karen Vossler  
 Ken & Tammy Votava  
 Aaron & Jayme Walsh  
 Rueben Weigelt  
 William F. Welander  
 Bill & Janet Well  
 Gary Wendel  
 Western Veterinary Clinic  
 Ron & Sheila Willardsen  
 Wishek FFA Chapter  
 Jodie & Warren Woroniecki  
 (Prairie Nutrition Center)



## Schedule of Events 2011

- Jan. 7 FFA Night with the Bobcats**
- Jan. 8-9 Greenhand, 212, & 360 Conferences in Bismarck**
- Feb. 19-26 National FFA Week**
- March 4-5 ND Winter Show Competitions**
- March 9 Foundation Board Meeting**
- June 6-10 ND State FFA Convention**
- June 12-16 ND State Officer BLASTOFF**
- June 18-25 NLCSO for State Officers**
- July 22-30 State Fair**

## Congratulations to those chapters receiving the Chapter of the Day awards at District Leadership

Kenmare	Max
Harvey	Maddock
Napoleon	Mandan
Bowman Cty	Kindred



## You Never Really Outgrow It!

The FFA is not an organization that you can forget about once you've left high school! It is always there - the memories, the friends, the leadership skills you've learned, the wood projects.

We want you to share that pride with others around you and are asking you to "Bring your jacket to work" during the National FFA Week from February 19-26. Display your jacket on the back of your work chair, hang in your car for all to see, put it on your coat rack at work.

I know that it may take some time to find your jacket — but it's still there; maybe in the attic, in that back closet, or in that box of high school memories.

Show everyone you know that you support the FFA and that you are



## A Note from the President

### Greetings from the President of the Foundation Board,

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds....

FFA members, supporters and friends: We are fortunate to live in an exciting time for agriculture. Generally, we have been blessed by excellent crops and strong commodity prices for all of our production. Technology advancements have greatly enhanced agricultural production and efficiency. Growing economies throughout the world are looking to us for food products and expertise which provides unlimited agricultural opportunities.

On behalf of the FFA Foundation Board of Directors I express our thanks to all of our generous sponsors. Through your support we have provided expanded opportunities to FFA members participating in leadership programs and contests on the district, state and national level. Our SAE grant program has helped numerous beginning and established FFA members throughout ND to build their projects. The Blue Jackets campaign has allowed young members in most chapters to proudly wear the FFA jacket that symbolizes this great organization.

Also I want to thank parents, friends, advisors and relatives of FFA members for your support and encouragement. I recall my advisor joking that FFA meant Father Farms Alone, and I know my parents sacrificed time, effort and dollars so I could be active in the FFA. The great heritage of the FFA is grounded on the support of parents, advisors and friends that allow members to grow through their FFA experience.

The FFA Foundation Board is especially proud of our FFA members. Every time I attend an FFA meeting, banquet or contest I am impressed by the ability, teamwork and integrity exhibited by members. You are a shining light to the world and give us great confidence in the future. Keep the creed as your guide.....

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

*Dennis Walsh*



# FFA is Farming in ND, thanks to Fridtjov Bakk

In the 1960's, Fridtjov Bakk, an immigrant farmer in eastern North Dakota felt the urge to help FFA members realize their dreams. Mr. Bakk believed in young people and in agriculture and wanted to bring his beliefs to the FFA.

In 2006, the North Dakota FFA received land in Richland and Sargent counties from the Fridtjov Bakk Trust. The funds from this farmland is being used in a number of programs – from tuition waivers to young farmers who enroll in the Farm Business Management Program, to scholarships to those enrolling in college and majoring in farm management and agriculture education to grants to students to develop and expand their SAE programs.

Since receiving the land, the ND FFA Foundation has spent over **\$90,000** wisely on the programs below:

**Beginning SAE Grant Program:** **63** eighth and ninth grade students have received funding to help them get started with their Supervised Agriculture Experience Program.

**Expansion SAE Grant Program:** **45** tenth and eleventh grade students have received funding to help them expand their SAE.

**College Scholarships** for those enrolled in farm management programs and those majoring in agriculture education: **25** students have received college scholarships.

**Young farmer scholarships to enroll in the Farm Business Management Program:** **18** farmers have receiving tuition for the Farm Business Management Program.



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