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Quest for Success!



The 2006 Greenhand, Advanced Leadership Development, and Made for Excellence Conferences were held on Jan. 7-8 at the Ramkota Inn and the Radisson Inn in Bismarck. Over 900 students and advisors attended the conferences to learn about leadership and personal growth.

The state officers and Emily Horton, former National FFA Officer, received high praise for their work with the Greenhands and their focus on the "Quest for Success."

Thanks goes out to the Tom and Francis Leach Foundation for their sponsorship of the Greenhand Conference and the Nodak Mutual Insurance Company for their sponsorship of the Made for Excellence Conference.

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Blue Jackets Bright Future

Over 40 students will receive jackets from FFA supporters

All you have to do is look around at an FFA event to realize how important it is to own an FFA jacket. But not everyone does own their own jacket, and that's why the 05-06 State Officer Team thought it was time to help provide young FFA members with jackets. The state officers first called past state officers in an attempt to reconnect with them and then asked them

to help with the Blue Jackets Bright Futures project. With the help of a mailing, the funds for over 40 FFA jackets have been donated by FFA supporters. That wasn't the only surprise about the project. Seventy-two FFA members applied for these jackets -- so there was obviously a need out there. Look on page 3 for those who donated to this cause.



FFA members celebrate at the ALD conference in their official dress.

FFA DAY WITH THE TIMBERWOLVES

Thanks to the Minnesota FFA Foundation for the kind invitation to the FFA Day with the Timberwolves.
Over 200 students from North Dakota attended the game and had a great time!



Dates to Remember

2006

- June 5-9 ND State FFA Convention in Fargo
- June 11-14 State Officer BLASTOFF
- June 11 FFA Day with the Twins
- June 15-22 NLCSO for State Officers
- July 9-10 Presidents' Conference in Carrington
- July 11 Golf Scramble at Hawktree Golf Course
- July 21-29 State Fair in Minot
- July 22 Alumni/Foundation Annual Auction in Minot
- July 22 Annual FFA Foundation Meeting in Minot
- August 1 FFA Day with the RedHawks in Fargo
- August 3 Land Judging CDE

FFA Membership Totals

• Beach	18	• Hazen	29	• Park River	34
• Belfield	26	• Hebron	41	• Parshall	1
• Berthold	53	• Hettinger	17	• Powers Lek	41
• Beulah	150	• Hillsboro	35	• Rhame	21
• Bismarck	23	• Jamestown	96	• Rolette	22
• Bottineau	83	• Kenmare	84	• Rolla	36
• Bowman	60	• Killdeer	61	• Rugby	139
• Carrington	97	• Kindred	143	• Scranton	60
• Carson	5	• Lakota	48	• South Heart	25
• Center	60	• LaMoore	59	• St. John	39
• Colfax	130	• Larimore	79	• Stanley	79
• Des Lacs/Burlington	67	• Leeds	58	• Tappen	37
• Dickinson	6	• Lisbon	41	• Tioga	45
• Divide County	104	• Maddock	64	• Townner	96
• Drake	41	• Mandan	59	• Trenton	36
• Enderlin	43	• McClusky	33	• Turtle Lake/Mercer	95
• Fessenden/Bowdon	39	• Medina	56	• Velsa	48
• Finley/Sharon	26	• Minot	296	• Wahpeton	176
• Gackle/Streeter	38	• Mohall	47	• Washburn	33
• Garrison	90	• Mott/Regent	47	• Watford City	108
• Glen Ullin	29	• Napoleon	68	• Westhope/Newburg	24
• Grant County	67	• New England	40	• Williston	81
• Granville	48	• New Rockford	8	• Wishek	56
• Halliday	6	• New Salem	101	• Wyndmere	106
• Harvey	132	• New Town	11		
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Wish List

If you have any of the following items, please consider donating them to the ND FFA Foundation.

Hats for the golf scramble and state convention

T-shirts for state convention with your logo on them

Computer Projector



Thanks so much to those who donated funds for the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Project

Rick Halvorson (State Officer in 1972), **Katie (Volk) and Stuart Dilse** (Katie was a State Officer in 1992), **Bob Bachmeier** (State Officer in 1983), **Richard Roland** (former advisor) of Legume Logic, **Steven Nelson** (State Officer in 1978), **Carl B. Haas** (State Officer in 1956), **Ruben Brenner** (State officer in 1947), **Harold Burley** (State Officer in 1956), **April Hanson Mitchell** (State Officer in 1995), **Curtis L. Hegg** (State Officer in 1946), **Roger Gissel** (State Officer in 1959), **Chris Brossart** (State Officer in 1998), **Jessica Anderson Ruhland** (State Officer in 1996), **Benjamin Axtman** (State Officer in 1951), **Paul Brackelsberg** (State Officer in 1956), **Bill Ongstad** (State Officer in 1968), **Ryan Pederson** (State Officer in 1995), **Al Fettig** (State Officer in 1965), **Gabe Brown** (State Officer in 1979), **Tammy Meyer** (State Officer in 1979), **Dennis McCoy, Joan Braaten Grabanski** (State

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Back Row: Travis Wettlaufer, Sean Rinckenberger, and Rob Neubauer

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A Note from the President



As we grow older, it seems that the years go by much quicker. This year seems to have just flown by. As the school year nears the end, it marks the end to another year with the State FFA Convention at NDSU in Fargo. Last year was record or near record attendance and I would expect that this year would be the same. We have had another great year in the North Dakota FFA and FFA Foundation. It would not be possible without the most generous support of our many supporters and sponsors. We owe all of you a huge "Thank You" for all you do for our young people to provide wonderful opportunities for them. I would personally like to invite as many of you as possible to attend our sponsors dinner at the convention and take in a session or two, or the entire convention if your schedule allows you.

I would also personally like to send a "Thank You" to Beth and Joel for all of the work they do for the FFA Foundation. Their love for the organization and hard work has made serving on the board the past several years an easy and enjoyable experience. I look forward to my remaining few months with the foundation.

If anyone would have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for the FFA Foundation, please feel free to contact me or the office.

Exciting things will be happening in the future, and hopefully it will allow us to expand what we do for FFA members in North Dakota.

We're proud of the "blue and gold" and we hope that you are too!

For Alumni Affiliates, the Future is Now

by Tom Ross, President of ND Alumni Assn.

Over the past 5 years, I've had the pleasure and honor of serving as the president of the Minot FFA Alumni Chapter. Over that time we've raised close to \$40,000 in support for our young men and women who take part in FFA. But just as important as the dollars raised, are the helping hands, and hard work we've done to show how important Ag Education and FFA is to our community. As Alumni members we are charged with keeping that message strong and in the spotlight. Here are a few questions you need to ask yourself as a member of the FFA Alumni:

1. Do I do my best to create a relationship with our FFA chapter?
2. Do I miss opportunities to shine a spotlight on FFA?
3. Can I invite a new member to the FFA Alumni?
4. How can I get more involved in FFA Alumni?
5. What can I do to achieve the Mission of our Alumni?

There are several more questions we can ask ourselves, however, I will stop at 5. I feel we are at an important crossroads with our FFA Alumni Chapters. You need to help take our chapter down the right path. As President, I want you to know our organization is strong, and will survive, but we need your help. We need your spirit and your expertise; we need your background and we need your support.

I had the opportunity to spend 5 days with our FFA kids at National Convention this year. What an experience! If you ever want to recharge your batteries for FFA, spend a week with 50,000 teenagers! It worked for me. I have never been

more excited about what is happening with our youth. As business leaders and members of the FFA Alumni look into yourselves and see what you could do to help out our program. Your help secures a future for Agriculture.

In February I was invited to take part in a "Team Ag Ed" event in Indianapolis. If you are a parent of a student involved in FFA or Ag Education, you can assure yourself that your child is getting the best of the best when it comes to Ag and Career and Technical Education. I was very impressed with what I saw. More importantly was the fact that a major player in Team Ag Ed is FFA Alumni. We have stepped up to the plate and accepted a major role in the future of Ag Education and FFA. I was very proud to represent our great state.

However, pep rallies only go so far. Your small commitment to FFA will lead to great things in the future. That future begins today! As a State Alumni Association we are taking on new projects to help increase our support of FFA. More scholarship funds, more chapter support, more Alumni participation will be a result of our current efforts and projects. It was said that if you reach for the stars, you might not catch one, but you won't get a handful of mud either!

Two special projects we are taking on as Alumni are a fund raising raffle of a \$5,000 4-wheel ATV, and the creation of the North Dakota FFA Hall of Fame. Stay tuned; more information will be coming out soon.

As President of the State Alumni Association I want to pledge my support to the local chapters. I want to meet as many chapters as I can. If you have an event or meeting you want me to attend, just let me know. FFA Alumni and FFA are important to me.

Golf Scramble at Hawktree



This year's FFA Foundation Golf Scramble will be held at Hawktree Golf Course near Bismarck on July 11, 2006. Who knows, maybe someone will again hit a hole in one --

like Andrew Johnson from Cooperstown at last year's scramble!

If you are interested in participating, please go to the website at www.ndffaoundation.com or call Beth at 701-224-8390. This year's scramble promises to be exciting and fun. Cost is \$95 per person if paid before June 28 or \$110 if paid after June 28.

FFA Day with the RedHawks

Join FFA and 4-H students around the state in experiencing RedHawks baseball.



On August 1, 2006, the RedHawks will be playing the Schaumburg Flyers at 7:30 PM at the Newman Outdoor Field. Ticket prices range from \$5-\$8. Reserve your seat today by calling 701-235-6161.

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Bakk Trust Matures

by Joel Janke



State Convention Activities (June)

Floriculture CDE	\$400
Floriculture CDE supplies	\$600
Ag Mechanics Contest supplies	\$600
Small Animal Care CDE	\$200
Dairy Foods CDE supplies	\$200 partial
Quiz CDE	\$250 partial
Band	\$200
Chorus	\$200
Courtesy Corps	\$200
Retiring Plaques for State Officers	\$200
Traveling Trophy for Small Animal	\$250
Proficiencies (June at state convention)	
Fruit Production	\$200
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Land Judging (August)	
Land Judging (partial)	\$200
National travel for Land Judging	\$800
District Leadership (Sept./Oct.)	
Officer of the Day	\$400
Quiz CDE	\$400
District Leadership (Sept./October)	
Officer of the Day	\$400
Quiz CDE	\$400
Nat'l Leadership Conf for State Officers	\$2,000
Blast Off for State Officers	\$1,000
Travel to National Convention (November)	
Ag Communications	\$800
Agronomy – Crops Judging	\$800
Dairy Cattle Selection	\$800
Floriculture	\$800
Horse Judging	\$800
Meats	\$800
Nursery	\$800
Quiz	\$800
Small Animal Care	\$800
Band (per student)	\$200
Chorus (per student)	\$200
Courtesy Corps (per student)	\$200
Science Fair (per student)	\$200
Talent	\$200
National Proficiency Winners	\$200

In the mid 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 FFA. He met with then State FFA Advisor "Ernest L. DeAlton" to make his wishes known and began the process that would impact FFA and its members for years to come. Mr. Bakk then met with his attorney and established a trust that would provide *future FFA members* support to advance their interests in agriculture as a career. That was mid 1960, and in October of 2006 the trust will mature and be transferred to the North Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc.

The North Dakota FFA Foundation Board of Directors will meet soon to discuss how the trust will be managed and to develop programs that will address the desires of Fridtjov Bakk. The Board of Directors is represented by FFA members, teachers of agriculture education, agriculture education staff with the State Department of Career & Technical Education, agriculture teacher education staff at NDSU, business and industry representatives in North Dakota, and members of the North Dakota FFA Alumni Association.

This will be an exciting time for the ND FFA Foundation as new opportunities for FFA members are developed and funded using the Bakk Trust income. It was Mr. Bakk's intent that proceeds of the trust be used to help FFA members attain their career goals.



It's not difficult to support the "Blue and Gold" with a deferred gift. Mr. Fridtjov Bakk met with his lawyer and proclaimed FFA as a recipient in his will. It's that easy!

Mr. Ernest L. DeAlton (fomer State FFA Advisor) also provided the North Dakota FFA Foundation a cash gift which was realized when he passed away about 10 years ago via a simple statement in his will.

Should anyone feel the urge to provide for the "Future" of FFA members, simply express your wishes in your prepared will. See your local attorney at law for details.

Thank you, Alliance Pipeline, for your 5 years of support



What you do see in this photo is Scott Dieterle from Alliance Pipeline handing a check to Andrew Dosch at the ND Winter Show. What you don't see in the photo is all the wonderful projects this

check helps to fund. Over the last five years, Alliance Pipeline has partnered with the ND FFA Foundation to help bring about programs such as the "FFA is Here to Learn and Serve" Grant Program that focuses on helping chapters complete community service projects, the "Safety in Our Agricultural Communities" project that promotes safety awareness in the communities by using chapters to educate youth and adults, and the WLC scholarship program which enables twelve students and four advisors to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. each summer.

Thank you, Alliance Pipeline, for all your help!!

What Teachers Make – submitted to the FFA Advisors newsletter by Tom Hofmann, who teaches agriculture at Sutton High School in Sutton, Nebraska

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, the president of a large corporation, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers. "Those who can, do. Those who can't teach." To stress his point, he turned to one of the guests and said, "You're a teacher. Be honest. What do you make?"

Having a reputation for honesty and frankness, the teacher replied, "You want to know what I make? I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence." The teacher continued, "You want to know what I make? I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English. I make them understand that if you use your brains and follow your heart, you can do anything. I make them understand that if someone ever tries to judge them by what they earn, they must never pay attention, because the question just wasn't learned."

The teacher paused, then continued again, quietly and deliberately. "You want to know what I make? I make a difference. What do you make?"

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