

## The FFA Creed

- I Believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturalists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.
- **I Believe** that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.
- I Believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of the progressive agriculturalists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.
- **I Believe** in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so for others as well as myself; in the need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.
- **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.

The FFA Creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 39th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

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# 97<sup>th</sup> Virginia FFA State Convention

## June 20-23, 2023 Blacksburg, Virginia

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## 97<sup>th</sup> Virginia FFA State Convention June 20-23, 2023

## **Convention Staff**

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## I Believe ...

It was 1917. The Smith - Hughes Act was passed by Congress. Agriculture and farming are now allowed in public schools. Soon after, in September of 1925, Henry C. Groseclose, Edward C. Magill, Walter S. Newman, and Harry W. Sanders- all professors at Virginia Polytechnic Institute - began creating an agricultural club for students in vocational agriculture classes. The following year the "Future Farmers of Virginia" was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. This innovation caught the attention of many states and quickly spread across the nation. The idea encouraged the establishment of a national organization. It was in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri, that the "Future Farmers of America" was established.

Today the National FFA Organization encompasses 760,113 FFA members from 8,739 chapters in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The Virginia FFA Association is composed of nearly 12,435 FFA members from 217 active chapters. Virginia FFA prides itself as the birthplace of the FFA. For 96 years, Virginia has been committed to excellence in agricultural education and the FFA. In the beginning, the FFA concentrated on farming, but now the industry and the FFA have grown and changed to encompass over 280 different careers. FFA prepares students for career success in everything from production agriculture to biotechnology, turf grass management, and education.



## 2022-2023 State Officer Team



Emily Jenkins
State President
Broadway
"She needs wide open spaces, room to make her big mistakes."
- Dixie Chicks



Makenna Garrett
State Secretary
Liberty
"Continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection."
- Mark Twain



Elizabeth Bates
State Vice President
Eastern View
"To thine own self be true."
- William Shakespeare



Gabriella Martin
State Vice President
Pulaski County
"Tell the story of the mountains you've climbed. Your words could become apart of someone else's survival guide."
- Morgan Harper Nichols



Jill Reiter
State Vice President
Dinwiddie
"Life's not the breaths you take, but the moments that take your breath away."
- George Strait



**Jordan Petrie**State Vice President

#### Sherando

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

- Vince Lombardi



**Carly Thomas** State Treasurer

Highland

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

- Matthew 6:34



**Savannah Goodwin** State Reporter

#### Louisa

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

- Eleanor Roosevelt



Katie Powell
State Sentinel
Nelson County

"You can't get it back, the sand in your glass; Gotta live it like it's now or never."

– Randall King



## **Supporters**

**LaVeta Nutter** State FFA Advisor



**Jennifer Armstrong**FFA Foundation Director



Charlie Moser
Nominating Committee Ex-Officio
Past State President, 2021-2022





## **Schedule**

## June 20-23, 2023

## Tuesday, June 20th

10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION BEGINS

Litton Reaves 1890

1:00 p.m. CONTESTS BEGIN

See Page 13 for Times and Locations

1:00 p.m. STATE OFFICER INTERVIEWS

Litton Reaves 232

4:00 p.m. ADVISOR ORIENTATION

Litton Reaves 1670

5:00 p.m. DINNER

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

#### **SESSION 1**

**6:45 p.m.** PRE-SESSION – Welcome, Rules, and

State Officer Introduction Video

**7:00 p.m.** Posting of the Colors

Presentation of the Creed by Area

Creed Winners

**Creed Speaking Results** 

**Opening Ceremony** 

Welcome to Virginia Tech: Dr. Alan Grant, Dean College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Introduce the Courtesy Corps

Award Presentations 100% Membership New Charters Superior Chapter National Chapter Public Relations

Retiring Address: **Katie Powell**, Virginia FFA State Sentinel

CDE Award Presentations Forestry Field Day Horticulture Demonstration Small Engine Troubleshooting





Career Applications in Horticulture

Middle School Ag Exploration

Retiring Address: **Gabriella Martin**, Virginia FFA State Vice President



CDE Award Presentations Tractor Troubleshooting Agriscience Demonstration State Fair Crops Junior Dairyman's Junior Forester's

Retiring Address: **Makenna Garrett**, Virginia FFA State Secretary

State Officer Candidate Introductions

State Officer Advisor Recognition

Closing Ceremony

TALENT – Immediately Following Session Check In Front of Burruss Hall

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

## Wednesday, June 21st

**6:30 a.m.** BREAKFAST

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

7:15 a.m. AM CONTESTS BEGIN

See Page 14 for Times and Locations

9:00 a.m. AM WORKSHOPS BEGIN

Litton Reaves 1890

**11:45 a.m.** LUNCH

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

1:30 p.m. TALENT SHOW

Burruss Hall

5:00 p.m. DINNER

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

#### **SESSION 2**

6:45 p.m. PRE-SESSION

7:00 p.m. Welcome

**Opening Ceremony** 



CDE Award Presentations
Cattleworking
Extemporaneous Speaking
Junior Forestry
Senior Forestry
Meats Judging

Retiring Address: **Jordan Petrie**, Virginia FFA State Vice President



CDE Award Presentations Conduct of Chapter Meetings Parliamentary Procedure Junior Prepared Senior Prepared

Retiring Address: **Jill Reiter**, Virginia FFA State Vice President

CDE Award Presentations
Poultry
Soils
Stockman's
Lawn Tractor Operators
Tractor Operators
Talent



Retiring Address: **Savannah Goodwin**, Virginia FFA State Reporter

VAAE Teacher Awards: Mrs. Melessa Suder, VAAE President

1st Day Event Results

Closing Ceremony

11:00 p.m.

Lights Out

## Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 a.m.

**BREAKFAST** 

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

**CONTESTS** 

See Page 15 for Times and Locations

#### **SESSION 3**

10:00 a.m.

PRE-SESSION

10:15 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Ceremony

2022-2023 All-State Conduct of

Meetings Team

National Awards Strengthening Agriculture **Building Communities Growing Leaders** 

Forestry & Wildlife

**Business Session** 

Roll Call of Delegates **Unfinished Business** Committee Reports

**New Business** 

Approval of State FFA Degree

Candidates

Middle School Contest Awards

Agriscience Technology Mechanics

Food and Fiber Plant Science Small Animal Care

**Quiz Bowl** 

10:30 a.m. **CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO OPENS** 

> Commonwealth Ballroom. Squires Student Center

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

3:45 p.m. **CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO CLOSES** 

> Commonwealth Ballroom, Squires Student Center

FOUNDATION RECEPTION 4:00 p.m.

> Commonwealth Ballroom, Squires Student Center (Invitation Only)

DINNER 5:00 p.m.

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

#### SESSION 4

6:30 p.m. PRE-SESSION Talent Review

7:00 p.m. Welcome

> **Opening Ceremony** Introduction of VIPs

> > Keynote Speaker: First Lady of Virginia

Suzanne S. Youngkin

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

Keynote: Andrew Seibel, National FFA President "Extraordinary in the Ordinary"



Virginia FFA Foundation Report: Adam Ford, Foundation Board Chair and Jennifer Armstrong, Foundation Executive Director

Virginia Scholarships



**Proficiency Awards** 

Retiring Address: **Carly Thomas**, Virginia FFA State Treasurer

Stars Over Virginia

Recognition of State Officers' Parents

State FFA Degree Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

9:00 p.m. FFA DANCE

**Squires Student Center** 

11:45 p.m. LIGHTS OUT

## Friday, June 23rd

**6:30 a.m.** BREAKFAST

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

### **SESSION 5**

7:45 a.m. PRF-SESSION

8:00 a.m. Welcome

Opening Ceremony

Lifetime Membership Presentation Intro of National Officer Candidate

Star Chapter Award Committee Reports Board of Directors



Retiring Address: **Emily Jenkins**, Virginia FFA State President

CDE Award Presentations
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Issues Forum
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Agriscience Fair
Agronomy
Avian Bowl

Discussion Meet
Environmental and Natural

Resources



Farm Business Management Floriculture

Retiring Address: **Elizabeth Bates**, Virginia FFA State Vice President

**CDE Award Presentations** 

Food Science Horse Evaluation Horse Hippology Employment Skills Livestock

Livestock

Marketing Plan

Milk Quality and Products

Nursery/Landscape

Horticulture

Turf Grass Management

Vet Science

Scrapbook

Nominating Committee Report

Closing Ceremony

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## Alphabetical List of Presentations

Award	Ses	ssion	Day & Time
Agricultural Communications		5	Friday 8:00am
Agricultural Issues Forum Agricult	ural	5551535531222155525535134555131122255215151542322413445223125	Friday 8:00am
Mechanics Agricultural Sales		5	Friday 8:00am Friday 8:00am
Agriscience Demonstration		1	Tuesday 7:00pm
Agriscience Fair		5	Friday 8:00am Thursday 10:00am
Agriscience Technology Mechanics Agronomy	S	3	Friday 8:00am
Ayian Bowl		5	Friday 8:00am
Building Communities Award		3	mursuay rotodam
Career Applications in Horticulture	е	1	Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday 7:00pm
Cattleworking Chapter Forestry/Wildlife Award		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Conduct of Chapter Meetings Cree	ed	2	Wednesday 7:00pm Tuesday 7:00pm
Speaking		1	Tuesday 7:00pm
Discussion Meet Enployment Skills		5	Friday 8:00am Friday 8:00am
Environmental and Natural Resou	rces	5	Friday 8:00am
Extemp. Public Speaking LDE		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Farm Business Management Floriculture		5	Friday 8:00am
Food and Fiber		3	Friday 8:00am Thursday 10:00 am
Food Science		5	Friday 8:00am
Forestry Field Day		1	Tuesday 7:00pm Thursday 10:00am
Forestry & Wildlife Honorary State FFA Degrees		3 4	Thursday 7:00pm
Horse Evaluation		5	Friday 8:00am
Horse Hippology		5	Friday 8:00am
Horticulture Domonstration		5	Friday 8:00am Tuesday 7:00pm Thursday 10:00am
Horticulture Demonstration Growing Leaders Award		3	Thursday 10:00am
Jr. Dairyman's		Ĭ.	Tuesday 7:00pm
Jr. Forester's		1	Tuesday 7:00pm Tuesday 7:00pm
Junior Forestry Junior Prepared		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Lawn Tractor Operators		2	Wednesday 7:00pm Wednesday 7:00pm
Livestock		5	Friday 8:00am
Marketing Plan Meats Judging and Evaluation CDE	=	5	Friday 8:00am Wednesday 7:00pm
Meats Judging and Evaluation CDE Middle School Ag Exploration	-	1	Tuesday 7:00pm
Milk Quality and Products		5	Friday 8:00am
National Chapter Award		1	Tuesday 7:00pm
National Officer Candidate New Charters		5 1	Friday 8:00am Tuesday 7:00pm
Nursey/Landscape		5	Friday 8:00am
Parents of State Officers		4	Friday 7:00pm Wednesday 7:00pm
Parliamentary Procedure CDE Plant Science		2	Thursday 10:00 am
Poultry		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Prepared Public Speaking LDE		2	Wednesday 7:00pm Thursday 7:00pm
Proficiency Awards		4	Thursday 7:00pm
Public Relations Award Quiz Bowl		3	Tuesday 7:00pm Thursday 10:00am
Retiring State Officers		4	Friday 7:00pm
Scholarship Recognition		4	Thursday 7:00pm
Scrapbook Senior Forestry		2	Friday 8:00am Wednesday 7:00pm
Senior Prepared		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Small Animal Care		3	Thursday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:00pm
Small Engine Troubleshooting Soils Judging		1	Wednesday 7:00pm
Star Chapter Award		5	Friday 8:00am
Stars Over Virginia		4	Friday 8:00am Thursday 7:00pm
State Fair Crops		1 4	Tuesday 7:00pm
State FFA Degrees State Officer Installation		4	Thursday 7:00pm Friday 7:00pm
Stockman's		2	Wednesday 7:00pm Thursday 10:00am
Strengthening Agriculture Award		3	Thursday 10:00am
Superior Chapter Award Talent		7	Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday 7:00pm
Tractor Operators		2	Wednesday 7:00pm
Tractor Troubleshooting		1	Wednesday 7:00pm Tuesday 7:00pm
Turf Grass Management		5	Friday 8:00am
VAAE Teacher Awards Vet Science		4 2 3 1 2 2 1 5 2 5 4	Wednesday 7:00pm Friday 8:00am
Virginia Scholarships			Thursday 7:00pm
100% Membership Award		1	Tuesday 7:00pm

## **Contest Information**

## Tuesday, June 20

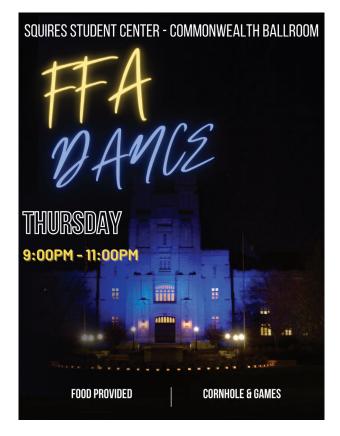
Contest	Time	Location
Ag Sales Exam	1:00 PM	Smyth 331
Avian Bowl Exam	1:00 PM	LR 1860
Creed Speaking	1:00 PM	Meet: LR 1800
		Present: LR 1670
Livestock Day One	1:00 PM	LR 1670
Middle School AG Mechanic	s 1:00 PM	Commonwealth
		Ballroom B
Scrapbook	Turn in at	LR 1890
	Registration	า
Quiz Bowl Exam	1:00 PM	LR 1860

## Wednesday, June 21

Contest	Time	Location
Ag Issues	1:30 PM	LR 1760, 1670
Ag Sales	8:30 AM	Hutcheson 204, 207
Agronomy Day One (Crops)	8:30 AM	Graduate Life Center
		Multi-Purpose Room
Employment Skills Day One	9:00 AM	Williams Hall 120
ENR Day One	1:30 PM	FST 27
Extemporaneous Public	8:00 AM	Graduate Life Center
Speaking		Auditorium
Farm Business Management	9:00 AM	LR 1800
Livestock Day Two	7:30 AM	LR 1670
Marketing Plan	9:00 AM	LR 1760, 1670
Middle School Contests	8:30 AM	Commonwealth
(Food & Fiber, Plant Science,		Ballroom A/B
Small Animal Care)		
Middle School Quiz Bowl	1:30 PM	Commonwealth
		Ballroom A/B
		Commonwealth
		Classroom
Nursery/Landscape	8:00 AM	Greenhouse Classroom
		Patio
Prepared Public Speaking	10:00 AM	Graduate Life Center
Events - Junior		Auditorium
Prepared Public Speaking	11:00 AM	Graduate Life Center
Events - Senior		Auditorium
Senior Ag Mechanics	7:30 AM	LR 1860
Talent	1:30 PM	Burruss Auditorium
Turf Grass Management	9:00 AM	Lane Stadium Gate
		#TBD
Vet Science Day One	9:00 AM	Pamplin 30

## **Thursday, June 22**

Contest	Time	Location
Ag Communications	8:30 AM	LR 1860, 1670
Agriscience Fair	All Day	TBD - Contact Hannah
		Scherer/Natalie Ferand
Agronomy Day Two (Crops)	8:00 AM	Graduate Life Center
		Multi-Purpose Room
Avian Bowl	8:30 AM	LR 1800
Discussion Meet	8:30 AM	LR 1890
Employment Skills Day Two	9:00 AM	Williams 120
ENR Day Two	8:30 AM	Hutcheson 204, 207
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Floriculture	8:00 AM	Greenhouse Classroom
Fioriculture	8:00 AM	Patio
Food Science	1:00 PM	
		Patio
Food Science	1:00 PM	Patio FST 27
Food Science	1:00 PM	Patio FST 27 Graduate Life Center
Food Science Hippology	1:00 PM 10:00 AM	Patio FST 27 Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
Food Science Hippology	1:00 PM 10:00 AM	Patio FST 27 Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room Graduate Life Center
Food Science Hippology Horse Judging Day Two	1:00 PM 10:00 AM 8:00 AM	Patio FST 27 Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room





## You're Invited to FFA LEADERSHIP CAMP!

Who? All middle and high

**Virginia FFA members** 

When? July 10-11 - Day Camp

July 11-14 – Overnight Camp

**Where? Graves Mountain** 

Lodge, Syria VA

Why? Leadership development,

new friendships, recreational

sports, and much more!



Visit https://www.vaffa.org/leadership-camp for more information

# Looking for a fun, free, and educational weekend at Graves Mountain Lodge?

## Then we have the conference for you!

Scholarships will be awarded to the top three performers at the VICE conference:
\$2,000 to the top performer
\$1,500 to the second-place performer
\$1,000 to the third-place performer

### Join us in March 2024!

Contact the Virginia Cooperative Council: Mary Howell - mary.howell@sscoop.com or visit the Council's website at www.virginia.coop









## Wednesday

## 9:00 AM – Litton Reaves 1890 Leadership Without Titles

Presenter: Aubrey Schwartz, Ohio FFA

We'll explore how we can be leaders in our lives, inside or out of the blue jacket, whether we have a title or not!

## 11:00 AM – Litton Reaves 1890 Dynamics of Perspective

Presenter: Jay Caldwell, Tennessee FFA

Students will explore how others' perspectives affect teamwork and decision making! In the workshop, students will work to achieve goals within a team with obstacles obscuring or limiting their perspective in both literal and intangible ways.

## 1:00 PM – Litton Reaves 1890 Becoming Influencers

Presenter: Graham Carson, Ohio FFA

In "Becoming Influencers", students will learn about influence and how they can influence those around them.

#### 3:00 PM – Litton Reaves 1890 Commit to Grit

Presenter: Jessie Samarin, O<mark>regon FF</mark>A

In Commit to Grit, members will learn how guts, resilience, integrity, and tenacity (or grit) are all characteristics that have a vital role in leadership development.

## Thursday

## 9:00 AM – Burr<mark>us</mark>s Hall *Bet on Yourself*

Presenter: Andrew Seibel, National FFA President

In Bet on Yourself, students will identify the values that create their impact and what they can do if they lean into those values.

## 1:00 PM – Haymarket Theatre, Squires Student Center Lights, Camera, Action! Communication Skills for Success

Presenter: Alpha Trivette, Past National FFA President and Professional Actor

Skills gained through the instruction and experience of FFA members can be many and varied. And those skills can lead in surprising directions. Through his progress from Chapter, Federation, Virginia State and then National FFA President, Alpha Trivette has been able to use the confidence and poise he gained to excel in the world of entertainment. Following his degree in AG Econ here at Virginia Tech, Alpha went from a career in public relations to become a professional speaker, standup comic, award-winning morning radio personality and TV and feature film actor. He counts his background in FFA as the foundation of his success. In a one hour workshop, Alpha will share some basics in acting and communication that led him to starring roles as Neville Wharton in "Sweet Magnolias," Dr. Allen in Tyler Perry's "Too Close To Home" and Grandpa Walton in "Waltons Homecoming" and "Waltons Thanksgiving." Broaden your skills and your horizons as you learn from a pro in this exciting workshop.

## 2:00 PM – Haymarket Theatre, Squires Student Center Cultivate a Healthy Mind

Present<mark>er: Laura S</mark>iegal, K<mark>nesha</mark> Rose-Davidson, and Abigai<mark>l Kahrs, Ag</mark>riSafe

Cultivating a Healthy Mind is an introductory lesson for teens and young adults regarding their mental health and well-being. They will learn about the following topics: stressors that are unique to agricultural communities; the connection between mental health and physical health; what thoughts and feelings are normal for people their age versus what might signify stress, anxiety, or depression; what are healthy and unhealthy coping behaviors; and what resources are out there for them.

## 3:<mark>00</mark> PM – <mark>Hay</mark>marke<mark>t Th</mark>eatre, Squires S<mark>tu</mark>dent Center *Tagged <mark>to</mark> Teach Ag*

Presenter: Dr. Nata<mark>lie Fe</mark>rand and Dr. Brett Milliken

INVITATION ONLY - Students and teachers that previously attended the CTE Experience Day or the Teach Ag Day are invited to follow up with Virginia Tech Ag Ed faculty. Ask questions about paths to licensure at Virginia Tech, the application process, course plans, transfers, and more. Then, get a preview of the special fall event only for future ag teachers.

## **Keynote Speakers**

# Andrew Seibel National FFA President Session 4 Keynote Speaker

Andrew Seibel's journey with FFA started when he was a baby and attended his first National FFA Convention. FFA



is a family tradition; his dad taught agricultural education before becoming state staff for Virginia FFA. "Growing up in this organization is a true blessing," Seibel said. "But it was when I realized that I could be my own person through the blue jacket that I really began to fall in love with the organization and see how many opportunities it truly held."

During his year of service, Seibel hopes to cultivate an environment that makes every student feel seen and heard. "I want it to be a place where every person knows that they are worthy as they are and will never need to be anyone but themselves to be successful."

In his keynote address titled "Extraordinary in the Ordinary", Andrew will help us to rediscover the adventure we all found in life as children and find appreciation for the simple times in life and the impact they have.

## The First Lady of Virginia, Suzanne S. Youngkin

Session 4 Keynote Speaker

Mrs. Youngkin serves Virginians alongside her

husband prioritizing listening to their needs and celebrating their good works.

As First Lady, her initiative Strengthen the Spirit of Virginia's Women+girls (W+g) focuses her time and travels on supporting public and private sector efforts to improve overall well-being, with special attention to

the unprecedented increase in drug overdose, as well as accelerating workforce preparedness. Mrs. Youngkin also created the Spirit of Virginia Award to highlight organizations across the Commonwealth that are "Strengthening the Spirit of Virginia" while demonstrating unique qualities and standout achievements.

In addition to First Lady duties, Mrs. Youngkin continues to serve as President of the Phos Foundation and engage in an array of nonprofit activities while managing the affairs of a small equine farm in Northern Virginia.

Governor and Mrs. Youngkin, married for almost 29 years, have four young adult children. They are founding and active members of Holy Trinity Church (HTC) in McLean, Virginia.

Agricultural Education in Virginia

Tomorrow's LEADERS

LEADERS

## Secondary Education

**33,300** students in agricultural education courses

330 agriculture teachers

**205** high school agricultural education programs

**62** middle school agricultural education programs

**162** students enrolled per program on average

## Virginia FFA Hall of Presidents

1927-28	Joe Turner	Chase City
1928-29	Samuel Hardwick	Dublin
1929-30	Ernest Dunton	Nassawadox
1930-31	Harold Craun	Bridgewater
1931-32	Blaine Blackburn	Grassey Creek
1932-33	Frank Webb	Danville
1933-34	Ross Minton	Smithfield
	William Shaffer	
1934-35		Maurertown
1935-36	Wayne Larrowe	Woodlawn
1936-37	James Via	Ashland
1937-38	Jonas Chamberlain	Clearbrook 1
1938-39	Marcus Oliver	Kempsville
1939-40	Jack McAboy	Brucetown
1940-41	Robert Copenhaver	Crockett
1941-42	Dave Walker	Farmville
1942-43	Beverly Roller	Weyers Cave
1943-44	Thomas Shirley	Luray
1944-45	Francis Harris	Washington-Henry
1945-46	Edward Goode	Rocky Mount
1946-47	Camice Mannon	Floyd
1947-48	Dallas Johnson	Fluvanna
1948-49	Robert Stevens	Rustburg
1949-50	Eric Robinson	Cumberland
1950-51	Charles Moyer	Amelia
1951-52	James Hottle	James Wood
1952-53	Bruce Ayers	Hardin-Reynolds
1953-54	Lennie Gamage	Cartersville
1954-55	David Miller	Bland
1955-56	R.G. Akers, Jr.	Cambria
1956-57	-	Bland
	Danny Bird, Jr.	
1957-58	Bill Lawson	Elkton
1958-59	Thomas Garnett	Charlotte Courthouse
1959-60	Frank Thomas	Salem
1960-61	Charles E. Fariss	Rustburg
1961-62	Kendall Clay	Willis
1962-63	David Geiman, Jr.	Waynesboro
1963-64	Lowell Koontz	Elkton
1964-65	Ronald Millner	Appomattox
1965-66	Steve Bollinger	Broadway
1966-67	L.H. Newcomb	Chase City
1967-68	Wayne Pence	Port Republic
1968-69	Richard Bailey	Danville
1969-70	David Shiflett	Grottoes
1970-71	Randy Roller	Weyers Cave
1971-72	Paul Š. Craun	Mt. Crawford
1972-73	John Goode, Jr.	Winchester
1973-74	Alpha Trivette	Ladysmith
1974-75	Jay Cecil	Dublin

1975-76	Eddie Stowe	Danville
1976-77	Rodney McAllister	Verona
1977-78	Doug Rinker	Winchester
1978-79	Melanie Burgess	Broadway
1979-80	Tim Gano	Winchester
1980-81	Lynn Koontz	Harrisonburg
1981-82	George Bowers	Maurertown
1982-83	Cathy Hively	Broadway
1983-84	Joe Bowman	Edinburg
1984-85	David Wright	Fort Defiance
1985-86	Lee Arrington	Penhook
1986-87	Kathy Lineburg	Middletown
1987-88	Scott Lily	Mechanicsville
1988-89	Cindy Fannon	Charlotte Courthouse
1989-90	Matt Lohr	Broadway
1990-91	Jody Bickel	Rapidan
1991-92	Robert Mills	Danville
1992-93	Toni Ritenour	Central
1993-94	Chase Lowe	Floyd
1994-95	Tara Cupp	Bridgewater
1995-96	Mendy Beckman	Bridgewater
1996-97	Willie Morris	Bridgewater
1997-98	Jason Roller	Keezletown
1998-99	Ben Grove	Churchville
1999-00	Leslie Funkhouser	Toms Brook
2000-01	William Dick	Winchester
2001-02	Todd Sadler	Ladysmith
2001-02	Jordan Liskey	Bridgewater
2002-03	Josh Stephens	Fort Valley
2004-05	Allen D. Heishman, II	Mt. Jackson
2005-06	Sarah Jo Helms	Laurel Fork
2005-00	Will Earhart	Verona
2000-07	George Allen Bowers, Jr.	Woodstock
2007-08	Christopher Atkins	Berryville
2008-09	Morgan Slaven	Weyers Cave
2010-11	Wes Kline	Dayton
2010-11	Brian Walsh	Woodstock
2011-12	Dustin Richardson	Galax
2012-13	Mitch Wallace	Crewe
2013-14	Zach Jacobs	
2014-13	-	Swoope Keysville
2015-10	Chandler Vaughan Ashley Yanego	Strasburg
2010-17	Tess Seibel	Roanoke
2017-18	Ethan Jackson	Smith Mountain
2018-19	MaKayla Craig	Eastern View
2019-20	Megan Day	Catlett
2020-21	Charlie Moser	
		Liberty
2022-23	Emily Jenkins	Broadway

## Virginia FFA **Anniversary Teams**

#### 75th Anniversary: 1947-1948

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Executive Committee Carnice Mannon Executive Committee Donald Broswell Executive Committee George Bailey

Dallas Johnson Courtney Hatcher Avon Omps Harold Drumheller Richard Carter

Fluvanna Montvale Gainesboro New Hope Appomattox Floyd Whitmell Dublin

#### 50th Anniversary: 1972-1973

President Appalachian VP Blue Ridge VP Central VP Eastern VP Northern VP Southside VP Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

John P. Goode Jr loe H. Peppers Richard Hilton Ronnie Finch George Zabradka Jr Vicky Hevener Olander Fleming Steve Flaherty Gary Vance **Gary Thomas** Dickie Saunders

Winchester Hillsville Riner Woodford Petersburg Staunton Cartersville Ruther Glen Strasburg Appomattox Scottsburg

#### 25th Anniversary: 1997-1998

President Appalachian VP Central VP Eastern VP Northern VP Southside VP Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Jason Roller teven Bowman Wes Fertig Erin Sill Sarah Tusing Lynette Hall Trey Keyser Carrie Monger Anne Howard Nathan Minnix

Fort Defiance Carroll County Spotsylvania Essex **Broadway** Amelia **Page County** Turner Ashby Adkerson Chatham Smith Mountain

#### 10 YEARS (2012-2013)

President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter

Dustin Richardson Rebekah Slabach Michael Arthur Addie Guthrie **Emily Hill** Parvce Bradlly

Carroll County Halifax County Clarke County Strasburg Sherando Riverbend

#### (2013-2014)

President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Mitch Wallace Lexie Holloway Brett Speakmán Whitney Bowman Madison Slaven Kaitlyn Sonifrank Caitlin Atkins

Nottoway East Rockingham Millbrook Stonewall Jackson Fort Defiance Broadway Smith Mountain

#### (2014-2015)

President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Zach Jacobs Ryan Williams Morgan Smith **Brittany Bowman** Daniel Black Alice Cox Garrett Coffey

Buffalo Gap Nottoway Holston Stonewall Jackson Sherando Floyd County Central

#### (2015-2016)

President Vice President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Chandler Vaughan Cailin Orgen Cayla Mutschler **Emily Moyers** Hunter Wimmer Mary Ott Bethany Gochenour John-Robert Helsley

Randolph-Henry Sherando Gloucester Alleghany Smith Mountain **Page County** Strasburg Central

#### (2016-2017)

President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Ashley Yangeo Clay Graham Sydney Baxter Phillip Saunders Kelly Callender Isabell Leonard Keri Knott

Strasburg Buffalo Gap Dinwiddie Nelson Sr. Turner Ashby Riverheads Magna Vista

#### (2017-2018)

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Tess Seibel **Bailey Carpenter** Mason Sowers **Justin Petrie** Melissa Ruhlman Chris Kuhler

Lord Botetourt Spotswood James River Sherando East Rockingham CL Payne

#### (2018-2019)

President Vice President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Ethan Jackson Nathan McDonald Claire Seibel Matthew Myers Kendall Knicely Ruth Fitzgerald Newlin Humphrey Katherine Thompson James Wood

Smith Mountain Strasburg Lord Botetourt Culpeper Turner Ashby Nelson Sr. Fluvanna

#### (2019-2020)

President Vice President Vice President Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

MaKayla Craig Madison Sifford Ryan Gobble Erin Orgen Jacob Dinterman Carly Carpenter Kenzie Kline Hope Showalter Shelby Stevents

**Eastern View** C.L. Payne Abingdon Sherando Appomattox Massanutten Tech Strasburg Turner Ashby Dinwiddie

#### (2020-2021)

President Secretary Vice President Vice President Vice President Vice President Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Megan Day Andrew Seibel Hunter Carson Joshua Powers Madeline Moore Austin Funk Jeremy Petrie Faith Dellinger

Ryan Altis

CL Payne Lord Botetourt Kettle Run Smith Mountain Holston Broadway Sherando Stonewall Jackson Stuarts Draft

#### (2021-2022)

President Secretary Vice President Treasurer Reporter Sentinel

Charlie Moser Emma Jackson Jackson Lohr Ellie Vance Lauren Rhodes Sammy Leach

Liberty Smith Mountain Broadway Stuarts Draft Fort Defiance C.L. Payne

## 2023 Virginia FFA American Degree Candidates

Carrie Akers Elizabeth Bates Courtney Begoon Madison Bise Flla Borst Reagan Bowman Ashley Bushong Hayden Campbell Hailey Carhart Kaitlyn Craig Jacob Craun Cheyenne Deming Parry Dooley Erica Feuerstein Bradley Franklin Mindi Freed Makenna Garrett Hannah Geesaman Savannah Goodwin Laurel Graham Reagan Hall Lindsey Hamrick Krystalyn Hassett Levi Hemp Becca Henegar Emma Hockman **Brooke Hodges Jared Hoover** Regan Jackson **Emily Jenkins** Shyann Jordan Shalyn Keeler **Emily Kegley** Austin Lam

Clay Lambert **Grace Lambert** Tavis Layne Gabriella Martin Quinna Molden Emma Moore William Morgan Cade Morrison **Ansley Napier** Tyler Padgett Joshua Payne **Iordan Petrie** Katherine Powell **Jill Reiter** Madelyn Reiter Grace Rexrode Loren Satterwhite Hayley Seabright **Brycen Sheets** Aiden Shiflett Salem Sifford Diana Slagell Noah Smith Trenton Snoddy Madison Swope Chlowe Taylor Carly Thomas **Taylor Ward** Kenzie Waymack Charleigh Wheeler Madison Wheeler Alexis Wills Tanner Wise

<sup>\*</sup>Pending National FFA Approval

# 2023 Honorary FFA State Degree Recipients

As stated in the National FFA Constitution, the Honorary Degree is presented to those who have rendered outstanding service, such as farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of the School Board, chapter advisors, teachers and staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA. Thank you to all of our Honorary Degree recipients!

Blakey Bates Edward McCann, Jr.

Sandi Bates Martha Moore

LeAnn Batton Del. Will Morefield

Nathon Batton Whitney Perkins

Raymond Bryant, Jr. Carol Petrie

John Carpenter John Petrie II

Brody Crockett Randy Powell

Mavis Farrar Shannon Powell

Christian Goodwin Joy Powers

Elizabeth Goodwin Naomi Reiter

Zach Jacobs Scott Reiter

Brian Jenkins Diane Richards

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Jeanette Jenkins Ruth Saunders

Del. Barry Knight Jeff Stout

Secretary Matt Lohr Kevin Thayer

Curt Martin Jed Thomas

Karen Martin Shelley Thomas

Eva Martin The First Lady of Virginia Suzanne S.

Kennith Martin Youngkin

# 2022 Virginia FFA State Stars



# Star in Agribusiness Daniel Heath, Clarke County

Daniel's love for antique machinery was sparked by his father and grandfather. His love for this

equipment, especially Farmall tractors, led Daniel to begin restoring antiques as his SAE. His grandfather taught him all the restoration techniques he now uses. He commonly restores tractors by replacing the engine and drivetrain; as well as restoring the body. Daniel takes his machinery to steam and gas shows to exhibit in both the pageant and pulling/driving portions. After taking his newly restored machinery to a few shows, he then decides whether to keep the item or sell it to help fund more restoration projects for his SAE. Through his leadership experiences in FFA, Daniel has gained skills that assist him in making sound business decisions. After school, Daniel plans to attend community college to complete his associates degree, then transfer to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science.

# **Star Farmer**Blake Caricofe, Buffalo Gap

Growing up on his family farm, Blake has been involved in agriculture and has developed a passion for raising livestock. For his SAE he raises cattle and swine, as well as



producing hay and corn for the family farm. He raises his cattle and swine for local youth to exhibit at their fairs and market animal shows. He also raises cattle for beef production. His daily duties include feeding, breeding, and maintaining herd health. He also raises hay, rye, and corn to feed his livestock, mixing custom feed mixes himself. He has developed knowledge of raising and marketing his livestock through local events and FFA opportunities. After high school Blake plans to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville and pursue a degree in Agribusiness.



Star in Agriscience Georges Saison, Rappahannock

Interested in learning more about the impact vernal pools have on the ecosystem, Georges began volunteering at his local National

Wildlife Refuge when he was 11. He is the youngest volunteer to have served as a vernal pool researcher of the Rappahannock Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Georges is responsible for looking after multiple vernal pools, observing biomasses, recording pH levels, and recording the wind velocity in the area. His leadership experiences in FFA have contributed to him having an inquisitive mind and being able to advocate for the importance of vernal pools and the impact they have on the ecosystem.

## Star in Agricultural Placement

Houston Bryant, Nelson County

Throughout his life, Houst<mark>on</mark> has worked on his parents' chestnut



farm, growing and harvesting chestnuts for Virginia Chestnuts. Although his responsibilities change with the seasons, Houston's workload is constant. His spring and summer duties consist of prepping the orchard for harvest, while he spends September through November harvesting and processing chestnuts. The cycle starts over again once he begins germinating trees in December, some of which are sold through their nursery while others are planted back into the orchard. Through his leadership experiences in FFA, Houston has gained valuable knowledge and skills that help him strategize and make decisions for the future of the orchard. Houston's role within the family business has expanded as he has gotten older. He now plays a much larger part in the business, helping parents make decisions that impact the orchard. Houston plans on going to college to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.

# 2022 State FFA Degree Recipients

Chassidy Aberdeen Alex Adkins Chris Aldridge Nathan Badgley Aspen Bailey Edward Barber Hunter Barrow Jordyn Beale Melanie Beard Eli Bobbitt Lizzy Borsage Dillon Bott **Dustin Bott** Jacob Bott Chloe Boyd **Bobby Boyer** Maggie Brown Eli Bryant Houston Bryant Paige Buchanan Aiden Burkentine Morgan Butler Cailyn Caine Daniel Campbell Blake Caricofe Raegan Carter Maegan Cash McKenna Chenoweth Creed Combs Hailey Comer Zachary Cooper Justin Coppage Madisyn Corron Reagan Cox Mackenzie Crawford Tyler Crews Emma Cude Madison Dalton **Brooklyn Davis** Sierra Dedo

**lason Duffey** 

Sydney Ellis

Keara Ewers

Jonah Duncan

**Braydon Eavers** 

Daniel Farrish Faith Feazell Candace Fitzgerald Chase Fleet Ethan Foltz MacKenzie Forbes **Hunter Fortune** Sydney Fortuner Kelli Garrett Ienna Goff Nicole Grady Anna Grohs Crisstina Hailey Hayden Halsey Morgan Halsey Emma Hanev Siyonna Hankins-Dixon Isabella Hardaway Reagan Harvey Adam Hawkins Daniel Heath Clarke Heffern Zebulun Hemp Cameron Henderson Anna Grace Henderson Alana Henegar Cathryn Henley John Henley Lauren Hensley Justin Higginbotham Andrew Hiner James Hobbs Tyler Hohenstein Grace Huffman Ryan Hurst Brittany Jarnagin Adrianna Jernigan Haley Jimerson Kaleb limmo Luke Iohnson Trenton Johnson Wylie Johnson Deven Iones Mallory Kaczor Neely Keyton

McKenzey Kirby Emily Klein

Blake Kleinschmidt Cole Knicely

Kinsey Knox Tianna Lambert

Jesse Lang Jessica Layman Ciara Lazaro-Blas

Jana Lee

Hunter Legge KayLi Lindsay Lauren Lowenbach

Hailey Lusk
Joshua Madison
Corey Mann
Presley Marks
Tyler Martin

Anne Kathryn Martz Chloe Mastin James McAden Megan McClelland Hannah McDermott

Marcus McGirr Cameran McKinney Camrey McMillian

Makenna Miller Kirin Miller Robert Millinger

Dalton Minnick Wesley Molden Will Monroe Ethan Moore

Brelyn Moore Delaney Morris Abbie Moxley Kevin Myrtle

Katlyn Newman Jenna Oliver Taylor Parker

Kaitlyn Payne Robert Pettus Chloe Phillips Melisson Piercy

Camdyn Pulley Lillie Puryear Ethan Randolph

Carys Reedy Skyler Reese

Skyler Reese Makayla Reiter Brendan Ridings Cody Ridings Jocelyne Rinker Tucker Roach

Maryahnna Rothgeb

Austin Sanford Kenly Saunders Cody Scarce Claire Scaring Erika Schmack

Liberti Sell
Chloe Shepard
Brianna Sloan
Brandon Smith
Jadyn Smith
Samuel Smith
Connor Smith

Harrison Snead Meghan Sours Lucas Spence Dustin St. John Cameron Stanley

Jacob Stout
Connor Swanberg

Emily Taylor Lori Teter Kristi Thacker Kadence Thomas Madison Thomas

Kaylee Thompson Kailey Toone Alston Truslow Brooke Truslow Grace Walbroehl

Benjamin Walters December Ward Austin Weeks Kelcey Weston Cara Whitaker

Walker Williams Brianna Wimer Cassidy Wolfcale Erica Wood

Kirsten Wood Ella Woods Michael Worrell Daniel Worrell Nathan Zerkel Isabella Zipf

# 2023 National FFA Scholarship Recipients

#### **Arthur and Nell Lewis Memorial**

Summer Lester, Tazewll
Camrey McMillian, Carroll County
Katlyn Newman, Carroll County
Jadyn Smith, Carroll County
Michael Worrell, Carroll County

## Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - Paul Obaugh Ford

Blake Caricofe, Buffalo Gap

#### **Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship**

John Henley, Abingdon Rachel Craun, Massanutten Technical Center

#### FFA Future Leaders Scholarship by Tractor Supply Company Trade Division

Lesly Lopez, Amelia County



# 2023 Virginia FFA Scholarships

## **Andrea Lohr Memorial**

\$1,000

Kirin Miller, Lord Botetourt

## Andrew Farrar Memorial \$500

Kelli Garrett, Abingdon

## George H. Seibel Memorial \$1.000

Katherine Powell, Nelson County

## Growing America's Farmers \$500

Salem Sifford, CL Payne

## James Clouse Memorial \$500

Jordan Petrie, Sherando

## **Lynwood Lowry, Jr. Memorial** \$750

Nicole Grady, Buffalo Gap

## Shelia Lily Memorial

\$1,250

Jacob Stout, Sherando

## Shenandoah County Farm Bureau

\$1,250

Braden Stern, Strasburg

### **VAAE Ag Ed**

\$500

Autumn Moore, Holston

# 2023 Superior Chapter Award

Abingdon Amelia **Appomattox** Appomattox Middle Atlee Bassett Brentsville **Broadway** Buckingham Sr. Buffalo Gap Caroline Middle Carroll County Middle Carroll County Central Charlotte Central Middle CL Payne Clarke County Culpeper Middle Cumberland Dinwiddie E.W. Wyatt East Rockingham **Fastern View** Elkton Middle Fauquier Fluvanna Fort Defiance Franklin County Giles Gloucester Halifax County Henry County Holston J. Frank Hillyard James Wood Iames Wood Middle Iohnson Williams Middle

King William Liberty - Bedford Liberty - Bedford Middle Lord Botetourt Louisa Luray Mecklenburg Middle Millbrook Montevideo Middle Mountain View **Nelson County** Nelson Middle North Fork Middle Page County Peter Muhlenburg Pulaski County Pulaski County Middle Rappahannock Riverheads Randolph-Henry S. Gordon Stewart Middle Sherando Signal Knob Skyline Smith Mountain Spotswood Strasburg Stuarts Draft Stuarts Draft Middle Tunstall **Turner Ashby** W.R. Legge Wilbur S. Pence Middle Wilson Memorial Wilson Middle

Kettle Run

## **2023 Event Sponsors**

#### **Agricultural Issues CDE**

State Plague: Sponsored by Mr. Andrew W. Smith

#### Agricultural Mechanics Junior Division CDE

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Donnie Wingo

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. James Huffman 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Jimmy Burcher

#### **Agricultural Mechanics Senior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Beth Breeding in Honor of Bill and Phyllis Fretwell State Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Jimmy Burcher 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Riverheads FFA 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by David and Jamie Stowe

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Andy Seibel

#### **Agricultural Sales Senior Division CDE**

State Shield: Sponsored by Rockingham Cooperative
1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by United Country Anders
Realty in Memory of Mr. Jim Cole
2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Robert Noel

#### **Agriculture Communications Senior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Virginia Farm Bureau 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Young Farmers of Virginia

#### **Agriscience Demonstration Junior Division CDE**

1st High Individual Plaque: sponsored by CSX Transportation State Plaque: Sponsored by CSX Transportation

#### **Agriscience Demonstration Senior Division CDE**

1st High Individual Plaque: sponsored by CSX Transportation State Plaque: Sponsored by CSX Transportation

#### Agriscience Technology Middle School Mechanics CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Randy Ward 1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Colton Lindamood 2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. James Huffman

#### **Agronomy Junior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. George Jones

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Ronald B. Roller

#### **Agronomy Senior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards State Plaque: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Dr. Ozzie Abaye

#### **Avian Bowl**

State Plaque: Sponsored by University of Mount Olive 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Scott & Naomi Reiter

#### **Building Communities Chapter Award**

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeffrey M. Poole Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Ralph Puckett Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Eugene Mcllwee Central Area Plaque: In Memory of Roger Mitchell by Central Area Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Amelia County Board of Supervisors

#### **Cattle Working Event**

State Plague: Sponsored in Honor of Dee Whittier

#### **Chapter Conduct of Meetings Junior Division LDE State Winner**

Plaque: In Honor of Bill Shumate

State Medal Sponsor: In Honor of Mr. Barry Z. Arey

#### Chapter Forestry/Wildlife Award

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Clintwood & Pulaski FFA Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Northern Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by HUB Federation Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

#### **Creed Speaking LDE**

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Ed Long, Jr. and In Memory of Mary Long

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Kenneth P. Bryant Glass Award: Endowed in Honor of Toni Ritenour Dinges 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Chesterfield Farm Bureau

3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Ms. Tammy Cole Central Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Randy Trivette Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Harry J. Bagnell, Jr. South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Ms. Laurie Cunningham Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Dinwiddie FFA Chapter

#### **Dairy Evaluation Junior Division CDE**

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. William "Bill" Simmons 1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Mason Ware 2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

#### **Dairy Evaluation Senior Division CDE**

State Plaque: Rockingham Cooperative

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Mason Ware 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate

3rd High Individual Plague: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

#### **Dairy Handlers Activity**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA
1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Ms. Brandie Jo McDonald
2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald
3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald
and Sponsored by James Wood & Sherando FFA

#### Junior Dairyman's Contest

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Dave Winston

#### **Discussion Meet**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers

#### **Employment Skills LDE**

State Plague: 2015-2016 State Officer Team

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Ron & Ella Daughtry 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Pat & Sidney Daughtry 3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA

#### **Environmental & Natural Resources CDE**

Event Sponsor: Columbia Gas

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Eric Fitzgerald 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Hanover Ruritan Club

#### **Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative
1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. E.M. Pennington
2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. George Lancaster
3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Louisa County FFA
Alumni

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jim Cole Central Area Plaque: Sponsored by Louisa County FFA Alumni Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Doug Rinker South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Bedford County Farm Bureau Young Farmers

Southeast Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Jim Erickson

#### Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE

Event Sponsor: First Bank & Trust State Plague: Sponsored by Dr. Alex White

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Charles Johnson 2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Edward W. McCann 3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit

#### FFA Quiz Bowl - Team

State Plaque: Sponsored by Scott & Sally Shomo

#### FFA Quiz Bowl - Written

State Plaque: In Honor of Dr. John Hillison

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. John Hillison Legacy Fund

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Read Mountain Middle FFA

#### Floriculture CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel 1st, 2nd, 3rd High Individual Plaques: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel

#### Food & Fiber

State Plaque: In Honor of Mrs. Ruth McCall Boden 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mrs. Kristin R. Beery

#### **Food Science CDE**

State Shield: Sponsored by Virginia FFA Foundation

#### **Forestry Junior Division CDE**

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Leroy McGrady 1st High Individual: Sponsored by Mrs. Katie Dews McCann Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Mike Cox Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Northern Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation South Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Southeast Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Arthur L. Wiggins

#### **Forestry Senior Division CDE**

State Plaque: In Memory of Clyde and Edna Brown by Mike and Kelly Brown

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Steward Moffett 2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Charles Feagans 3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Amherst County Farm

#### Bureau

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Mike Cox Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Edward W. McCann Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Joe Lehnen Southeast Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Ron Price South Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

#### **Forestry Field Day Event**

Junior State Plaque: Sponsored by Brown's Forest Products, Inc. Senior State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Herold Higgins

#### **Growing Leaders Chapter Award**

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Washington County FFA Federation Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Hylton Clark

Southeast Area Plaque: Amelia County Board of Supervisors

#### **Horse Evaluation CDE**

Jr. and Sr. State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Horse Industry Board Sr. 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Tony Rudolph

#### **Horse Hippology CDE**

Jr. State Plaque: Sponsored by Clintwood FFA 1st High Individual: Virginia Horse Industry Board Sr. State Plaque: In Memory of Ms. Jennifer Phillips 1st High Individual: Virginia Horse Industry Board

#### **Horticulture Demonstration CDE**

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Warren Wells 1st, 2nd, & 3rd High Individual Plaques: Sponsored by Mr. Ray Wu-Rorrer

#### **Horticulture CDE**

Event Sponsor: Virginia State Horticulture Society State Plaque: In Memory of Mrs. Carol Elgin

#### Junior Forester's CDE

State Plaque: CSX Transportation

#### **Lawn Tractor Operator**

State Plaque: Hopkins Excavating

#### **Livestock Evaluation Junior Division CDE**

State Plague: In Honor of Mr. Earl Reeves

1st High Individual: In Honor of Mr. Earl Reeves by Jeff Reeves

#### **Livestock Evaluation Senior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Knoll Crest Farms State Plaque: Sponsored by Scott Bennett 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Buster Hounshell 2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Amherst County Farm Bureau

#### Marketing Plan CDE

State Plaque: 2013-14 Virginia State Officer Team

#### **Meats Evaluation Junior Division CDE**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Tech Block & Bridle Club 1st & 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Beef Industry Board

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

#### **Meats Evaluation Senior Division CDE**

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Wayne Cupp by Tonja Romero 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by CEV Multimedia 2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Mark Stevenson 3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

#### Milk Quality & Products CDE

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Robert Harper 2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

#### **National Chapter Award Junior Division**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia FFA 2009-10 State Officer Team

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Leonard Eugene Grove

Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Scott Massie South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Kathy & Raymond Ramsey

#### National Chapter Award Senior Division

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Glenn Anderson Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Mrs. Jane Clark Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Memory of C.F. and Mary K. Weaver Central Area Plaque: Sponsored by Eastern View FFA South Ridge Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Garland Burcher Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

#### Nursery/Landscape CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Barry Sauls 2nd, 3rd High Individual Plaques: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel

#### **Parliamentary Procedure LDE**

Medal Sponsor & Plaques: Sponsored by O. Beverly Roller Legacy

#### **Plant Science**

State Plaque: In Memory of Andrea Lohr by Matt Lohr 1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Andrea Lohr

#### **Poultry Evaluation Junior Division CDE**

State Plaque: In Memory of R.Z. Arey

1st High Individual Plague: Sponsored by Mrs. Kristin R. Beery

#### **Poultry Evaluation Senior Division CDE**

Event Sponsor: Virginia Poultry Federation State Plaque: In Honor of Charlie Shiflett, Jr. by Mandy Curry 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Turner Ashby Young Farmers

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. Richard Rateau

#### **Prepared Public Speaking Junior Division LDE**

State Plaque: In Memory Dr. James and Barbara Clouse 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Gary Monroe 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Billie Jean Elmer Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by David & Jane Clark Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Mike Long by Mandy Curry

Central Area Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Mike Langford South Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. C.D. Hypes Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

#### **Prepared Public Speaking Senior Division LDE**

State Plaque: In Memory of O. Beverly Roller 1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik 2nd & 3rd High Individual Plague: In Memory of O. Beverly Roller Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by David & Jane Clark Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. C.D. Hypes Central Area Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. Amanda L. Weakley-Scott Northern Area Plague: In Honor of Mr. Josh Stephens South Ridge Area Plague: Sponsored by Bedford County Farm

Southeast Area Plague: In Honor of Mr. Josh Stevenson

#### **Retiring State Officers**

Plaques: In Memory of Cathy H. Hughes, by David M. Hughes

#### **Small Animal Care**

State Plaque: Sponsored by Halifax County Middle School 1st High Individual Plague: Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA

#### Small Engine Troubleshooting CDE

State Plague: Sponsored by Dr. Jordan Hudson 1st & 2nd High Individual Plagues: Mr. Jimmy Burcher 3rd High Individual Plaque: Dr. Jordan Hudson Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Appalachian Area VAAE Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Robert L. Sutphin South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward and Evelyn Hanzlik

Southeast Area Plague: Sponsored by Jimmy Burcher

#### Soils Judging Junior Division

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Wickham B. Coleman 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mrs. Laura Stacklin Ringler

#### Soils Judging Senior Division

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. M. Grayson Balderson 1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Phil Lineberry 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Pittsylvania Soil & Water Conservation District

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Andy Seibel

#### State Fair Crops

Event: Virginia Corn and Soybean Boards State Plaque: Virginia Corn and Soybean Boards

#### State FFA Degrees

Sponsored by Wickham Coleman & Glenn Anderson Legacy Funds State Degree Covers: Virginia Farm Bureau

#### State Star Farmer

State Star Plague: Sponsored by Heishman Family Legacy Appalachian Area Plaque: Alpha Gamma Rho - Virginia Tech Blue Ridge Area Plague: In Memory of Mr. CF and Mary Kay Weaver Northern Area Plaque: In Memory of Ms. Brandie Jo McDonald South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Bedford County & Staunton **River Young Farmers** 

Southeast Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Garland Burcher

#### State Star in Agribusiness

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## Leave a Legacy Endowment Fund

Today, we're focused. Our mission and cause are clear. We have a vision — inspired and designed by those we serve, and those that serve with us every day. Our focus on deepening a culture of philanthropy and developing principled student leaders is still at the core of our work and serves as the common thread throughout the history of FFA's efforts in the Commonwealth, and throughout the country. A gift to the Virginia FFA Foundation can be put to work today to meet the most immediate needs of FFA members and agricultural educators, or to develop a legacy fund or planned gift that will ensure FFA has the resources needed for years to come. Lastly, the Virginia FFA Foundation has recognized individuals who have had a lasting impact in service to FFA and agricultural education as Leave a Legacy honorees. Read more about our legacy funds below or visit us online at vaffafoundation.org to join us in inspiring premier leadership, personal growth, and career success for FFA members.

## Dr. Glenn Anderson - Legacy Fund

Dr. Glenn Anderson was a dedicated and faithful servant to the Virginia FFA Association and agricultural education for four decades, serving as the State FFA Advisor for over 20 years. Glenn was instrumental in new teacher education and oversaw Virginia FFA as it grew to 184 chapters and over 10,000 members. Dr. Anderson worked with nearly 300 state officers spanning over 30 teams. He enriched the lives of FFA members and officers with his wisdom and advice. Dr. Anderson's legacy fund will be used to support the State FFA Degree Program and other defined opportunities that impact FFA members across the Commonwealth.

## **Dr. Larry Case - Legacy Fund**

Dr. Larry Case's long-time support of Virginia FFA through mentorships, contributions and service on the Foundation Board have helped to navigate Virginia FFA through tough times. Because of the leadership and support from the Case family over the years, Virginia FFA emerged stronger than ever. After the passing of his beloved wife, Joy and in honor of everything he and Joy have done for Virginia FFA, this Legacy Fund was created. Once fully endowed, this fund will benefit the general operations of Virginia FFA Foundation.

## Dr. James P. Clouse - Legacy Fund

The Dr. James P. Clouse Legacy fund was created to honor the service and achievement of Dr. Clouse in agricultural education. Raised on a family farm, Dr. Clouse, affectionately known as Jim, developed an interest in service at an early age through his farm background and by serving in World War II. Jim had a forty-year career in Agricultural Education, which included several years as a middle and high school agricultural teacher and FFA Advisor, followed by over thirty years as a professor and administrator at two universities. He retired as a Professor Emeritus from Virginia Tech in 1987, lim participated in various professional and community organizations and received numerous awards and honors for his service. Dr. Clouse was a vital contributor to the FFA, serving on the organizing board of the National FFA Alumni Association and as its second President. Jim held an Honorary American Farmer Degree and Honorary State Degrees from Indiana and Virginia. Noting his passion for global agriculture, the National FFA introduced Jim to international work in 1968 through a teacher improvement program in Panama. This led to a career in international activities at various times during the next 30 years in countries in Africa, Central and South America, and Europe. Dr. Clouse was a strong believer in FFA and the U.S. and understanding our role within our global community. He was adamant that FFA members must develop the courage to take the first step into the world, experience dynamic cultures, and become leaders in global agriculture. This endowment fund supports FFA members with funds for international travel.

## Wickham Coleman - Legacy Fund

Wickham Coleman is not a stranger to agriculture or hard work. Wickham's family has been farming in Caroline County since the 1920's, raising crops and Black Angus cattle. Mr. Coleman received a Bachelor's and master's degree in Vocational Education and Secondary School Supervision from Virginia Tech, and served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He also served as a high school teacher, a high school principal, and agricultural education advisor at the Lady Smith FFA Chapter, at Caroline County High School for nearly 40 years. In 1971, he joined the Virginia Department of Agricultural Education as supervisor of agricultural education instruction in 23 counties throughout the state. Mr. Coleman influenced individuals in agriculture and left a positive impact on

Virginia's agricultural industry and the field of agricultural education. This memorial fund will be used to fund Virginia FFA State Degrees in Mr. Coleman's memory.

#### Kenneth O. Dalton

Kenneth attended Carroll County High School and was an active FFA member. His dedication led to his placement as a national winner in the Vegetable Production Proficiency Award. His commitment to the future of agriculture was evident to those who knew Kenneth. This legacy fund celebrates his achievements and effort as an FFA member and agriculturist.

## Mr. Andrew Lockett Farrar -Legacy Fund

Mr. Farrar grew up on his family farm in Mecklenburg County where his love of agriculture began. Upon entering high school, Andy eagerly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses and joined his New Farmers of America (NFA) chapter. As an active NFA member, Andy participated in contests at the local, state, and national level. Andy received both his Honorary State and American FFA Degree in 1977 for being an outstanding agriculture teacher and advisor. Additionally, he was recognized with the Regional and National NVATA Sound Off for Agriculture with the NFA Distinguished Service Award for his work as an international exchange host family. Mr. Farrar has served his community. Virginia Department of Education, and the FFA & NFA professionally from 1961 until his retirement in 1991. His legacy endowment will support the State Fair Scholarship Program.

## The Heishman Family - Legacy

This fund was established to endow the Virginia FFA Association State Star Farmer Program. Allen, Adam, and Aaron Heishman were members of the Central FFA Chapter in Shenandoah County, Virginia. All three brothers were proud recipients of the State Star Farmer award in 2004, 2006, and 2010, respectively. The Heishman's were very active in all areas of the FFA during their time with the association. Together they own and operate a farm raising beef, sheep, goats, and swine, as well as producing hay, corn, and barley. The brothers are all Virginia Tech College of Agricultural and Life Science graduates. The Heishman family recognizes the importance of the FFA and production agriculture, as well as the role played in molding their lives and career path.

## Dr. John H. Hillison - Legacy Fund

Dr. Hillison has been an avid part of the Virginia FFA Association as a past professor and department head of the Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech. He has been a member of the Virginia Tech community since 1976, and provided statewide leadership to Virginia agricultural education programs. and was subsequently selected as a Fellow of American Association for Agricultural Education, Upon his retirement from Virginia Tech, Dr. Hillison continues to share his wisdom with many FFA members and quests each year as he challenges their FFA history and conducts countless tours of the FFA Historical Room. Each year, the top five students participating in the FFA Quiz Bowl written exam have the opportunity to compete for a scholarship from the Hillison Legacy Fund to attend National FFA Convention.

## Cathy Hively Hughes - Legacy Fund

Mrs. Hughes was an asset to agricultural education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Cathy inspired students on a daily basis as she taught agricultural education at Chancellor High School in Fredericksburg and John C. Myers Middle School in Broadway. She retired from teaching Agricultural and Environmental Science at Massanutten Regional Governor's School in Mt. Jackson. Mrs. Hughes has been recognized with numerous, well-deserved awards for excellence in teaching. Mrs. Hughes was an active member and served offices in the Broadway FFA Chapter, Rockingham Federation, and was president of the Virginia State FFA Association in 1982. She traveled to Europe and Japan through the National FFA Experience Abroad Program and received both State and American FFA Degrees. Cathy was also presented with the Honorary American Degree for her work teaching agriculture and advising FFA activities. The Cathy Hively Hughes Legacy Fund funds state officer plagues and awards annually.

## **Andrea Lohr - Legacy Fund**

This fund was created to honor the service and passion of a woman who was a continuous servant and representation of hope, love, and faith to all she came into contact with. Andrea Lohr developed a passion for agriculture at an early age on her family farm in Kentucky. An active FFA member, she earned the office of 1993 Kentucky State President. Andrea taught agricultural education in Rockingham County for four years until she chose to stay home with her children in 2001. Along with her husband, Matt, Andrea spoke in all 50 states spreading the words of inspiration to FFA

members. In 2006, Andrea was diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer and courageously battled the disease until July 2011. To anyone who knew Andrea, her drive, passion, faith, and love for family and life were contagious. Because of this, she continued to inspire many despite her health condition. Andrea strongly believed in all that agricultural education and FFA has to offer to students. The Andrea Lohr Memorial Fund provides an annual scholarship awarded to an outstanding Virginia FFA member who demonstrates the skills, attitude, and determination to accomplish their goals despite the obstacles he/she may face.

### Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. - Legacy Fund

Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. was a class member and FFA chapter president of the Wilson Memorial High School FFA chapter in Augusta County, Virginia and graduated in 1977. Upon graduation, Lynwood entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a Poultry Science major. A member of the class of 1982, Lynwood was a gregarious individual who made a lasting impression and friendship with everyone he contacted. An avid fan of Virginia Tech football, a great storyteller, and a charter member of Omega Omega fraternity while a student in Blacksburg; Lynwood remained in contact with his beloved college friends through the years. Lynwood's life was cut short in February 2011 and immediately his college friends established a Leave a Legacy endowment to honor the life and memory of Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. The Lowry Legacy funds an annual scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from Augusta County who intends to further their education in the area of agriculture.

## O. Beverly Roller - Legacy Fund

Mr. O. Beverly Roller played an instrumental role in the promotion of the FFA in Virginia. He was a FFA member, agriculture teacher, state and national FFA officer, state FFA supervisor, agricultural industry professional, Virginia Delegate, and a church and civic club leader. Every individual that interacted with Mr. Roller is better for knowing him. He is the epitome of the owl, the all-knowing FFA advisor. We are all benefactors of his extensive knowledge, skills and enthusiasm, which he focused on FFA, agriculture, community service, and young people. Bev has stated, "The FFA is just as great as you want to make it. It'll do for you what you need in life but it's up to you. It's not handed to you on a silver platter. It takes commitment, work, sacrifice, and a renewed emphasis on getting the most out of life that you can." The O. Beverly Roller Legacy Endowment fund contributes to the Senior Prepared Speaking Career Development Event.

### Dr. Claud L. Scroggs - Legacy Fund

Dr. Claud L. Scroggs was an original member of the Virginia FFA Foundation Board of Directors and assisted in the development of the organization's articles of incorporation and bylaws. Dr. Scroggs taught young people about how cooperatives work and their many benefits. The purpose of the memorial fund is to help defray enrolled in Employee and Collegiate Seminars at the annual NICE Conference of the American Institute of Cooperatives.

## George H. Seibel Memorial Scholarship Fund

George H. Seibel was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend of agriculture. He is believed that agriculture was a way of life and as a past FFA chapter president encouraged young people to take part in and learn about agriculture's innovative opportunities. George had a great faith in God, believed that community service was a way of life, and always included others, cherishing his close friendships. J.R. Miller said, "The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is the character of a man. What a man is survives him. It can't be buried." George Seibel I had great character and a greater love for agriculture. Building on Miller's quote, the Virginia FFA Foundation has established a scholarship fund that will benefit students wishing to pursue a degree in an agricultural related field who exhibit the exemplary qualities George possessed including superior work ethic, love for agriculture, and zest for life.

## **Doris Smith - Legacy Fund**

Mrs. Doris Smith began working for the Virginia Tech Department of Agriculture, Leadership, and Community Education in 1978. During those years, she not only serves as secretary for the department, but also as a mentor to students pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education. During her time at Virginia Tech, Mrs. Smith played an instrumental role as an associate member and executive director of the Virginia Association for Agricultural Educators (VAAE). She has also dedicated countless hours assisting with the State FFA Convention and other FFA events. Doris received her Honorary American Degree in 2006. In 1990, she was one of only five Virginia Tech employees to receive the Award for Excellence at Virginia Tech. Like agriculture teachers, Doris has to put in many unpaid hours towards her jib. Doris has requested that this legacy fund support state officer travel and expenses.

## **Turner Trice - Legacy Fund**

For more than 50 years, Virginia FFA Leadership Camp has been facilitating, in large part, by Mr. Trice. His impact and legacy may be best expressed in the words of those who have experienced Leadership Camp firsthand. When asked what Mr. Trice has meant to FFA camp, David Balderson noted, "Turner is a great example to me, our students, and teachers on what it is to give of your time." Turner has spent countless hours ensuring FFA camp is an inspiring and educational experience for members. The Turner Trice Leave a Legacy Fund will provide scholarships for FFA members to attend camp during the coming years, ensuring his legacy of leadership lives on at camp.

## Virginia FFA "State Officer Challenge" Legacy Fund

The State Officer Challenge recognizes the contributions of our former officers and their commitment to serving FFA members across the state. Established in 2005, this endowment continues to grow as former officers and other supporters of FFA contribute funds that support current state officers in meeting the responsibilities of representing Virginia FFa around the world. This legacy fund provides state officers with the casual and official apparel needed to ensure their appearance is representative of our heritage and pride.

### G. Andrew Seibel – Legacy Fund

Andy Seibel has dedicated his entire career to developing students and supporting the FFA. Considered a second father, mentor, and friend by countless individuals, Andy is recognized for superior work ethic, integrity and commitment to others. An agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor for 16 years, Andy then went on to become Virginia's FFA Executive Secretary for 13 years before working in dual support roles for both FFA and 4-H with Virginia Cooperative Extension. Throughout his career, Andy's students have received over 300 state and national awards, he has supervised more than 100 state officers, and he has inspired many future ag teachers. Serving the National FFA in various capacities resulted in receiving the VIP award in 2011. Although his teaching service has been recognized multiple times, Andy is guick to gloss over those successes, turning the attention to those that support him instead. This legacy fund will support some of the invaluable personal connections we have in the FFA by providing funds for annual gatherings of Retired Ag Teachers and Past State FFA Officers.

## **Shelia Lilly Legacy Fund**

Shelia Lilly was born in Rockingham County and lived there her entire life. She did not grow up on a farm and was never an FFA member. Shelia truly lived her life to serve others – frequently putting others' needs above her own. She especially involved giving her time and energy to anything that helped young people become involved in their school and community. Shelia also was a passionate advocate for agriculture through her profession and volunteer work. The Shelia Lilly Memorial Scholarship was established by her family, friends and community when Shelia passed away from cancer in 2018. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant who embodies Shelia's passion for community involvement, agriculture advocacy, and extracurricular activities. Plans to pursue a career in agriculture is preferred but not a requirement for application. The scholarship is available for post-secondary education including college and technical or trade certification.

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## State Officer Trivia

#1: Which state officer is a cake decorator?

#2: Which state officer played the trumpet in middle school?

#3: Which state officer will shop till they drop?

#4: Which state officer listens to Parker McCollum 24/7?

#5: Which state officer enjoys surfing?

#6: Which state officer loves sushi?

#7: Which state officer got eye surgery on their birthday?

#8: Which state officer clogs?

#9: Which state officer has a custom hat business?

Key: Gabby, Jordan, Elizabeth, Katie, Savannah, Makenna, Jill, Carly, Emily





## Dear Virginia FFA Members,

This past year has been full of excitement and growth for Virginia FFA. We have accomplished so much together, and because of you, we are as strong as ever. Your resilience throughout the past couple of years has allowed Virginia FFA to grow to new levels in many areas.

You all have truly exhibited what it means to be a leader. You have not hesitated to share your passion, skill, and determination with those around you. From participating in competitions to advocating for FFA and the agriculture industry, you have shown that we can achieve whatever we set our minds to. We truly admire the influence that you have exerted in your chapters and communities.

Thank you for radiating such positive, exciting, and encouraging enthusiasm throughout this past year. From competitions, chapter visits, banquets, and everything in between, we never failed to see smiling faces. Each of you showcased dedication, hard work, and grit and made this year one that we will never forget. Thank you for welcoming us into your chapters with open arms and showing us every day how incredible Virginia FFA is. We could not be more grateful for your friendship and the impact that you have made on our lives. We know that you will continue to make a positive impact in all that you do, and we cannot wait to see what is in store for the future.

Forever Blue, 2022-2023 Virginia FFA State Officer Team

## **EmergencyInformation**

Virginia FFA strives to provide a safe environment for all convention attendees. If, for any reason, there is an emergency during convention please use the following numbers to contact professional help and our convention staff:

Major Emergencies: 911

#### **FFA Contacts**

Virginia FFA Main Office (540) 231-3823

## Virginia Tech and Community Contacts

Virginia Tech Police 911 if on campus or (540) 231-6411

Virginia Tech Housing and Residence Emergency (540) 231-5721

Blacksburg Police 911 off campus in Blacksburg or (540) 961-1150

Room lock outs & emergencies: Go to New Hall West 24 Hour Help Desk

\*Emergency Medical forms are located at the Virginia FFA Main Office, 115 Hutchenson Hall

## 24 hour help desk will be in New Hall West (540) 231-5721

\*\*Please notify a Virginia FFA Staff Member in case of an emergency

#### How to File Claim

Report the following information ASAP:

- 1. Name of claimant
- 2. Date of injury /illness
- 3. How the injury /illness was sustained
- Complete medical diagnosis by the attending physician
- 5. Serial number of application
- 6. Statements for services rendered by doctor, hospital, or nurse, are always necessary
- 7. Group leader must sign claim reports



# Thank You!

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