

KENTUCKY FFA FOUNDATION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

GROWING LEADERS. BUILDING COMMUNITIES.
STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE.



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FFA FOUNDATION

Dear Friends,

There's a quote by Thomas Edison that says, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." One of the best things FFA does for young people is equip them with the work ethic and leadership skills to take advantage of those work-disguised opportunities.

Another thing about opportunities – they usually only exist because someone creates them. For the thousands of Kentucky FFA members across the Commonwealth, that someone is you.

Thank you for helping Kentucky FFA grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture here at home. Your contribution of time, effort and money gave young people throughout Kentucky opportunities in 2017 that they never had before.

I've had my own great opportunity this year to work with an amazing staff, thoughtful, innovative board members, and hundreds of selfless donors. It's been inspiring and humbling to see firsthand your generosity and dedication.

Even with all the opportunity brought by 2017, I anticipate even more great things for the upcoming year. As you look back at what we accomplished together during the past year, I encourage you to imagine all the new opportunities we can still create!

Adam Hinton
Chairman
Kentucky FFA Foundation



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Chairman, Kentucky FFA Foundation

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Kentucky FFA Foundation Sponsors, Donors & Friends,

Thank you for reading the 5th edition of our annual report! As a non-profit, it's our responsibility to share our contributions, financial standing and investments. It also gives us the opportunity to share the impact your gifts make in the lives of 14,690 Kentucky FFA members.

Traditionally, I describe the year with a word. In 2015, I spoke about growth. 2016, the word was impact. I've really been thinking about 2017 and almost settled on the word, "whirlwind". 2017 was full of new and exciting projects which made the year fly by, but then I settled on a better word to describe the past twelve months: OPPORTUNITY.

The vision of the Kentucky FFA Foundation is to Grow Leaders, Build Communities & Strengthen Agriculture. All of our fundraising efforts accomplish that vision by offering new opportunities to agricultural education programs and the talented FFA members in them. To raise the funds needed to elevate our vision, we had to increase our opportunities for donors.

In February, Big Iron Auctions hosted the Blue & Gold Auction at the National Farm Machinery Show. Exhibitors could donate an item to the live auction held at the show, or to the online auction held at www.bigiron.com. 100% of the proceeds came back to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. Donations included big items, such as a Gatormade Trailer & Mahindra UTV. We also had a Fleming County FFA member donate a turkey & deer hunt, which he guides for his SAE project. Two Livingston Central FFA members donated a chair they had crafted as their SAE project. It touched my heart seeing FFA members being generous to our cause. It's true philanthropy!

In March, we kicked off our Ag Tag campaign led by Agriculture Commissioner, Ryan Quarles, in partnership with 4-H. Six years into this amazing partnership, we had record breaking success. Kentucky FFA received \$209,000! That came in \$10 at a time, through folks making a donation at their County Clerk's office when they paid for their farm license plate. What a simple opportunity for folks to make a difference in their community and state.

In June, we hosted the 88th Kentucky FFA State Convention. It was an amazing week, themed, "This is Home". State FFA Convention is always a homecoming for our sponsors and donors and this year, they had the opportunity to come back and cheer on the successes of FFA member across Kentucky.

Then in September, we offered FFA friends & supporters another opportunity to give back to Kentucky FFA through our Inaugural Blue & Gold Gala at Keeneland. It was a magical evening that brought together hundreds of people that have a heart for Kentucky FFA. Their generosity resulted in Kentucky FFA netting \$93,000 from the event. Mark you calendars for Saturday, October 13th 2018. We can't wait to do it again!

This whirlwind of a year has been about offering new opportunities for people to support FFA. Please know, we are not asking our donors to give to all of these opportunities, but we are asking you to give. Gifts could come in the form of annual sponsorships, donated items to our auction, tickets to the gala, or buying toy tractors as Christmas gifts. Decide how you can best support Kentucky FFA and give cheerfully and generously.

Your gifts provide opportunity to 14,690 Kentucky FFA members. Thank you for making a difference in your home & community. It's an inspiring task before us and we are grateful for your support.

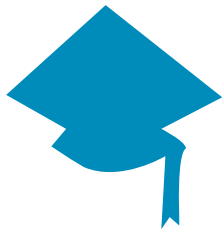
Sincerely,

Sheldon McKinney
Executive Director



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Executive Director

KY Ag Ed & FFA Statistics



Number of Ag Ed Students

25,902

Male - 57.7%
Female - 42.3%

Agriculture Teachers:

267

High School Programs

144

Middle School Programs

12

% of seniors entering post-secondary education:

61.73%

% of seniors entering the workforce:

29.89%

PERCENTAGE OF URBAN/SUBURBAN STUDENTS

26.8%

50%

PERCENTAGE OF RURAL/NONFARM STUDENTS

23.2%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS LIVING ON A FARM



Annual Scholarships from Local chapters and alumni affiliates

\$250,000

Members who serve in local chapter leadership roles :

2,900

State Convention Attendance

2,815

FFA Camp Attendance

1,496

Number of FFA Members

14,690



Dollars Earned by FFA Members Through SAE Projects:

\$17,200,000+

Total SAE Projects

15,600

% of students with an SAE Project:

67%

Community Service Project Hours

91,000

Community Service Projects

1,015

SAE Visits made by ag teachers

6,900

KENTUCKY FFA FOUNDATION 2017

Board of Trustees



**Darrell Billings
Stanton**

Darrell Billings is the owner of Tanner Chrysler Products in Stanton. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer and also operates a successful cow-calf operation. Darrell is an avid supporter of youth livestock programs, the KY FFA RAM Truck Program and serves on a variety of boards including KHSAA, Whitaker Bank and several local agriculture programs.



**Dr. Tony Brannon
Murray**

Dr. Brannon is the Dean of the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University. A former high school agriculture teacher, and teacher educator, he has been a long time supporter of FFA and agricultural education at all levels. Dr. Brannon is the 2013 Association for Career & Technical Education National Educator of the Year. His leadership and guidance have well served the Kentucky FFA Foundation for more than twenty years.



**Lindsey Bridges
Elizabethtown**

Lindsey is a Financial Officer for Farm Credit Mid-America. Farm Credit has a standing position on the board of trustees. She has greatly served FFA with her skills in public relations, marketing and supporting KY FFA through corporate gifts.



**Sharon Burton
Columbia**

Sharon is the owner and publisher of The Farmer's Pride, an agricultural newspaper available to all FFA Chapters. Sharon is a trusted voice in KY agriculture and also operates her local paper, the Adair County Community Vice. Sharon takes photos at the State FFA Convention and gives FFA an excellent platform to share our story.



**Matt Chaliff
Mt. Vernon**

Matt Chaliff is the Executive Secretary of the Kentucky FFA Association and he's the hardest working man in KY FFA! A former State Officer and agriculture teacher at Taylor County High School, he is true leader to all of Kentucky ag ed programs.

KENTUCKY FFA FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Kentucky FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, foundations and individuals to secure resources for the future of education, agriculture and student leader development. Charitable donations to the Kentucky FFA Foundation help accomplish the FFA Mission, "making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education."

The Kentucky FFA Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It was established in 1987 and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is made up of twenty-four individuals, dedicated to ensuring the growth and stability of the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

Eight seats on the board are appointed by position, and sixteen are elected at large.



Brandon Davis
Frankfort

Brandon serves as the Kentucky FFA Advisor and the State Supervisor of Agriculture Education. He's also a former state officer and agriculture teacher. He is a visionary for KY Ag Ed and also serves as the President Elect for the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education.



Charlie Edgington
Lexington

Charlie Edgington owns and operates his family farm in Garrard County, EdgeView Farms. In addition, he owns Red Barn Associates and sells a variety of farm equipment. Charlie is an expert at networking and building relationships.



Bethany Garmon
Lexington

Bethany Garmon is an agriculture teacher from Russell County. She serves on the board in an appointed seat as the Past President of the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators.



Arthur Green
Elkton

Mr. Green is a retired agriculture teacher from Todd County. He is serving as the Kentucky FFA Alumni President. He is a community leader and volunteers his time to advance FFA Alumni chapters across Kentucky and the nation.



Kirby Green
Owensboro

Kirby is a past Kentucky FFA State President and a former agriculture teacher. She now resides in Owensboro and works as a District Sales Manager for Monsanto. She is passionate about connecting sponsorship opportunities to local chapters and has volunteered in a variety of roles that focus on leadership development.



Adam Hinton
Flemingsburg

Chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation, Adam Hinton is Vice President of Hinton Mills, an operation of five retail farm supply locations and feed mills based out of Flemingsburg, KY. He also serves as Director of Kentucky Welding Institute, a private welding school in Flemingsburg, KY. Adam is founder and President of A Better Community Foundation, a not-for-profit, grass roots fundraising and advocacy organization for agriculture education in Kentucky.



Kyle Kelly
Owenton

Kyle is the Director of Government Affairs & Association Services with the Kentucky Retail Federation. He is a former FFA member from Owen County. Kyle uses his relationship building skills to elevate Kentucky FFA's goal in fundraising and advocacy.



Brian Lacefield
Hopkinsville

Brian Lacefield was recently appointed to serve as the Executive Director for the USDA Kentucky Farm Service Agency. He formerly served as Market President of FNB Bank, Trigg County. He has strong relationships with farmers and agricultural companies across Kentucky.



Matthew London

Glasgow

Matthew London is a former Kentucky FFA State Vice President and he is a Kentucky Farm Bureau agency manager in his hometown of Barren County. He also is a farmer and works diligently to raise support for FFA at the local and state level.



Quint Pottinger

New Haven

Quint is a former Kentucky FFA State President and a full time corn & soybean farmer in Nelson County. Quint is a passionate advocate for agriculture and developing young farmers, at home and abroad. He serves an active role in the KY Soybean Association and the National Corn Growers Resolutions Action Team and represents KY on the United States Soybean Export Council and the Corn Farmers Coalition.



Jimmy Powell

Winchester

Jimmy Powell is an agriculture teacher at Clark County High School and he sits on the board as a representative for the KY Association of Agricultural Educators. He is the Past President of KAAE and is a great leader in the profession.



Keelan Pulliam

Danville

Keelan is the owner and President of Pulliam & Associates Consulting. He is retired from Syngenta where he last served as President of Syngenta Flowers North America. Keelan is a former FFA State Officer and an avid supporter of FFA and youth development. In addition Keelan serves on a number of corporate boards.



Billy Ray Smith

Bowling Green

Billy Ray Smith is the former Commissioner of Agriculture in Kentucky and also the Executive Director Emeritus of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. He has been a life long servant to the agricultural community.



Jobee Thrasher

Henderson

Jobee Thrasher is originally from Anderson County, but now resides in Henderson and is a store manager for Southern States Co-Op in Henderson and Union County.



Jackson Tolle

Louisville

Jackson Tolle serves as the Director of Young Farmers Programs for Kentucky Farm Bureau. Kentucky Farm Bureau has an appointed representative of the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and Jackson serves in that role. He is a former FFA member and has worked in agricultural education.



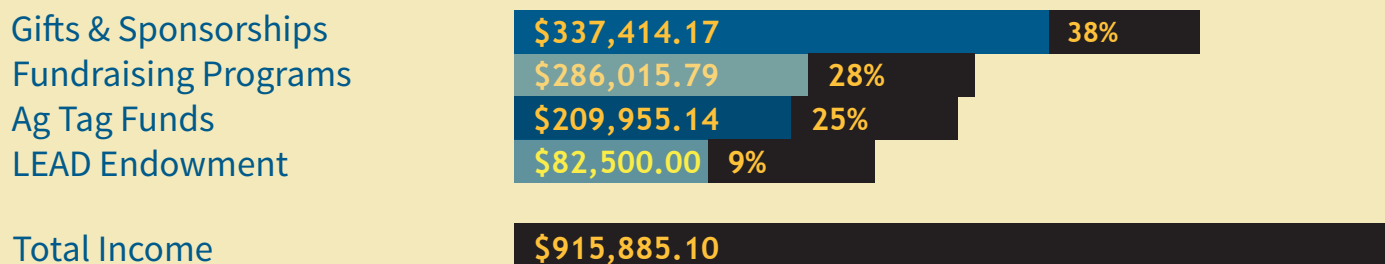
David Wayne

Campbellville

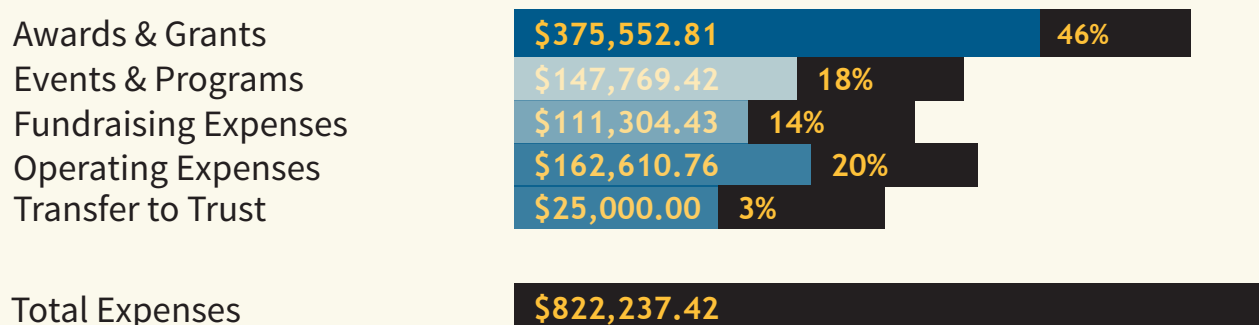
David Wayne is the Division Director of Environmental Services for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He is a former FFA member and has deep family connections to FFA. The KDA has a standing position on the board of trustees and David fills that role and helps manage the vital relationship between FFA and the KDA.

2017 Income & Expenses

2017 INCOME



2017 EXPENSES



Statement of Financial Position



Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$354,274.69
Collectible Knife Inventory	\$2,025.00
Collectible Tractor Inventory	\$30,940.00
Total Current Assets	\$387,239.69

Invested Assets

LEAD Endowment	\$3,579,869.25
FFA Alumni Endowment	\$68,855.05
Forever Blue Endowment	\$120,151.68
Total Assets	\$4,153,073.15

Current Liabilities as of December 31, 2017

Accounts Payable	\$3,042.52
NET ASSETS	\$4,150,030.63



Pictured left-right - Dennis Hecht, Lindsey Hecht, Holly Carroll and Chris Carroll

Blue & Gold Gala

Bring together some of the most passionate advocates for Kentucky FFA, give them the opportunity to contribute, throw in a little dinner and dancing, and good things are bound to happen.

This year's Blue & Gold gala at Keeneland was the first event of its kind for Kentucky FFA, but it's already become a staple on the annual calendars of agriculture influencers across the state.

The evening included current and former FFA members, agriculture business leaders, legislators, and others interested in supporting Kentucky FFA. Guests re-established long standing connections and ignited new conversations about the future of agriculture.

Take for instance Holly Carroll and Lindsey Hecht. Holly and Lindsey met when they were Kentucky state FFA officers in 2002-2003, and have remained close friends, even though life has taken them in geographically different directions.

Lindsey is based near Memphis and leads the mid-south crop protection sales district for the agricultural division of Dow Dupont. Holly, on the other hand, teaches science in Oklahoma. For them, the gala was a trifecta – a way to support Kentucky FFA, reconnect with others who share the same sentiment, and spend a little time together.

"It was like coming home," said Holly. "My husband and I are always looking for ways to give back to the organization that gave so much to us. We still owe so much to Kentucky FFA. When we saw this event, we realized it could be an opportunity to have fun and support FFA."

"To know that I'm going to help the FFA Foundation touch more students

is unbelievable," said Lindsey. "And on top of that, to get to spend an evening with one of my very best friends – it was perfect."

The event was also a huge success as a fundraiser, with a net profit of more than \$93,000. Funding from the Blue & Gold Gala, Kentucky FFA Commemorative Toy Tractor sales, and the Blue & Gold Auction at the National Farm Machinery show allows the Foundation to waive gift fees on program-focused donations.

That means when someone donates a dollar to a Kentucky FFA program, every cent of that dollar goes directly into the program. That's pretty special. Many foundations and charities set aside between 18 and 28 percent of donations for administrative fees.

"This type of event allows us a lot of flexibility to try new things and raise money for big ideas that we think will impact our students across the state for years to come," said Adam Hinton, chairman of the Foundation.

"Any gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation helps us accomplish our vision of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture," said the Foundation's Executive Director, Sheldon McKinney. Sheldon organized the event and came up with a variety of creative ways to capture donors' attention during the evening.

The gala featured a silent auction where bidders could up the ante directly from their phones, as well as a live auction that included items ranging from dinner at the Governor's Mansion, to a South African Safari, to an adorable and highly pedigreed Golden Retriever puppy.



Even the band had a tie with FFA – Jericho Woods’ lead singer is Josh Mitcham, a former Kentucky agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

The entire evening served as a great reminder to those who have been positively impacted by FFA about how much it meant to them, and what they can do to pass along those opportunities to current and future FFA members.

“This was a great event because it brings light to some of the best and brightest,” said Holly, “and it gives it a little sparkle. It’s more than just asking someone to donate – it’s an experience. Everybody knows what they’re coming into, and they can have a great time and be comfortable that they are giving back.”

“This event not only raises money to benefit FFA members and agriculture teachers, it celebrates Kentucky FFA for a wide range of folks across the state,” said Adam. “In the process, we hope to have a fun event and help new partners understand the power of supporting FFA.”

Holly and Lindsey found it so worthwhile that they’ve already marked their calendars for next year and are planning to make it an annual event.

“Working in the ag industry, I’ve come to understand that the world of agriculture is small, even on a national scale,” said Lindsey. “It’s so important to stay connected because everyone in this industry wants to create advocates for agriculture, give back to organizations like FFA, and continue to tell the story of how important this industry is in the global marketplace.”

Next year’s Blue & Gold Gala will be on Saturday, October 13, at the Woodford Reserve Room of Kroger Field. Tickets will be on sale in spring 2018.

KENTUCKY FFA
BLUE & GOLD
2018 GALA
Saturday, October 13th
Kroger Field | Woodford Reserve Room

Big Iron Auction

at National Farm Machinery Show a Success

Two benefit auctions conducted in February raised \$32,822 to support FFA members developing leadership skills for careers in agriculture.

The multi-faceted event featured a live and silent auction for exhibitors at the annual National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) in Louisville on Feb. 15 to bid on experiences such as hunting and fishing trips and other donated items, while an online benefit auction held on BigIron.com on Feb. 22 allowed farmers to bid on and purchase more than a dozen donated pieces of equipment, knowing their checks were going toward the future of agriculture.

All proceeds of the Blue and Gold Benefit Auction, conducted by BigIron Auctions in partnership with the United Equipment Dealers Association and the NFMS, will provide funding for FFA jacket scholarships, camp scholarships, capital improvement projects and start-up costs for a program that allows students to get a jump-start on their chosen agricultural careers.

“Our experiences in FFA helped lay the foundation for our company’s success and for so many others in the agriculture industry,” said Mark Stock, co-founder and chairman of the board of BigIron Auctions, which sells used farm, construction and transportation equipment every Wednesday in unreserved auctions online. “We serve rural America because we are rural America, and we’re inspired by our colleagues and fellow agriculturalists who share our values in supporting the next generation of agriculture leaders.”

“Those who contribute to this organization are part of something great that is preparing students to meet the needs of companies looking for driven and motivated employees,” said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “In addition, this auction gives sponsors a new way to support FFA that gives them exposure to their clients, who also have a heart for FFA. It’s a great relationship for everyone involved and it supports Kentucky FFA, a great cause.”



Top: Cameron Mineer, Fleming County FFA member's SAE Project is Wildlife Management & Outdoor Recreation. He works for his family business, North Fork Outfitters as a hunting guide. He donated a spring turkey hunt and fall deer hunt to the Blue & Gold Auction.

Bottom: Livingston Central FFA members, Evan Johnson & Austin Sharp create chairs made from recycled spool and they graciously donated one to the auction.



Blue & Gold Benefit Auction Foundation Sponsors

\$10,000 & Over

GatorMade Trailers and Mahindra

Blue & Gold Benefit Auction Foundation Sponsors

\$2,500 to \$9,999

Titan, Fastline Media Group, NorthFork Outfitters and Pine Portage Lodge



Farm Credit Mid-America Doubles Annual Gift

Supports Kentucky FFA to Expand Leadership Training to all Kentucky FFA Members

In the spring of 2017 the Kentucky FFA Foundation announced a significant gift from long-time partner, Farm Credit Mid-America that, among other things, has allowed FFA to bring its 212° and 360° leadership training programs to all members throughout the State of Kentucky. Farm Credit Mid-America is strengthening its partnership with Kentucky FFA as part of its ongoing commitment to the organization that has had a significant influence on many of Farm Credit Mid-America's more than 500 employees in Kentucky.

“Our participation and support of Kentucky FFA is also a direct request from our customers.”

“Many of our employees were members of FFA as youth and many are still involved today as either volunteers or through their children,” says Mark Barker, Senior Vice President Financial Services with Farm Credit Mid-America. “Our participation and support of Kentucky FFA is also a direct request from our customers and aligns with one of our program initiatives to build leadership and educational skills among the next generation of agriculturalists.”

Along with helping to expand the 212° and 360° leadership programs, Farm Credit Mid-America's gift of \$50,000 in 2017 will also be used to continue its State Star Farmer sponsorship, a relationship that has been in place between the two organizations for over 30 years. The sponsorship provides prize money to all candidates, a scholarship to the winner and Chapter Star Farmer plaques to every local FFA chapter in the state.

Other Kentucky FFA programs that support from Farm Credit Mid-America will assist with are State FFA Officer Training, State FFA Degrees given to more than 400 FFA members each year, educational resources for the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center that sees more than 1,500 FFA members pass through its doors each summer for leadership training, and FFA State convention activities and workshops. Farm Credit Mid-America has



“2017 State Star Farmer, Jonah Brannon, a Calloway County FFA member is pictured with Farm Credit Financial Services Officer & Kentucky FFA Foundation Trustee, Lindsey Bridges.”

also supported the Kentucky FFA over the years by donating \$10 from every “Ag Tag,” or Kentucky Farm License Plate, that it puts on its entire fleet of company-owned vehicles in the State.

There are currently over 14,690 FFA members in Kentucky who will benefit from Farm Credit Mid-America's support of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “We could not be more excited and grateful to Farm Credit Mid-America and its employees for their continuous support of our organization,” said Sheldon McKinney, Executive Director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. “We know that by expanding the breadth and depth of these important leadership training programs, our FFA members will experience life-changing results that will help them grow and be successful as agriculture leaders in our communities.”

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Furnish Elected as 2017-2018 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President



Gracie Furnish was elected to serve as the 2017-2018 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President on October 28. During the coming year, she will travel over 100,000 miles serving as an ambassador for the National FFA Organization and the agriculture industry as a whole. In addition to attending local, state, and national FFA functions, she will work with industry leaders, sponsors, and policy makers to advance agricultural education and the FFA.

Furnish is a Harrison County native and an Agricultural Education major at the University of Kentucky. She served as the 2016-2017 State Secretary for the Kentucky FFA Association. She is the daughter of Brian and Amy-Jill Furnish of Cynthianna. Her FFA Advisors are Savannah Robin, Erin Butler, and Chris Thompson.



Kentucky FFA Foundation's Better Days Through Better Ways Grants Address Hunger, Develop Agriculture Students Into Community Leaders

The Kentucky FFA Foundation has announced the selection of 11 FFA chapters across Kentucky for a 2017 Better Days Through Better Ways grant.

The Better Days Through Better Ways initiative awards \$1,000 grants to Kentucky FFA chapters for service learning projects addressing food insecurity and hunger in their communities. Only four years old, the initiative has already distributed \$34,000 in funding.

Nearly 16 percent of people in Kentucky struggle with hunger at some point during the year, according to an annual report by Feeding America called Map the Meal Gap. Of those people, nearly 30 percent have incomes too high to be eligible for major federal nutrition assistance programs. That means they must turn elsewhere to make up the shortfall.

The Better Days Through Better Ways initiative challenges agriculture students to research food insecurity in their own communities and propose a project to address the need. Projects typically include sustainable food production and a community outreach component.

This year's projects showcase the breadth of Kentucky agriculture, including broiler and egg production, beekeeping, aquaculture, and raised bed gardening. FFA members will lead the projects, gaining both technical skills and a better understanding about their communities in the process.

"Imagine the impact this project could have on a participating FFA member," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "They have learned about the needs of others in their community and how they

personally can affect change. Students will be a part of this agricultural production project from start to finish, and then they get to see the outcome. If this experience moves them, they've learned how to be empathetic and empowered community leaders."

Many chapters will donate the food they produce to their school lunch programs or local food pantries. Others will conduct workshops to help community members learn to produce their own food.

Greenup County FFA received a Better Days Through Better Ways Grant in 2016, and used the funding to start producing broiler chickens and Shiitake mushrooms. Students conducted community workshops, and the mushroom seminar was so successful that they had to schedule a second one to meet community demand. They applied for and received another grant this year to expand both their own mushroom production and the workshops. "Like a lot of communities, we have cheap food available, but it is not necessarily wholesome or nutritious," said Carrie Davis, agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Greenup County High School. "Dollars from the Better Days Through Better Ways grant not only allow our students to develop their presentation skills, but they filter into the community as a potential way to earn extra income and combat local food security issues."



The Better Days Through Better Ways grants are funded by the Mulhollem Cravens Foundation through a partnership with the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

"We have been very pleased to follow the progress of the Better Days Through Better Ways initiative," said Valerie Cravens. "The program is succeeding in blending entrepreneurship, community cooperation, and hands on experience for local chapters. The initiative makes students mindful of local food needs, and the efforts to find solutions empower them to see a future where they can make a difference."

In addition to sponsoring the grant program, the Mulhollem Cravens Foundation also supports the Kentucky FFA's Teacher Mentoring Program, which pairs first year agriculture teachers with experienced mentors.

"Giving to the Kentucky FFA Foundation has the potential to change the lives of FFA members by offering them premier leadership & personal growth opportunities, but it also can change lives in your community," said McKinney.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation cultivates partnerships which support the FFA vision to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Kentucky FFA Foundation initiatives impact more than 14,500 FFA members in 154 FFA chapters across Kentucky.

Forever Blue

Individuals who have made a legacy or endowed gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation



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Dr. Charles Byers



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Syngenta Crop Protection
Union County Livestock - Jim David Meats
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University of Kentucky Ag Ed Society
University of Kentucky AG & HES Alumni
Warren County Farm Bureau
David & Ann Marie Williams
Wright Implement

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\$500-\$999

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Bluegrass Region FFA
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Mr. Nick Carter
Cartown Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM
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Continental Industries
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Mr. Brandon Davis
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8th Annual Agriculture Teachers Change Lives Honorees



Mr. Delmer Dalton

Delmer Dalton grew up on the family farm in Pulaski County. He was a member of the Eubank FFA Chapter where his advisors were Harold Carter and Donald Estes. After high school he spent the next three years farming part time and working in a factory. He attended the University of Kentucky where he graduated in 1967. He taught Agriculture at Bryan Station High school in Fayette County from 1968-1974. In 1974 he joined the Agricultural State Staff where he served until his retirement in 2000. He served as the State FFA Executive Secretary from 1977-1992 and as State FFA Advisor from 1993-2000.

He is the longest serving Executive Secretary in the history of Kentucky FFA. During his tenure he worked with over 200 State FFA Officers. He has two sons Darin and Gregory and two grandchildren. Since retirement he has returned regularly to assist with the State FFA Convention and State Fair. He has also coordinated the annual Retired Ag Teachers Meeting which is held each September. In his spare time he enjoys University of Kentucky sports and participating in the local Model A Ford club.



Mr. James Maddox

James D. Maddox grew up in Ohio County. He earned his bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II. He began his teaching career at Butler High School in Caldwell County where he taught for six years. From 1954-1984 he was a member of the State Staff for Agricultural Education. During this time he served in various roles including Director of the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center, FFA Executive Secretary, Young Farmers Executive Secretary, and Assistant State Director for Vocational Agriculture. He was married for 60 years to Jane Smith Maddox and had two children, David Kelly Maddox & Theresa Maddox.

Mr. Maddox passed away in 2007.



Mr. Doug Milliken

Doug Milliken was raised on a dairy and tobacco farm on the Logan-Simpson County line, the only son of Gilbert & Geneva Milliken. Doug is a graduate of Franklin Simpson High School where his ag teachers were Bonnell Hackett & Luther Hammer. He earned his bachelor's degree, teaching certificate, master's degree and Rank I from Western Kentucky University. Mr. Milliken began his teaching career at Chandlers school in 1979, where with the help of FFA boys matchmaking skills, he met and married the special ed teacher & cheerleading coach, Karen. Doug & Karen married in 1980. They have two children, Melissa, born on Regional FFA Day in 1982 and Joseph, born during the 1986 State FFA Convention.

Mr. Milliken was the agriculture teacher at Logan County High School after the schools consolidated. In 1992 he began working as assistant principal, but returned to his true love of teaching agriculture in 1999. He retired in 2008, after thirty years in education. Doug & Karen now reside on his family farm where he raises beef cattle. They are actively involved in Logan County Farm Bureau, Logan County Cattlemen's and their church. Doug & Karen love traveling and say that farming, FFA and ag education have been an important part of their lives



Mr. Joe Michael Moore

Joe Michael Moore is a 1973 graduate of Park City High School. Joe Michael's ag teachers were Ag Teachers Change Lives honorees, Mr. Jewell Colliver and Mr. Jerry Greer. They inspired him to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education from Western Kentucky University. Following his graduation in 1977, Joe Michael began work teaching the Adult Agricultural Education for Vietnam Veterans class in Barren County. After teaching the Vietnam Veterans for eight years, Joe Michael was asked to teach Biology and coach football at Barren County High School. After eleven years as Biology teacher, Joe Michael was given the opportunity to transition once more by moving to the Ag Ed Dept. For the next twelve years Joe Michael served as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor at Barren County High School. He retired in 2008 with a total of thirty-one years of experience. Joe Michael considers those last twelve years of working with agricultural education students and FFA members as a great honor, in that he could give back in the same way his Ag Teachers and FFA Advisors gave to him.

Joe Michael owns 468 acres in southern Barren County which lies alongside Barren River. Since his retirement in 2008, Joe Michael has worked full time managing his farming operation. With his lifelong vision and belief in the farm to table mentality, Joe Michael has established a meat processing business known as Moore's Family Farm, where he produces beef, pork, and lamb, which is marketed directly to the consumer. Working alongside Joe Michael in the family business is his wife of thirty-six years, Kimberlee Albany Moore, their son Andy Joe Moore and wife Leah, and their daughter Ashley Moore Hendrick and husband Wes. Joe Michael and Kimberlee are also known as Papa Joe and Nana to their three grandchildren – Emma Kate Moore, Joe Thomas Moore, and Josie Brooke Hendrick, who serve as the 9th generation of farmers on the Moore Family Farm.



Mr. Chris Schalk

Chris Schalk was raised on small farm on the Pendleton/Harrison County line. He served as the Pendleton County FFA president, and Northern KY Region Vice President and the Kentucky FFA State Sentinel. Mr. Schalk is an American FFA Degree recipient and served Kentucky as a National FFA Officer candidate. He attended the University of Kentucky majoring in agriculture education. While in college he worked on the UK Dairy and Clay Bank Farm in Paris. Following graduation he worked one summer at KY FFA Leadership Training Center until he accepted a position of agriculture teacher at Barren County High School. Mr. Schalk taught 21 years at Barren County. Over his tenure he was responsible for development of a horticulture program and greenhouse. He later oversaw the construction and operation of a livestock educational facility that included a fully

functional meat laboratory. In 2014 Schalk accepted a position as Barren County Agriculture Extension Agent which allows him to continue his passion for providing agriculture education for the citizens of Barren County. Chris and his wife of 20 plus years, Bretta, have 2 daughters, Bethany and Mary. The family resides on their farm in the Fountain Run community of Barren County. Chris is a member of Union #1 Missionary Baptist Church.

He credits great mentors Mr. Willie Hawkins, Dr. Rod Tulloch, Dr. Charles Byers, Dr. Pete Dreisbach, and Mr. Delmer Dalton for his success.

International 544

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The Kentucky FFA Commemorative Tractor Series provided by SpecCast honors important moments in Kentucky FFA's history. In the 1940's, thousands of Kentucky FFA members left the farm for the battlefield and served their country. This tractor tells the story of Kentucky FFA member, Roy Hunt and the "Victory Convention". Get 2017 International 544 with Hydrodrive, the third installment of our commemorative collection. 100% of the proceeds support the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

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Nelson County - Conway Heaton
North Hardin FFA - Swope Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM
North Laurel - Pickard Dodge of Corbin
Paris Independent - Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of Paris
Perry County - Tim Short Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of Hazard
Powell County - Tanner Chrysler Products
Pulaski County - Don Marshall Auto
Rowan County - Tim Short Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM of Morehead
Russell County - Don Franklin of Liberty
South Warren FFA - Martin Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM
Southwestern Pulaski - Don Marshall Auto
Spencer County - Shelbyville Chrysler Products
Taylor County - Don Franklin of Campbellsville
Trimble County - Craig & Landreth Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM
Warren East FFA - Martin Dodge Jeep Chrysler



Winner of the 2017 RAM Truck Monica Tucker, of Pulaski County, pictured with Sheldon McKinney, Kentucky FFA Foundation Executive Director and Darrell Billings, former Chairman & RAM Dealer.



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