



KENTUCKY
FFA FOUNDATION



Growing
Leaders
Building
Communities
Strengthening
Agriculture



2018 Annual Report





Friends of FFA,



It is documented that some variation of "do not be afraid" or "fear not" is written in the Bible at least 365 times, perhaps a reminder for each day of the year. Why so many times? Because it is not uncommon for us to be afraid. We often fear things like new challenges, the unknown, and failure.

For me, avoiding fear means trusting in God. It also means continuing to believe in the talented, selfless and enjoyable people involved with Kentucky FFA - our amazing staff, thoughtful, innovative board members, and hundreds of faithful donors.

Last year, our foundation board set a bold goal of raising over \$1 million for Kentucky FFA in 2018. **I'm happy to say, because of you, we've reached this goal.** We are already seeing the impact we can make for students across Kentucky with these funds.

The dollars raised are being put to use for awards, grants, scholarships, leadership training, and more. All things that will

help Kentucky FFA grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture - just like our mission says. You can remain confident that your contribution of time, effort and money is giving young people throughout Kentucky new and exciting opportunities.

As we look to 2019, I would encourage each of you to continue to share your own stories about how FFA and agricultural education plays a vital role in developing leaders who can take on new challenges without fear and lead us into the future. Your story is important - it helps connect people to the power of FFA.

Thank you, not only for helping us achieve a milestone in 2018, but for giving us the confidence that 2019 will be a year when we are truly fearless about what we can accomplish for Kentucky FFA!

Adam Hinton
Chairman

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Friends,

I have to tell you, this job just doesn't get old. I've been serving as the Executive Director of the Foundation for seven years and I'm more excited today about what we do and where we're going than my first day on the job.

Here's why it's so exciting; though Kentucky FFA is nearly 90 years old, each year there are thousands of students who are experiencing the wonder of a blue corduroy jacket for the first time.

Even though year after year, we fundraise and partner to make State FFA Convention the best it can be, there's the huge payoff when I look out into the crowd and see the wide-eyed amazement of a student experiencing the feeling of answering, 'FFA Members, why are we here?' with thousands of fellow members for the first time.

It's seeing students selected for our FFA jacket grants zip up blue corduroy and grin nervously while their ag teachers take their picture. So much lies ahead of them.

It's seeing the newly selected State Stars hug their parents and ag teachers backstage and then watch proud fathers, mothers and advisors wipe tears from their eyes, acknowledging the years of work and passion it took to make it to that level.

Something magic happens in an FFA jacket. It happened to me and I still feel that swell in my heart when I hear the gavel tap.

On nearly all of my donor visits, folks share that they feel the same way. Their

time in an FFA jacket shaped who they are and likely changed the entire course of direction for their lives. Hearing those stories never gets old.

In 2018, we hit a major milestone in terms of fundraising and we want to celebrate that! We also are embarking on GIVING and IMPACTING FFA members in a new way. I hope that in these pages you'll get a glimpse of the real difference your gift makes.

This year, our board has also talked a lot about something called donor fatigue. It's basically when folks are just tired of giving. Maybe they are asked too much, or they don't see the difference their donation is making.

I never want people to feel that way about the Kentucky FFA Foundation. We just can't feel that way, because each year about 6,250 freshmen will sit down for the first time in agriculture classrooms across Kentucky. Some crazy agriculture teacher will start telling them about FFA and they will pull out a jacket...and then hand them a copy of the FFA Creed. We have to be there to support them because something magic is starting to happen. Just like it did for me. And you. And the thousands of Kentucky FFA members who have had the honor of zipping up their own jackets.

I sincerely thank you for believing in our mission, and more than that, for putting your dollars behind it. We are just getting started. I hope you'll come along for the ride.

Warm Thanks,

Sheldon McKinney
Executive Director
Kentucky FFA Foundation

Ag Education In Kentucky

25,902
students enrolled in agricultural education courses



57.7% male, 42.3% female

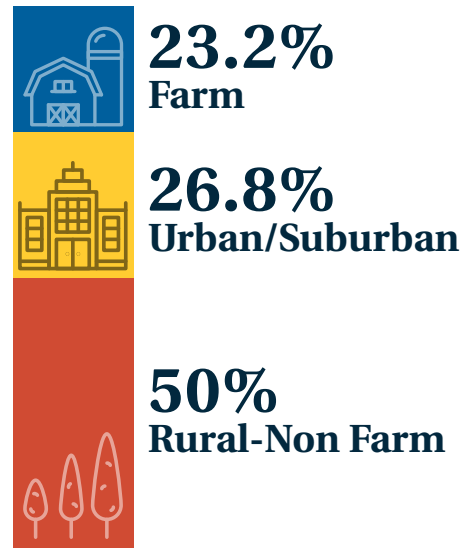


156
Programs

In middle and high schools



267
Agriculture Teachers



Where our students live



Supervised Agricultural Experience

69.4% of agricultural education students have an SAE project

15,600 total SAE projects in 2018

1,972,900+ Hours worked (paid & unpaid) in SAE projects



\$17.2 MILLION+

2018 Earnings from SAE Projects

Kentucky FFA Facts & Figures



14,690
FFA Members



2,900
members serve in local chapter leadership roles



2,815
State FFA Convention Attendance



1,496
FFA Camp Attendance



\$250,000
Amount local chapters & affiliates give out annually in scholarships.



91,000
hours completed on more than 1,015 community service projects (non-SAE)

The Kentucky FFA Foundation's Mission

The Kentucky FFA Foundation is an independent organization devoted to accomplishing the aims of the FFA mission: "To make 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 will ensure the success of the total program of Agricultural Education in Kentucky by:

- Providing recognition to Kentucky FFA members
- Supporting the work of the Kentucky FFA Association
- Supporting the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center
- Supporting local FFA chapters and members
- Supporting Teachers of Agriculture
- Supporting Teacher Education
- Supporting State Staff

Kentucky FFA Foundation 2018 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 who also operates a successful cow-calf operation, Tanner Tyme Farms. Darrell is an avid supporter of youth livestock programs and is a passionate, generous supporter of Kentucky FFA. He serves on a variety of other boards including the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Whitaker Bank, and several local agriculture endeavors.



Misty Bivens

Hodgenville

Misty Bivens is an agriculture teacher at LaRue County High School. She serves on the Foundation Board as the Past President of the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators. Ms. Bivens is a leader in her profession and has been honored as a Kentucky Agriculture Teachers Change Lives Honoree.



Dr. Tony Brannon

Murray

Dr. Tony 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 served the Kentucky FFA Foundation for more than 20 years. His family also became Forever Blue Donors in 2018.



Lindsey Bridges

Elizabethtown

Lindsey Bridges is a Financial Officer for Farm Credit Mid-America. Farm Credit has a standing position on the board of trustees. Her expertise in public relations and marketing have served the Kentucky FFA Foundation tremendously.



Sharon Burton

Columbia

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



Matt Chaliff

Mount Vernon

Matt Chaliff is the Executive Secretary of the Kentucky FFA Association and Agricultural Education Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education. He is a former Kentucky FFA state officer and agriculture teacher. His leadership and guidance has moved Kentucky FFA and agricultural education in Kentucky forward.



Brandon Davis

Frankfort

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



Charlie Edgington

Lexington

Charlie Edgington is an entrepreneur who owns and operates Red Barn & Associates, which sources and sells a variety of farm equipment, as well as Edgeview Properties. He also farms on his family operation in Garrard County. Charlie is an expert at networking, building relationships and raising support for Kentucky FFA.



Arthur Green

Elkton

Mr. Arthur Green is a retired agriculture teacher from Todd County. He serves on the Board of Trustees as the Kentucky FFA Alumni President. Mr. Green is the Mayor of Elkton, and regularly volunteers for the local FFA Alumni chapter and several other community causes.



Kirby Green

Owensboro

Kirby Green is a District Sales Manager for Bayer. She is a past Kentucky FFA State President and also spent time as a high school agriculture teacher. Kirby is excellent at building relationships and making connections that benefit Kentucky FFA. She also serves a mentor to several former state officers and is the host of a professional development podcast called *Sharpen*.



Adam Hinton

Flemingsburg

Chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation, Adam Hinton is the Vice President of Hinton Mills, an operation of five retail farm supply locations and feed mills based in Fleming County. He also serves as Director of the 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 agricultural education in Kentucky.



Kyle Kelly

Owenton

Kyle Kelly is the Director of Local Affairs with the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. He's a former Owen County FFA member, and currently farms in his hometown. Kyle uses his expertise in building relationships to elevate Kentucky FFA and he's a tremendous advocate for FFA in Frankfort and communities across the Commonwealth.



Anthony Koch

Paris

Anthony Koch is the Sales & Marketing Manager of Hallway Feeds, providing feeds exclusively to the equine industry. Anthony has worked to develop feeding programs for farms and race trainers domestically and internationally and worked with the past two Triple Crown winners. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer and a positive advocate for FFA to the equine industry around the world.



Ashley Macy

Louisville

Ashley Macy is a Relationship Manager with CoBank, primarily working with cooperatives across the country. A former FFA member and Indiana native, Ashley helps Kentucky FFA make new connections and stronger relationships with many sponsors and donors.



Quint Pottinger

New Haven

Quint Pottinger is a former Kentucky FFA 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 as a farmer advocate on the Kentucky Soybean Association, the National Corn Growers Resolutions Action Team, and represents Kentucky on the United States Soybean Export Council and the Corn Farmers Coalition.



Keelan Pulliam

Danville

Chairman-Elect Keelan Pulliam 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 KY FFA State Officer and an avid supporter of FFA and youth development.



JR Shinkle

Verona

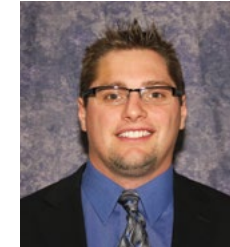
JR is a farm equipment dealer with Meade Farm Equipment in Northern Kentucky. He is a former Kentucky FFA State Officer who is passionate about the difference FFA makes in students' lives.



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.



Jackson Tolle

Maysville

Jackson Tolle serves as the Director of Young Farmer Programs for Kentucky Farm Bureau. Jackson is a former FFA member who has worked in agricultural education. Jackson and his family are also premier cattle producers with T&S Farms. He sits in an appointed position for Kentucky Farm Bureau.



Mary Beth Shackelford Tomica

Trenton

Mary Beth Shackelford Tomica is a Farm Loan Officer with the USDA Farm Service Agency, based in Hopkinsville. An American FFA Degree recipient that is passionate about the agriculture industry, she also serves as the President of the Christian County Agribusiness Association.



David Wayne

Campbellsville

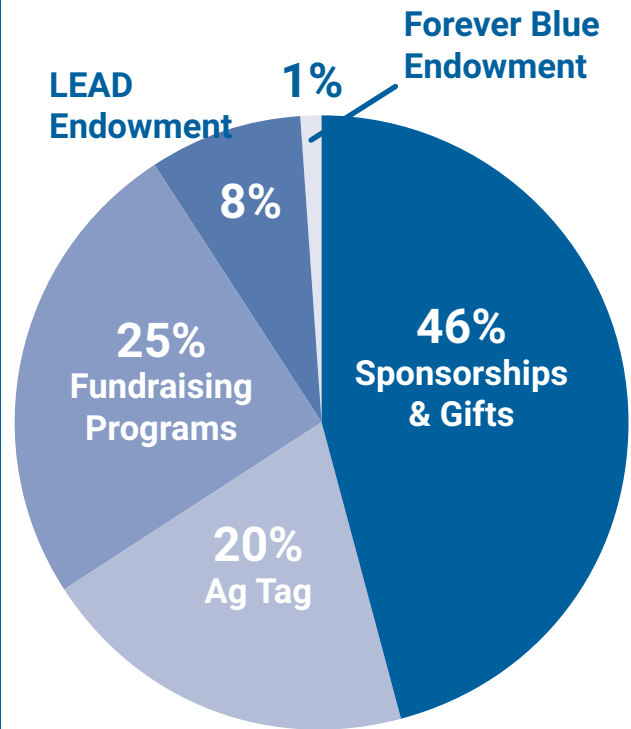
David Wayne is the Division Director of Environmental Services for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. He is a former FFA member and has deep family connections to FFA. The KDA has a standing position on the board of trustees and David fills that role and helps manage the vital relationship between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

The Kentucky FFA Foundation is 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 are appointed by position and sixteen are elected at large.



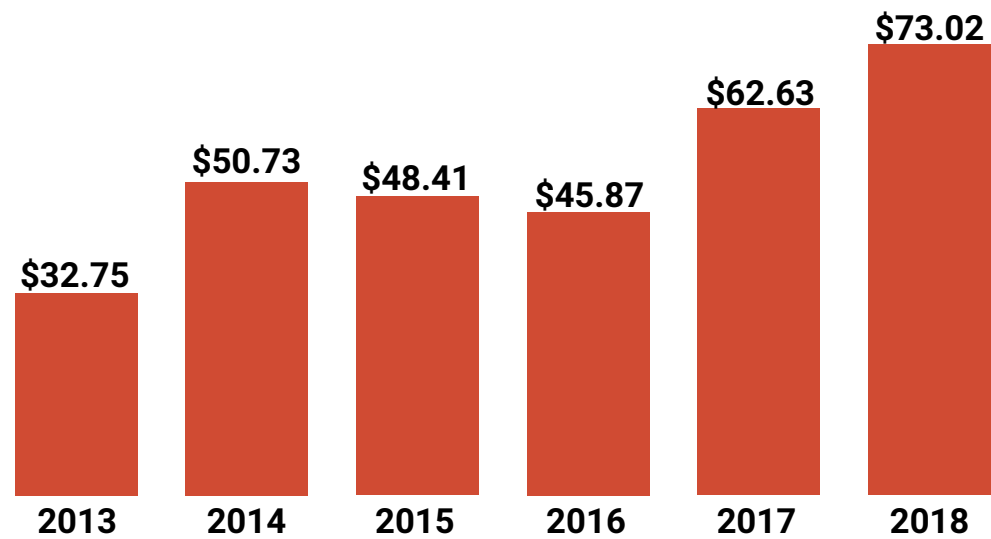
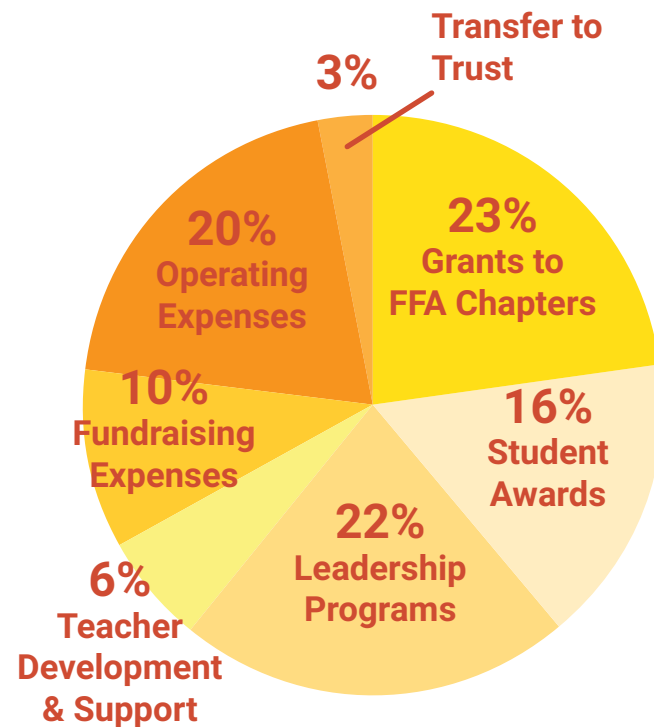
2018 Income

\$1,000,775.95



How we Used the Funds

\$898,975.65



Dollars Raised per Kentucky FFA Member

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Cash on Hand	\$455,349.21
Collectible Knife Inventory	\$6,250.00
Collectible Tractor Inventory	\$37,115.00
Accounts Receivable	\$39,191.00
Total Current Assets	\$537,905.21

Invested Assets

LEAD Endowment	\$3,305,369.33
FFA Alumni Endowment	\$63,273.43
Forever Blue Endowment	\$134,547.63
Total Invested Assets	\$3,503,190.39

Current Liabilities as of December 31, 2018

Accounts Payable	\$3,679.23
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Total Assets

Total Assets	\$4,037,416.37
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Reaching \$1 million in giving this year is an important milestone for the Kentucky FFA Foundation because of the impact we have in the lives of students across the state. As a board, we believe this is just the beginning. With your help, we can positively influence the trajectory of FFA members for years to come.

— Adam Hinton,
Kentucky FFA
Foundation
Chairman

Following the Vision

The vision of the Kentucky FFA Foundation is to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture. Here is how many of our programs do just that.

 **122%** increase in dollars raised per Ky. FFA Member over the past six years.



Student Awards

\$135,130.75

awarded directly to students for FFA activities and contests.

Growing Leaders

Building Communities

FFA Chapter Grants

Ag Achiever

Ag Tag

Regional Banquets

Better Days Through Better Ways

Chapter Grants

Rising Sun

Chapter Grants

\$194,099.22

distributed directly to FFA chapters and agriculture programs through grants.



Because of grants, we have been able to give students the green light to dream and expand the things that they thought they were capable of. You can't really put a price on that as a teacher.

— JR Zinner, agriculture teacher, Western Hills High School

Grants have provided us a means to work hard and give our students a way to connect into the larger agriculture community across the state.

— Gary Selby, agriculture teacher, Elliott County High School

The Kentucky Master Ag Teacher Program broadened my horizons — that's the main thing. It's allowed me to give my students different perspective than the one that I was used to.

— Matt Johnson, agriculture teacher, Apollo High School, KMAT participant



Ag Teacher Support Programs

Teacher Professional Development

New Teacher Workshop

Kentucky Ag Teacher of the Year

Kentucky Master Agriculture Teacher Program

Ag Teacher Mentoring

State Teach Ag Results (STAR)

KAAE Awards

Total Investment

\$35,344.84

to help better equip Kentucky's agricultural educators to deliver complete agricultural education programs to students across the state and recognize their achievements.



Strengthening Agriculture



Supervised Ag Experience

\$46,595

to support student SAE development and help fund individual SAE's.



Leadership Development

\$118,731.88

to help make possible participation in leadership activities by as many FFA members as possible.



Ag Teachers Change Lives

Communities and former students come together to raise \$2,000 to honor agriculture teachers who have changed lives in the communities they served. Half of the dollars raised go back to the local FFA chapter and the rest is used to support and enhance agricultural education in Kentucky.



Mr. Marc Adams
Meade County



Mr. Arthur Green
Todd County Central



Mr. Jeff Hayes
Rockcastle County



Mr. Roy Reynolds
Rockcastle County



Mr. Leon Withlow
Allen County Scottsville HS
*Mr. Withlow passed away in 2001. Accepting on his behalf was his son, Dr. Dan Withlow.

212° & 360° Conference Growth



In 2017, Farm Credit Mid-America doubled their annual gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. Their generosity has benefitted many Ky. FFA programs, two of which are the 212° and 360° leadership conferences.

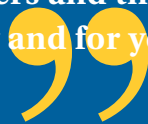
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as many FFA members were able to participate in these conferences in 2017-18 than ever before.

In the 2017-18 school year, 826 students attended either a 212° or 360° conference. We are currently on track for more than 1,000 to attend during the 2018-19 school year.



Exposing nearly 1000 local FFA members to high quality leadership development opportunities is an incredible opportunity for Kentucky FFA. These young people will have the chance to apply the skills they learn in their FFA chapters and their local communities- now and for years to come.



— Matt Chaliff, Ky. FFA Executive Secretary

212° Leadership Conference

7th-10th graders

Focus on development of the individual student.

Themes include virtues & growth.

360° Leadership Conference

11th-12th graders

Focus on chapter & community development.

Themes include vision & influence.



Blue & Gold Gala

\$101,240

was the net amount raised for FFA programs in one evening.

\$30,000

will go to 3 \$10,000 Ag Innovation Grants for FFA chapters across Kentucky.

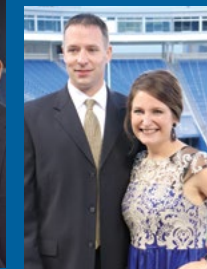
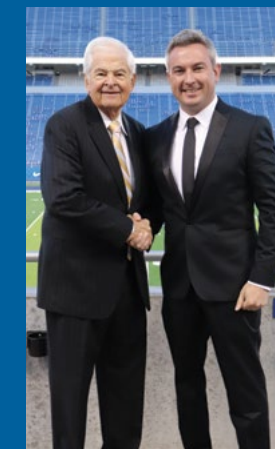
\$5,000

will be used for FFA Camp scholarships.

\$10,000

will be used to provide scholarships to the Washington Leadership Conference.

The funds raised will also assist with a headstone for Robert Parrish, an ag teacher at South Warren High School who passed away unexpectedly in May.





Daviess County, Apollo & Owensboro Catholic FFA members along with their advisors and Kentucky state FFA officers visited Owensboro Grain to learn more about the company's history and business.

Owensboro Grain Gives \$25,000 to Kentucky FFA Foundation

Earmarks \$9,000 for Local Agricultural Education Programs

Agricultural education programs in Daviess County and FFA members across Kentucky are benefitting from the generosity and long-term vision of soybean processor Owensboro Grain.

The company recently pledged \$25,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, \$9,000 of which is earmarked to be divided between the agricultural education programs at Daviess County High School, Apollo High School, and Owensboro Catholic High School.

"One of the luxuries of being a fifth-generation family owned business is that you can really focus on what is right for the long run for key stakeholders of the company; employees, vendors – which for us is the farming community – the local community, and customers," said Helen Cornell, president and CEO of Owensboro Grain.

Jason Smith, an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Daviess County High School, said the \$3,000 that his program will receive is a very welcome gift.

"This has been a huge shot in the arm for us," he said. "We've been able to open up opportunities for more of our kids to

participate in activities that they might not have been able to."

Smith said the funds from Owensboro Grain will be used to assist FFA members where they need it most – things like college scholarships, registration and travel to leadership events, or help with purchasing FFA jackets.

"This is really important for us," said Allison Howard, Daviess County High School FFA president and Green River Regional FFA Secretary. "It allows us to have more active members in our FFA program, helps students with opportunities to find their career path, and provides lots of public speaking and leadership opportunities."

Likewise, Apollo High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Debbie Muse says their \$3,000 grant will be used for student opportunities.

The remainder of Owensboro Grain's gift will be used by the Kentucky FFA

Foundation to provide leadership training to FFA members this coming summer.

Using Owensboro Grain's donation to fund student leadership activities is on target with what Cornell sees as some of the skills most critical to future leaders. It's also important to her and the leadership at Owensboro Grain that their giving impact the local community. The majority of their charitable giving budget is spent locally.

"I'd like to see FFA really leverage the skills that these future leaders will need. Help them build those skills, and hopefully they'll come back to the community," she said.

According to Cornell,

Owensboro Grain is the only soybean crushing plant in Kentucky, as well as the only producer of biodiesel.

"The farming community is a big part of our mission," she said. "It's who we exist for and who helps us exist, and we want to support that community."

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Dr. Mark Lynn Donates \$100,000 to Kentucky FFA Foundation from State Fair Ham Purchase

Dr. Mark Lynn and Central Bank joined forces in 2018 with a record-setting bid of \$2.8 million to win the Grand Champion Ham auction at the Kentucky State Fair.

Dr. Lynn's winning bid translated into a generous gift for the Kentucky FFA Foundation. At the Blue & Gold Gala, he announced that he would contribute \$100,000 from the auction to both the Kentucky FFA Foundation and Kentucky 4-H.

Even better, Dr. Lynn challenged every future winner of the ham auction to match or better his gift to the two organizations, attempting to ensure that FFA and 4-H benefit from each Grand Champion Ham auction moving forward.

"One of the most important things we can do is give back to our kids," he said, "because our kids are truly our future."

Dr. Lynn also challenged the FFA Foundation to use the gift in a way that would make the biggest difference in the lives of students.

To that end, the gift will be used to start a new program – Ag-Venture Capital Grants. This program will provide up to \$5,000 for students who have a vision for taking their Supervised Agricultural Experience into a full-time business.

To obtain a grant, students will give presentations at the Kentucky State FFA Convention in the style of the popular television show *Shark Tank*.

"Dr. Lynn's gift to the Foundation will help so many students have the

opportunity to participate more fully in FFA and all it has to offer," said Sheldon McKinney, the FFA Foundation's executive director.

"His challenge to the future buyers of the Grand Champion Ham will help keep youth agriculture programs in the forefront.

Probably his most important directive for us, though, was the encouragement to continue to think about what programs we can offer that will have the greatest impact on our students' lives. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about, and having Dr. Lynn, who recognizes that, in our corner is a big win for Kentucky FFA."

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Dr. Mark Lynn and Cindy Lynn with Miss Kentucky and the Grand Champion ham at the Kentucky State Fair

More Than Just a Toy

The Kentucky FFA Foundation has been offering a collectible tractor for purchase since 1995. Over the run of the program, more than \$600,000 has been raised to benefit Kentucky FFA.

The New Farmers of America began as an organization for African-American farm youth in 1935. As vocational agriculture became part of the curriculum, NFA chapters formed in local high schools. During the civil rights movement of the 1960's, many NFA chapters merged with local FFA chapters as a result of state and school desegregation. The passage of the civil rights act in 1964 prompted discussions to merge FFA and NFA on a national level. The two organizations officially merged on July 1, 1965 with a ceremony at the National FFA Convention finalizing the event.

Pictured below: The ceremonial merger of the NFA and FFA during the 1965 National FFA Convention. The National FFA president (on left in picture) at the time was a Kentuckian - Kenneth Kennedy.



The 2018 Kentucky FFA Commemorative Tractor is an Oliver 1850. This year's edition honors the 1965 merger of the New Farmers of America and the Future Farmers of America.



This collection is available at kyffa.org and at all Southern States retail stores.



This is the fourth tractor in a historical collection provided by SpecCast.

2017 - International 544
Honoring Kentucky FFA members' service in WWII

2016 - Farmall 350
Honoring the purchase of the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in 1937

2015 - John Deere 62
Honoring Kentucky FFA's charter in 1930

Big Iron Hosts the Blue & Gold Auction

Big Iron Auctions partnered with the Kentucky FFA Foundation in 2018 to host a multi-faceted event featuring a silent auction during the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville and an online benefit auction.

\$46,313 was raised as a result of the 2018 Big Iron online and silent auctions.

314,000+ people attended the National Farm Machinery Show in 2018.



Pictured above: A Mahindra Retriever which was donated to the 2018 Blue & Gold auction and purchased by Willy & Sarah Campbell of Fleming County. Their son Spencer is a Simons Middle School FFA member, and their other son Lucas (pictured) is a Fleming County 4-H member. They drove the Retriever in the 2018 Fleming County Tractor Parade with Kentucky FFA State Officers.



BigIron is hosting a Blue & Gold Auction to benefit the Kentucky FFA Foundation again in 2019.

KY FFA Leadership Training Center

1,496

FFA members attended camp at the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center in 2018.

The Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center was always the highlight of my year, and it most definitely lived up to its notion of being the 'happiest place on earth.' The people I met at camp, the memories I made, and the lessons I learned are some that I will never forget. Camp is just one of the things that makes Kentucky FFA home.

- Chase Cocanougher,
Kentucky FFA Vice President



KY FFA Leadership Training Center Food Sponsors

Food producers' generous donations totaled more than \$20,000!

This helps keep costs low for FFA members to attend camp and connects them to food producers right here in Kentucky.



- Cal-Maine
- Tree House Foods
- Continental Mills
- Farbest
- Kentucky Corn Growers Association
- Kentucky Pork Producers
- Keystone Foods
- Kingsford Charcoal
- Kroger of Hopkinsville
- Moore's Country Sausage
- Perdue Farms
- Pilgrim's Pride
- Sister Schubert's
- Specialty Food Group
- Marzetti's
- Tyson of Robard's
- Tyson of Union City
- Weisenburger
- Wood's Country Sausage

Blue & Gold Legacy Donors

Individuals who have included the Kentucky FFA Foundation in their will or estate plans.

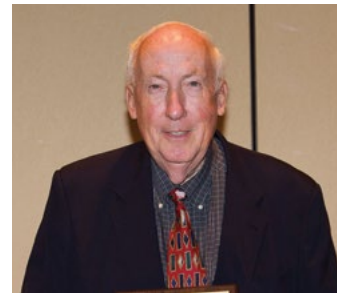
- Dr. Charles Byers
- Jeff & Morrissa Hayes
- Keelan & Diana Pulliam
- Ken & Brenda Reed
- Mike & Susan Richey
- In honor of agriculture teacher James Ladd*

Forever Blue

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



Calloway County FFA Chapter Endowment



Dr. Charles Byers
Employment Skills Career Development Event Endowment



The Brannon Family
Calloway County Chapter Endowment



Mr. Glenn & Maggie Stith
Washington Leadership Conference Endowment



Mr. John Colliver
Ag Issues Career Development Event Endowment



Mr. Ken & Brenda Reed
Kentucky Agriculture Teacher of the Year Endowment



Mr. Lawrence Hall
Leadership Training Center Investment & Scholarships



Dr. Luther Hughes
Creed Contest Endowment



Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn
Student Opportunities



Mr. Matthew & Betsy London
Ag Communications Proficiency Endowment

Make an Impact Now

When you hear "endowed gift," you may think, "That's something I'd like to do...later."

But for Matt and Betsy London, the right time to make an impact is now.

Matt, who served as a state FFA Vice President in 1997, credits his experiences with FFA with leading him to where he is today – he even met Betsy through FFA.

"It's played such a major role in our lives over the years that I wanted to be able to give back in a lasting way," he said.

Matt & Betsy became Forever Blue donors in 2018 by pledging to give \$6,000 each year for the next five years. Their gift will provide an endowment for the Agriculture Communications Proficiency.

"If someone is considering making a gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, I would encourage them to not wait," said Matt. "Don't wait and think about it next year, or five years down the road. Go ahead and take that step and make that gift. It's a gift you will never regret giving because of the impact it will have on the lives of others."



Betsy and Matt London during their FFA days.

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Pass Along the Benefits



John Colliver in FFA - front row, second from the left.

"I couldn't wait to get into FFA."

John Colliver was only 11 when his dad, an agriculture teacher, took him along to the National FFA Convention. It wasn't long before John was old enough to join the organization, one he credits with teaching him mental toughness and how to lose gracefully, among many other important lessons.

John felt connected to the organization long after he graduated and built a life of his own, which eventually led him to a conversation with Delmer Dalton, who was then serving as the FFA Executive Secretary for Kentucky.

"I said, 'Delmer, why don't we have an Ag Issues contest in Kentucky?' And he said, 'Well, we don't have a sponsor.' And I said 'Oh yes, you do – I'll do that.'"

Today, thanks to a \$25,000 endowed gift from John, the Ag Issues Career Development Event is available to all Kentucky FFA members who want to compete, forever.

"I don't know of any organization that would be more beneficial than FFA," said John. "It's just that top to bottom, there are so many good programs."

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