



KENTUCKY  
FFA FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2019

GROWING LEADERS.  
BUILDING COMMUNITIES.  
STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE.

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

# TO OUR PARTNERS



THE LONG-TERM FUND DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAS ALREADY HELPED US RECONNECT WITH MORE THAN 7,500 FORMER KENTUCKY FFA MEMBERS.

Friends,

As I reflect on 2019, I realize that it has been a historic year in the life of the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

First, we raised \$1,000,000 for the second year in a row. That's only possible because of generous donors like you. This report will help you learn about how those donations get put to work. Because of increased philanthropy, we gave more funds to students and FFA chapters than ever before. We offered travel scholarships for students with a financial need to the Washington Leadership Conference and the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center. We funded travel for students qualified to represent Kentucky at National FFA Convention. All of this is on top of the more than \$125,000 in prize money we awarded students who competed in Career & Leadership Development Events!



We have faithfully been good stewards of the dollars you've trusted us with. It is truly our desire to make the largest impact on the lives of the 30,610 students who are enrolled in one of our 159 Agricultural Education programs in Kentucky. I am proud of the work we are doing and I love offering you the opportunity to make a difference.

The other reason 2019 was so monumental is that for the first time, we really invested in the Foundation's long-term health and stability. This year, because of a gift from Dr. Mark & Cindy Lynn, who challenged us to "make a difference," we were able to work extensively on a long-term fund development plan for the Foundation. Their gift was a seed that the Board of Trustees planted, and FFA members will receive the fruit of their gift for decades.

The long-term fund development plan has already helped us reconnect with more than 7,500 former Kentucky FFA members. It may surprise you, but it's important to know — we estimate hundreds of thousands of people have had a Kentucky FFA experience in some form or fashion, but until this summer, we had contact with fewer than 500 of them. Even more staggering, with the support of less than 500 individuals, we are raising over \$1,000,000! Just imagine the difference we could make to the future of our Commonwealth and the agriculture industry if only 10 percent of former FFA members were making a gift! It's unfathomable!

It's been a great year and I look forward to reflecting and celebrating with you as you read our 2019 Annual Report.

In 2020, you'll be receiving more communication from us. We are trying diligently to thoughtfully tell the wonderful stories of FFA members from across Kentucky as well as give you the opportunity to support their ideas, needs and the chapters that cultivate & support them daily. I hope you'll share with your friends the work we are doing and the opportunity to give...especially if their lives were shaped by blue corduroy.

I sincerely thank you for believing in our mission enough to invest in it with a financial gift. You're making a difference and I assure you, we are just getting started.

Warm Thanks,

Sheldon McKinney  
Executive Director  
Kentucky FFA Foundation

**\$1 MILLION**  
DOLLARS RAISED THIS YEAR

**THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW WE HAVE MET THIS GOAL**

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Dear Friends,

In a world of differences, a country divided — rural versus urban, heartland versus the coasts, boomers versus millennials... young men and women in FFA are a bright spot in our future. Unfortunately most of the world does not get a chance to experience these young people and see their potential as future leaders.

FFA offers these young men and women a place for leadership growth and development, a platform to develop business skills, and the opportunity to build occupational excellence.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation is proud of its work to support the growth of young people in FFA. Again for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the Foundation has raised over \$1M dollars due to the generosity of our corporate and individual donors. This money goes to support scholarships for leadership development, contest sponsorships, state and national convention expenses, etc. Without the support of our donors this would not be possible.

I am proud to announce the Board approved to invest in a program to establish and build out a three-year major gift campaign which will kick off in early 2020. The focus will be on individual giving, as the bulk of our past gifts have been corporate driven. We now have a database of more than 8,000 FFA Alumni as a foundation for this program. We will be reaching out to many former FFA members for the first time asking for their financial support.

As we look ahead to the future, we are extremely optimistic. We have a growth plan in place and a committed Board to deliver the plan.

It's the young men and women in FFA who wear the blue corduroy as most of us did that motivates us and keeps us engaged. The future looks great for FFA and the FFA Foundation.

We look forward to serving FFA!!!!

Keelan Pulliam  
Board Chairman  
Kentucky FFA Foundation

**"It's the young men and women in FFA who wear the blue corduroy as most of us did that motivates us and keeps us engaged."**

Katie and Mattie both set up their donations as automatic monthly drafts. To set up an automatic donation, visit [kyffa.org/ways-to-give](http://kyffa.org/ways-to-give).

# LIFELONG GIVING

## COLLEGE STUDENTS CHOOSE TO START DONATING NOW

You may expect a college student's to-do list to contain things like "study for finals," or "find part-time job," but Mattie Mink and Katie Collette have something else on that list too - a monthly donation to the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

Both young women, who were state FFA officers just last year, have decided that one of their priorities is contributing financially to the organization they say gave so much to them. They both have set up a monthly automatic donation to the Foundation.

For Katie, a monthly donation is a way to give back and remain connected to an organization she loves.

"There are so many ways to serve," she

**"Think about the impact your money can make. Every dollar goes toward potentially changing somebody's life."**



Mattie Mink holds two of her dad's FFA jackets. Leon Mink was a member of the Hardin Central Middle School and East Hardin High School FFA Chapters.

said. "I can skip a few fast-food meals, and if I get in the habit of giving now, I'll be more likely to stay in that habit."

Mattie describes her experience in FFA as "life changing."

"For anybody who loves FFA, I would say don't think of your donation in terms of dollars," said Mattie. "Think about the impact your money can make. Every dollar goes toward potentially changing somebody's life."

"I give just a little bit each month, but it can make a huge change."

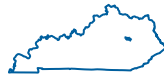


Katie Collett with her agriculture teacher, Kendal Wright

# 2019 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.



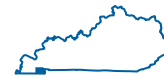
**MISTY BIVENS**  
Hodgenville



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. 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 Senior 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 agricultural education. He serves as the Past President of the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education.



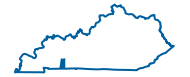
**CHARLIE EDGINGTON**  
Lexington



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.



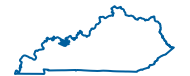
**ARTHUR GREEN**  
Elkton



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



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 is also Director of the Kentucky Welding Institute, a private welding school in Flemingsburg. Adam is founder and President of A Better Community Foundation, a not-for-profit, grass roots fund raising and advocacy organization for agricultural education in Kentucky.



**KEELAN PULLIAM**  
Danville



Chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation, 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.



**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.



**CLINT QUARLES**  
Scott County



Clint Quarles is Staff Attorney for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and has practiced agriculture law at KDA for the past 14 years. Clint also teaches an Ag Law course at the University of Kentucky and farms with his wife and two kids in Scott and Fayette Counties. He was a member of the Scott County FFA.



**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.



**JR SHINKLE**  
Verona



JR Shinkle 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.



**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.



**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.



**DR. MIKE McDERMOTT**  
Richmond



Dr. Mike McDermott is an associate professor of agriculture at Eastern Kentucky University. His teaching duties include agricultural power and Career & Technical Education/Ag Education. With more than 35 years of teaching experience at the secondary and post-secondary levels, he still enjoys the art of teaching in the classroom.



**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.



**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.



**MARY BETH SHACKELFORD**  
Trenton

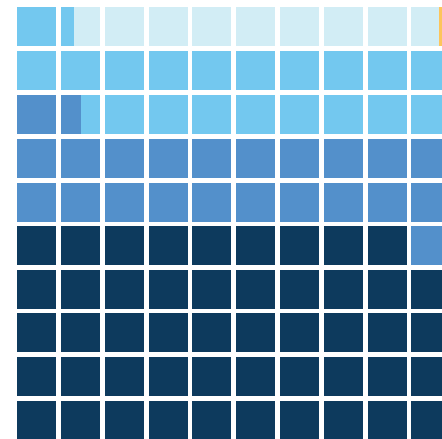
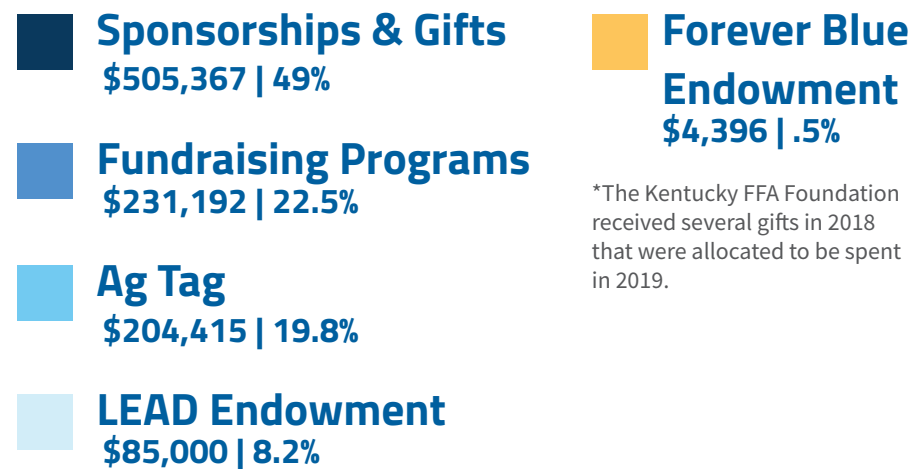


Mary Beth Shackelford is a Farm Loan Officer with the USDA Farm Service Agency, based in Hopkinsville. An American FFA Degree recipient who is passionate about the agriculture industry, she also serves as the President of the Christian County Agribusiness Association.

# 2019 INCOME & EXPENSES

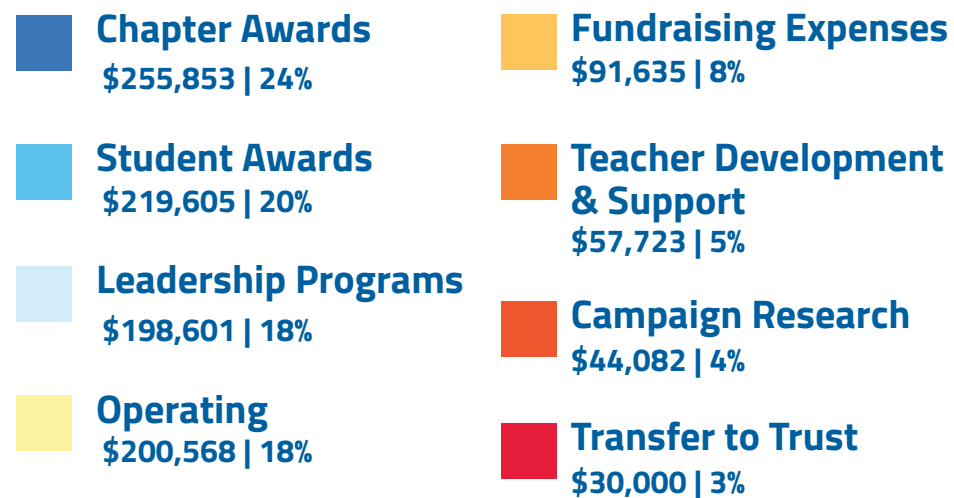
## 2019 INCOME

**TOTAL INCOME - \$1,031,151**



## 2019 EXPENSES

**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$1,098,067**



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**BEGINNING ASSETS ON 12/31/2018** \$4,037,416

### CURRENT ASSETS

CASH ON HAND	\$436,210
COLLECTIBLES INVENTORY (TRACTORS & KNIVES)	\$26,925
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$4,077
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$467,212</b>

### INVESTED ASSETS

LEAD ENDOWMENT	\$3,934,462
FFA ALUMNI ENDOWMENT	\$76,887
FOREVER BLUE ENDOWMENT	\$203,391
<b>TOTAL INVESTED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,214,740</b>

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$5,307
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**ENDING ASSETS ON 12/31/2019** \$4,676,645

KENTUCKY  
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
AND FFA

# BY THE NUMBERS



TOTAL STUDENT  
ENROLLMENT IN  
AGRICULTURAL  
EDUCATION FOR 2019

**30,610**

IN GRADES 6-12

56.4%  
MALE

43.6%  
FEMALE

**147**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

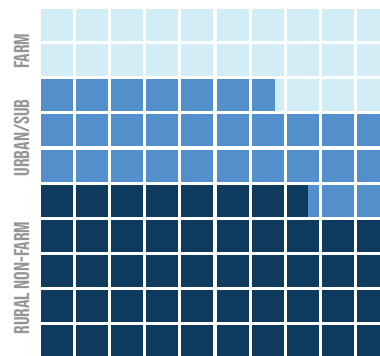
**14**

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**281**

TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE

WHERE OUR  
STUDENTS LIVE



47.5% RURAL NON-FARM  
28.7% URBAN/SUBURBAN  
23.8% FARM

**13,656**

KENTUCKY FFA MEMBERS



**158**

FFA CHAPTERS

11 MIDDLE SCHOOL  
147 HIGH SCHOOL

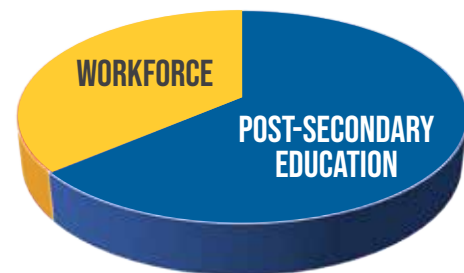
**\$180,000**

SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS  
GIVEN BY LOCAL FFA  
CHAPTERS & ALUMNI  
AFFILIATES

**2,500+** SERVE IN LOCAL  
CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

**2,808** ATTENDED STATE  
FFA CONVENTION

**1,803** ATTENDED FFA  
CAMP



**58.6%** AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SENIOR GRADUATES  
PURSUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

**33.0%** AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION SENIOR  
GRADUATES ENTERING WORKFORCE



## SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROJECTS

**\$19.1M+** EARNINGS FROM SAE  
PROJECTS

**1.9M+** HOURS WORKED IN SAE  
PROJECTS

**17,450+** TOTAL SAE PROJECTS



**69.1%**  
OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION  
STUDENTS HAVE AN SAE PROJECT

# FUNDING THE VISION

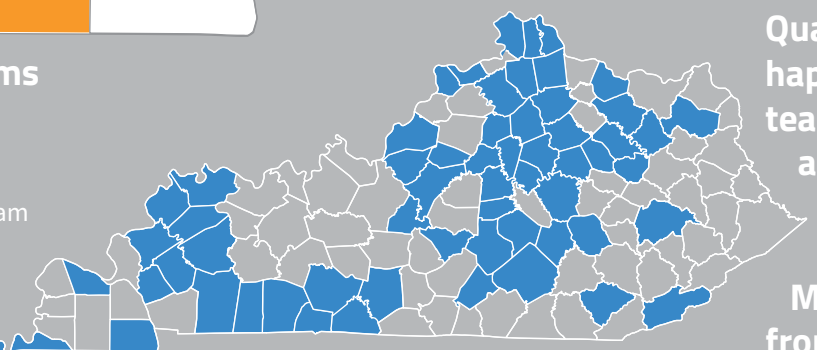
## Growing Leaders. Building Communities. Strengthening Agriculture.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation exists to support agricultural education programs, students and teachers. This map shows counties where we funded grants to chapters or scholarships for students to expand their access and opportunities in FFA. It doesn't include things like prize money for contests or Ag Tag funds, which all counties receive. It's a picture of us going above and beyond and being philanthropic in counties across Kentucky.

- Student Opportunity
- Chapter Grant
- Both

### Teacher Support Programs

- Teacher Professional Development
- New Teacher Workshop
- Kentucky Ag Teacher of the Year
- Kentucky Master Ag Teacher Program
- Ag Teacher Mentoring
- State Teach Ag Results (STAR)
- KAAE Awards
- Program Development Specialist



Quality agriculture programs don't happen without quality agriculture teachers. This year we supported agriculture teachers in 73 programs through the Kentucky Master Ag Teacher Program, the Teacher Mentoring Program, and coaching from our Program Development Specialist.

### Ag Innovation Grant \$10,000 Thomas Nelson High School

The grant is helping fund development of the school's 40-acre land lab. Development ideas have been generated by students and include an orchard and trellised crop area, raised bed gardens, establishing a flock of laying hens, and reclaiming currently unusable land.



### FFA Jacket Grant \$50 Sara Padron Bourbon County FFA Chapter

"I outgrew my FFA jacket and told Ms. W. that I'd have to make really small payments on a new one. I work, but I have a lot of other expenses. This grant took away some of my worry. If I hadn't done FFA, I wouldn't be a very interactive student."



### Better Days Through Better Ways Grant \$1,000 Greenup County FFA Chapter

The chapter is using grant funds to expand its local food production efforts, including raising broiler chickens, mushrooms, establish beehives and plant berry bushes.



### Ag Achiever Grant \$2,000 Southwestern High School

The grant is funding supplies so agriculture students can conduct water quality studies on local waterways. They are presenting their findings to various stakeholder groups across the community.





Designating a gift from your estate to the Kentucky FFA Foundation ensures you continue to support an organization that means so much to you far into the future.

# LEAVING A LEGACY



FFA teaches that hard work and success go hand in hand. It also teaches that planning for the future and taking care of those around you is important. Planned giving is a culmination of those ideals. Making sure

your hard-earned assets are benefitting the people and organizations you care about should be a part of anyone's life plan.

"Other than my mom and dad, my ag teachers were the most important influences in my life," said Dr. Jay Jackman, executive director of the National Association of Agricultural Educators. "If Sharon and I have the opportunity in our lives to help others have that kind of influence, that's what we want to contribute to."

The Jackmans have designated a portion of their estate be gifted to the Kentucky FFA Foundation after they have both passed on.

"It's to be used for professional development for ag teachers, to help them be better at what they do," said Jay.

There are a wide variety of options for people who want to make giving to Kentucky FFA part of their estate plan.

"Planned gifts ensure that you live your life to the fullest, and the remainder of what's left can support things you care about," said Sheldon McKinney, the executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

"A lot of people might think they have to designate a certain dollar amount, but you can also make a gift that's indefinite. You just basically say after everything is dispersed the way I want it, if there is money left over, a gift will come from that."

People commonly think planned giving is something they don't need to consider until later in life, but it's never too early to make a plan, said Keelan Pulliam, chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Board of Directors.

"First I think there's a misconception that you have to have a lot of assets to have estate planning or a will," he said.

"Regardless of what your estate might be, you know where you want your assets to go – your children, your church – everyone has in mind how they would like their estate to be distributed. Unfortunately, if you don't have a plan in place, the state takes over, and sometimes the money may end up where you may not have necessarily chosen.

"As you work through your estate planning, it's easy to designate a gift to FFA, and it ensures in the future it's something you don't have to worry about. At some point in time it will become automatic."

"FFA changes lives. It has a huge impact on individuals," he said. "Even if you weren't in FFA but your heart is set on developing young people, it certainly checks all the boxes there."

"I appreciated how easy the conversation was on what our options were," said Jay. "It was a relaxed, no pressure kind of thing. We now know that the option is out there – that there is this entity that can serve as the place where our family can have a legacy."

**"Planned gifts ensure that you live your life to the fullest, and the remainder of what's left can support things you care about."**

**A good estate plan includes instructions for actions that will support your values and describes your philanthropic desires and intent.**



## BLUE & GOLD LEGACY DONORS

**DR. CHARLES BYERS**

**JEFF & MORRISSA HAYES**

**KEELAN & DIANA PULLIAM**

**MIKE & SUSAN RICHEY**  
(IN HONOR OF AG TEACHER JAMES LADD)

**DR. JAY & SHARON JACKMAN**

*Have you made plans to include Kentucky FFA in your estate? Do you have questions about how to do this? Please reach out to Sheldon McKinney at 606-782-4620 to learn more.*

The third annual Blue & Gold Gala once again gave folks from all corners of the Commonwealth and U.S. a reason to get together, have some fun and give generously to support Kentucky FFA.

# BLUE & GOLD GALA

## FUNDS RAISED DURING THE GALA GO TO THREE PROGRAM AREAS:



Ag Innovation grants - for large scale projects in agriculture programs



FFA Camp Scholarships - to send students to the Kentucky leadership Training Center. This year we gave 70 \$150 scholarships.



Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships - to allow students to experience this conference in Washington, D.C. This year we gave 15 \$1,000 scholarships.



## DONORS FIND CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE DURING THE GALA

Farm Credit Mid-America, Glenn Salyer of Red River Ranch leverage their missions and unique opportunities to give in new ways

Gifts to the FFA Foundation can take many forms, and creative options are on full display at the auction during the annual Blue & Gold Gala.

Glenn Salyer, CEO of Red River Ranch, donated nearly half of the items in the auction this year, from 40 hours on a D6K Bulldozer to a private helicopter tour of Kentucky horse country.

But Glenn is much more interested in the why behind the donations than the what.

"I learned a lot of my skill sets through FFA and shop or ag mechanics classes, and I live in a rural area where farming is important to our community," he said.

"FFA is a great program because it instills the foundation kids need. They get good vocational skills, good public speaking skills. It's so imperative to their success.

"It takes overhead to run any successful

organization. We have to have people who are giving back."

It's also the why behind giving that has prompted Farm Credit Mid-America to make purchasing a steer during the auction part of their overall giving to the Foundation for the past two years. They then donate the processed animal to food banks within their service area.

"We're proud to play a part in helping to invest in the future of agriculture and the youth who are committed to our industry," said Lindsey Bridges, senior financial officer at Farm Credit Mid-America.

"By investing in Kentucky FFA, its program and its members, we're investing in and encouraging the bright young minds who are rising up to meet challenges in agriculture and finding innovative opportunities to secure its future."



## AG INNOVATION GRANT RECIPIENT: LARUE COUNTY \$10,000 Grant Gives Programs Means to Try a Big Idea

As one of 2019's two Ag Innovation grant recipients, the agriculture program at LaRue County High School in Hodgenville is undertaking a large-scale project with the potential to completely change the trajectory of their students' learning experiences.

They are using the funds to create a processing facility where produce and fish harvested from the school's aquaponics system can be prepared for the end consumer. Aquaponics combines raising vegetables hydroponically with growing fish.

"We talk about local food, hands-on learning, year-round production — this project puts all that into practice," said

Chris Thomas, one of LaRue County's two agriculture teachers.

"It's my job to figure out how in the world I can get these students motivated to get them educated, and this is a great way to do it," he said. "I always tell my students if they can dream it, and they're willing to put in the work, I'm going to do whatever I can to make sure those dreams happen."

**"We wanted to give a program an opportunity to really do something that could change the trajectory of a student's experience."**

-Sheldon McKinney, Kentucky FFA Foundation Executive Director

**"The Washington Leadership Conference was an experience I always wanted to have, but through my high school career, my family has faced many financial burdens and I thought I would never get to experience it. To say I'm blessed is an understatement. I have been impacted in so many ways."**



-Karli Jo Childers, 2019 WLC Scholarship recipient





The Dr. Tony Brannon family has chosen to give back to an organization that shaped not only his life, but the lives of his sons and the rest of his family.

# A FAMILY AFFAIR

“I’ve seen FFA from every angle,” said Dr. Tony Brannon, Dean of Murray State University’s Hutson School of Agriculture. “I’ve seen it as a member, as a teacher, as a dean, as a teacher educator, as a foundation board member, and now as a parent.”

It was this life-long, family-spanning involvement in Kentucky FFA that prompted the Brannons to become Forever Blue donors in 2018.

“In reflection at the apex of a career and what made a difference in my life; what’s made a difference in the life of my family, my sons – both of them with careers in agriculture, it was the impact of the FFA and a good agriculture teacher who did that,” he said.

After Dr. Brannon’s mother passed away, as they settled her estate, they realized an opportunity existed to make a donation.

“It seems fitting that we ought to give back,” he said. “We hope that’s a financial legacy that will be left, in addition to a leadership legacy.”

Although agriculture and the programs within Kentucky FFA have changed over the years, Dr. Brannon said that

the core objective of FFA has held steady.

“Agriculture continues to evolve and the FFA continues to fulfill a great role in leadership development. SAE programs and the FFA take classroom instruction and makes it real life. It really trains kids for life.”

That is what Dr. Brannon wanted to support, and he is confident his gift will do just that.

“I’ve had 28-plus years of experience on the Foundation board. You become very comfortable with an organization when you know it from the inside out,” he said.

“It’s extremely gratifying to give back to something that’s made a difference in your life. To see what meant so much to me as an FFA member become meaning so much to my two sons and other students in Calloway county is very fulfilling. I would just encourage other people to really look upon those things that made a difference in their lives and see if you can’t keep that going.”

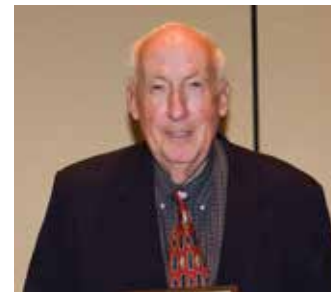
**“It seems fitting that we ought to give back. We hope that’s a financial legacy that will be left, in addition to a leadership legacy.”**



**DR. TONY BRANNON** chose to give a portion of his family’s gift to Calloway County FFA. Donors can earmark local chapters to receive first priority to their gifts.

# FOREVER BLUE

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



**Dr. Charles Byers**  
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# TARTER USA FINDS A GOOD FIT IN SUPPORTING FFA

If you feel like you've noticed Tarter USA's name popping up more frequently in conjunction with Kentucky FFA, you're right. Over the past several years, Tarter has continued to find new ways to support the young men and women in our organization.

"Tarter USA is a great example of comprehensive giving," said Sheldon McKinney, Kentucky FFA Foundation executive director. "When you look at true partnership and people who are really matching their mission and vision with who they support philanthropically, they are a prime example of an organization that is really doing that very well."

Besides being a 5-star sponsor, Tarter USA also supports the Blue & Gold Gala, and this year made an in-kind donation by filming and producing videos that featured our State Stars.

"Tarter was proud to tell the stories of these outstanding individuals,"

said Ann Tarter. "We feel like more people need to know about their accomplishments. It's also a great example of how the Kentucky FFA works to enhance the lives of today's youth."

The ability for FFA members to learn about the ag lifestyle, gain leadership skills, and explore possible careers in agriculture is something that Tarter USA also sees as a strength of the organization.

"Tarter and FFA share many of the same values," said Ann. "Tarter USA believes in hard work, commitment and leadership."

Kentucky FFA is thankful to Tarter USA for its support and partnership, now and into the future. They are a prime example of the great things that can happen when a company with a values and vision similar to ours decides to support Kentucky FFA.



State Stars are selected as best of the best from a pool of candidates for the State FFA Degree. They aren't just the future of the agriculture industry, they are making community and economic impact now.

# MEET THE STARS



**Star Farmer**  
Logen Winfield  
Apollo High School



Logen raises beef cattle for his SAE. Here is a summary of his operation over the past four years.

Year	Scope	Cash Sales
2015	3 head	\$1,600
2016	3 head	\$2,200
2017	5 head	\$3,200
2018	45 head	\$8,200



**Star in Agribusiness**  
Matthew Rowlette  
Madison Southern High School



Matt has built a successful lawn care business. Through providing quality service at affordable prices, he has grown his business from 10 weekly customers to more than 40.

He provides mowing, trimming, landscaping, and leaf and snow removal services in Berea and surrounding communities.



**Star in Placement**  
Colton George  
Caldwell County



A placement SAE is when an FFA member works for another individual or agribusiness. Below is a list of Colton's earnings on the production of the following items over the past two years.

2017	2018
Tobacco: \$531	Tobacco: \$824
Wheat: \$2124	Wheat: \$4120
Corn: \$3186	Corn: \$2472
Soybeans: \$3186	Soybeans: \$6592
Swine: \$1350	Swine: \$375
Cattle: \$1593	Cattle: \$2472

**THANKS TO A GENEROUS IN-KIND DONATION BY TARTER, YOU CAN WATCH VIDEOS FEATURING EACH OF THIS YEAR'S STATE STARS ON KY FFA'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL!**



# 2019 AG TEACHERS CHANGE LIVES RECIPIENTS

Since 2009, 51 agriculture teachers have been honored by their former students and communities with the Ag Teachers Change Lives award.

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



Dr. Tony Brannon



Mr. Lanny Fisk



Mr. Daniel Hale



Mr. Marion Higgs



Mr. James Ladd

# CELEBRATING WOMEN IN FFA

This year's Kentucky FFA Commemorative Tractor is a CASE DC3 narrow front. It's the 5<sup>th</sup> tractor in this collection.

The box features women who were among the first in Kentucky to achieve at the highest levels in FFA, as well as one of Kentucky's first female agriculture teachers. These women helped pave the way for the countless others who have followed in the decades since.

These collectibles are available at [kyffa.org](http://kyffa.org) and Southern States retail stores.

Commemorative tractor series  
highlights milestones in Kentucky  
FFA history



Brenda Oldfield  
Agriculture Teacher



Pam Brinkley  
First Female Kentucky  
FFA State Officer



Susan Smitson  
First Female Kentucky  
FFA State President



Amy Olt  
First Female Kentucky  
State Star Farmer

# BIG IRON BLUE & GOLD AUCTION

The annual event is a joint partnership between Big Iron Auctions, Kentucky Venues and generous sponsors who donate items to our auction.

Items are displayed in a prime location at the National Farm Machinery Show and anyone can bid online. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit Kentucky FFA.



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# FFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER

"FFA camp created friendships and memories I still cherish to this day. My weeks spent there throughout the years made me realize that this organization isn't just a jacket, it's a home."

Maegen Rogers  
2019 State  
FFA Officer



## FFA CAMP FAST FACTS

**1803** registered campers

**79%** of all FFA chapters in Kentucky attended  
We had our largest week EVER - 412 campers

**\$10K** in FFA Camp scholarships given

**60/40** female to male attendees

**200** FFA advisors attended

**131** leadership awards were given



As a part of Ram Truck's 5-star sponsorship to FFA, they gave the Kentucky Leadership Training Center a lease on a brand new RAM Truck to use during the camp season.

## THANK YOU TO KENTUCKY FFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER FOOD SPONSORS

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\$100 annual commitment for 10 years

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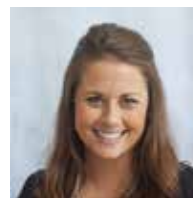
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