



KENTUCKY
FFA FOUNDATION

RESILIENCE &

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT



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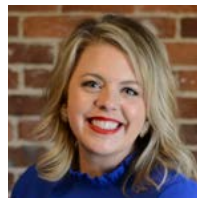
The vision of the Kentucky FFA is to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture.

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

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In 2020, Kentucky FFA members inspired me.



Friends,

Writing this letter and compiling the impact your gifts have had on Kentucky FFA members in a given year is always a milestone for me as Executive Director. Our annual report is designed for you to understand how the Foundation uses your gift to Grow Leaders, Build Communities, and Strengthen Agriculture. It also becomes a historical document that time stamps our progress, relationships and milestones. Ultimately, I want you to read through this report and feel confident about your gift and commitment to the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

That is one of the reasons I write this letter to you, a stakeholder and investor in Kentucky FFA. However, I have a reason beyond assuring you that our finances are sound and our programs have an impact. I want you to know that your support deeply matters. Kentucky FFA members continued to succeed this year because of dedicated agriculture teachers and a host of volunteers, alumni and donors who believed in them.

As we emerge from 2020, I believe most of us have had to take a good long look at our priorities. Many of us are thinking about how we can be better servants to our local communities, how we can best use our time, talents and treasure to positively impact to those around us. Here at the Kentucky FFA Foundation, we hear you. We know that the heart of the FFA is the local chapter. It's why we worked for years to design our new Forever Blue giving program that allows donors to make an endowed gift to the Foundation, and direct the annual earnings to a local chapter. It's been an absolute JOY to work with people on gifts that I know will impact students for generations.

In 2020, Kentucky FFA members inspired me. When schools closed, they kept going. They competed in our virtual State FFA Convention from their kitchens. They kept making plans for SAE projects, they joined our state officers for virtual workshops. Kentucky FFA members were the true picture of resilience. It inspired us to meet them where they were. They may not have gotten to attend convention or camp, but they definitely were still working on Supervised Agricultural Experience projects, so we adjusted our budget and awarded over \$40,000 in SAE Grants to students. We share many of these stories in this report.

For the last year, I have had a quote on a whiteboard in my office describing the relationship of non-profits and donors as "co-creators of a better future." By donating to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, you are collaborating with us to create a better future; for students, for agriculture, for the Commonwealth, for the country. Thank you for your investment. I don't take your confidence in us lightly.

The FFA Creed is a never ending source of inspiration for me. I think the best way to relate 2020 and the FFA Creed would be, "...even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years." One day, 2020 will be a distant former year that had many struggles, but led to better things.

I hope those "better things" will be stronger communities, more respect and knowledge about agriculture in the general public, inspired leaders, and opportunities in agriculture for FFA members from every corner of Kentucky.

Thank you for joining us as we create this better future for all.

Sheldon McKinney
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...the Foundation raised over \$1 million for the third year in a row, setting a new record!!!

A year ago I was writing to tell you about new milestones achieved in fundraising and the board's excitement about launching the Foundation's 3-year major gift campaign. Then as the COVID-19 pandemic started shutting our world down, I was inspired by FFA members' commitment to pivot, adapt, overcome and succeed. They just didn't stop...regional meetings, state convention, SAEs and the election of state officers!! As chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and as a fellow donor to the organization, it moved me to keep pressing forward with the Foundation's goals.

The Foundation staff, along with Association staff, took on the challenges of hosting a virtual State FFA Convention. We continued to provide opportunities for sponsors to receive recognition and to award deserving FFA members for their efforts. The Kentucky FFA Foundation continued to share our message and offer opportunities to give back and make a difference. In addition we hosted our 4th Gala (virtually!) and raised almost \$100,000. As a result of the continued support of our corporate donors, individual donors, Forever Blue Donors and grants, the Foundation raised over \$1 million for the third year in a row, setting a new record!!!

Our commitment to our plan is evident in this annual report. When times were tough, our donors stayed committed. They continued to support Kentucky FFA members, through sponsorships, by giving on Give FFA Day, or by buying a raffle ticket or an item at the Virtual Blue & Gold Gala. Everyone came together to make sure Kentucky FFA members were supported.

The Foundation board members and I are committed to continuing our work and driving our three-year plan. We believe in our work making a difference in the lives of Kentucky FFA members. Thank you for doing the same!!


Keelan Pulliam
Board Chairman
Kentucky FFA Foundation

It doesn't matter your age, you just have to put in the work and you can do it.

Benjamin Williams
2019 Shark Tank Grant recipient

Ben used his Shark Tank Grant to expand his business, Ben's Jammin' Ice Cream, an ice cream truck that specializes in Kentucky Proud products. He used the funds to help with upgrades to his truck and pay vendor fees for events where he can sell his products.



Go for it. Don't let anything hold you back.

Jenna Coles
2020 Shark Tank Grant recipient, about what she would tell another Kentucky FFA member who was considering applying

Jenna used her Shark Tank grant to help grow her baking business, Jenna's Kitchen. She was able to upgrade her equipment, purchase marketing materials, and speed up recipe development for her upcoming cookbook.



Thank you all so much for all you've done for me and my business.

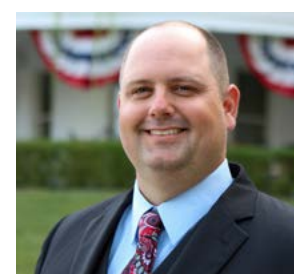
Savannah Pittman
2020 Shark Tank Grant recipient

Savannah used her grant to expand production capacity for her fruit & vegetable business, Papa's Produce Barn. She retrofitted one of her existing high tunnels into a greenhouse, allowing her to offer warm-season vegetables earlier in the year.



2020 Kentucky FFA Foundation

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



ROBERT ALEXANDER
Hopkinsville

Robert Alexander is a Hopkinsville native and past Kentucky FFA State officer. He has taught agriculture at the high school and collegiate level. He now serves on the board as a representative of Farm Credit Mid-America where he is the Director of Retail Operations for Southwest Kentucky.



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.



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.



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.



NICK CARTER
Lexington

Nick Carter is a retired energy company executive with a passion for FFA, which he credits for giving him a successful start in life. He uses his vast leadership experience to serve on a variety of boards, including the University of Kentucky FarmHouse Fraternity Board,

Community Trust Bancorp, Alliance Resources Partners and the Board of Tacoma Resources, LTD. Nick was a Kentucky FFA State Sentinel, from the Hustonville FFA Chapter.



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.



JOHN HAMMOND
Bardstown

John Hammond is an agriculture teacher at Thomas Nelson High School in Bardstown, KY. He has been teaching agriculture for 12 years and is excited to share the perspective of agricultural educators as the current President of the Kentucky Association of Agricultural Educators.



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.



KYLE KELLY
Owenton

Kyle Kelly is the Director of National Affairs for 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

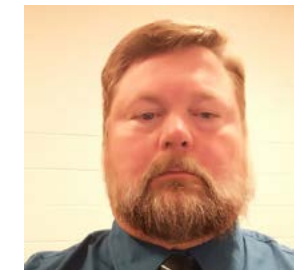
Anthony Koch is the Sales & Marketing Manager of Hallway Feeds, providing feeds exclusively to the equine industry. Anthony has worked to develop feeding programs for farms and race trainers domestically and internationally and worked with the

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.



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.



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 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

Kentucky FFA State Officer and an avid supporter of FFA and youth development.



QUINT QUARLES
Georgetown

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.



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.



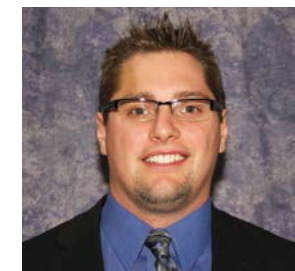
J.R. SHINKLE
Verona

JR Shinkle is a farm equipment dealer with Wright Implement. 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 lifelong 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.

Thank you to Darrell Billings and Lindsey Bridges, who termed off the Board of Trustees this year. We appreciate your service and insight over the past several years.

The Kentucky FFA Foundation Puts Local Interests First With Our **FOREVER BLUE** Program

This year we took a new approach to our endowed giving program, formalizing a way to help individuals design a legacy that meaningfully benefits their own communities.

Thanks to thoughtful structuring, the Foundation's Forever Blue program allows donors to both designate their gift's intended purpose and select which Kentucky FFA chapters have first priority to receive the funds.

"To my knowledge, we are the first FFA Foundation to develop a major gift planning program that prioritizes local chapters," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA Foundation. "We have a lot of individuals who feel like FFA was a backbone to their success and who they are in life. I want them to have a way to give back that they can feel good about, that their families can feel good about, and that serves their local communities."

"There's an assurance that the money will always be there for that chapter or that targeted opportunity."

Keelan Pulliam, current chairman of the Kentucky FFA Foundation's board of trustees, is a good example of someone who came up through FFA and is now invested in giving back.

"I'm a product of FFA and I grew up on a small

farm in a rural farming community with limited opportunities," he said. "FFA gave me an opportunity to develop myself, my leadership skills, and my business skills through my SAE."

Pulliam had a long and successful career in agriculture before he retired and moved back to Kentucky, where he has been very involved in supporting FFA, including Franklin and Boyle counties' FFA chapters.

"I like working at the local level, because that is where you can really watch individuals develop," he said.

"The heart of FFA is the local chapter," said McKinney. "We know people have the heart for their local chapter, but those chapters are unlikely to have the mechanics needed to manage a substantial gift and make it sustainable and lasting. That's where we come in."

Forever Blue donors can select in which of the Foundation's three mission areas they would like their gift to be focused - growing leaders, building communities, or strengthening agriculture.

To be a part of the Forever Blue program, a gift must be at least \$10,000. Because it is an endowment, that gift will be able to support the donor's chosen area of focus for a very long time.

"You're not giving to a specific contest or program," said Pulliam. "Instead, you can target your gift around our three major objectives."

Pulliam also said that making a gift through the Kentucky FFA Foundation allows the donor a high level of comfort around how the money is being managed and used.

"There's an assurance that the money will always be there for that chapter or that targeted opportunity. It also allows the Foundation to manage that money and the overhead costs of financial management. Having your gift rolled into that overall program gives a greater opportunity for earnings," he said.

If the designated chapters do not have a need one year, the funds are still used within that focus area, just for a different FFA chapter.

"By allowing the donors to choose what's important to them within broader categories," said McKinney, "their gifts will still be meaningful when those opportunities look different than they do now."

To add further flexibility, a Forever Blue donor can spread his or her gift out over as many as five years. This is an option that has caused donors outside of the typical demographic to consider the program.

"Our Forever Blue donors are from all across the spectrum," said Pulliam. "While you would think a program like this would be more geared toward an older population, we have some individuals who are early in their careers who have reached out to make a gift. It's an opportunity to give, impact young men and women, and see the benefit of your gift."

McKinney wants agriculture teachers to know that the Forever Blue program could be a good way to secure sustainable support for their programs.

"Ag teachers wear a lot of hats. Financial planner shouldn't have to be one of them," she said. "If you have someone in your community who has the potential to be a major donor, we can help."

If you are interested in making a Forever Blue Gift, contact Sheldon. "We would love to talk with people about the ways they can give," she said. "Gift planning is a service we offer. We can help you make a lasting legacy and give back to things you're passionate about in your community."



Snap to read the rest of the Pulliams' story.

Keelan & Diana Pulliam

Keelan Pulliam credits FFA as the thing that allowed him to see beyond the end of his family farm's driveway, and he and his wife Diana have spent their recent years making sure current Kentucky FFA members have the same opportunity.

The Pulliams gave \$50,000 to the Forever Blue Fund in 2020. Their gift will fund scholarships for FFA members at Franklin County and Western Hills High Schools to attend FFA camp and the Washington Leadership Conference.

"We've got kids who haven't been in school for almost a year now," he said, "...but the one thing I've observed is that ag teachers and FFA activities have gone on."

"We backed up, regrouped, and said, 'How do we give kids opportunities through this? We've got a great story to tell. To me, FFA should be at the top of anyone's list.'"



Snap to read the rest of Mr. Green's story.

Arthur Green

Arthur Green has been everybody's ag teacher, or at least that's what people in Todd County like to say. Considering he taught high school agriculture in Todd County for the 33 years between 1973 and 2006, it's probably pretty close to true.

Most recently, Green has found yet another way to support young people in FFA. He is giving \$30,000 to the Kentucky FFA Foundation's Forever Blue Fund. His gift will support student opportunities in the Growing Leaders category. For the first five years, Green's donation will be earmarked for the Todd County Central High School's FFA chapter, as well as for an annual FFA camp scholarship for a student from Lyon County (Green's childhood home). After that, funds from his donation will be available to FFA members from the Pennyriple or Purchase regions of Kentucky.

"My hope is that this donation is a forward touch that will continue to support FFA members," said Green. "I don't know what FFA or ag is going to look like in the future...but the need for leadership, personal growth, and student development is still going to be there."

Thank you to ALL our Forever Blue Donors



Dr. Charles Byers
Employment Skills
Career Development
Event Endowment



Dr. Tony & Lisa Brannon
Calloway County
Chapter Endowment



Calloway County FFA
Chapter Endowment



Mr. John Colliver
Ag Issues Career Development
Event Endowment



Mr. Lawrence Hall
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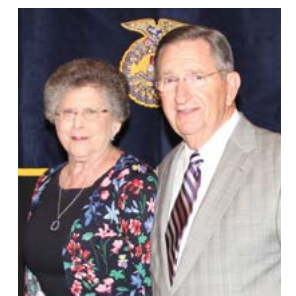
Dr. Luther & Brenda Hughes
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Endowment



Mr. Matthew & Betsy London
Ag Communications
Proficiency Endowment



Lyon County Agricultural Education Endowment



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

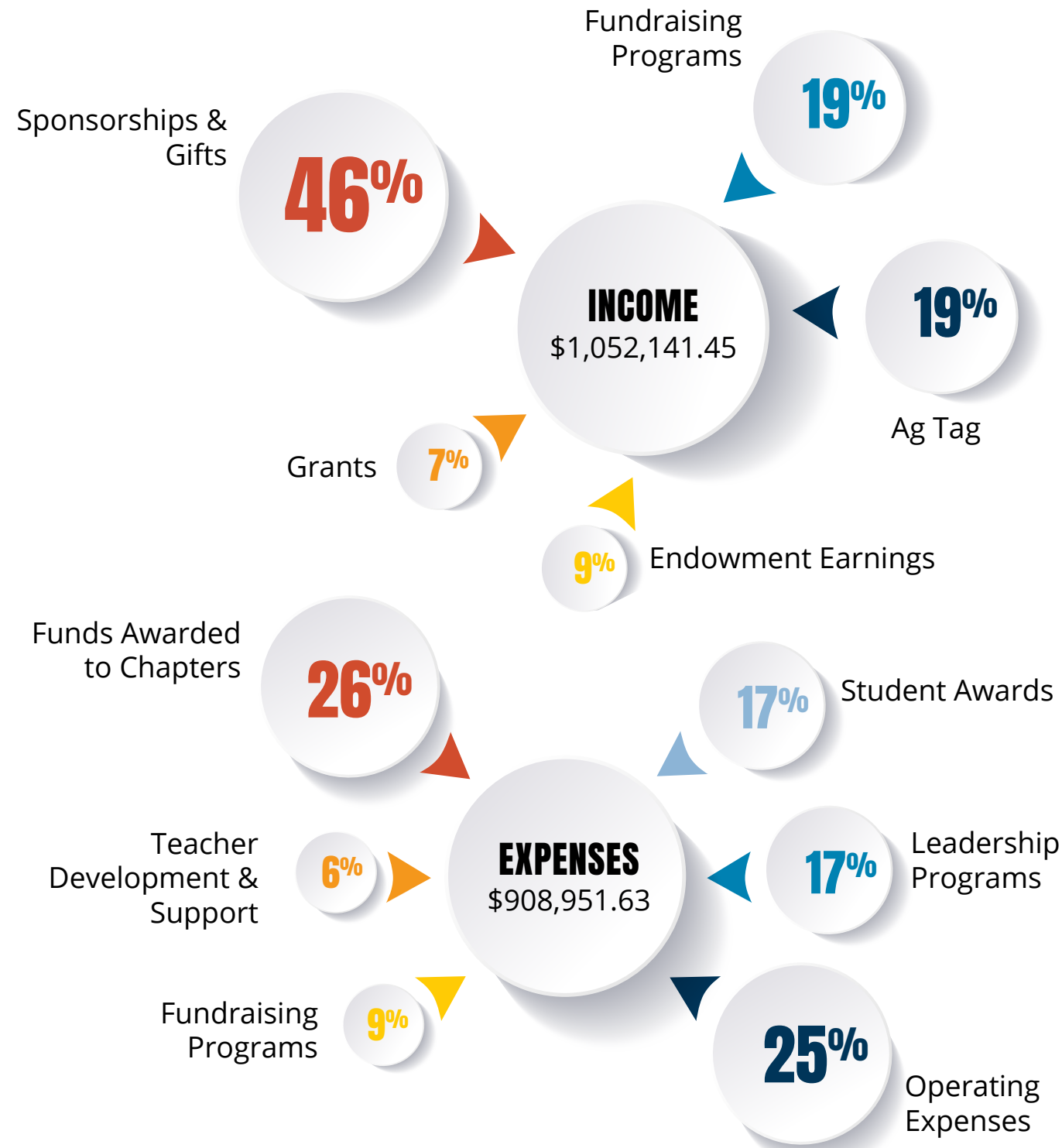


Mr. Glenn & Maggie Stith
Washington Leadership
Conference Endowment

2020 INCOME & EXPENSES

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-Sheldon McKinney
Kentucky FFA Foundation
Executive Director



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Beginning Assets on 12/31/19.....\$4,676,645.00

Current Assets

Cash on Hand \$461,434.89
 Collectibles Inventory (tractors/knives)..... \$10,735.00
 Accounts Receivable\$7,500.00
 Total Current Assets \$479,669.89

Invested Assets

LEAD Endowment \$4,552,442.58
 FFA Alumni Endowment..... \$89,063.22
 Forever Blue Endowment \$299,322.71
 Total Invested Assets..... \$4,940,828.51

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable..... \$5,995.87

Ending Assets on 12/31/2020\$5,414,502.53



IMPACT

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic meant the cancellation of so many of the things we usually look forward to in FFA; conventions, camp, leadership conferences.

Ag teachers and FFA members didn't stop, though. They were still busy in their communities, starting and growing their SAE projects, expanding their teaching methods and facilities, and continuing the work of Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture.

We realized early on that we could support the work happening on a local level by shifting our funding to more chapter and SAE grants. We are proud of our members' ability to persist in the face of challenges and show their resilience.

Just as importantly, our donors recognized the fact that ag programs and FFA members needed support, and stepped up in a big way to provide the funds that made all these grants possible.

Featured here are students or chapters that benefitted directly from our grant programs. This graphic does not include the many students who received prize money from competing in Kentucky FFA Career Development Events.

“Contributing to food needs is the central goal, but how much is learned in the process is just as important.”

- Valerie Cravens
Mulhollem Cravens Foundation
Better Days Through
Better Ways Grants

“...we are all working towards the common goal of developing strong leaders who will understand the importance of agriculture and its role in the global economy.”

- Lindsay Efird, Universal Leaf
Ag Achiever Grants



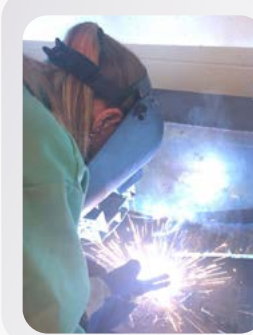
AG INNOVATION \$10,000

John Hardin High School's agriculture department was awarded an Ag Innovation grant to create a hydroponic STEM research lab. Students

will have access to six types of hydroponic growing systems. Collaborations between the chemistry, biology and agriculture classes are being planned to fully maximize the innovative learning space.

“It's the intent of the Foundation to drive as much money as we can back to the local level.”

- Keelan Pulliam
Chairman, Kentucky FFA
Foundation Board of Directors



AG ACHIEVER \$2,205

Pendleton County High School's

agriculture department used their grant to purchase an additional welder. The ag mechanics pathway was the program's most popular, but lacked equipment. With the upgrade, students have more hands-on learning opportunities.

- Chapter grant
- Student opportunity
- Both

BETTER DAYS THROUGH BETTER WAYS \$1,000



The Greenup County FFA

chapter used their Better Days Through Better Ways grant to build a portable

poultry processing system and conduct trainings on how to safely process poultry at home. This will make home poultry production more feasible for the community.

SHARK TANK \$1,500



Will Bonta from Green County received a Shark Tank grant to grow his idea for Bonta Beef, a direct-to-consumer custom-beef

operation. Will used his grant to help purchase cattle, feed, freezers, labeling and advertising.

“My hope is that this donation is a forward touch that will continue to support FFA members.”

- Arthur Green
Forever Blue Donor



SAE GRANT \$500

Landon Ratcliff, a Rowan County FFA member, was awarded \$500 to purchase additional equipment such as a new anvil and a gas forge for his knife forging business.

BY THE NUMBERS

HERE'S WHAT AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & FFA IN KENTUCKY LOOKED LIKE IN 2019-2020.

30,610

students enrolled grades 6-12



28.8% urban/suburban



47.6% rural/nonfarm



23.9% farm

14,444

FFA members

158 FFA chapters

281 agriculture teachers

147 high school programs

14 middle school programs

WHEN THE PANDEMIC HAPPENED, WE HAD TO ADJUST SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS.

But we didn't quit. We worked hard to provide great experiences for our members and supporters...and they responded!



6,000+

Blue & Gold Gala views

21,400

combined views of State Star candidate previews

13,500

views of State Officer Candidate introductions

44,000+

views of I Believe: A Kentucky FFA Documentary

5,900

times Virtual State FFA Convention was streamed

AGRICULTURE TEACHERS, FFA MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS KEPT DOING IMPORTANT WORK IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.



17,450+

total SAE projects



\$19,100,000+

total earnings from SAE projects



1,913,100+

hours worked (paid & nonpaid) in SAE projects



2,500+

members serve in local leadership roles



\$180,000

in scholarships given out by local chapters & alumni affiliates

AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE PROUD THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR NEXT STEPS IN BECOMING LEADERS.

33%
agricultural education senior graduates entering the workforce

58.6%
agricultural education senior graduates pursuing post-secondary education

MEET THE 2020

STATE STARS



STATE STAR FARMER

Randall Mattingly
Marion County



Watch our video highlight of Randall



STATE STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Mason Dixon
Taylor County



Watch our video highlight of Mason



STATE STAR IN PLACEMENT

Sydney Pepper
LaRue County



Watch our video highlight of Sydney



To watch a video, open the camera on your phone, point it at the QR code, then tap the URL that appears.



Thank you Tarter Farm & Ranch Equipment for donating the production of the video highlights for our 2020 State Star winners!



Blue & Gold

LEGACY DONORS

This very special category consists of individuals and families who have made plans to donate to Kentucky FFA through their estates.

Dr. Charles Byers

Keith & Laura Buckingham

Jeff & Morrissa Hayes

Keelan & Diana Pulliam

Mike & Susan Richey

(in honor of agriculture teacher James Ladd)

Dr. Jay & Sharon Jackman

If you are interested in including Kentucky FFA in your estate plans, contact Sheldon McKinney at 606-782-4620.

STATE OFFICERS

In a year that saw the world turned upside down, our state FFA officers personified resilience and perseverance. They adapted and found ways to lead in tough and confusing times. They were innovative in their approach, and kept leading through all the challenges.



MALLORY WHITE
President
Union County FFA
Murray State, Agronomy

Kentucky FFA members have inspired me by their continued commitment to bettering themselves. As I've met members through various virtual events this year I have learned that these

members have not ceased in their ambition to learn and lead. Their commitment to this organization has reminded me of my own "why" behind my year of service, and for that I am so grateful.



DYLAN DRISKELL
Vice President
Garrard County FFA
UK, Agricultural Education

I have been inspired by FFA Members this year through their constant resilience and positive response to every obstacle that has been thrown their way. This year has shown me that our State Association is filled with thousands of the

strongest individuals that I have ever seen.



KARLI JO CHILDERS
Big Sandy River State VP
Boyd County FFA
UK, Landscape Architecture

In 2020 I have learned to not give up! Don't give up on your goals even though things change and times are tough. It has taught me how to be self-reliant, flexible, and versatile. Although 2020 has been an unusual year, it has definitely been worth it!



ELLIE MCGOWAN
Pennyrile State Vice President
Livingston County FFA
Murray State, Ag Business

While it was a challenge, our organization faced every obstacle head on, allowing us to use creativity and unorthodox thinking to our advantage. Now, our organization has become better because of it, becoming more diverse, inclusive, and impactful than ever before.



DAWSON NARANJO
Purchase State Vice President
Hickman County FFA
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Kentucky FFA members have inspired me with their resilience and drive to continue working and striving to be involved even when things are difficult.

In 2020 I've learned that we need people now more than ever and it is important that we be there for one another and stay in contact with each other as much as we can.



SYDNEY PEPPER
Lincoln Trail State Vice President
LaRue County FFA
UK

This year, Kentucky FFA members have inspired me through their perseverance. In a time that is so full of doubt, fear, confusion, and cancellations they have continued to grow and prosper in their FFA journeys, not letting the pandemic define them and their success.



BETHANY FIELDS
Secretary
Western Hills FFA
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Above all, FFA members have inspired me most by wholeheartedly being themselves and sharing their stories with me. They share the opportunities they have been granted and recognize the value of

every moment. FFA members continue to stay optimistic in a time full of doubt and fear which shows they persevere through it all.



RILEY WARNER
Treasurer
Montgomery County FFA
Morehead State, Horticulture & Communications

This year, FFA members have shown me that challenging situations and times of fear can't eliminate their determination, dedication, or purpose.

2020 has taught me that the value of having your friends and family close far outweighs a fully booked calendar, stocked grocery shelf, or the ability to sit at a restaurant table.



ALEXIS STEPHENSON
Northern Kentucky State Vice President
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2020 has taught me many things but above all to be grateful for the little things in life. Whether that be going outside to help in the fields to being on a zoom call with 11 of my best friends. 2020 has definitely

been challenging but by rejoicing in all the things we have to be grateful for I am able to remember that I am so lucky to be where I am today.



KAILEY THOMPSON
Lake Cumberland State Vice President
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Kentucky FFA members inspire me to not only keep going in difficult times, but to stay true to myself no matter the circumstances. In the moments where I have not been what I would call 'perfect', FFA members

have embraced my imperfections and laughed with me through it. Their gratitude, positive spirits, and kind hearts inspire me to be genuinely myself instead of trying to hide my flaws to be the 'perfect' person.



BETHANY SCHALK
Reporter
Barren County FFA
UK, Agricultural Education

Kentucky FFA is full of student leaders who constantly strive for the betterment of themselves and their chapters. Getting to hear their stories and be a small part in their year of servant leadership inspires me to become a better leader.



HOPE HOLBROOK
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Kentucky FFA Members have inspired me with their persistence in spite of the pandemic. They have pushed through and continued to live out the FFA mission statement.

VIRTUAL BLUE & GOLD GALA



It may have happened on Zoom, but this year's Blue & Gold Gala still accomplished the most important reason we host this event annually. Hundreds of our strongest supporters still came together to celebrate the leadership building organization that is Kentucky FFA.

All told, donors gave \$90,265 for Kentucky FFA members during the Blue & Gold Gala. Funds raised from the Gala are used for program and member grants.

We're already putting those funds to work supporting programs that give FFA members and agriculture programs opportunities to Grow Leaders, Build Community, and Strengthen Agriculture.

A huge thank you to Wright Implement, who donated a Gator that we raffled off as part of this year's Blue & Gold Gala. Jessica Robey of Logan County was the lucky winner! Pictured here are Jessica and J.R. Shinkle, Kentucky FFA Foundation board member and representative from Wright Implement.



This year, our friends at Kentucky Farm Bureau produced a documentary following three Kentucky FFA members as they discussed the impact FFA has made on their lives and career paths.

I Believe: A Kentucky FFA Documentary was filmed over a period of two years, and offered viewers an in-depth look at the lives of three very different students who were each finding their own path with the help of Kentucky FFA.

The documentary premiered on RFDTV, WDRB and WLEX, and is currently available to watch on [YouTube](#).

Kentucky Farm Bureau supports Kentucky FFA members in a multitude of ways, but we count ourselves incredibly fortunate that their extremely talented production studio created this revealing look at the power of Kentucky FFA.

If you haven't had an opportunity to watch, we recommend you take 30 minutes to get a little bit of history about FFA and see our organization from the perspectives of three young people who are currently active members.

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KENTUCKY FFA TRACTOR COLLECTION

COMING TO A CLOSE

After 26 years, the Kentucky FFA Foundation's tractor collection is coming to a close. The tractor collection was started in 1995, in a partnership with Southern States stores, led mostly by agriculture teacher Brenda Oldfield.

To date, the program has raised well over \$500,000 for the foundation, and it's maintained a connection to hundreds of tractor collectors that support FFA.

Income from the tractors allowed the foundation to hire staff, giving us stability, leadership and an opportunity to grow. The Kentucky FFA Foundation wouldn't be what it is today without the collectible tractor program. If you have a closet full of tractors, know that your investment in Kentucky FFA has prospered.

Our tractors are retailed in all Southern States stores, and this partnership is absolutely invaluable to us. It's what made the program successful across Kentucky.

We look forward to partnering with Southern States in new ways in the future, and we certainly want to thank them for housing, shipping, retailing and promoting our tractor collection for 26 years. Many states have tried to do a collection; only a couple have been successful. The secret sauce to our success was Southern States. They've been great partners.

The most essential thing to our success are the hundreds of folks who bought our tractors every year. We've had the pleasure of meeting many of them at trade shows and have delighted in their stories.

If you have shelves full of FFA tractors, thank you. Your investment and support matters deeply, and it's made an immeasurable difference to young people in Kentucky agriculture.

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- 2017 International 544
- 2018 Oliver 1850
- 2019 Pink Case DC3
- 2020 Massey Ferguson 65



1995 - our first tractor Farmall Super M-TA



2004 John Deere 4020



2008 Allis Chalmers D21



2007 Ford 901



2010 Oliver 1950-T



2019 Case DC3

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CENTER

The Leadership Training Center just wasn't the same this year without the steady stream of FFA members and advisors taking part in FFA Camp. A summer without campers made for a good time to complete new construction, though. This summer we constructed a new shop and two new energy-efficient cabins.



It's impossible to overstate just how inspired we have been by Kentucky FFA members and their advisors this year. In the face of uncertainty, fear and change, they masked up, showed up, and lead in their communities and their schools.

The future is in good hands.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many ways you can make a gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation.



Gifts of Cash

The majority of gifts to the Kentucky FFA Foundation are in the form of cash. If you itemize your tax deductions, you may claim as a charitable deduction a cash gift of up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Gifts of Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities can provide special tax advantages: you may completely avoid capital gains taxes; and the fair market value of the stock may be claimed as a charitable deduction on your income tax, up to 30 percent of adjusted gross income for those who itemize, with a five-year carryover.

The simplest way to make a gift of stock is to instruct your broker or banker to transfer it to the Kentucky FFA Foundation. The broker should then contact the Kentucky FFA Foundation for further instructions.

Gifts of Real Estate

Gifts of homes, farms and other real property can receive the same tax treatment as gifts of securities: no capital gains tax plus deductibility at fair market value. If this is appealing to you, please make plans to discuss intent and restrictions with the Kentucky FFA Foundation.

Gifts of Life Insurance

When you name the Kentucky FFA Foundation as the owner and sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy, you receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction for the lesser of the policy's fair market value or the net premiums paid. Premiums you pay later are also tax deductible.

Memorial & Honor Gifts

You may designate gifts to remember or honor a relative or friend for a specific purpose, or you may allow the Foundation to use such gifts for general support. Acknowledgment will be made to the family of the deceased if the name and address of the closest survivor is provided.

Matching Gifts

Some are able to increase their gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation by employer matching. If your employer has such a program, your gift may be multiplied once, twice, or even three times. Usually, your employer's personnel department can provide information about a matching gift program and forms to send with contributions.

Estate & Planned Gifts

Although outright gifts provide valuable support for current programs, estate giving provides substantial support for future programs. This form of giving is particularly suitable if you desire to make a larger gift through your estate rather than in your lifetime. The allowable estate tax deduction for charitable gifts remain unlimited under the new tax laws.

Wills

The most common form of an estate gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation is a specific bequest in a will. You should arrange to draft your will with your attorney. Foundation staff are available upon request to confer with you and your attorney in drafting the appropriate bequest clauses.

Gifts in Trust

If you wish to receive income during your life and at the same time provide a significant gift to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, you should consider establishing a charitable remainder trust, that is, a life income trust.

Gifts-in-Kind

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