



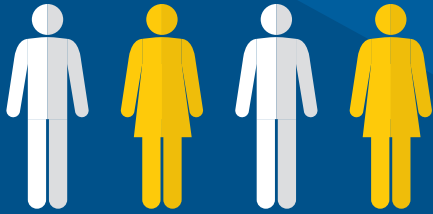
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

ARKANSAS FFA
2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT



12,609

ARKANSAS FFA MEMBERS



33,142

2021 VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION VIEWS

APRIL 25 - MAY 31, 2021



16

NATIONAL OFFICERS

334



AG SCIENCE TEACHERS



212

FFA CHAPTERS



Dear Arkansas FFA members, supporters, and donors,

On April 28, our team of six took off our jackets for the final time as state officers signifying the end of our year of service. As our team gathered at Camp Couchdale that day to watch the final tap of the gavel of our virtual convention, we had one overwhelming feeling: loved. Don't get me wrong, there were tears. However, they were tears of humble joy and bliss in having had the experience and team we did.

You always hear about the epic life of being a state officer, the people, the places, a year of Mrs. Patty's cooking, the camps, the road trips, and everything in between. However, hearing about it and experiencing it are two completely different things. Being elected in the middle of a pandemic made me question if our team would get that experience of past teams. A couple months out of state office, I can easily tell you we got everything and more. Was it different? Absolutely. Did it push our Association in ways I never imagined? Yes. There were times I felt completely unprepared for service in a year like 2020/21 but I always knew we would be supported and loved by you no matter what.

I'm a firm believer that we were created to be in community with each other and our team undoubtedly had an epic year because of the community we have here. On behalf of my team, I can't express an adequate amount of gratitude for the way you loved, supported, and pushed us to be better leaders for the future of our industry. Together, with this community of people, we got to be a part of the first Arkansas Youth Livestock Expo, the first virtual National FFA Convention and Anna Mathis's election to National Office, the first conference in a box, raising over \$35,000 for our Foundation, and breaking ground on the Fletcher Center renovations.

Thank you for going on this adventure with us, for loving us along the way, and for always believing in the future of agriculture. It was an honor to serve you!

With love,

Brooke Bradford

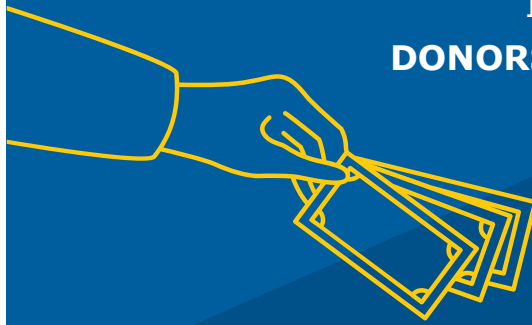
Brook Bradford on behalf of the
2020/21 Arkansas FFA State
Officer Team





#1 on Give FFA Day

IN NUMBER OF
DONORS & DOLLARS



\$35,882

375



MEMBERS ATTENDED **ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**



63

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS ATTENDED
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

\$287,610

IN TOTAL **DONATIONS**
TO ARKANSAS FFA



\$7,750

IN FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIPS**
AWARDED TO ARKANSAS FFA MEMBERS

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Megan McCurdy

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE HANGING UP YOUR BLUE JACKET?

“ After graduating from Mena High School in 2010, I headed south to become a Mulerider at Southern Arkansas University. While at SAU, I served as the official Mulerider Mascot where I was able to represent SAU through many marketing and recruiting projects. I graduated in 2014 with my Bachelors of Business in Finance and again in 2017 with my Masters in Business Administration. I met my husband, Jackson, during college. After graduating, we felt called to stay in Magnolia, where I currently serve SAU as the Alumni Director. We have a two year old son, Cannon, who is equally obsessed with sheep! I’m keeping my fingers crossed that we will make many future memories in the show barn just like my dad and I shared.



HOW DID FFA CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION AND INTO YOUR CAREER?



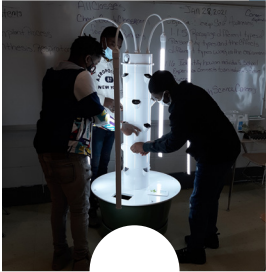
Participating in FFA primed me to be a responsible, polished, and hard-working adult. Through CDE and LDE competitions, I learned to work efficiently on a team, hone my skills in specialized areas, refine my speaking and presentation skills, and experience first-hand how rewarding it is to see hard work pay off. I was given the opportunity to travel all over the country to represent the Mena FFA Chapter. Whether it be livestock shows, leadership conferences, conventions, or national competitions, every opportunity was packed with priceless memories and opportunities for growth. Being a member of the FFA was the most impactful decision I made in my youth. I also feel very blessed to have been able to have had my dad (and ag teacher), Bryan Maye, beside me through some of my most special FFA memories.

WHY DO YOU FIND IT REWARDING TO GIVE BACK TO THE FFA?

During my career, I have learned so much about philanthropy and giving back, which has made a major impact on the way I view supporting organizations that are important to me. So many times, people are truly passionate about a project or organization, but feel that if they are not capable of making a large donation, that their support will simply not matter. I know this to be very untrue; in fact, it’s quite the opposite. When everyone comes together and gives what they can afford, we have the opportunity to impact Arkansas FFA in ways that would be impossible otherwise. I would encourage anyone reading this to consider this perspective the next opportunity you have to support Arkansas FFA.

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2020-2021 Highlights



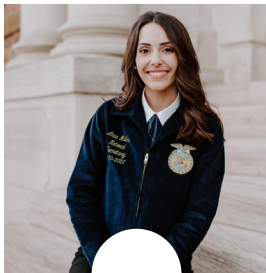
AUGUST

Lee County School District reinstated their agriculture program for the first time in 17 years with the hiring of Monette Baker, agricultural education instructor. In the program's first year, there were 77 students.

SEPTEMBER

Monty Stotts, Atwoods CFO and former FFA member, utilized the coin shortage during the pandemic to create a round-up opportunity for FFA in the states where Atwoods is represented. His leadership in this initiative resulted in over \$25,000 for Arkansas FFA.

ATWOODS
Ranch & Home



OCTOBER

Anna Mathis, Valley Springs FFA and 2019/20 Arkansas FFA State President, elected National FFA Secretary making her the 16th Arkansan to be elected to a National FFA Officer Team.

NOVEMBER

Kate Maher, host of NCBA's Cattlemen to Cattlemen, visited Calico Trailers and collaborated with Arkansas FFA to provide advertising for Calico Trailers while also featuring Camp Couchdale and Arkansas FFA.



DECEMBER

Winter Leadership Conference-in-a-Box was launched thanks to Darling Ingredients, Bekaert, Arkansas Construction Education Foundation, and Arkansas Elite Welding Academy.



JANUARY

Arkansas FFA Alumni Conference was held in Batesville where the State Officers and participants toured Spartan Mowers.



FEBRUARY

Arkansas FFA led National FFA's Give FFA Day in number of donors and dollars raised.

MARCH

Gordon Eichelberger hired as new Arkansas FFA Advisor.

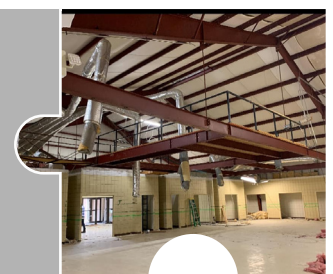


APRIL

The 2021/22 Arkansas FFA State Officer team was elected. Team members include Josie Kelly, President; Kaleb Barenburg, Secretary; William Blankenship, Southern District Vice President; Alyssa Andrews, Eastern District Vice President; and Caleb Bailey, Northwest District Vice President.

MAY

Renovations of the Fletcher Leadership Center started following Governor Asa Hutchinson appropriating \$2.5 million for the renovation and expansion of Camp Couchdale.



2020 American Degree Recipients

As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career.

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2021 Scholarship Recipients



FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF WESTERN ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP

Josie Kelly, Mountain Home
Katee Johnson, Mountainburg

JACK WARNOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kaleb Barenberg, Lincoln

MARVIN VINES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Ethan Shaw, County Line
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Haley Quillen, Drew Central
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Cooper Anderle, Mena
Daxton Hickman, Mountain Home
Tori Ross, Mountain Home
Molly Parker, Nashville
Alexis Rochier, Prairie Grove
Cara Parret, Prairie Grove

2021 State Star Farmer



SUNNI WEAVER
Arkansas Virtual Academy

The Star Farmer is awarded to the FFA member that demonstrates the top production agriculture supervised agricultural experience in the state. The member must demonstrate outstanding achievement, active FFA participation, and an exemplary scholastic record.

“ My SAE, which include poultry, Boer goats, Hampshire sheep, and maintainer and commercial cattle, began when my grandfather gave me a trio of large fowl Cochin breed chickens. I started raising chicks from that trio with the goal of breeding to the standard set forth by the American Poultry Association. As my breeding lines improved, I began an entrepreneurship of marketing exhibition-quality Cochins. Through funds generated by the sales of chicks and hatching eggs, I was able to acquire three Boer doe goats, which are the foundation stock of my current herd of sixty. The improvement of my herd genetics through selective breeding allowed me to begin marketing Boer goats for breeding and exhibition purposes, which provided capital for the additions of sheep and cattle projects.



WHAT INSPIRED YOUR SAE?

The inspiration for my SAE is rooted in my eagerness to learn about livestock health, nutrition, management, and genetics. The daily experience of managing livestock enables me to grow in knowledge and develop life skills, which serve as strengths in achieving future goals.



2021 State Star in Ag Placement

CASEY BURDEN

Lincoln FFA

The Star in Agricultural Placement is awarded to the FFA member with the top agricultural placement supervised agricultural experience in the state. The member must demonstrate outstanding achievement, active FFA participation, and an exemplary scholastic record.



“ My SAE is beef production placement. For most of my life, I’ve been working on my grandparents' farm where we run two separate cow-calf operations. I take part in every aspect of the production. I help check fences, feed and vaccinate cows, and assist with the genetic and nutrition aspects of the operation. We do most of our gathering and some vaccinating on horseback. My SAE may just be a family tradition, but it has allowed me to learn many things like the cattle market, nutrition, genetics, and many other life skills that I will always use.

WHAT INSPIRED YOUR SAE?

The farm is a family tradition. There is one person in my life that has pretty much taught me everything I know, and that's my grandpa. When I was little, we would wake up every morning and watch the Market Day Report on RFD-TV where he taught me all about the cattle market. He is the person that told me to follow my dreams and also inspired me to start my own cattle business where I raise Angus bulls. My grandpa has always been there to teach me all the things I know now.



2021 State Star in Agribusiness

Abbi Wilhite
Lincoln FFA

The Star in Agribusiness is awarded to the FFA member with the top nonproduction agribusiness supervised agricultural experience in the state. The member must demonstrate outstanding achievement, active FFA participation, and an exemplary scholastic record.



“ My SAE has many pathways including Animal Systems, Agribusiness Systems, and Food Products and Processing Systems. I have a herd of dairy goats that I have to vaccinate, implement breeding systems, maintain records, calculate feed portions, and milk daily. I also have a beehive that I have to feed, inspect, harvest honey, and bottle the honey that is harvested. I use the milk and honey to create a variety of products for my business. I have social media accounts and participate in several craft fairs to sell my products. My parents allow me to use their land to work my goats and keep a beehive in exchange for goat milk soap and fresh honey.

WHAT INSPIRED YOUR SAE?

My biggest motivation was to create a sustainable income to support my SAE. I found this to be successful around the same time my dad's illness worsened and had to have open heart surgery. My family was struggling financially due to my father's inability to work. I quickly realized that my business could not only create sustainability for my SAE, but also for my family. Creating this business helped take away some of their financial burden. I also created this business because I have a desire to help my future, give awareness to local communities of the importance of agriculture, and to strengthen their knowledge of quality products made by local farmers.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Tricia Adcock



QUICK STATS



FFA CHAPTER
Stuttgart



YEARS TAUGHT
28



FAVORITE CLASS TO TEACH:
Advanced Agricultural
Communications & Leadership

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER?

“ Being a part of something bigger than myself has always been a part of who I am. When I was in high school, I was fortunate enough to have two amazing agriculture teachers, Mr. Arthur White and my dad, Mr. Glenn Cole. Both of these men set me on my path to becoming the teacher that I am today. I had such a great experience in my agriculture classes and the FFA organization that it was just natural to choose being an agriculture teacher as a career. Besides, where else can you get paid to have fun while you work with the best people in the world?

WHAT WAYS DO YOUR STUDENTS BENEFIT MOST FROM THE FFA?

I must say that I am very fortunate to work in a program like Stuttgart's. Our students not only get the benefit of my diverse background but also that of my teaching partner, Mr. Barry Rogers. Together, we make a formidable team and are strong advocates for the success of each and every one of our students. One of the things that we stress in our program is that there is something in agriculture and FFA for everyone. No matter what you are interested in, agricultural education and the National FFA Organization provides opportunities for students to strengthen their leadership skills, interpersonal talents, and develop a strong network of support for their future. Through a student's involvement in the FFA, they are given a wide variety of opportunities to learn how to communicate, discover talents that they were unaware of before, and gain basic life skills that will help them in their everyday lives.

WHAT IS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU GIVE YOUR STUDENTS?

One thing I tell our students is to question everything. Just because something has been a certain way for years, does not mean that it has to stay that way. I want them to discover things for themselves and to form their own opinions. I try to be more of a facilitator for our discussions and not the actual lecturer. I talk with our students like I talk to our own personal children, authentically and candidly. The Stuttgart Agriculture Department has a policy for our students - once you take an agriculture class you become our "kid" and you are always our "kid".

Dear Arkansas FFA supporters and donors,

We've all heard the staggering statistics regarding the drastic measures we must take to address the food and fiber needs of the roughly 10 billion people who will inhabit the world by 2050. And, thanks in part to Covid-19, the essential worker status has appropriately been designated to those in the agricultural and skilled workforce arenas. We are ready for the daunting task at hand. The question is - how do we get from Point A to Point B? How do we connect our youth to these careers upon which our very existence depends? Agricultural education is the answer, and so many of you are helping to solve this challenge because of your faithful giving to the Arkansas FFA.

In two years, we have tripled the funds generated by the Foundation, and we have been able to meet some incredible financial needs of our building project at Couchdale. With your help, we can achieve the goal of remaining debt free in our construction costs for our renovated Fletcher Center and our new agricultural mechanics lab, but we are still short of what we need to finish this project. To answer this need, I invite you to consider naming rights for a space or maybe a banner sponsorship for our agricultural mechanics lab. We are committed to growing the future leaders needed by our world, but we ask you to also consider investing in the future of this industry that we all love.

Our teachers are committed to launching these students into the workforce, so that when a skilled worker is needed, our former students can proudly say that their skills and passion were catapulted by an excellent agricultural education program. The future seed geneticist, robotics engineer, or solar energy technician will credit their experiences in the FFA for developing the needed confidence to pursue a challenging career path.

'I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our agricultural life, and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.' I challenge you to think about your part in this task. By investing in Agricultural Science and Technology, we can do our part in reducing the shortages of high-skilled workers in food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, environmental, and technical fields. Thank you for partnering with us!

Most Sincerely,

Jennifer Cook

Jennifer Cook
Director, Arkansas FFA Foundation



Current Needs



Development of an Animal Science Pavilion.

Refurbishment of the Lake Catherine seawall, dock, outdoor patios, and event spaces.

Implementation and modernization of Camp Couchdale to include more sustainable and energy efficient technology such as Tesla battery storage technology, electric vehicle charging stations, solar panels, and more energy efficient water, heating, and air units.

Construction of a new Leadership Lodge to be used by FFA State Officers, FFA Staff, and special guests. This would also include a full kitchen which could be used for Food Science experiential learning opportunities.

Rebuild the swinging bridge to withstand the use of small utility vehicles.

Construction of a new cabin for male members.

Modernize the cafeteria to better meet the student and teacher capacity and needs.

New asphalt around the camp.

Install a swimming beach on the opposite side of the lake, connected by the swinging bridge.

Development of new camper experiences such as a ropes course, volleyball court, and paddle boards and kayaks.

Construction of a greenhouse for plant and aquaculture teaching facilities which can also address food insecurities in the area while collaborating with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission and Garland County Master Gardeners.

Move and restore old green cabin and create a large historical space for Arkansas FFA and agricultural education in Arkansas.

Create chip sealed or otherwise semi-solid walking trails throughout the acreage across the lake for natural resource education and exposure.

Corporate Donors

Donations made between July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

DIAMOND

\$25,000+

Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
Calico Trailers

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SPECIAL THANKS

to The Poultry Federation for
sponsoring the 2020 Arkansas FFA
Turkey Trot!



DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Arkansas Farm Bureau

WHY DOES ARFB DONATE TO THE ARKANSAS FFA FOUNDATION?

“ We see FFA as a key developer of the future leaders of Arkansas agriculture. Their work to instill in young people the values of lifelong learning, a love for agriculture and the commitment to serve are important to our state and to agriculture.



WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ARKANSAS FFA?



Arkansas FFA allows us to develop relationships with young people who share the same interests as the Arkansas Farm Bureau, and that is to advocate the interests of agriculture in the public arena, share information about the value and importance of agriculture and then improve the quality of life for those involved in agriculture.

AS EVERYONE HAS DEALT WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE PAST 18 MONTHS, WHY DID YOU CONTINUE TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN ARKANSAS FFA?

There is never a bad time to do the right thing, and the work of Arkansas FFA did not stop during the pandemic, so neither should our support of their good work. We have a deep history of organizational support for Arkansas FFA, and that has stood the test of time and will exist long into the future.



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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Ron Koch



QUICK STATS



FFA CHAPTER
County Line



YEARS TAUGHT
12



FAVORITE CLASS TO TEACH:
Electricity

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER?

“ Being raised on a cattle and poultry farm, I have always had a love for agriculture. I began showing steers at the age of nine and continued all throughout high school. Being involved in 4-H and FFA as a youth provided many opportunities for my love of agriculture to grow. After visiting the University of Arkansas in the fall of my senior year, I knew that agricultural education would be my major. It was my professors that convinced me that I did not have to be an expert on every area of agriculture; ag teachers just need to know a little about a lot of different things. I soon realized that as an agriculture teacher, I could get paid to share my passion for agriculture with young people.

WHAT WAYS DO YOUR STUDENTS BENEFIT MOST FROM THE FFA?

Agricultural education and FFA provide students with a completely different way to learn compared to the traditional areas of education. Students get to learn and experience a wide scope of subjects that affect their daily lives and then apply them in real world applications. Whether the activity relates to raising livestock for food or a pet that serves as a companion, understanding how to troubleshoot and fix an engine or safely repair a faulty light switch, manage a budget for a livestock show project or produce fruits and vegetables from their own garden, there are opportunities for all types and levels of students in FFA. When taken advantage of, FFA teaches students real world survival skills.

On numerous occasions, I've had former students contact me to say thank you for the experiences they gained through FFA. Many credit FFA for the success they have found thus far. FFA offers diversity and includes all students who seek to explore what it has to offer for them. Two former members, one legally blind and one that is nonverbal and confined to a wheelchair, found success in raising and showing livestock at the county, district, and state fairs through FFA. I've seen students who shake from nervousness as a freshman in the show ring grow to overcome that anxiety as they speak in front of hundreds of people as a senior. Over the years, I've had numerous students who have entered the electrical field. In short, the life of an agriculture teacher is worth all it entails because of the difference it makes in the lives of students. ”

Corduroy Club Members

Remember the first time you zipped up that blue corduroy FFA jacket? Think about all of the wonderful memories you made as an FFA member! Here's your opportunity to give back to an organization that provides life changing opportunities to students across Arkansas. Your monthly gift will be allocated by the Arkansas FFA Foundation wherever the need is greatest. Memberships start at just \$10/month!

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CORDUROY CLUB MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- **Friends of the FFA** - \$100/year
- **Blue Jacket Believers** - \$240/year
- **Bleed Blue + Gold** - \$600/year
- **Rising Sun Supporters** - \$1,200/year
- **Legacy Investors** - \$2,400/year
- **President's Circle** - over \$6,000/year
- **Forever Blue** - Planned Gifts
- **Forever Gold** - Endowments



**VISIT ARKANSASFFA.ORG/FOUNDATION TO REVIEW THE BENEFITS
OF EACH MEMBERSHIP LEVEL AND SIGN UP TODAY!**

Blue Jacket Society

The Blue Jacket is the great equalizer of the FFA. No matter where you are from, how much money you have, or who your parents are, the blue corduroy jacket allows every FFA member to create their own identity and open the doors to future success in this organization.

To commemorate the experience, we all shared in the blue jacket, the Arkansas FFA Foundation has developed the Blue Jacket Society. This is a unique opportunity to forever encase your part in that inspiring task.

A donation of \$2,500 will allow for your jacket or the jacket of someone you know to be displayed in the newly renovated Marion D. Fletcher Leadership Center. Your donation will be used to maintain facilities at Camp Couchdale as well as provide resources for leadership development activities for our FFA members.



Legendary Owl Hall of Fame

Most of us have that special teacher who provided true knowledge that was ripened with wisdom. They were the one the students admired and thought the world of, the one the parents entrusted with their kids (even if it included a 10-hour bus ride), the one the community trusted as a resource in the time of need, and the one that provided advice and encouragement for other teachers.



A new Agricultural Education Training Complex consisting of a model agricultural education classroom, state of the art agricultural mechanics lab, and animal science lab teaching facility is being built as part of the expansion at Camp Couchdale. For \$2,500, your favorite owl can have permanent recognition in our Agricultural Education Training Complex with a photograph and listing of their teaching history and accomplishments. The donation can be paid in full, a pledge over time (not to exceed five years), or many individuals (i.e former students and family members and friends) may pool their money together. All money raised will support the operation of Camp Couchdale.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Nina + Kent Crutchfield



WHY DO YOU DONATE TO THE ARKANSAS FFA FOUNDATION?

“ From our earliest memories, our parents fostered an affection for sharing our time, talent, and treasure. Arkansas FFA was extremely influential in our formative years, supporting us first, thus making the choice to provide financial support for today’s FFA members an easy one.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ARKANSAS FFA?

When we joined our respective FFA chapters as high school freshmen, we both found a sense of belonging in the corduroy jacket and FFA t-shirts. The sense of family hasn’t diminished over time. Instead, it has grown stronger as our friendships have deepened. Our FFA relationships continue to be a strong part of our lives today.



AS EVERYONE HAS DEALT WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE PAST 18 MONTHS, WHY DID YOU CONTINUE TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN ARKANSAS FFA?

The FFA creed speaks of “less need for charity and more of it when needed”. These are not just words to memorize. They are ideals to apply. As such, we are keenly aware that many of our current blessings are a direct result of others investing in our FFA experiences, especially as former state FFA officers. Now, as adults, FFA graduates, and former state FFA officers, we believe in modeling the practice of giving, especially when it is needed most. “To whom much is entrusted, much more will be demanded.”



Donations



Ready to donate to Arkansas FFA?

1. Tear out the form below and return it to
301 Catherine Park Road, Hot Springs, AR, 71913

OR

2. Donate online at arkansasffa.org/giving

YES!

I want to contribute to help the Arkansas FFA Foundation.
Enclosed is my contribution payable to "Arkansas FFA Foundation."

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 **OTHER** \$ _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION!

The FFA Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation. Your donation is eligible for a charitable deduction on your federal income tax.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Logan Moss

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE HANGING UP YOUR BLUE JACKET?

“ I graduated from Nevada High School in 2019 where I had been a five-year FFA member and a three-time chapter officer. After graduation, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in agricultural policy and that there was no better place to kickstart that dream than at the University of Arkansas.

The Dale Bumpers College has provided me opportunities to advance my education and my résumé beyond anything that I ever could've imagined. I have been a member of the U of A student government, a college ambassador, and lead mentor for our honors program. In March of 2020, I had the opportunity to travel to D.C. to discuss agricultural policy with some of the brightest college students in the country, as well as meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives on behalf of the university. Last summer, I had the opportunity to intern for Governor Asa Hutchinson where one of my responsibilities was dealing with the ag policy issues that arose due to COVID-19, such as the closing of meat processing facilities.

I found my passion in increasing equity in the agriculture industry which led me to pursue a research project related to minority representation at colleges and universities across Arkansas, specifically those with an agriculture program. I plan to graduate in December 2021 with a degree in agricultural leadership. I hope to continue using my knowledge of the agriculture industry and passion for service to make the industry that I love more accessible to everyone who wishes to join.

HOW DID FFA CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CAREER INTERESTS, AND HOW DO YOU SEE IT DOING THE SAME FOR OTHERS?

FFA exposed me to careers in agriculture that were not related to working on a farm. While I am grateful for the life skills learned rebuilding fences in the 100-plus degree Arkansas summers, I knew that is not what I wanted to do for a career. The first time I heard the words ag and policy combined was at an information session at the 2017 National FFA Convention. Since then, I have been fixated on the idea of improving our industry through successful policy and education.

Without question, the biggest misconception about the agriculture industry is that it only includes farming. FFA does an awesome job of allowing members to gain experience in various parts of agriculture. Whether that be through CDEs, LDEs, camps or any other FFA event, this exposure is paramount in the alleviation of the biases that our industry faces. I cannot thank Arkansas FFA and agricultural education enough for allowing me this exposure and providing me with the tools needed to chase my dreams. ”



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A Note from Your Board Chairman



The first paragraph of the FFA creed, “I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years” was well illustrated by the 15,991 Arkansas FFA members in 229 chapters in 2020. The dedication of the state’s 333 agriculture science instructors continued their task of building for the future by providing countless learning and personal growth opportunities for FFA members.

The Arkansas FFA Foundation, Arkansas FFA, and Camp Couchdale continued professional fundraising efforts to ensure that the camp facilities are able to provide FFA members with the best learning experiences possible. Great strides have been achieved and the future of Arkansas FFA is better than ever, thanks to each of our supporters for believing in the future of agriculture and backing up that support financially.

Thank you for supporting the Arkansas FFA Foundation, Camp Couchdale and the Arkansas FFA Association.

Sincerely,

Rob Roedel
Arkansas FFA Foundation Board Chairman





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