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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends.

One year ago the world we knew as "normal" changed – epically and likely forever. We went from going where we wanted, when we wanted and meeting with whom we wanted, to a near lockdown with minimal events, social distancing and quarantining. Through this past year, we have been reminded about what is truly



important to us, such as taking time to enjoy "the little things" and connecting with family, albeit likely through Zoom, Teams, FaceTime or Hangouts. As vaccines go into the arms of millions of Americans, we embrace a new horizon of hope – the topic of my October reflection.

Throughout this past year, we have lived our lives dependent on leadership. We have watched the news conferences from our elected leaders. We have seen visionaries come forth with new solutions to the biggest challenges this virus could throw at us. We have seen people step up to demonstrate true servant leadership – from doctors and nurses working extra shifts to our fantastic educators heading back into the classrooms. Leadership has been clearly visible all around us. I offer that it always has been.

Yes, in the middle of a global pandemic it is easy to see leadership demonstrated. But what about FFA members who conduct service projects, helping their communities to build playgrounds or to feed those who simply do not have enough. Or our teachers when they stay an extra few minutes to listen, yes – listen, to a student who may not be heard anywhere else. Even when neighbors' help neighbors bring in crops in the midst of an illness or simply lend a hand when the livestock are uncooperative.

Friends – leadership has and will continue to be all around!

Because of you, we are able to help inspire leadership in the next generation of agricultural students. Throughout the events of the coming months, remember, we are deeply appreciative of your leadership to support our students, educators and team. Thank you for helping us inspire leadership.

Sincerely,

Josh



Registration Now Open

Registration for the 25th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament is now open and teams are filling up fast. The four person best ball charity tournament will be held Thursday, June 14th at Veenker Golf Course in Ames.

Golfers will enjoy a day on the legendary Veenker course while engaging with the Iowa FFA State Officer team and have the chance to bid on amazing packages and items through the silent auction. Lunch is provided to each team and trophies will be awarded to the champion team members.

Funds raised through the golf tournament directly support scholarships for the Iowa FFA State Officers. More information can be found at www.iowaffafoundation.org.

Judges needed for April 19 & 20

For FFA members few experiences match the excitement of competing in Career and Leadership Development Events at the state level. For those whose dedication and hard work have paid off by earning a spot in the state contests, their talents will be on display a the 93rd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference which will be held at the Iowa Events Center April 19th and 20th.

Career and Leadership Development
Events would not be possible without
dedicated volunteers to judge. Judges are
needed for both Monday and Tuesday. For
more information visit www.iowaffa.com/judges



2021 College Scholarship Winners Named

The Iowa FFA Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the DLL Financial Solutions Scholarship, Robert and Brenda Haney Scholarship and Arthur and Susan Churchill Endowed Scholarship Programs.

The DLL Financial Solutions Scholarship is awarded to two students. This years recipients of the \$2,350 college scholarship are Macy Moore and Molly Simmons.

The Haney Family Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship was established to promote and celebrate entrepreneurial innovations of Iowa FFA members. The scholarship is awarded annually to two FFA members who are preparing a career in agriculture. This years recipients of the \$2,500 college scholarship are Mickayla McGill and Haylee Pennock.

The Arthur and Susan Churchill Endowed Scholarship is provided annually through the generous memorial and honorary gifts to the Iowa FFA Foundation by Susan and the late Arthur Churchill, and their family. This year's recipient of the \$1,000 college scholarship is Molly Simmons.

The 2021 Dennis Selness Memorial Scholarship winner will be announced in April.



Robert and Brenda Haney



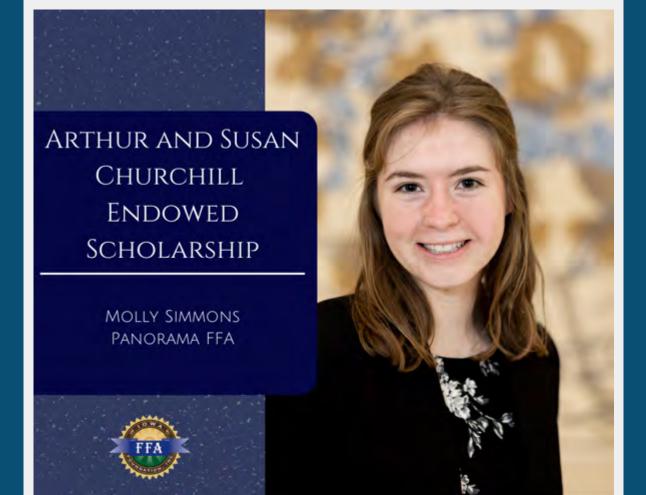


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