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## ***Executive Director's Reflections***

Happy New Year Friends!

Change. When we think about change, we tend to have one of two reactions – excited for a new opportunity or apprehension to try something new. For many as we start a New Year, resolutions of change are established with hopes of reaching these goals throughout the year. As we ponder these resolutions, what makes the difference between positive change - achieving our goals or apprehension - missing the mark?

I offer change is also a factor of leadership – personal leadership. Whether your goal is to reorganize a cluttered garage, eat healthier/drop a few pounds, manage time a little more wisely or so many more, these all are part of a goal-setting process possessed by leaders. In agricultural education, much emphasis is focused on helping students learn and develop goal-setting skills. Beyond this, we invest greatly in our students to ensure they have the drive, vigor and confidence needed to “Be the change” as Mahatma Gandhi once said.

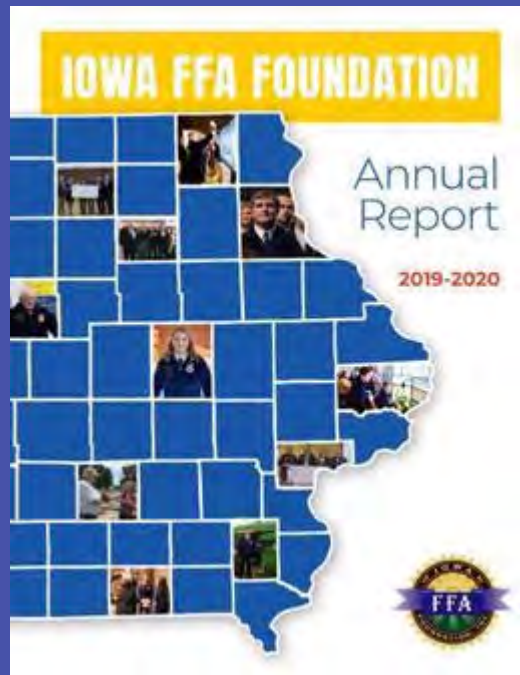
2021 will be a year full of change – our approach will dictate our results. Are you prepared to lead yourself and others through the necessary changes? Whenever you are slightly nervous if you can make it, remember to look at an FFA or PAS member – they will inspire you to complete your dream!

I look forward to starting 2021 with many of you on one of our upcoming virtual events. There is still time to secure your gala seats or tables – together we can make 2021 the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Josh





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## 2019-2020 Annual Report Available Online!

The much anticipated 2019-2020 Iowa FFA Foundation Annual Report is available online. The report, which looks back at the past year, provides stories about the achievements of FFA members, support of partners and donors and a clear overview of the mission of the Iowa FFA Foundation. The great strides made in increased membership and achievement of members of the Agricultural Education community in Iowa is only because of the support we receive from each of our friends and partners, and we are happy to celebrate that in the pages of the Annual Report.

Hard copies will be mailed out to donors, along with 2020 year end tax statements soon, and additional copies are available to share with others at the FFA Enrichment Center or by emailing us; we'll be happy to send one out to you. Thank you for a meaningful and successful year!



## Time is Running Out for Black Tie Blue Jackets Gala Tickets!

It's less than a month until February 20th and the 7th Annual Black Ties Blue Jackets Gala. The 7th Annual event will be held virtually, beginning with a "Happy Hour" at

6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7 pm. and will feature some of the great programming that you've come to love at the Gala with a few surprises and interactive games thrown in!

The Gala Auction, through the Givesmart platform, will open for bidding at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 5th and run through the event on the 20th! This is your opportunity to bid on some amazing lots while supporting agricultural education. Lots include Steel FFA Deck planters,

Iowa State Cyclone autographed memorabilia, tickets to a Kansas City Chiefs game, use of a vacation condo at Lake of the Ozarks and much much more!

Bidding rights tickets begin at just \$25! Individual Tickets can be purchased at \$100 or \$175 per couple.

Tickets for the event, which include the opportunity to browse and bid on some great auction lots, can be found at <https://2021BlueJackets.givesmart.com>.

## Judges Needed for FFA Events



Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes when you watch FFA members on stage winning awards for their hard work and dedication? Who decides the best FFA Creed Speaker or who is the top FFA Chapter in Iowa? It takes volunteers just like you!

Volunteer judges are needed to judge proficiency applications on February 27th in Ankeny and judge career development events at the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference in April. Prior judging experience isn't necessary and the role you will play is important as students display their talents.

For information on judging opportunities and to sign up visit [www.iowaffa.com/judges](http://www.iowaffa.com/judges)



## Our Doors are Open for Meetings and Events!

As we enter into 2021, we wanted to reach out and let you know we are continuing our momentum forward with meetings and events! Since last June, we have worked closely with our clients to hold safe, smaller special events, meetings, weddings and other gatherings. We follow the state protocols and building guidelines to safely and effectively social distance our patrons and provide each and every one a respectful and comfortable environment to gather.

Each meeting and event is carefully planned so that our patrons can enjoy their surroundings and get back to business together!

The FFA Enrichment Center is ready for you! Please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Trost (formally McTaggart), Events Coordinator at 515.965.7372 or email her at [jennifer@ffaenrichmentcenter.com](mailto:jennifer@ffaenrichmentcenter.com) to start booking your special occasion or meeting!

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## 7th Annual Black Ties Blue Jackets Silent Auction Opens February 5th

Here are just a few of the items up for bid during the 7th Annual Black Ties Blue Jackets Silent Auction! To register to bid or to attend the Gala visit <https://2021BlueJackets.givesmart.com>



**Kanas City Chiefs Tickets**



**Ozark Vacation Condo**



**Two Saints Winery Basket**



**Ceramics Class for Two!**



**Matt Campbell Autographed Football**



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