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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends,

In June, we reflected a bit on the “little things” which make a big difference in the whirlwind of our lives – especially throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone who responded – your feedback about this reflection has been powerful and as always, very welcome!

This month, I would like to take a moment to reflect on your impact. As many of you know, the Iowa FFA Foundation just completed our 2020-2021 fiscal year, and oh what a year it was! Beginning in the midst of the global pandemic in July 1 of 2020, this past year has tested everything we did previously, why we did it and to what benefit. I can honestly say – BECAUSE OF YOU, the Iowa FFA Foundation had one of our best years ever! We were able to support more student and educator programs than before. Because of the gift matching program we were able to retire more of the FFA Enrichment Center construction debt than in years before. We were able to help students achieve their goals by developing their potential for Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success through agricultural education. Because of YOU, Iowa FFA and agricultural education continue to be a positive influence on our state's workforce.

Also this month, we had the great opportunity to introduce our 2021-2022 Iowa FFA Officer Team to a few of you through our annual Partnership Visit Tour. To each of you who graciously opened your doors, gave so richly of your time to invest knowledge and wisdom in our officers – we sincerely thank you!

As we prepare for the Iowa State Fair, we are excited to see many of you – some of whom it has been nearly 2 years since our last visit at the 2019 fair. Please, stop by our booth in the Ag. Building or in the FFA Display Building and say hello – we truly can't wait to see you at the Fair!



Sincerely,

Iowa FFA Celebrates 30 Years of Limited Edition Tractors

Since 1991 the Iowa FFA Foundation has produced the Iowa FFA Limited Edition Collectable Tractors.

As we enter the 30th year we have chosen two very special models from our friends at Spec Cast in Dyersville to celebrate this milestone. For our 1/16th scale collectors, we offer the Oliver Super 88 with Corn Picker. This highly detailed model takes us back to the days of harvesting ear corn on those fall days. The box is complete with that "corn field" look that makes this unique collectable stand out! As the 2021 Iowa FFA Tractor, it comes with FFA Logo on the picker and the silver plate signifying the 2021 Iowa FFA edition.

Our 1/64th scale limited edition tractor is another that finds its roots right here in Iowa. First debuted at the Farm Progress Show in 1974, the Kinzie Big Blue is a custom-built, 4-wheel-drive tractor powered by two Detroit Diesel V-8 engines that totaled more than 640 horsepower. The Kinzie Big Blue comes in a custom Iowa FFA 30th Anniversary collectors box. We are delighted to select it as our 1/64th scale 2021 Iowa FFA Tractor.

Both tractors are available for pre-order and will ship FREE to you in early September. Tractors will also be available for order at the FFA Display building during the Iowa State Fair!

There are still a few of the 2019 and 2020 models available and make great gifts or that unique item for a local FFA Auction. To visit the new online store visit the "Shop our Store" link on the Iowa FFA Foundation website, or by clicking any of the images to the right.



30TH ANNIVERSARY
2021 Iowa FFA
LIMITED EDITION TRACTOR



Alumni Seeking Iowa State Fair Volunteers



After a year away, the Iowa State Fair is quickly approaching. The Iowa FFA Alumni & Supporters are looking for volunteers to man the booth in the Agriculture Building visiting with fairgoers and to work in the Supply Booth in the FFA Display Building.

All volunteers will receive admission into the fair for the day and there are a number of shifts available. Alumni chapters who would like to work for an entire day, please contact your district representatives for information on a special promotion by the Iowa FFA Alumni & Supporters that will benefit your chapter!

You can sign up to work a shift, or if your group would like to cover an entire day you can do that as well! It's a great way to spend some time at the Fair while helping to support Agricultural Education in Iowa. To sign up [click here](#).

Employees or Clients with a Holiday Extravaganza



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Cocktail Receptions for up to 300 guests in our beautiful atrium setting- Sit Down or Dinner Receptions for up to 500 in our spacious ballroom- Perfect space for LIVE Entertainment and Dancing- Free Parking and Easy Access

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FFA Officers Visit Partners

Iowa FFA State Officers and Iowa FFA Foundation staff have been busy the last month traveling across the state visiting with partners and donors during partnership visits. These meetings give the officer team the opportunity to inform our partners about the new All In For Ag Education initiative which wants to provide all students across Iowa the access to agricultural education classes by 2029. It also allows these leaders to hone their communication skills while learning about different aspects of the agricultural industry in Iowa that they may not be familiar with.

It is hoped that through conversation, tours and discussions of topics facing both industry and agricultural education that officers will be better able to advocate throughout their year, while also thanking partners for their continued support.

More information on the All In For Ag Education initiative can be found at www.teamaged.co.





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Saturday

February 19, 2022

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