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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends,

For those who frequently read my reflections (THANK YOU!) you may remember my reflection from one year ago regarding how the word "normal" has changed for the world. I also reflected on how a pandemic may be a great opportunity to reflect on why we need leaders. Fast-forward to today... we are still somewhat in a global pandemic and just when we thought our world couldn't get any more complicated and unsettled... well, you have seen the news, warfare and strife on a nearly global level. Severe weather stealing the lives of six people only to be followed by a yo-yo of temperatures and snow. If that weren't bad enough, students were shot as classes dismiss at their high school, three severely injured and one killed – here in IOWA, not Chicago but Des Moines! After all of this, does anyone else begin to question – what can possibly happen next or when will all this end?

With all the terrible stories in the news each day, it would be very easy for our eyes to gloss over and get very depressed. As such, we have failed to see the bright shining stars of our future. In Ukraine, young people of all backgrounds have taken up arms to defend their families against oppression. In Winterset, hundreds (maybe even thousands) showed up on a Sunday morning to help their fellow Iowan's begin to clean up after the tornado had passed. At East High School and throughout Des Moines, thousands of individuals could be seen



wearing red as a symbol of unification against school violence. Throughout the chaos of the world – leaders rise up!

Be proud to know YOU make a difference in this world. Because of YOU, new leaders are provided the skills they need through agricultural education, to take on these and so many other challenges each day.

Sincerely,

Josh



Registration Now Open

Registration for the 26th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament, presented by American Family Insurance, is now open and teams are filling up fast. The four person best ball charity tournament will be held Wednesday, June 15th at Lincoln Valley Golf Course in State Center.

Golfers will enjoy a day on the course while engaging with both the Iowa FFA and Iowa PAS State Officer teams 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 and Iowa PAS State Officers. More information can be found at 2022FFAGolf.givesmart.com.



Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is Back in Ames!

The 2022 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. The event will be returning to Ames in full force as more than 6,500 members, advisors and guests flood Hilton Coliseum on April 11th and 12th. State Leadership Conference is a highlight for many Iowa FFA members and would not be possible without partners like you. Because of your belief in the future of agriculture, members are able to compete in leadership development events, visit with future employers at the career show, be recognized for their outstanding SAE projects and so much more.

To say thank you, we would like to invite you to join us at the 2022 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference as we recognize those donors who go the extra mile to support our mission. Be on the lookout for a e-mail from us with information of when and where your recognition takes place. If you are unable to join us, all sessions will be live streamed on the [Iowa FFA's YouTube Channel](#).

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Judges needed for April 11 & 12

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 94th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference, which will be held at Iowa State University April 11th and 12th.

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.



Iowa Agricultural Career Show Booths Are Filling Up Fast!

Registration for the Iowa Agricultural Career Show at the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is still open! Each year 6,500+ student FFA members, advisors, parents, sponsors and guests travel to this conference to celebrate the achievements of FFA across the state of Iowa during the previous year. While at the conference, students take time to interact with exhibitors in the career show, helping students to understand the agricultural industry and gain valuable information regarding their career path. While many students are not of the age where they may participate in internships or be actively seeking full-time employment, students take an active role understanding the various components of each career pathway while trying to gain an understanding about how they can achieve their career goals.

Spots are filling up very fast - make sure you grab a booth while you still can! Click [here](#) for more information and to register for a booth!

2022 College Scholarship Winners Named

The Iowa FFA Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the Dennis D. Selness Memorial Scholarship, Haney Family Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship, Severson Family Memorial Scholarship and DLL Financial Solutions Scholarship Programs.

The Dennis D. Selness Memorial Scholarship was established to encourage FFA members throughout Iowa to prepare for a career in agriculture. This year's recipient of the \$1,000 college scholarship is Jennifer Holliday.

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 year's recipients of the \$2,500 college scholarship are Jasmyn Hoeger and Tyler Loudon.

The Severson Family Memorial FFA Scholarship is awarded to one FFA Member in Forest City, Iowa. This year's recipient of the \$500 college scholarship is Chiara Thompson.

The DLL Financial Solutions Scholarship is awarded to two students. This year's recipients of the \$2,350 college scholarship are Jasmyn Hoeger and Holly Schmitt.

The 2022 Arthur and Susan Churchill Endowed Scholarship and Sinclair Tractor Scholarship winners will be announced later this month.

Dennis D. Selness Memorial Scholarship

Jennifer Holliday
Nodaway Valley FFA



Haney Family Foundation Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Jasmyn Hoeger
Beckman Catholic FFA

Tyler Loudon
Creston FFA



Severson Family
Memorial
Scholarship

Chiara Thompson
Forest City FFA



DLL Financial Solutions Scholarship

Jasmyn Hoeger

Beckman Catholic FFA

Holly Schmitt

South Winneshiek FFA



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