



Iowa FFA Foundation

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Executive Director's Reflections

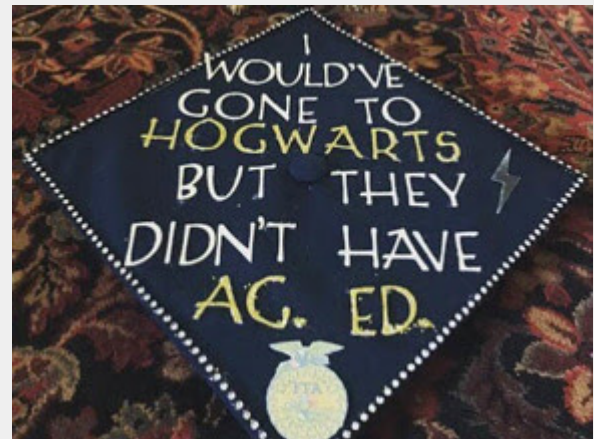
Friends,

HELP WANTED! It is truly exciting to see businesses across our state and country reopen after so many have been shut down or operating at a reduced capacity during the pandemic. Immediately as we see these doors open, signs appear – help wanted. It seems everywhere one looks these signs are visible as companies and organizations actively search for high quality talent to join their teams.

Insider tip – you know where to find these exceptional leaders who will make an immediate impact. FFA and PAS members have invested many years learning, growing and developing the skills necessary to take your business to the next level. Our members share your values and want to be a part of a winning team.

For thousands of Iowa FFA and PAS members, the culmination of many years of academic dedication will be rewarded with their diploma in the coming weeks and many have or will start their new careers. As they reflect on their high school or collegiate careers, we know they will cherish the many memories FFA and PAS have provided. In time, they will grow to understand the incredible opportunities they received to develop Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success – the same skills you invest so heavily and desire on your team! As you attend graduation festivities, be proud of the major role you played in their success.

Thank you for making FFA and PAS members growth and development possible. Finally, in advance, thank you for scanning the resumes you receive for FFA and PAS experience!



Sincerely,

Josh

Golf Tournament Nearly Full!

With only a few weeks until the 25th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament, space has been filling quickly! With space for only sixteen golfers left, the charity event looks to be one of the best events in years. The four person best ball tournament will be held Thursday, June 17th 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.

This year's tournament features some new opportunities. Each golfer will receive a custom limited edition golf gift and have the opportunity to score not only one hole in one prize but multiple prizes on each of the courses par 3 holes. From lifetime supply of golf balls to a 2021 Buick Encore GX from our friends at Bob Brown GMC to a John Deere Gator from our friends at Van Wall, there are endless opportunities throughout the course!

If you can't make it to the course, but would like to donate towards the scholarship funds, or take part in the silent auction, visit <https://2021Golf.givesmart.com>

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

Learn the Chant!

If you have ever wanted to learn to be an auctioneer, here is your chance. Walnut Creek Auction College is forming classes now, with the first class coming in Moline, IL in June. When you register be sure to tell them you are a current or former FFA member and receive a 50% discount.

Vote for the Best

The Des Moines Business Record is holding their annual Best of Des Moines poll, which showcases the best of Des Moines business in nearly eighty different categories. We feel we excel in two



encourage bidding. They'll teach all of it to you in a comprehensive, fun week. You'll go home with everything you need to become a professional auctioneer.

More information can be found at www.walnutcreekauctioncollege.com



Once inside visit #8 and #48 and enter the information below and let the Des Moines business community know about the organization and building that we know and support!

#8 – Best Nonprofit Organization = Iowa FFA Foundation

#48 – Best Place for a Business Conference = FFA Enrichment Center

Thanks in advance for continuing to support our mission!

[Visit here to vote today!](#)

The deadline for ballot submission is end of the day Friday, June 4.

FFA Convention Attendance Tops 5,000

On April 19th and 20th, more than 5,000 Iowa FFA Members, Advisors and guests descended on the Iowa Events Center for the 93rd Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Iowa was one of the first states to return to an in person convention since the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020. With a change of venue and only a few months to prepare, the FFA officers and state staff worked diligently to make this year's event a success.



With Covid-19 protocols in place and followed closely by attendees, FFA members participated in Career Development and Leadership Development contests, were awarded for their hard work the past year through proficiency awards, celebrated being together and elected a new state officer team.

Throughout the conference, donors and partners were able to visit and network in the hospitality area that was provided and manned by Iowa FFA Foundation staff and volunteers. During the first session Monday evening, partners, donors and sponsors were recognized on stage for their continued efforts in supporting agricultural education in Iowa. Gold Standard Partners were presented with personalized blue corduroy banners and members of the Forever Blue Society were presented beautiful cobalt vases.



The Corduroy Club

Your monthly gift of any size can make a lasting impact on FFA members across the state!

No matter the size, your act of generosity will make a substantial impact to agricultural education in Iowa.

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