



# Iowa FFA Foundation

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## *Executive Director's Reflections*

Friends,

Spring! As many Iowans talk about the weather, the phrase “If you don’t like it, just wait five minutes and it will change” is quick to the minds and tongues of many. This statement is almost shockingly true – as demonstrated by how quickly we can jump from 45 degrees and rain to more than 90 degrees and bright sun. A friend of mine recently said, why does the temperature end up more like a Powerball number bouncing around than gradual trends?

In the blink of an eye things change. I see my boys growing up, once tiny infants, now our oldest is nearing graduation from his first year of pre-school! Each spring, we see many parents boast with pride as their children graduate from high schools, colleges and universities. I am sure the time from infant to these epic milestones went by in a blink of eye for these parents as well.

While the specific students grow and move on, the time-honored traditions remain the same and provide us comfort. Yes, they still play Pomp and Circumstance as hundreds of thousands of graduates walk into gymnasiums, football fields and auditoriums across our land. I have witnessed many parents get teary-eyed when the first notes begin to play, tassels are turned on mortarboard caps to signify the right of passage and friends and families gather to celebrate each student’s achievements.

As spring changes to summer, then fall, what was sowed is reaped, just as the education sowed into the minds of students helps reap the reward of a valuable career. Often, I am fortunate to have conversations with agricultural education students, reminiscing about how



time has gone by, and how their time in an “ag class” has positively impacted their future direction – permanently. While it may seem like a blink of an eye to us, each moment with students helps craft them into the wonderful citizens that they will become years down the road; the moments guide the students to think deeper, to understand greater and grab hold of the world around them. They will be the leaders who don’t wait five minutes for the world to change, they go out and make the change!

From all of us here at the Iowa FFA Foundation, we salute the graduates of 2022 and all graduates of FFA and PAS programs!

Sincerely,

Josh



## Golf Tournament Nearly Full!

With only a few weeks until the 26th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament, space has been filling quickly! With space for only 4 golfers left, the charity event looks to be one of the best events in years. The four person best ball tournament will be held Wednesday, June 15th at Lincoln Valley Golf Course in State Center with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Golfers will enjoy a day on the course while engaging with 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.

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 in the tournament. Big prizes for that ace shot include \$2,500 from our friends at Karl Automotive Group and a John Deere Gator from our friends at Van Wall.

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://2022FFAGolf.givesmart.com>. The online auction opens on June 1st at noon.

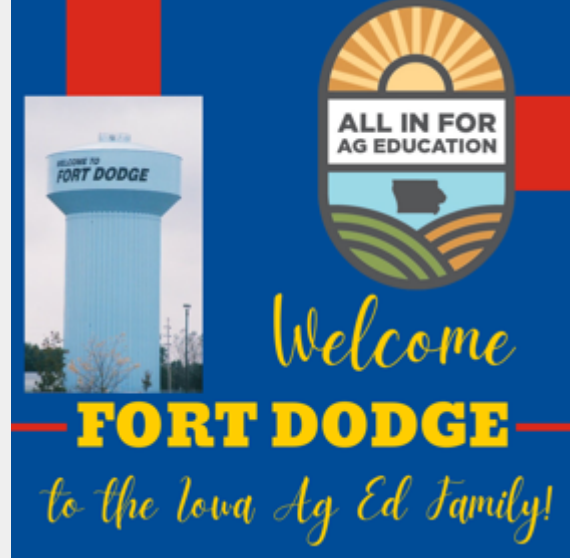
Funds raised through the golf tournament directly support scholarships for the Iowa FFA and Iowa PAS State Officers. More information can be found at [www.iowaffafoundation.org](http://www.iowaffafoundation.org).



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# Alumni is Looking for Volunteers!

There are only a short 97 days until the doors open to the 2022 Iowa State Fair. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters is looking for volunteers to help during the fair at supply service and in the agriculture building. There are multiple time slots available for every day of the fair. To see what shifts they have open and sign up, click [here](#). If you have any questions, you can send an e-mail to [CD Brinegar](#) and/or [Shelby Westhoff](#).



**Welcome to the Ag Ed  
Family, Fort Dodge!**

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## Heartland Scholarship Recipients Named!

Heartland Co-op has announced this year's scholarship recipients.

Andrew McCaw, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Ecology.

Ashlyn Vorthmann, a student at Northwest Missouri State University majoring in Agricultural Science.

Cody Felt, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Studies.

Dylan Hoefer, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Systems Technology.

Kathryn Van Manen, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science.

Max Riley, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Agricultural Systems Technology.

Hailey Heishman, a student at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science.

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