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Good Afternoon,

From all of us here at the State Office we would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving! Below are some important updates for you to be aware of as we head towards the start of a new year.

Highlights:

- **2019 NYAAE June Conference Registration is OPEN!**
- **National FFA Scholarship Applications is OPEN!**
- **212/360 Registration is Open! Click [HERE](#) to register**
- **State Leaders Experience Registration is Open! Click [HERE](#) to register**
- **Letters of Intent to Run for New York's National Officer Candidate**

Ag Ed/Professional Development Updates:

2019 NYAAE Conference

The NYAAE Professional Development Committee has begun planning the 2019 summer conference. The summer conference is scheduled for **Sunday, June 23 to Wednesday, June 26, 2019** at the Oswegatchie Educational Center in Croghan, NY. This past June we had over 115 agricultural educators and guests attend the event. We are certain that this conference has something for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing each of you next June! Be sure to **save this date** and be watching for additional conference information coming across the list serve. **Plan ahead and submit a conference request to ensure that funds will be available for you in June. Cost of attendance is \$520/person.**

Lodging will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis so be sure to submit your conference requests to your school today!

Present at the 2019 NYAAE Conference

Do you have an idea that you would like to share?

The NYAAE Professional Development Committee has begun planning the 2019 summer conference. We have some great ideas for next summer's event, but would like to give each of you the opportunity to share your workshop suggestions. We have learned from past experiences that we learn best from our peers. ***This is YOUR opportunity to shine in front of YOUR colleagues.***

Please visit the Call for proposals [link](#) if you would like to be considered as a professional development workshop presenter at the summer conference scheduled for **Sunday, June 23 to Wednesday, June 26, 2019** at the Oswegatchie Educational Center in Croghan, NY.

If you have any questions regarding submitting a workshop proposal or attending the 2019 summer conference please feel free to contact Kaylie Siddall or the planning committee members: Anne Allen, Carol Wright, Jon English, Jeff Perry, Jessica DeVries, Mandi Millen, Brooke Head, Tara Berescik, Lisa Konnerth, Shari Lighthall, and Terry Hughes.

CASE Registration News

Registration for the 2019 Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Institutes across the country will open on **December 1, 2018**. **Space in each institute will be limited with registrations accepted on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend an institute in New York, it will be important that you register early to secure a space.**

In 2019, New York will be hosting the following two institutes in Lowville, NY:

July 28 - August 7, 2019 Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) - [click for details](#)

July 28 - August 7, 2019 Mechanical Systems in Agriculture | Agricultural Power and Technology (APT) - [click for details](#)

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As of 2018, New York educators have attended 76 CASE institutes, this equates to almost 4,600 hours of professional development!

A generous thank you to our partners in NY for supporting 2019 NY CASE institute Scholarships: SUNY Cobleskill and the New York Association of Agricultural Educators (NYAAE)

NYS FFA Updates:

212/360 registration is open! All information can be found here- <http://www.nysffa.org/212360>
-212/360 registration closes on 12/14/18

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State Leaders Experience registration is open! All information can be found here-
<http://www.nysffa.org/stateleadersexperience>
-SLE registration closes on 12/21/18

Letter of Intent to Run for New York's National Officer Candidate- Please email your letter of

intent to Derek Hill by 12/15/18. dhill@cornell.edu

National FFA Scholarship Application is OPEN!

- Due to the number of late payments received for the 2017-2018 roster year and the limited funds in the Association's account, we will not submit students to National FFA until we receive payment for their membership. Once payment is received for your student's membership, we will submit them from state to national right away.

- The National FFA Scholarship application is due on February 6th with all supplemental documents due on February 13th. **Any students who are applying for the National FFA Scholarship must be on the roster and payment MUST be submitted before this date.**

National FFA Updates:

1. California Wildfires Update

We have just learned this week that the Camp Fire ravaging Northern California—the state's deadliest wildfire to date—has impacted members of our agricultural education family. The fire has destroyed the homes of the agriculture teacher at Durham High School and an agricultural education professor at California State University in Chico. And, several agriculture teachers' families and a retired agriculture teacher have also lost their homes. Please continue to keep those affected by these life-altering events in your thoughts and prayers. You can learn more about the fundraising efforts currently underway, including a gift card drive, on our crisis relief webpage, FFA.org/crisis-relief/.

Also amazing are the stories of our FFA Family, some of whom are in the midst of tragedies themselves, helping those in need. Here's an example of some of the stories we've been hearing (email edited for space; see attached screenshots):

I am sending this email to express that we have three amazing FFA advisors at Gridley FFA in California who have stepped up during this tragedy. They have spent hours and days helping to get animals out of the affected places and helping wherever needed, even while one of the advisors was evacuated herself. The advisors have reached out to their chapters and have had the students helping. They have set up panels and trailered out animals. They also make sure the animals have clean pens and are fed and watered. FFA advisor Jennifer Kaslin even put on a floral class to have all the proceeds go to the Paradise FFA, and I'm sure that I have left out many other things they have done. I believe Jennifer, Matthew Reed and Nick Dreesmann of the Gridley FFA should be recognized for the HEROS they are.

— Antionette Paul

2. Apply Now for a National FFA Scholarship

Do you have students who could use some money for college? Tell them about the National FFA Scholarship online application, which opens on **Thursday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. EST.**

Students can:

- Create, edit and submit an application using any web platform, including a smartphone.
- Check the status of their application from their personalized homepage.
- Save/edit an in-progress application at any time before the application deadline.

- Upload any required materials directly to their application.
- Opt-in for text notifications, in addition to email notifications and reminders.
- Take advantage of a longer application period, Nov. 15 - Feb. 6.
- Use the easy one-click advisor validation.
- Learn of your scholarship acceptance online—NO MORE MAIL.

Check out the extensive FAQ and other resources found at FFA.org/scholarships.

3. SAE Video of the Week: Hydroponics

Go [behind the scenes](#) at Connecticut's Sound School with Giovanni Roman, who uses a variety of hydroponics systems to grow plants in the school's greenhouse. Watch more videos in our [SAE Video Library](#), which now includes links to related [lesson plans](#) and [student activity sheets](#).

4. SAE Video of the Week: Dairy Heifers

Watch how [Jonathan Jones](#) from Los Lunas FFA in New Mexico uses his SAE in the area of dairy heifers to move outside of his comfort zone and into a life-changing career with animals. You can see more videos in our [SAE Video Library](#).

5. Raise Money for Your Chapter

Looking for a simple and effective chapter fundraiser? We Fund Them (see attached) is a quick and easy online donation platform that provides a thank-you gift to supporters of the largest discount network in the nation. This gift encourages donations and the sharing of your fundraiser with other possible donors. You simply customize the site with your picture, video and messaging and share it through email, text and social media. We Fund Them will support FFA and provide detailed tracking of participant and group participation and fundraising results. [Click here](#) to see an example of an active donation site for a college baseball team. [Click here](#) to get your We Fund Them page started.

6. FFA Talks Sustainability

For the first time in the organization's history, the National FFA welcomed sustainability leaders to the national convention and expo, with nearly every part of the food value chain represented. The group toured the convention and expo Thursday afternoon, watched agricultural issues leadership development event finalists, and learned about AgExplorer, Living to Serve, and agriscience fair. On Friday, FFA members, educators, and state staff joined the group as everyone listened to examples of sustainable systems, partnerships, and practices. The group spent the morning trying to identify and prioritize the key areas where agricultural education and FFA align with consumers and industry. The initiative was driven by John Niemann, the 2019 National FFA Sponsors' Board chair from Cargill and coordinated by Christine White and Todd Greenwood from FFA. Look for more information on this important initiative in early 2019.

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