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Good Evening,

As you begin planning for the New Year below are some updates for you to consider.

Highlights:

- **2019 NYAAE June Conference Registration is OPEN!**
- **212/360 Registration closes December 14th!**
- **SLE Registration closes December 21st!**
- **Empire Farm and Dairy**
- **USDA Internships**
- **National FFA Scholarship Applications is OPEN! New Information added about the Built Ford Tough Scholarship**

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 opened 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>

Online Registration closes December 14th!

State Leaders Experience Registration is open! All information can be found here- <http://www.nysffa.org/stateleadersexperience>

Registration closes on December 21 !

Empire Farm and Dairy- is a Farm Publication that serves all of New York. NY FFA has been working with them over the past few months to create an FFA section in their publication. They have been great to work with. Our monthly newsletter and district spotlights have been included in this publication. For additional information about Empire Farm & Dairy, or for suggestions and subscriptions, email empirefarm@wdt.net or call (800) 642-6222. We have also been posting the articles to our website: <http://www.nysffa.org/news>

USDA Internships- Press Release

Secretary Perdue announces new OneUSDA Internship Program

(Washington, D.C., December 4, 2018) Today, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the “OneUSDA Internship” opportunity for Summer 2019. As part of the Federal Pathways Program, the OneUSDA Internship will provide students a way to explore serving their country through a career in government while gaining work experience in agriculture, natural resources, rural development, and other career fields.

“The improvements we’re making to internships at USDA will enable us to recruit the best and retain the best,” said Secretary Perdue. “Today’s young people are the future of America and there are few things more American than agriculture. We’re aiming to find young talent, with a diverse background, across all 50 states, to begin their careers as an intern with USDA.”

The OneUSDA Internship Program offers Federal opportunities to students currently enrolled in qualifying educational programs or institutions, with a comprehensive developmental program intended to provide students with experience in a dynamic work environment that will enhance their educational goals and shape their career choices. An internship with USDA will involve various components of on-the-job experience, mentorship, and training tailored to the student’s education, experience, and interests.

During 2018, USDA was proud to host more than 3,000 interns throughout the country, about half of which were through the Federal Pathways Program. In the Summer of 2019, USDA will hire Pathways Interns in hundreds of locations across every state in the country for the following occupational fields:

- Veterinary Science
- Biological Sciences (e.g., natural resources management forestry, wildlife biology, fish biology, ecology, botany, rangeland management, recreation)
- Engineering
- Agribusiness, Contracting, Procurement, and Industry
- General Administration and Office Support

USDA is making sure the Summer 2019 OneUSDA internship job announcement is easier-than-ever for college students to find and apply for. After choosing the geographic region of preference and the career path that best matches with students’ area of study and professional aspirations at <http://www.usda.gov/Internships>, students simply follow the weblinks to <https://www.usajobs.gov/> to set up an account, then follow the prompts to apply to the internship.

When applying, applicants will also have an opportunity to indicate their preferred area of interest and USDA Agency or office. USDA will start reviewing applications on December 9, and the application window will close on January 18, 2019.

For more information, visit www.USDA.gov/Internships.

National FFA Scholarship Applications is OPEN!

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.**

Ford Motor Company Fund and Ford Trucks Built Ford Tough FFA Scholarship Program

ELIGIBILITY:

High school senior or college student pursuing a two-year or four-year degree in any major. Applicants must apply online and then visit their local participating Ford Truck dealer for signature and dealer code. Qualified students will be considered for all FFA scholarships, but **in order to be considered for the Built Ford Tough –FFA Scholarship, they must have a Ford dealer signature and dealer code on the required Signature Page.**

To find a participating dealer who has identified a local FFA chapter, visit FFA.org/scholarships. Applicants unable to find a participating dealer online may obtain a signature and dealer code from their local Ford dealer to make them eligible for one of five national scholarships.

AWARD:

Up to 500 scholarships available at \$1,000 each to be awarded on behalf of participating Ford Truck dealers. Five additional national scholarships at \$1,000 each will be available to students who do not have a participating Ford Truck dealer in their area but did obtain a Ford dealer signature and dealer code. Non-renewable.

SPONSOR BIO:

Ford has been building tough trucks that move and service America since 1908. 2018 marks the 70th year of FFA support by Ford Trucks and Ford Motor Company Fund. Ford is one of the largest corporate sponsors of scholarships in the National FFA scholarship program. Since 1997, Ford and participating Ford Truck dealers have awarded more than \$11.8 million in scholarships to FFA members.

General Scholarship Information

National FFA Scholarship

- **Students must create a new log-in. Their FFA log-in will not work.**
- Collaborating with industry experts, ISTS, the new FFA scholarship platform provides a

variety of benefits for the end user. This new on-line experience will eliminate the current paper process facilitating a much more timely and effective delivery and acceptance process.

- Applicants will have the ability to:
 - o Create, edit and submit an application utilizing any web platform including a smart phone.
 - o Check the status of any scholarship application in progress via their Scholarship Homepage.
 - o Save their progress and return prior to the deadline to complete their application.
 - o Upload any required materials directly to their application.
 - o Opt-in for text notifications to supplement the email notifications and reminders to ensure a successful submittal and acceptance of their scholarship application.
- Quick and easy, one click advisor validation
 - o FFA Advisors will receive an email notification to validate the leadership, SAE and Community Service sections of the student application.

The scholarship application will close Feb. 6. Any supplemental forms must be uploaded by Feb. 13. Please view the extensive [FAQ](#) document and other resources at www.FFA.org/Scholarships to assist you with any questions regarding the new scholarship platform. **Encourage your students to submit before the last day!**

National FFA Living to Serve

A new year means new funding opportunities! **The Spring Semester-Long Living to Serve Grant will open Jan. 1.** Gather your FFA members and begin researching needs in your community that can be addressed with support from the grant. The **application is easy** to fill out, and you can even add collaborators, like an alumni member, to help you complete the application. Start planning now for how your chapter will put their leadership into action in the new year! The application can be found at FFA.org/LivingToServe/grants.

National FFA Updates:

1. Now Read More Stories on FFA.org

By now, you should have received the winter issue of *FFA New Horizons*. We hope you enjoy reading the stories that showcase all the great things FFA members, advisors, alumni and chapters are doing. As we mentioned back in May, we decided to reduce the size of the magazine by four pages and to change the weight of the paper for internal pages slightly. The savings from these two moves have allowed us to work with the publisher of the magazine, Meredith Agrimedia, on developing additional digital news content, which our 2017 delegates asked us to do. We are happy to report that FFA.org now features not only stories from the printed issues of *FFA New Horizons* but also new stories found exclusively online. Each week, the website will be updated with new content so be sure to visit FFA.org often and check out FFA in action.

2. Washington Leadership Conference Pricing and Dates

The [dates and pricing](#) for the 2019 Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) are posted on the [WLC webpage](#). General registration will open on March 5, 2019. We will be adding 30 student and 10 advisor spots for each of the seven weeks. Find more information about the conference on the [WLC webpage](#). Additional information regarding the registration process will be provided in the coming months. Direct any questions regarding WLC to wlc@ffa.org.

3. **SAE Video of the Week: River Mapping**

[Follow Fiona Haggerty](#), a member of the Lyman Hall FFA in Connecticut, as she maps the Quinnipiac River. Fiona's supervised agricultural experience (SAE) is not only helping her community but also exposing her to the science of river mapping, different paddling techniques and Arc GIS technology. Watch more videos in our [SAE Video Library](#), which includes links to related [lesson plans](#) and [student activity sheets](#).

4. **National FFA Alumni and Supporters News**

[Check out the growing list of benefits](#) that every National FFA Alumni and Supporter receives as part of their membership, just in time for the holiday season. And, don't forget that the registration and deposit for the first agricultural travel program are due Friday, Feb. 1. The tentative itinerary and registration form are attached.

5. **RFD-TV to Launch New TV Show Featuring FFA**

RFD-TV is excited to announce a new TV show for 2019: "FFA Today." The weekly 30-minute show will feature member-submitted videos from across the country. RFD-TV is asking members to submit videos of two-to-four minutes on anything related to their FFA chapters or state associations (SAE projects, community service projects, conventions, leadership events and more). Even better: RFD-TV will award a \$1,000 weekly prize for the best submission!

Email videos to FFAtoday@rfdtv.com. All formats work (no graphics, please); footage shot with a cell phone should be filmed horizontally. If the file is too large to email, try [WeTransfer](#).

RFD-TV is also looking for FFA members and state officers to host the show. Direct questions and ideas to Billy Frey (billy@rfdtv.com) or Katie Lukens (katiel@rfdtv.com). The show premieres Jan. 7, 2019.

6. **Sealed Air Supports Future of FFA in New Video**

We want to thank Sealed Air, a proud sponsor of our mission to create the next generation of agriculture leaders, for creating this [new video](#) that showcases the company's commitment to the future of agriculture and FFA. Because of generous sponsors like Sealed Air, we're opening doors for members to explore innovative careers and learn how to feed the world using state-of-the-art technologies.

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