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Good Afternoon,

It seems as if winter won't quit this year! I hope everyone is surviving the continued on slot of snow!

It is exciting for us to see all of the interest in award applications, contest results and officer selections this time of year. We look forward to visiting with many of you this Saturday at Sub-States. We would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all of our host chapters for the extra responsibility and work that you take on during the LDE season. Safe travels to everyone!

Below are some important updates. Please reach out to us if you have specific questions.

AG ED/Professional Development Updates:

June 17-20th NYAAE conference for all NY Agricultural Educators. **Submit a conference request to your school today to ensure that funds will be available for you in June.** Complete the online registration and an invoice will be provided for you to submit to your school. Cost to attend will \$495/participant. <http://www.nysffa.org/nyaaeconference>
We have an exceptional slate of workshops and activities planned! Come experience the wonderful Oswegatchie Educational Center in the Adirondack State Park and attend workshops on: **precision agriculture in your classroom; make room for Mushrooms; Discover the wonders of Wool; SHARK ATTACK-Using a CNC Shark and PlasmaCam for STEM applications; Putting the Fun in Food Science; and GMOs: Scratching the Surface of Biotechnology.**

Great undergraduate student intern opportunity working on food exports from the Department's Albany office! Please share with any qualified and interested students.

<https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HR/HRHome.html>

https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/HR/Food_Export_Intern_Program.pdf

Pending funding support provided by a USDA Professional Development Opportunity for Secondary School Teachers (PD-STEP) grant, NAAE, on behalf of the CASE Initiative, is seeking 22 teachers to participate as a cohort in a multi-year grant program. The grant will provide awardees the following benefits:

- Full registration fee to complete specialization course certification in either the *Animal and Plant Biotechnology* (APB) or *Food Science and Safety* (FSS) CASE Institute during summer 2018. Please note: travel is not provided and is the responsibility of the school or teacher.
- Full registration fee to complete capstone course certification in *Agricultural Research and Development* (ARD) through an online professional development during either the fall 2018 or the summer 2019.
- Up to 55 CASE Online accounts provided over two years for students enrolled in specialization and capstone courses to complete End-of-Course Assessments.
- \$500 in Ward's Scientific products plus a 25% Ward's Scientific discount to assist in the implementation of the specialization and capstone CASE courses.
- The total value of the grant is estimated to be approximately \$6,125.00 per awardee.

The deadline to apply is April 15, 2018, however grant applications will be granted after review of qualifications until all available grants have been awarded.

Click [here](#) for more information and application access.

Congratulations! The Career and Technical Education Technical Assistance Center of NY (CTE TAC) has named the Agriculture Program at John Bowne High School as the first recognized New York State Career and Technical Education Model Program.



Oswegatchie's AdironDuck Race is Sunday April 29th 2018! Your chapter can participate in our biggest yearly fundraiser and help send your students to camp.

For every duck your school gets credit for selling, you earn 50% of the profit in the form of "duck bucks". Duck bucks can be used anytime in the next 12 months for purchases and programs at Oswegatchie.

There are two ways you can participate.

1. Commit to selling a "flock" of ducks. This is a traditional method where you commit to a physical batch of tickets which you sell through your students, alumni and community. We do not take ducks back, so the number of ducks you request are yours to keep.
2. Just spread the word for supporters to go online and pick your chapter. This means you do not have to collect any cash or ticket stubs! Just share on social media, send emails, print some postcards.

This is our general duck sales page with every chapter listed.

<http://www.adironduckrace.com/buy-ducks.html>

We are also creating custom chapter web pages, like this <http://www.adironduckrace.com/beekmantown-ffa.html>

Contact us today if you would like a custom page, or a batch of tickets to sell!

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New York FFA
Foundation

Foundation News:

If you ordered placemats from the NY FFA Foundation for your FFA Banquets or other public events, you will be able to pick these up at your Sub State competition sites. If you are not attending sub state, we can mail them directly to your FFA Chapter. Please advise if you need them mailed by contact Todd Lighthall at tighthall@oswegatchie.org.

New York Association of FFA Updates:

Below are some updates and reminders for the multiple events and activities coming up the next couple of months.

Waivers and Medical forms are required for all events at the state level. Please email them ahead of time to Nancy Grossman.

State Convention: Registration is live until April 9th, don't delay register today! Draft schedules, engagement opportunities, competitions and more have all been posted! Please review all of this information with your students so that you can be prepared to register them for the appropriate activities. **Registration closes April 9th.** The official hotel of the 2018 convention has had a name change, it is now the Rochester Riverside Hotel. This facility is ideally located to all convention venues with direct access via skywalk to the convention center with a short walk to the

Blue Cross Arena. Most workshops and LDE/CDE's will be held in either the Rochester Riverside Hotel or Convention Center. Please visit our website for more information about reserving rooms for your chapter: <http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention-hotels>. **In order to receive the reduced rate that includes breakfast you must reserve your rooms by 3/30/18.** You can now reserve up to five rooms at a time on the new online portal that the hotel has provided us. Please limit the number of excess rooms you reserve so all schools have the opportunity to join us at this location.

FFA Membership: Even though the roster deadline has passed, chapters can continue to add members until August 1st after paying a \$50 late fee. **We will be checking rosters for members advancing to Sub-States and State Convention, please make sure these students are on your roster.** There have been many updates and changes to the system. Please read **ALL** of the following information carefully so that this transition can be as smooth of a process as possible. We have created a new page on our www.nysffa.org website just for help with FFA membership and help with rosters. Please visit this link for information and tutorials on how to do your student roster this year: <http://www.nysffa.org/membership/>. As our state continues to see growth in our membership, we are starting to see some overlap with our homeschools and BOCES centers having students in two programs. As a reminder, students can only be members in one chapter. This is a student's choice which chapter they will be a member of. In order to be a member of a chapter students should be receiving instruction from the certified agriculture teacher at that program. **A new policy that took affect September 1st is, 7-12th grade members must be added to the national roster, only 6th graders can be added to the NY Only Roster.**

District President and State Officers Candidates:

District President Deadlines:

-Selection Process will take place at your sub-state location on 3/17/18
-District Presidents will be elected at State Convention on 5/18/18 by the delegates from their district.

State Officer Deadlines:

-Application Due: 3/15/18 (**TODAY**), the application is located here: <http://www.nysffa.org/apps/2015/9/23/leadership-awards-applications>
-Selection Process Location and Date: The selection dates will be **4/12-4/14/18**,

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-State Officers will be elected at State Convention by the delegates.

-We will be sending out additional information next week once I have received all of the applications and contracts regarding the logistics of the selection process.

Students who wish to serve on the State Officer Selection NOM COM should fill out the application on our website (<http://www.nysffa.org/apps/2015/9/23/leadership-awards-applications>) by 3/15/18. Advisors must email their letter of recommendation to me at dhill@cornell.edu.

FFA Members Are Living to Serve

DAY OF SERVICE GRANT

Day of Service Mini-Grants provide alumni/collegiate or middle/high school chapters with up to \$400 to conduct a one-time service event.

Day of Service: Rolling deadline last day of each month (up to \$400)

Learn more at FFA.org/LivingToServe
#LivingToServe

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve.” ~Martin Luther King Jr.

How is your chapter Living to Serve? FFA offers Day of Service Mini-Grants for \$400 to support chapters in planning community service events. The application is easy, and you can apply for funds to support a one-day service event that focuses on topics such as Community Safety; Hunger, Health and Nutrition; Environmental Responsibility; or Community Engagement.

Find out more at FFA.org/LivingToServe/grants.
If you have questions, the Living to Serve team is here to help. You can email them at LTS@FFA.org

New York Application/ Due Date Information:

If you have questions regarding AET, award applications or CDE/LDE information please contact Catie Rowe, crowe@cornell.edu.

Due March 15th (TODAY)

- Dairy Breed
- New Chapter Jacket Award
- Student Jacket Award
- NY SAE Grant
- State Officer Application
- State Officer Nominating Committee Application

Sub-states- March 17. Snow Date March 27th. More information to come in the coming days!

- Eastern Region- Cobleskill Richmondville
- Western Region- Cattaraugus Little Valley
- Central Region- Carthage

SUBSTATE SNOW/ INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Schools need to notify the host by noon of the day prior to your event if they are unable to attend (travel to the event, if it is a weekend) because of inclement weather causing a school to close. **Even if one school is unable to attend, the competitions need to be moved to the snow date.**

NEW FOR 2018- Agricultural Education/ Teach Ag LDE preview event at Sub States

At the January meeting, the board voted to adopt the Agricultural Education/ Teach Ag LDE as an exploratory event at the Sub State level. At this level, students will be scored but will not receive a rank or official placing- this is just a practice of the event. **Any student that is interested in participating in this event should have submitted their written speech manuscript to the Sub-State hosts 10 days prior to the event BUT interested students can still participate, there is just no guarantee that they will receive feedback on their manuscript.** The Agricultural Education/Teach Ag LDE will officially begin at State Convention, students will receive a score and a rank at the state level. This is not a National competition.

Calling all CDE Lovers!

If you or someone you know has a passion for competition and want to judge at the 2018 State Convention in Rochester fill out this form! <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/45754-Aoe> This link can also be found under the "JUDGE FFA CONTESTS" tab on the State Convention page (<http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention>)

Do you want to be more involved in competitions this year? Do you enjoy seeing students hard work come to life in their favorite competitions? Become a CDE Coordinator! Email Catie Rowe at cmr323@cornell.edu for more information.

CDEs that need Coordinators for 2018:

Scrapbook/Secretary's Book/Reporter's Award

LDEs that need a Coordinator for 2019:

Jr Prepared Public Speaking

National FFA Updates:

1. Let's Hear It for the Ag Educators

In the latest issue of *FFA New Horizons*, we celebrate agriculture teachers new to the classroom. Cole Ramsey is in his second year as an agriculture teacher at Nelson County High School in Virginia. While pressures surely face him, he has found ways to rise to the challenge.

"My first day of school was really nerve-racking," Ramsey says. "I was fortunate to student-teach where I now work, but there was a whole new group of kids I didn't know. We were able to connect over our similar FFA experiences and time spent on the farm since I work in a rural area."

Read about the tips that have made Ramsey's classroom time a success in the article "First Class." Then, meet the [Miller County FFA Alumni Chapter](#) in Georgia, which was named the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Chapter; learn which [national officer is a twin](#); find out where you can [study milling science and aquaculture](#); and [more](#).

2. Living to Serve Grants Awarded

The Living to Serve team recently awarded \$81,470 in grants to support strong spring semester-long service-learning projects. Seventy-two FFA chapters, representing 36 states, have been awarded funds to address local community needs in one of the following focus areas: community safety; environmental responsibility; hunger, health and nutrition; and community engagement. Also, in January, nine FFA chapters received \$400 each to support a Day of Service Mini-Grant event in their local communities. February submissions are under review. To find out more about the Living to Serve platform, visit FFA.org/LivingToServe.

3. CHS Celebrates FFA Day

On Tuesday, platinum sponsor CHS held an FFA Day at their Minnesota headquarters. National officers Breanna Holbert and Gracie Furnish, National FFA Foundation staff, and I joined in the festivities. The CHS leadership team had lunch with us, and all employees were invited to a panel with Breanna and Gracie and roundtable discussions in the afternoon. We shared the FFA mission and took part in discussions that focused on the partnership between our two organizations. "It's rare to find partnerships in this world where values and missions align than between CHS and FFA," Nanci Lilja, with the CHS Foundation, said.

4. Red Brand Fence Giveaway

Gold sponsor Red Brand is hosting a giveaway for FFA chapters. Submit how your chapter would use Red Brand fence at your school's agricultural education facility, and you could win exclusive Blue & Gold fence. Now through March 31, entries will be accepted and must be submitted by FFA advisors to Red Brand. Winners will be selected and notified by May 1.

To Enter:

Explain in Detail how your chapter would use the Red Brand Field Fence and/or Barbed Wire for your project

The fence must be used for a school-sanctioned, FFA-designated plot

Photos or video of the facility to be fenced in must be submitted with your entry-so be creative

Entries must be received by 3/31/18

Entries must be submitted by your chapter advisor. Please include chapter name and number and advisor contact information

Winners will be selected by Red Brand's industry experts and notified by 5/1/18

Email your entry information to the Red Brand Marketing Department, Attn: Dain Rakestraw, dain.rakestraw@keystonesteel.com

If your email entry is not confirmed within 5 business days, please call 309-697-7063

5. Foundation Roundtable

This week, Aaron Alejandro and Joanne Shelton from the Texas FFA Foundation hosted a roundtable discussion for state foundation directors at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show. Matt Treadwell, Kate Miller and Kim Weseli from our foundation team also attended. The group discussed challenges but also made room for a few hours of fun, including a rodeo and Rascal Flatts concert. Aaron invited a variety of guests to speak, such as political figures and a current Texas board member.

During the discussion, attendees noted their top three challenges: board management, stewardship and individual giving. These topics will be addressed in future foundation monthly calls, and a calendar of topics will be set for the year and include outside professional assistance. Other roundtable discussions included giving platforms, web development and updating, social marketing, and more.

Those attending the roundtable included Don Thorn of Colorado; Sheldon McKinney and Emily Davis of Kentucky; Neil Schneider of Arizona; Laura Wilder of Idaho; Sarah Sparks of Pennsylvania; Jennifer Armstrong of Virginia; and Oaklee Anderson of Wyoming.

While at the roundtable, Jennifer Armstrong shared she hosts a talk program on WSVAonline.com. The program gives her the opportunity to promote and share FFA with listeners.

Thanks to Neil Schneider for his part in arranging this event. Sheldon McKinney has offered to host a similar event in 2019.

6. Work at FFA

Please see the newest available position at the National FFA Organization:

[Director of Information Technology](#)

Good luck to everyone participating in Sub-States on Saturday!



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