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Good Afternoon,

It was great getting to see a lot of you at our 212/360 event this past weekend! We set a new record high with 651 students and over 80 teachers in attendance! This link will take you to a couple of pictures from this weekend's hockey game: <http://www.nysffa.org/212360>. We look forward to seeing some of you again next week at State Leaders Experience in Albany. Below are several important updates. Please reach out to us if you have specific questions.

AG ED/Professional Development Updates:

The National Young Farmers coalition recently published a guidebook that may be a natural fit to share with your students, check it out here: <http://www.youngfarmers.org/fsaloansguide/>
In addition, their survey reveals a generation ready to defy odds:
<http://www.youngfarmers.org/survey2017/>

We have a small quantity of the NYAAE agricultural education yearbooks left. If you would like a copy, please contact Nancy at nancy.grossman@cornell.edu – First come, first served

June 17-20th NYAAE conference for all NY Agricultural Educators. Registration and Scholarship Applications are LIVE- **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>

Farm Credit east CASE Scholarship: \$1000

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

APPLICATION

Do you need help? Just have a agricultural content specific question? Could you benefit from a few new lessons or ideas from an agricultural education colleague? NYAAE has expanded its agricultural education-mentoring program. **Please visit the [NYAAE mentoring portal](#), click on a mentor's name and reach out for assistance.**

CoSer & Oswegatchie

What is a CoSer?

CoSer is a service offered through local BOCES districts to help fund or help find services for schools within their district. A CoSer is a "Cooperative Service" application, which must be filed for every BOCES service and must be approved by the state education department before provided. BOCES is required to file CoSers for any service it offers, regardless of whether the program is aided or not aided.

What programs at Oswegatchie can you use COSER for? ELP Programs- Environmental Leadership programs, 2 nights and 3 days of programing. Ropes Programs- Use the course for the day or make it and

overnight experience.

AND

Oswegatchie's week long summer leadership program. Also known as summer camp!

How do I apply for CoSer funding?

1. A teacher makes a request to the school superintendent to bring students to Oswegatchie for an Environmental and Outdoor education program.
2. The superintendent submits a memo to their BOCES superintendent requesting that students from their school attend Oswegatchie Educational Center on ___ date at the rate of _____ per student through a COSER cross contract with Jefferson Lewis BOCES.
3. The BOCES Superintendent will then send a memo to Jefferson Lewis BOCES for approval. Approvals must be complete before the start of the program.

How does payment work?

1. At the completion of the program Oswegatchie sends a bill to the Jefferson Lewis BOCES.
2. Jefferson Lewis BOCES pays Oswegatchie and forwards a bill to the home school or BOCES affiliate.
3. The home school will then pay the BOCES center for the entire amount of the program.
4. The following year BOCES will reimburse the school at the BOCES aid ratio for that school. This ratio is different for each school but is usually between 60%-90%.

If you are interested in trying this method of funding for our summer programming you should start the process NOW.

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.

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State Leaders Experience, February 5-6: For more information about this event please visit: <http://www.nysffa.org/stateleadersexperience>. We have sent out two emails to participants and their advisors directly with additional details. If you are attending this event and did not receive this information please let us know and we will follow up with you. If you have not responded to Derek Hill regarding riding the bus that the State Association is provided please do so ASAP. **As a reminder the registration fee (\$95) for ALL students must be postmarked by January 22, 2018 to the State FFA Office. Adults attending this event do not have a fee. We highly recommend that students reach out to their county farm bureau for support.**

Waivers and Medical forms are required for all events at the state level. Several schools still need to submit these for SLE. Please email them ahead of time to Nancy Grossman or be prepared to hand them in onsite to Catie Rowe.

State Convention: Plans for the 2018 state convention are well underway. 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>. **You are now able to make reservations.** 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.

The convention planning sheet is now posted on our website for you to review and to help aid you in your planning. Please visit the convention website to find out more:

<http://www.nysffa.org/state-convention>. We will have a schedule out this coming month along with a promotional poster that will be sent to your chapter. Registration will open in March.

FFA Membership: The new **FFA roster** year started on September 1st. 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 Applications and Handbooks: We have updated and posted the DP and SO Handbooks. These can be found at this link:

<http://www.nysffa.org/apps/2015/9/23/leadership-awards-applications>. The new application is an online application. Everything will be submitted online except for the DP and SO contracts which can be found in the updated handbooks. Those must be mailed to the state office post marked by the deadline. Our address is 300 Kennedy Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. Letters of intent must be emailed to dhill@cornell.edu by the respective deadlines. The State Officers are developing a proposal to be reviewed by the Governing Board related to the time and location of the State Officer Selection. Therefore, in the updated handbooks it says To Be Determined. Once the Governing Board has made a decision on the timing and location of State Officer selection we will send information out. **District President selection process will still take place at sub-states.**

District President Deadlines:

-Application Due: 2/15/18

-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.

**Students who wish to serve on the District President
NOM COM should notify their Trustee by March 1st.**

State Officer Deadlines:

dhill@cornell.edu) Due: 3/1/18

-Letter of Intent (email to
-Application Due: 3/15/18
-Selection Process Location and Date:
The selection dates will be 4/12-4/14/18, the location is TBD
-State Officers will be elected at State
Convention by the delegates.

**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.

The National FFA Scholarship application is now LIVE! Applications are due **February 1st**.
Students must be on this year's roster to complete the application. Scholarship signature pages are
due postmarked to National FFA by February 8th.

New York Application/ Due Date Information:

Due February 15th

- Empire Degree- Applications are accessible through ffa.org and AET. The only portion that needs to be mailed to the state office are the signature page and the last sheet of the printed PDF. The last sheet is a NY requirement to be eligible for this degree.
- State Star- Applications are accessible through ffa.org and AET. **REVISION- recommendations and SAE Agreements need to be mailed to the State FFA Office.**
- District President Application

Due March 1st

- Proficiency Award
- Honorary Empire Degree Nominations
- FFA Roster
- National Chapter Award
- State Officer Intent to Run due Electronically

Due March 15th

- Dairy Breed
- New Chapter Jacket Award

Student Jacket Award

- NY SAE Grant
- State Officer Application
- State Officer Nominating Committee Application

District Competitions:

- District 1- March 1, John Bowne. Snow Date- March 7
- District 2- March 3, Pine Plains. Snow Date- March 10
- District 3- March 2, Northern Adirondack. Snow Date March 9
- District 4- February 27, Oxford. Snow Date- March 3
- District 5- March 3, HFM Ag PTECH/ Mohawk Valley. Snow Date- March 4
- District 6- March 3, Indian River. Snow Date March 4
- District 7- February 3, Southern Cayuga. Snow Date- February 10
- District 8- February 3, Penn Yan.
- District 9- March 1, Letchworth. Snow Date- March 5
- District 10- February 15, Sherman. Snow Date- March 1

Sub-states- March 17. Snow Date March 27th.

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

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:

Jr/ Sr People in Ag
Sr Prepared Public Speaking
Scrapbook/Secretary's Book/Reporter's Award

CDEs that need a Coordinator for 2019:

Jr Prepared Public Speaking

National FFA Updates:

1. Proficiency Award and American Degree Updates

Please see the attached form for all of the 2018 updates.

2. Meet the 2017-18 FFA Alumni Council

The National FFA Alumni Association is excited to share that they have filled their 2017-18 National FFA Alumni Council! New board members are listed in italics below. For contact information on each member, visit FFA.org/support/alumni/council.

President: Robert Schmidig of Scio, Ore.

President-Elect: Bill Carlson of Hotchkiss, Colo.

Past President: Ron Lynch of Cissna Park, Ill.

Region I Vice President: Sid Freeman of Caldwell, Idaho

Region II Vice President: Glenda Summers of Craig, Colo.

Region III Vice President: Zach Classen of West Bend, Iowa

Region IV Vice President: Ted Hughes Jr. of Cisne, Ill.

Region V Vice President: Doug Register of Glen St. Mary, Fla.

Region VI Vice President: Chandler Vaughan of Keysville, Va.

Past National Officer: David Townsend of Townsend, Del.

Past National Officer: Taylor McNeel of Vilonia, Ark.

AAAE Representative: Jon W. Ramsey, Ph.D., of Stillwater, Okla.

NAAE Representative: Bill Davenport of Litchfield, Conn.

NASAE Representative: Leon Busdieker of Jefferson City, Mo.

3. Sponsors' Board Meets in Indianapolis

The National FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board (see attached photo) met in Indianapolis this week. The theme of the meeting was expanding diversity. On Wednesday, the group was hosted at Dow AgroSciences by current board chair Susanne Wasson. On Thursday, the board met at the National FFA Center and were welcomed by the staff. The board had a productive time together, sharing best practices around employee engagement during National FFA Week and discussing prospects with the foundation's corporate team. Additionally, the group had time with FFA program staff to learn about the state officer leadership continuum, the Living to Serve platform, FFA online resources, and awards and recognition as extensions of classroom instruction. The next sponsors' board meeting will be in April.

4. American Egg Board Launches FFA Chapter Contest

The American Egg Board kicked off its second Incredible! FFA Chapter Contest. The contest encourages FFA members to nominate their local chapters and the incredible work they're doing for a chance to win one of three grants worth up to \$2,000.

Entries can be submitted via an online submission form with a description of what makes the nominated chapter incredible and how the grant funds would be used to impact the chapter. Submissions will be accepted until 11 p.m. ET on Feb. 15. You must live in one of the 50 states or

Washington, D.C., to be eligible for entry. Winners will be announced on or after March 2, 2018. Nominated chapters will have a chance to win one of three grants – one for \$2,000 and two for \$1,500. For more information and official contest rules, visit AEB.org/FFA.

Happy LDE prep and award application season!



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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.