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Good Afternoon,

The news blitz is back! We will be providing these updates twice a month. We hope that you find this information valuable. Have a great evening everyone!

### Highlights:

- **2019 NYAAE June Conference Registration goes live this week!**
- **National FFA Scholarship Applications opens November 15th!**
- **212/360 Registration is Open! Click [HERE](#) to register**
- **State Officer Chapter Visit Requests**

### Ag Ed/Professional Development Updates:

#### Apply for the 2018-2019 Agricultural Education Incentive Grant for Growing Programs

Could your program use new benches in your greenhouse? How about a new MIG welder? Or maybe your chapter FFA jackets keep disappearing and you need to replace them. No matter what your program's need is, the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant can help you meet your program's need! Don't delay and apply today before time runs out! The application closes on November 16, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST and you'll need a signature from your administrator to complete the application! Click [HERE](#) to view the application!

#### 2019 NYAAE Conference

The NYAAE Professional Development Committee has begun planning the 2019 summer conference. The summer conference is scheduled for **Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 will be \$520/person.**

**Registration for the 2019 NYAAE June Conference goes live on Thursday November 8, 2018 at 3 p.m. 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.

**In 2019 New York will be hosting the following CASE Institutes:**

[Introduction to Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources- July 28-August 7, 2019 - \\$2800](#)

[Agricultural Power and Technology- July 28-August 7, 2019 - \\$2900](#)

Do you need help? Could you benefit from a few new lessons or ideas from an agricultural education colleague? NYAAE expanded its agricultural education-mentoring program. The goal of this program is to support and retain **new and existing teachers**, provide a [content specific mentoring](#) experience, and aid all members seeking to raise the rigor and efficacy of their comprehensive agricultural education programs. Mentors predominantly will work virtually with educators across New York State assisting their colleagues with all facets of developing agricultural education curriculum and instruction related to the three-circle agricultural education program. Mentors will be willing to share their experiences, best practices, curriculum examples, and guidance related to the assigned topic area.

**Please visit the [NYAAE mentoring portal](#), click on a mentor's name and reach out for assistance.**

**NYS FFA Updates:**

**212/360 Registration is open! All information can be found here- <http://www.nysffa.org/212360>**

**National FFA Scholarship Applications open on November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- 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.

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

District and Sub-State host information was sent out last week. Please see the attached document, as it has been updated to include all District Advisors and District Contest Host Advisors.

**New This Year! State Officer Chapter Visit Requests:**

- The State Officers will **NOT** be reaching out to chapters in each district and planning visits all in one week like we have done in the past. Instead, in order to help better meet your needs we are asking that you fill out a request form for them to do a chapter visit or to come to your banquet. Please visit this link to fill out your request:  
<http://www.nysffa.org/officers/>. Each chapter can request a State Officer or District President up to two times.

**National FFA Updates:**

**1. That’s a Wrap: 91st National FFA Convention & Expo**

**Need to catch up on last week’s convention and expo action? We’ve got you covered on [FFA.org](http://FFA.org). Read [stories](#); watch [videos](#), including national officer retiring addresses; listen to [podcasts](#); see [award results](#); and more. Mark your calendars now: The [2019 National FFA Convention & Expo](#) is Oct. 30 - Nov.**

For those who participated in award programs or competitive events, information—including participant photos and feedback reports—will be posted within the next two weeks. All participating advisors and state staff will be notified via email of these postings and their locations. All convention results are posted on [FFA.org/event-results/](http://FFA.org/event-results/).

**2. Join Us for the Next Teacher Town Hall**

We want to remind everyone that Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 6 - 7 p.m. EST is our next Teacher Town Hall. I’ll open the town hall with remarks and then turn over the floor to a few of our FFA staff to talk about the future of Blue 365, the newly designed FFA.org, online teacher resources, and more. You can join by phone by calling 240-454-0879 or use [this Webex link](#) and enter the access code 735 574 994. ZmBPkN2\* is the password.

**3. Apply Now: 2018-19 SAE Grants**

Thanks to our great sponsors, the National FFA Organization is pleased to announce that 148 SAE Grants of \$1,000 each are available this year to help current FFA members in grades 7-12 start or expand a supervised agricultural experience (SAE). Some grants provide an additional \$1,000 to the FFA chapter of the recipient. The online application is available through the [SAE Grants webpage](#), or anywhere you can access the online Application Center. [Click here](#) for a step-by-step guide on how to access the SAE Grant application. [Click here](#) for the SAE Grants flyer. All applications must be submitted online before 8 p.m. EST on Nov 15, 2018.

**4. National FFA Scholarships: Application Opens Nov. 15**

The National FFA Scholarship application will open on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. This year’s application will be online, eliminating the current paper process and facilitating a more timely and effective delivery and acceptance process. Be sure to promote this opportunity to your high school seniors, collegiate members and all students interested in pursuing a postsecondary education. There are many scholarship opportunities, and only one application needs to be completed per

student.

FFA scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. Dealer programs provide a significant amount of scholarship funds so be sure to encourage your local Ford, Chevrolet, Ram and John Deere dealers to sign up to be part of this opportunity. Dealers have until Dec. 31, 2018, to enroll. FFA also has funding to support non-FFA members through America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders—sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer—as well as several other sponsors. To find out more about scholarships, visit [FFA.org/scholarships](http://FFA.org/scholarships).

#### **5. 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](#).

#### **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 2019.45gv

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