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We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer and is refreshed for the new school year! With the start of the new school year, there are many important opportunities and events that we would like to keep everyone informed of. Below are some updates and reminders for the next few weeks as well as some recognition of teachers across the state! Let us know if we can answer any questions you may have!

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### **Ag Ed/Professional Development Updates:**

Welcome Back NY Agricultural Educators! I hope each of you have begun settling into a routine and striving for a successful school year.

#### **2019 New Agriculture Teacher and Administrator Conference:**

The New Agriculture Teacher and Administrator Conference (for 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers) is scheduled for **Wednesday and Thursday, September 25-26**. Lodging will be provided at the Double Tree Hotel in Syracuse. The purpose of this conference is to provide new teachers and their administrator with key information to further develop their teaching and program management skills in the areas of: 1) classroom/laboratory instruction; 2) SAE; 3) FFA; 4) partnerships; 5) marketing and 6) professional growth.

**This is a great opportunity for you to collaborate with other new educators to share successes and to develop strategies to address challenges.**

The cost for you and your administrator for this conference is **FREE**.

Presenters for this conferences will be chosen from master teachers in the state who exemplify those qualities listed above, teacher educators, state leaders and national agricultural education staff. A **Dropbox of resources** will be created and shared to help you thrive in your early years of teaching. We will be providing 18 CTLE hours for all individuals who complete this conference.

Please contact Terry Hughes ASAP to register. Email: [thughes@cornell.edu](mailto:thughes@cornell.edu) or Phone: 607-255-9253 Opt. #5

## 212/360 Teacher Professional Development:

**January 25-26, 2020** Syracuse, NY- Receive professional development while your students attend the 212/360 FFA Leadership Conferences. Each teacher will be eligible for up to six hours of professional development credit.

### Agriculture Education Mentors:

**Do you need help?** Just have an 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!

### Schools Starting with New Teachers of Agriculture:

The following 28 schools are starting this fall with new teachers of Agricultural Education. If you see these educators in your community or at FFA events, please introduce yourself and offer assistance. We wish them all the best of luck!

Paige Hungerford	Albion
Zack Nobles	Cassadaga Valley
Katie Mitrowski	Cattaraugus Little Valley
Aaron Dennis	Clymer
Tracy Dahlhaus	Elba
Kristin Brandt	Fillmore
Carter Whalen	Galway
Jackie Jurek	Genesee Valley BOCES Mt. Morris
Jami Willard	Geneva
Gleason Walley	Gouverneur
Catlin Pauley	Granville
Deby Cahan	Granville
Talia Baker	Herkimer High School
Brandon Trinkle	HFM BOCES P-Tech
Alison Parrott	Otselic Valley
Julia Hyduncia	OESJ
Megan Burley	Perry
Kelsey O'Hare	Pioneer
Roger Barkman	Richfield Springs
Taylor Bogardus	Schoharie
Mary Foote	Schuylerville
Mike Chaffee	Spencer Van Etten

Tanya Nickerson	Springville
Emily Statham	Taconic Hills
Ashley Kent	Tri-Valley
Rachael Bennett	Tully
Vanessa Merrill	Walton
Kiley Treen	West Canada

The application for the 2019-2020 Agricultural Education Incentive Grant for [New](#) and [Growing](#) Programs is **NOW AVAILABLE!** The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to new and growing agricultural education programs that are struggling to secure necessary resources for a high-quality agricultural education program.

These resources may include, but are not limited to: curriculum development, professional development, program development, resource acquisitions, and program coordination.

**For additional information please visit:** <https://www.nysffa.org/incentive-grant>

### **Tips for a Successful New School Year:**

*It is totally acceptable...*

1. To feel somewhat overwhelmed you're first few weeks of school,
2. To forget your copier code after you just walked all the way to the other end of the building repeating it to yourself,
3. To have faith in your new students to be just as awesome as the ones you had last year,
4. To wear the same pair of pants all week because you haven't had time to do laundry,
5. **To get up in the morning with a smile on your face, ready to face the day as an Ag teacher!** \*\* National Teach Ag Campaign-Ag Teacher by CHOICE, not by chance

Have you visited the **Communities of Practice Website when preparing for the new school year?** Communities of Practice is a professional networking site for agricultural educators managed by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Its purpose is to create a common place for anyone who is interested in agricultural education to share ideas and resources. Don't miss out and visit today for exceptional classroom resources and sharing. <https://communities.naae.org/welcome>  
If we can be of any assistance to you or your students, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

**New York Ag Education Offices-** <http://www.nysffa.org/aeostaff/>

**FFA/NYAAE Leadership Board of Directors. -** <http://www.nysffa.org/trustees/>

### **New York FFA Updates:**

The NY FFA State Officer Team and State Staff want to welcome everyone back from summer break. We have had a very busy summer:

4 State Officer Trainings

5 weeks of summer camp

Empire Farm Days

State Fair

AIM Conference

Several New Schools Starting FFA Chapters (We would especially like to welcome Groton FFA, Morrisville-Eaton FFA and Geneva FFA to our organization/FFA Family)

Governing Board Meetings

and the list goes on.....

We are very excited to see our NY FFA members compete at the Big E and National Convention in the next several weeks. Good Luck Everyone!

## **COLT Conference:**

Colt Conference is a great way to help your chapter officers/leaders get the year started off right. This conference will be held on 9/28/19 at Cornell University. **The registration deadline is 9/18/19.** For more information and to register please visit: <https://www.nysffa.org/colt>.

## **State Officer Tour:**

The State Officers and I are very excited to have the opportunity to travel the state and interact with our members and advisors. If we are not stopping at your chapter for a visit, we would encourage all of you to find the closest regional host and join us there. State Officer tour will take place from 9/29-10/5/2019. Please visit [www.nysffa.org/sot](http://www.nysffa.org/sot) for more information. **If you would like to attend a regional event please contact the closest host and register with them.** We hope to see you all there!

## **212/360 Conference:**

We are excited to provide this mid-year leadership development conference for our students. Conference information and lodging is available on our website: <https://www.nysffa.org/212360>. **As a reminder, lodging is the responsibility of the chapter this year, we will not be doing rooming. We have provided you with all of the contact information and rates to the hotels that you will need to plan and make your reservations.** Please look for more promotional information to come out soon. Registration will open on 11/1/2019.

## **State Convention:**

This is a reminder that lodging options for state convention have been posted on our website: <https://www.nysffa.org/state-convention> for the 2020 State Convention. We will be announcing the Convention Theme during COLT Conference and will live stream it. More information to come in the coming months.

## **Requesting State Officers or District President for Chapter Visits and Banquets:**

If you would like to have a State Officer or District President visit your chapter or attend your banquet please fill out a request form. 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. **Please put in your requests by October 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can secure it in one of our officer's schedules. If you wait beyond this date we may not be able to accommodate your request.**

## **Update to State Officer Selection Date:**

Due to when school spring breaks fall this year, we have moved State Officer Selection to 4/2-

4/4/2020. We realize that this may be the start of some schools spring break but we are limited to the beginning-mid April to host this process and this weekend will impact the least amount of people based on our research. This has been updated in our state google calendar which you can find on the events page. There is also a pdf document with the events listed by month.

## **Roster:**

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, you can add students to your chapter's membership roster on [ffa.org](http://ffa.org). **As a reminder, NY is now an affiliate state which means you should be including all students taking an agriculture class on your rosters.** If you have any 6<sup>th</sup> grade members, they should be added to the sixth grade only roster [found here](#), towards the bottom of the page. 6<sup>th</sup> graders are added into the scale under affiliation membership. If you are registering sixth graders, please wait to submit payment until you receive an invoice from the State Office with the difference owed (if any) for adding your sixth graders. *(Example 1: If you have 23 members in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade on the national roster, you fall into the 1-25 member, \$200 bracket. Adding 10 members on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade roster, bumps you into the next fee bracket of \$300, so you will receive an invoice from the State Office for the additional \$100 owed. Example 2: If you have 35 members in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade on the national roster, you fall into the 26-50 member, \$300 bracket. Adding 12 students on your 6<sup>th</sup> grade roster, keeps you within the 50 members of this bracket and you still owe \$300, so you will not receive an additional invoice. If you do not receive an adjusted invoice within a week, please reach out to Catie Rowe or Nancy Grossman. **If you are not adding any sixth grade members, please remit payment when your roster is completed and submitted.***

## **FEE SCALE**

Number of Chapter Members State Affiliation Fee:

1-25 members \$200

26-50 members \$300

51-100 members \$400

101+ members \$500

On the [membership page](#) of our website, you will also find roster guides from National FFA that will aid you in submitting your students in 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The easiest (and quickest) way to renew students for the new roster year is to follow the steps below. This only works for students who are *already* on your roster. Any new students need to have an account created, you can find information to add members [here](#).

## **Steps to Renew Memberships:**

- 1- Log into your [ffa.org](http://ffa.org) account and go to your instructor tool box/dashboard
- 2- Go to roster tools, manage roster, manage memberships
- 3- In the search box, go to "membership year" and make sure it says "2018-2019," hit search
- 4- Check the box next to the students that you need to appear on the 2019-2020 roster.
- 5- In the "Actions" box, find "Renew Membership(s)" and make sure that "Membership Year" says 2019-2020. The membership type should be "**One Year**" for all students since we are affiliated.
- 6- Click on "Renew Membership(s)" This will reload the page and renew students for the new roster year. You want to see a green bar appear at the top of your screen.
- 7- Repeat steps 3-6 for each page of your membership roster
- 8- Once you have renewed all of your students, go back to the search box at the top, change the year to "2019-2020," and hit search. This will load all of the students that

you just renewed.

9- Review the list and make sure that all students you need appear on the new roster.

10- Check the boxes next to student names, scroll to “Actions”

11- Click on “Submit Membership(s) to State) and **make sure the green box says the number of selected memberships has been approved.** If you get a red box at the top of your screen, the issue will be hyper linked and direct you where to go to fix it.

General roster information/ guides can be found here- <https://help.ffa.org/categories/roster/>

Students can also be added to the roster through AET. If you use this program, you may want to consider doing this as it will save you from entering names twice. Please reach out to Catie Rowe with any questions on how to do this.

**We highly encourage advisors to get their rosters done early in the school year so that their students have access to the many benefits that come with membership (participating at national convention, scholarships, etc.)**

**Rosters are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>, payment should be post marked by March 15<sup>th</sup>.** To access your invoice, you need to go to “Manage Batches” on [ffa.org](http://ffa.org) and click “print membership batch details.” Invoices for your roster on [ffa.org](http://ffa.org) are not automatically generated. Please reach out to Catie Rowe for any roster related questions.

Thank you for all that you do and we look forward to seeing you at one of our many events throughout the upcoming year!

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