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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends,

If you are like me, a shudder runs through your veins each time you debate turning on or reading the news. If we look left, look right or even look straight ahead, our news has been inundated with an unending tsunami of negative information. It is so easy to be overwhelmed by various claims,

trying to sort out fact from fiction and determine what to believe, it may be easy to be adhere to the viewpoint of the most vocal. In a world like this, how often do you hit pause and reflect on what is truly right?

Last week was the 94th Annual Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference and this event underscored that while there is much we may wish to change in this world, there is a lot of room to be optimistic about our future.

More than 6,600 students, guests, advisors, partners and parents came to Ames to participate in this annual event. It would be easy – often expected – to feature all of the great award and event winners, but today I want to recognize a few intangibles I witness every convention. Each year I witness, "Please," "Yes Sir" or "Yes Ma'am" and "Thank You" as the most common phrases spoken. I observed students holding doors open for other students regardless of age, chapter or gender; young students receiving mentorship and motivation by their older peers and genuine laughter and praise as students grow and truly achieve.

Yes, in an uncertain world, I am proud to be a part of an organization where the motto of "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve" is not a fancy catchphrase, but a core belief visibly demonstrated throughout our events and gatherings.



I sincerely thank all who took time to be a part of the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference last week, especially to all who made the truly impactful financial investments to make this event possible. Because of you lives continue to be changed!

Sincerely,

Josh



Welcome to the 2022-2023 Iowa FFA State Officer Team!

Front Row from Left to Right; Iowa FFA President, Samuel Martin from Davis-Rodgers at Shenandoah; Secretary, Holly Schmitt from South Winneshiek at Calmar; Reporter, Rachel Teunissen from West Lyon at Inwood; NW Vice President, Sam Philips from Akron-Westfield at Akron. *Back Row from Left to Right;* SC Vice President, Kate Schaefer from Adel-DeSoto-Minburn; NC Vice President, Mary Ann Fox from Osage; SE Vice President, Anne Bower from West Branch; SW Vice President, George Martin from Davis-Rodgers at Shenandoah; and NE Vice President, Ryan Wolf from West Dubuque at Epworth.

Candid photos from the 94th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference can be found [here](#).



Iowa PAS Executive Director Position is Open!

The Iowa PAS organization is seeking a motivated and qualified individual to assume the duties and responsibilities of an executive director no later than June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the 2022 Fiscal Year. Renewal contracts would run July 1 to June 30.

This position is an at-will position and is approved, evaluated and reappointed annually by the Iowa PAS Board of Directors. Responsibilities include management of the Iowa PAS calendar, assisting the State Treasurer with maintaining membership & collecting the dues, communicating with college & university PAS coordinators and members, coordination of state officers' activities, roles, and responsibilities, assisting in the coordination of state events, participation in the National PAS Conference and assistance in the promotion of the value to students by participating in PAS.

For a more detailed job description, questionnaire and how to apply, click [here](#).

Questions can be directed to:

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Ambassador Award How-To

We seem to get questions every year after State Leadership Conference about the Ambassador Award. There is a lot more that goes into the Ambassador Award than just the money that chapters donate to the Foundation.

Ambassador points are also awarded to chapters who donate time to the Foundation, volunteering at events such as Iowa State Fair, Farm Progress Show and the National Farm Toy Show. Another way to earn points is when individual donors credit your chapter. Any donations by an individual, including Corduroy Club, Gala ticket purchases, auction item purchases, Iowa FFA Foundation Checkoff Program donations and more, can be credited to an FFA Chapter of their choice for Ambassador points. If you have any questions, feel free to [contact Josh!](#)



More Scholarship Winners Named!

The Iowa FFA Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of Arthur and Susan Churchill Endowed Scholarship and Sinclair Tractor Scholarship programs.

The Arthur and Susan Churchill Endowed Scholarship is provided annually through the generous memorial and honorary gifts to the Iowa FFA Foundation by Susan and the late Arthur Churchill, and their family. This year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship is Haylee Pennock.

The Sinclair Tractor FFA Scholarship aims to recognize FFA members in Southeastern Iowa for being actively involved in the pursuit of leadership through hard-work and dedication as an

active FFA member. This year's recipients of the \$2,500 scholarships are Bridget Fisher, Hailey Heishman, Mackinze Hora, Sydney Jones and Taylor Mayhue!



Arthur & Susan
Churchill Endowed
Scholarship



Haylee Pennock
Griswold FFA

Arnold Clark
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Sinclair Tractor FFA Scholarship



Bridget Fisher
Mid-Prairie FFA

Mackinze Hora
Highland FFA

Taylor Mayhue
North Scott FFA

Hailey Heishman
HLV FFA



Sydney Jones
Central Lee FFA



The Golf Tournament is Coming Quickly!

We are only a short 58 days from the 26th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament. We are anticipating a sell out tournament this year as we have only 6-7 teams left to fill. If you are wanting to play, sponsor a hole or donate an auction item, please [contact Bryon](#) as soon as possible!

If you're unable to join us on the course, don't worry, you are still able to participate in the silent auction! Auction items go live on the [GiveSmart site](#) on June 1st.

Proceeds from the tournament provide scholarships for the Iowa FFA Association and Iowa PAS State Officers.

We hope to see you there!

No matter the size, your act of generosity will make a substantial

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