



Iowa FFA Foundation

Cultivating partnerships supporting agricultural education in Iowa

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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends,

Next week, millions of American families and friends will join together around their tables to give thanks. Many of us know the history of this annual celebration had its roots deep in agriculture as the pilgrims in 1621 celebrated with the Wampanoags and Patuxet Tribes led by Squanto after these Native Americans helped them survive the winter of 1620 and shared their agricultural practices with the pilgrims to produce a bountiful harvest. While America and agriculture has sure changed, two things certainly have not.



First – our thankfulness for dear friends, family and partners. Without the support and partnership of the Wampanoags and Patuxet Tribes, the early American Pilgrims would not

have survived the winter of 1620. Further, their understanding of agriculture and generosity to exchange this knowledge for protection from the Narragansett Tribe became paramount to the pilgrims ability to prosper in the new land. May I offer that Squanto may be the first agricultural educator in American history? We give thanks for his leadership, service and that of all agricultural educators who have since followed his model.

Second - our thankfulness for each harvest, bountiful or not, which has been blessed upon us. Feeding the world is a serious task; the global population this week reached eight billion people. And still, agriculturalists keep developing new solutions to feed this growing population. We are thankful for entrepreneurs, for those who pursue the next big idea with passion. You help lift agriculture to achieve greatness and with a global population of nine billion coming soon, we know the best is yet to come and we couldn't be more excited or thankful!

As you reflect and give thanks for the bountiful harvest of blessings in 2022, I humbly ask for your consideration of a gift to support Agricultural Education to bless Iowa students who need your help to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. By joining the Corduroy Club, making a one-time year-end gift or by giving to honor a loved one, you are able to give the greatest gift this year.

Finally – we are thankful for you! Because of your belief in agricultural education, students have harvested great opportunities for their future through their involvement. As you gather with friends and family through the holiday season, know we sincerely appreciate your generosity and support of the future generation of leaders!

With a thankful heart,

Josh

Make a Difference on Giving Tuesday

The logo for Giving Tuesday features the word "GIVING" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The letter "V" is replaced by a red graphic consisting of three overlapping, downward-pointing chevrons. Below "GIVING" is the word "TUESDAY" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Giving Tuesday is a day in which people around the world support and give to the causes that matter to them. On this Giving Tuesday, we can give back to an

organization that is inspiring the minds of young agricultural leaders and to the teachers who put in countless hours to ensure that those students are reaching their full potential. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others on November 29, 2022.

There are a multitude of students who have directly benefited from the skills and knowledge gained through being a part of Iowa Team Ag Ed and their success wouldn't be possible without partners like you. Please join us by making a gift to the Iowa FFA Foundation on

Giving Tuesday, November 29th to support agricultural education. Your one-time or monthly gift will ensure that all students continue to have access to the life changing possibilities that agricultural education provides.

To donate to the Iowa FFA Foundation, you can click [here](#). Remember, no gift is too small and all gifts are matched!



Nominate Your Agriculture Educator for the Golden Owl Award

Agricultural Educators change lives and they deserve to be recognized for the work that they do both in and out of the classroom. That is why, for the 5th year, the Iowa FFA Foundation is once again partnering with Nationwide to give out the Golden Owl Award. The Golden Owl Award recognizes agricultural educators across Iowa for their tremendous contributions to helping the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Students, fellow teachers and other supporters can nominate their favorite agricultural teacher and summarize what makes him or her the best in the state. Nominees have an opportunity to win great cash prizes and the title of Iowa Agricultural Educator of the Year. You can nominate your favorite agriculture educator [here](#). Nominations are due by December 1, 2022.



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Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Awards

The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters have multiple Award opportunities for both Alumni and Iowa FFA Members. More information



Holiday Reminder

The Iowa FFA Foundation Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday! We are thankful to each of you who continue to support the mission!

can be found [here](#). Applications are due on December 1, 2022 and winners will be announced at their Annual Conference in January 2023.

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Scholarships

The Iowa FFA Foundation has multiple scholarship opportunities available for members and students across the state. Applications are due January 13, 2023. You can find more information and apply [here](#). If you have any questions please e-mail us at scholarships@iowaffafoundation.org.



Have You Reserved Your Seat at the Black Ties Blue Jackets Gala?

Registration is well underway for the 9th Annual Black Ties Blue Jackets Gala to be held at the FFA Enrichment Center on Saturday, February, 18th. This year's event will be back with all the fun, games and auction that has made the event the highlight of the start to National FFA Week.

With the continued need for agricultural educators in Iowa, the Iowa FFA Foundation will once again be directing part of the proceeds of this event to a fund to help new agricultural educators. This fund will help move the needle

in the quest to provide agricultural education to every student in Iowa as part of the "All in for Ag Ed" campaign.

The Sponsoring Committee is excited to work toward exceeding last year's record setting year and invite you to come participate or donate a live or silent auction item. For more information contact the Iowa FFA Foundation at 515-965-7370.

Tickets for the event can be purchased in advance by [clicking here](#).



Support FFA as a member of **The Corduroy Club**

Your monthly gift of any size can make a lasting impact on FFA members across the state!

No matter the size, your act of generosity will make a substantial impact to agricultural education in Iowa.

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