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Executive Director's Reflections

Friends,

For many of us, summer is the opportunity to create fond memories – grooming livestock to show at the county or state fair, selecting just the right photo angle or the perfect vegetable, connecting with friends on chapter retreats or at the Summer Agricultural Education Conference or even going on a road trip with the family. While some of these activities may seem trivial or even boring now (yes – I am thinking of you, I-80 across Nebraska) these same activities become the cornerstone and craft the moral fibers of our character, while giving us valuable experiences to draw upon in the future.

When things get tough, when we may not be as excited about the activity, or even when we may not understand the relevance of the task, we as agriculturalists, know that now is the time to dig in. Now is the time to “Keep one’s nose to the grindstone!” As we experience all life has to offer this summer, remember to keep your eyes open to spot these learning moments – they may be memories waiting to last a lifetime!

One activity I want to specifically recognize this month is our 26th Annual Golf Tournament that we just completed on June 15th. We were thrilled to welcome our first ever presenting partner American Family Insurance! As anyone who attended can share, American Family's partnership was immense and we cannot thank them enough for helping lift our tournament to the next level! Due to the incredible partnerships by all who participated, again this year, we will be increasing our State FFA Officer scholarships! A huge thank you to everyone for making this event possible!

As we blast through the summer, remember to take a moment to reflect and thank you for providing opportunities and experiences for FFA, PAS, IAAE and Alumni members!

Sincerely,

Josh



26th Golf Tournament a Success!

The 26th Annual Iowa FFA Foundation Golf Tournament was held on Wednesday, June 15th at Lincoln Valley Golf Course in State Center, Iowa with a record thirty-two teams competing. Golfers braved a short rain shower and some strong winds throughout the day. Each golfer received a commemorative water bottle from the Iowa FFA foundation and a divot tool from the Golf Superintendents Association of America. Pork burgers were served for lunch and provided by Marshall County Pork Producers and Iowa Pork. The course was dotted with thirty-two hole sponsors and golfers had the opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize or a John Deere Zero Turn Lawn Mower on holes sponsored by Karl Chevrolet and Van Wall Implement.

The Iowa FFA State Officer team and Iowa PAS Officers greeted golfers, helped with hole assignments and sold tickets to the 50/50 raffle! After a long day, golfers were all smiles and raised a record \$50,530 supporting scholarships and agricultural education!

Results as follows:

Championship Flight

1st Place - Cyclone Sports Properties Score 53

2nd Place - The FFA Dream Team Score 54

3rd Place - Niece Trucking Score 56

First Flight

1st Place – Christensen Farms/Darling Ingredients

2nd Place - Chubb Agribusiness

3rd Place - Kreg Tool/Stiths

Thank you to our Hole Sponsors!

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Iowa FFA Alumni Seeking Iowa State Fair Volunteers

Believe it or not, the Iowa State Fair is quickly approaching! The Iowa FFA Alumni & Supporters are looking for volunteers to man the booth in the Agriculture Building visiting with fairgoers and to work in the Supply Booth in the FFA Display Building.

All volunteers will receive admission into the fair for the day and there are a number of shifts still available.

You can sign up to work a shift, or if your group would like to cover an entire day you can do that as well! It's a great way to spend some time at the Fair while helping to support Agricultural Education in Iowa. To sign up, [click here](#).



31 Years of Iowa FFA Limited Edition Tractors

Since 1991, the Iowa FFA Foundation has produced the Iowa FFA Limited Edition Collectable Tractors. Since that first Farmall 350 there have been eighty two 1/16th scale models and seven 1/64th scale models. Farm toy collectors and FFA friends have collected across the spectrum of paint colors and models. From John Deere, to Oliver to Caterpillar the entire collection is vast and is on display here at the Enrichment Center.

As we enter the 31st year, we have once again chosen two very special models from our friends at Spec Cast in Dyersville. Just as the years before, each model will feature the FFA Emblem and denote that these are the 2022 Iowa FFA Limited Edition Tractor.

The announcement of the 2022 Iowa FFA Tractors will occur at 8:00 am on Friday, July 8th on the Iowa FFA Foundation Facebook and Instagram pages and will be available to preorder that morning on our new online store site. Tractors will also be available for ordering or purchase at the FFA Display building during the Iowa State Fair!



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