

Iowa FFA Alumni

Fall Newsletter



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Alumni Awards Deadline - December 1

Iowa FFA Alumni Conference - January 17 & 18

Iowa FFA Proficiency & National Chapter Award Judging - February 22

National FFA Week - February 22-29

92nd Iowa FFA Leadership Conference - April 19-21





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Iowa FFA Alumni Conference Becomes Two-Day Event

Join us January 17 and 18, 2020 for a newly revamped, 2-day Iowa FFA Alumni Conference! This year we will begin Friday afternoon with a tour of Corteva Agriscience followed by an evening of food, drinks and entertainment. Saturday morning we will begin with breakout sessions focused on helping build and maintain a solid foundation for your local alumni affiliates. Next will be the annual board meeting, followed by a lunch banquet where award winners will be announced. The conference will conclude with the silent and live auctions. Registration will launch mid-November so keep an eye on the Iowa FFA Alumni social media pages and website for more information. We hope to see you there!



Save the Date
January 17 & 18



Congratulations North Scott FFA Alumni and Ag Boosters

At the 2019 National FFA Convention, North Scott FFA Alumni and Ag Boosters received a bronze in the Outstanding FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter award category. The Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award honors FFA Alumni Chapters for outstanding accomplishments and serves to encourage others to further their own achievements. At the 2019 Iowa FFA Alumni Conference, North Scott FFA Alumni and Ag Boosters was recognized as the Iowa Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award Winner and received the opportunity to represent Iowa at the National level.

Iowa FFA Alumni Awards

Applications are Due December 1

Each year alumni members from across Iowa are recognized for their outstanding service to the FFA and its members. Award nomination information can be found online [HERE](#). Nomination forms should be emailed to president@iowaffaalumni.com no later than December 1. All winners will be recognized at the annual Iowa FFA Alumni Conference in January.

Alumni Awards

Outstanding Chapter Award - *The Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award honors FFA Alumni Chapters for outstanding accomplishments and serves to encourage others to further their own achievements. The state winner of this award will move on to compete at the national level!*

Outstanding Achievement Award - *The Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes individual FFA Alumni members for their outstanding leadership and service to agriculture, FFA and FFA Alumni. The state winner of this award will move on to compete at the national level!*

Distinguished Contributor - *The Distinguished Contributor Award honors any company, organization, or member of the community for their outstanding support of the FFA, FFA Alumni, or Agricultural Education. This award is a thank you for the many hours and donations they have contributed to the growth and prosperity of the FFA Alumni.*

Iowa FFA Alumni Hall of Fame - *The Iowa FFA Alumni Hall of Fame Award recognizes an individual that exemplifies what it means to be FFA Alumni. This person has dedicated their time, talents, and resources to the betterment of the young men and women of FFA.*

New Alumni Chapter Program - *This program is to help local Alumni Chapters get started and encourage other schools to start an Alumni Chapter of their own.*

Essay Contest - *Win \$100 for your Alumni Chapter!*

FFA Member Awards

WLC Scholarship - *This scholarship will send two FFA members on the life changing experience that is Washington Leadership Conference!*

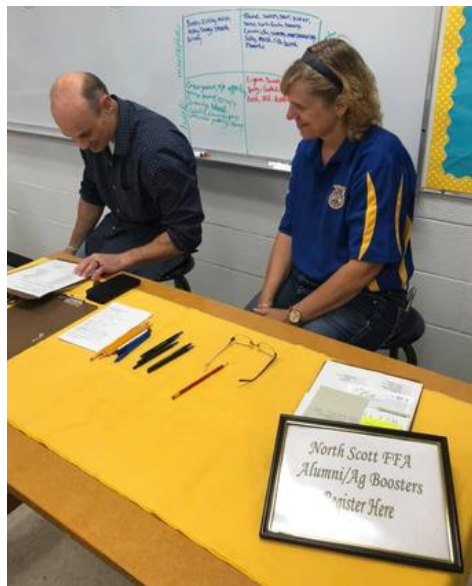
College Scholarship - *This scholarship is for FFA members in financial need desiring to further their education at any college or university.*

Affiliate Spotlight

North Scott FFA Alumni & Ag Boosters

What is your chapter's biggest fundraiser?

Annual Fruit Sales



What advice would you give to other Alumni chapters?

Build a strong bond with your advisor and let them know you are always there for them and only a phone call away. Even if you feel as though you can't help in any way with events your presence goes along way in supporting the advisor and students. Always try to have alumni members present at all events.



How does your chapter find out what the FFA Adviser needs from the Alumni?

Our chapter holds monthly meetings and the advisor has time to discuss any needs he requests from the Alumni. Our advisor also knows that the alumni is always there for him and he can always ask if he needs something.

How do Alumni members create and maintain regular interactions with FFA members?

At least one FFA student officer always attends the alumni meetings and shares all the events and happenings in the chapter to update the alumni. The alumni also tries to be present for student support at all events as well. Our alumni members also help with student event practices for sub-district, district, state, and national competitions.



What is your chapter's favorite annual event?

The back to school BBQ. It's always fun getting to mingle with the students and discuss their goals for the new school year. This is a great time for the alumni to bond with students and start off a new year by hosting a cookout and playing yard games.

Iowa FFA Association Update

Keep up with everything happening at the Iowa FFA Association by tuning in to the latest "Iowa FFA Today" update on YouTube or checking out the latest blog from the State Officers at iowaffablogs.blogspot.com.



Click on the photo, to the right, to watch the latest "Iowa FFA Today" episode.

Meet the Alumni Board of Directors!



Andy Edson
At-Large Rep.



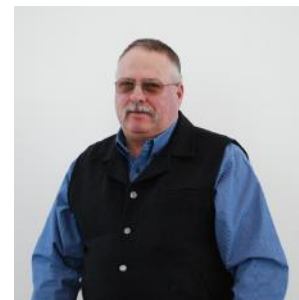
Home Chapter: Nashua Plainfield FFA

Alumni Chapter: Nashua Plainfield FFA Alumni & Friends

Favorite Alumni Event: Helping out with contest preparation

What made you want to join the Iowa FFA Alumni Board? I wanted to continue to serve the organization that I've believed in ever since my freshmen ag class while exploring available alumni resources and seeing what other chapters are doing across the state. I also felt that I could bring the different perspective of a relatively new alumni chapter to the board.

Doug Brinegar
At-Large Rep.



Home Chapter: Eddyville FFA
Alumni Chapter: Agri-Power FFA Alumni

Favorite Alumni Event: I do not really have a favorite event, just being able to help keep FFA alive and share our story.

What made you want to join the Iowa FFA Alumni Board? I decided to run for the board because FFA is an important part of our young peoples lives, and I want to try and make sure as many people as possible know about all the opportunities that are available.



Nate Gibson
President

Home Chapter: Guthrie Center FFA

Alumni Chapter: Indianola FFA Alumni

Favorite Alumni Event: Iowa FFA Alumni Conference

What made you want to join the Iowa FFA Alumni Board? Being able to meet people from across the state and sharing experiences that work with different affiliates across the state.



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