



# FAAE Newsletter

Summer 2016 Issue

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## FAAE President's Report

Greetings FAAE members!

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a successful spring semester. I know that with the spring banquets, EOC testing, CDEs and industry certifications now behind us, we are prepared to celebrate the 88<sup>th</sup> State FFA convention. FAAE spring activities included a successful LBR in which many hours of conversations occurred with our state legislators. At the conclusion of the legislative session, the AgEd LBR did not yield its budgetary request however it did more to solidify our relations with our elected officials. I

thank all who participated in such discussions and ask you to continue as we prepare for our next round of legislative talks later in the upcoming year. I wish the FAAE state winners luck as their application move on to the next level of competition at the Region 5 conference in Athens June 27-29. Thank you to all who have paid their annual FAAE/NAAE dues and if have not; consider paying them here at FFA Convention. There is strength in numbers. Also if you not done so, purchase an Agriculture Education license plate (FFA Tag) it befits all of Team AgEd. Finally I hope to see each of you at the FACTE



Conference July 225-27 in Orlando, FAAE pre conference will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. Have a wonderful FFA Convention and congratulations to all of your award winners.

~ Chris Wilder



Don't forget to use the Florida FFA discount code at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, to receive your 10% rate discount.

## 2016 NAAE Award Application Winners!

Outstanding Young Member	<b>Ashley Thoron</b>
Outstanding Ag Education Teacher	<b>Stan Scurlock</b>
Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program	<b>Tomlin Middle School- Jason Steward</b>
Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Program	
Agriscience Teacher of the Year	<b>Farrah Johnson</b>
Teacher Mentor	<b>Samantha Dodge</b>
Ideas Unlimited	<b>Farrah Johnson</b>
Teacher Turn the Key	<b>Amanda Johnson</b>
Outstanding Service Citation	
Outstanding Cooperation Award	
Lifetime Achievement Award	

### Chapter Spotlight—Hillsborough Federation

**Buddy Coleman**  
Turkey Creek Middle  
Hillsborough County

The Hillsborough FFA Federation Officers On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 18 of Hillsborough County's finest FFA members gathered at Riverview High School to go through the new Federation Officer screening process. Candidates for the 2016-2017 Federation Officer participated in three components during the screening process and were scored according to a rubric for each component. The three parts included a FFA knowledge test, a personal interview and a group activity. The FFA knowledge test was modeled

after Florida FFA State Officer Screening tests. The personal interview was conducted by a panel of three judges and questioned the candidates on a more one-on-one basis that allowed the judges to see the member individually. The group activity required the members to work with five to six other members to work together and perform according to the scenario given.

This was the first time the Hillsborough FFA Federation used a screening process like this and it was a success! From the process we were able to select the highest

two individuals for the President and Vice President positions and the following eight highest individuals for the remaining offices. Voting will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Steinbrenner High School. Delegates from all chapters throughout the county will be able to vote on the officers and the 2016-2017 Hillsborough County FFA Federation Officers will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Area 4 News

Area IV is gearing up for State FFA Convention! Orange County and Polk County will be walking across the stage for numerous awards and achievements. Osceola County will also be represented and will have FFA members in attendance as well. Orange County has 3 middle school openings: Ocoee Middle, Gotha Middle and Apopka Middle. Current Polk County Ag Openings: Kathleen Middle School, Haines City High School, McLaughlin Middle School, Citrus Ridge: A Civics Academy (Grades K-8), Ridge Community High School, Bartow Middle School (2<sup>nd</sup> unit), Lakeland Sr High School(2<sup>nd</sup> Unit), Lake Alfred Addair Middle School. Mr. Paul Reed will be retiring in October of 2016 after 34 years of teaching Agriculture. He taught for five years in Oklahoma before coming to Florida. He started teaching at Haines City High School in July 1987 and has been there for past 29 years. Throughout his time at Haines City he has helped transform the program to stay current with industry trends, even raising alligators for a while. Mr. Reed has always been active with the livestock program at Haines City and has helped many students earn great success in the show ring across the country. During his first 18 years as an FFA Advisor, his Livestock Judging teams consistently placed in the top 5 at the state level. Mr. Reed will definitely be missed in the Haines City community. Congratulations on an amazing career and best wishes for a much deserved retirement.



Kim Acton  
University High  
Orange County



## Agricultural Education and FFA Specialty License Plate

The mission of FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. By supporting our program with the purchase of a specialty license plate, you are helping to ensure that we are able to meet this mission for our students. Your purchase of an Agriculture Education/FFA specialty license plate provides support for all avenues that help to develop opportunities for nearly 30,000 agriscience students.

- Helps to support opportunities in student leadership through career development events and award programs.
- Contributes to leadership and staff development for over 400 agriscience teachers who are in our classrooms today.
- Supports recruitment of agriscience education teachers within the state through various programs of enrichment.
- Helps in aiding to market Florida FFA to future and current members.

### How Do You Get One?

When you renew your registration at your local tax collector's office, simply let them know you wish to replace your current license plate with a Agricultural Education/FFA specialty license plate. If it is not time in the cycle to replace your metal license plate, you will pay a few additional dollars to switch to a specialty license plate. Specialty license plates cost a set fee (annually) above the standard Florida license plate, and the fees vary based on the type of license plate. The additional fee paid goes to support the cause for which the specialty license plate was designed.

## Collegiate FFA Update

The end of the spring semester at the University of Florida has finally arrived, which means summer is here! The University of Florida Collegiate FFA chapter has been in full swing this semester. New ideas have been brought to the table, and the collegiate FFA has participated in numerous FFA events with different chapters throughout the state of Florida.

As the new officer team took positions at the beginning of the year, our plan was to make the collegiate FFA chapter at the University of Florida, more known. We were striving to get out into the community and help out with the local FFA chapters. As a chapter, we wanted to let FFA members know that you can be a part of FFA even at the collegiate level. Just because you graduated from high school does not mean that your time with the blue jacket is over! One of the first events we participated in this semester was helping out at the annual livestock judging clinic hosted by the University of Florida Livestock judging team. We also had members take part in helping with the meats judging clinic which is hosted by the University of Florida's meats judging team. These clinics are open to all Florida FFA chapters. Students that participate in these clinics are preparing themselves for their contests that will take place at the beginning of the year. It was a privilege and honor seeing blue jackets swarm the University of Florida campus on competition day. Another event we were able to be of assistance was at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. This fair takes place every year in Gainesville. As a chapter, we got the opportunity to help out on the first day of the fair by checking in exhibitors record books. We also had members assist with the goat show and goat skillathon. These are just a few of the many events we have participated in as a chapter this semester.

Now that summer is here we have switched gears in preparation for the state of Florida FFA Convention, which is held in Orlando Florida. The collegiate FFA has been working hard in preparing for this convention. At the beginning of the year we established many different committees in order to make sure every event received proper attention. Two of these committees are the fundraiser committee and the Workshop committee. The workshop committee has put together several interactive workshops to be presented at the state convention for FFA members. These workshops are eligible for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and even alumni and advisors. By hosting workshops at the convention, this gives us an open door as the collegiate FFA to advertise to chapters across Florida. Our fundraiser committee was first organized to mainly focus on our most successful fundraiser: selling t-shirts at the state convention. Each year collegiate FFA has set up a booth and sold FFA themed t-shirts. This year we had a contest to see what FFA chapter could create a winning t-shirt design. The contest was open to all middle and high schools. Our members did a majority vote to see which design would win. The winning design will be sold at the state convention along with many other designs and convention shirts. Even though our t-shirt booth is our biggest fundraiser throughout the year, the fundraiser committee has been creating new ideas. This June in Tampa Florida, the National Santa Gertrudis Show is going to take place. We did not want to miss the opportunity to take part in this show. The fundraiser committee planned a day to attend this show. Not only are we getting a chance to raise money for our chapter, but we are taking another step at achieving our goal: making the University of Florida Collegiate FFA Chapter more known. At this event we will appeal to FFA and 4-H members across the United States.

We are thrilled to see what this summer has in store, and we are looking forward to participating in all the upcoming events as well as working with FFA members and informing them about the University of Florida.

Go Gators,  
University of Florida  
2016-2017 Collegiate FFA Reporter  
Brooke Vaughn

# **FAAE PRE- CONFERENCE**

**(Additional Registration Fee Required)**

**Monday, July 25th**

**8:00 AM – 6:30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

**8:00AM – 8:30AM**

**Registration**

**8:30AM – 11:30AM**

**Room 1: Merry Mott, Presenter. FNGLA**

**Review for the certification exam. An extra cost of \$85 (\$60 if you are renewing) per person taking the exam is required for this session.**

**8:30AM – 10:00AM**

**Room 2: Gwen Richards, Presenter.**

**Cengage and National Geographic provide Agriculture Educators with engaging material for the classroom.**

**10:15AM – 11:30AM**

**Room 2: Andrea Stevenson, Presenter.**

**Alumni relationship at its finest. Learn the in's and outs of relating to your alumni or of just plain getting an Alumni set up.**

**11:30AM – 1:30PM**

**OWLS Luncheon**

**2:00PM – 4:00PM**

**General Meeting**

**6:00 PM**

**President's Reception**

**7:00 PM**

**AG Teacher Social-**

**BJ's Brewhouse**

# FAAE CONFERENCE

**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – 6:30 PM**

## AGENDA

**8:00AM – 11:45AM**

**Room 1: Merry Mott, Presenter. FNGLA**

**Review for the certification exam. An extra cost of \$85 (\$60 if you are re-newing) per person taking the exam is required for this session.**

**8:00AM – 10:00AM**

**Room 2: Buddy Coleman, Presenter.**

**Ag Abilities and ESE students. Learn how to develop a CDE especially for your ESE students.**

**10:15AM – 11:45AM**

**Room 2: Debbie Puder, Presenter. Aquaculture and Environmental Science CDE exploration. Get the nuts and bolts of what's important about these two critical industries in our state.**

**12:00AM – 1:15PM**

**FACTE Award Luncheon**

**1:30PM – 2:15PM**

**Room 1 : Amy McAllister, Presenter. DOE updates**

**2:15 PM – 3:30PM**

**Room 1: Frank Saldana, Presenter. National FFA update**

**3:30PM – 4:30PM**

**Room 1 & 2 General Meeting with Committees**

**6:00PM**

**FACTE Scholarship Dinner**

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## FAAE Mission Statement

*FAAE is an  
organization of  
professionals dedicated  
to providing visionary  
leadership, advocacy,  
and service for  
Agriscience Educators.*