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DeLand Teacher Becomes DuPont ‘Ag Ambassador’

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Agricultural Education and FFA Specialty License Plate

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Upcoming Professional Development

September & October—PD opportunities at Area COLT Conferences
(See agendas)

November—National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE)
Nov. 17th—21st New Orleans, LA

January—Mid-Winter Conference (January 22nd thru 24th)
Where: Florida FFA Leadership Training Center
Cost: \$100 for FFAE Members (includes lodging and meals)
*Agenda and registration information to be released in
October.*

XLR8 Award

Retaining quality experienced teachers is important to the future of
agricultural
education. In 2013, NAAE developed XLR8 — the eXcellence in Leadership
for
Retention professional development program — to meet the needs of mid-
career
agriculture teachers.

The XLR8 program includes participation in an intensive professional
development
experience (multiple sessions) during the NAAE convention, recurring
virtual learning experiences, and online collaboration using the NAAE
professional learning community, Communities of Practice, as well as
other social media tools.

All active NAAE members who are currently in their 7th to 15th year of
teaching are eligible to apply.

<http://www.naae.org/profdevelopment/xlr8.cfm>

Option 1:

Logon to our website, www.flaged.com, and click the “Join Now” link on
the homepage.

You will be redirected to the membership page where you can enter your
information and credit card payment. You can also print off your
registration and mail it in.

Option 2:

Print registration information and mail with your check payment to:
6784 NW 267th St
Lawtey, FL 32058

Option 3:

Pay at leadership conference, like COLT, to an FFAE officer.

To Mail
Registration
Forms and
Payments, please
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following
address:

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