



# **FAAE MIDWINTER PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CONFERENCE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

*Utilizing multiple venue sites in Volusia County,  
primarily DeLand & Seville*

**PRECONFERENCE - THURSDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**NEW TEACHER TRACK (YEARS 1-3 IN AG ED)**

**SEASONED OWLS TRACK (YEARS 10+ IN AG)**

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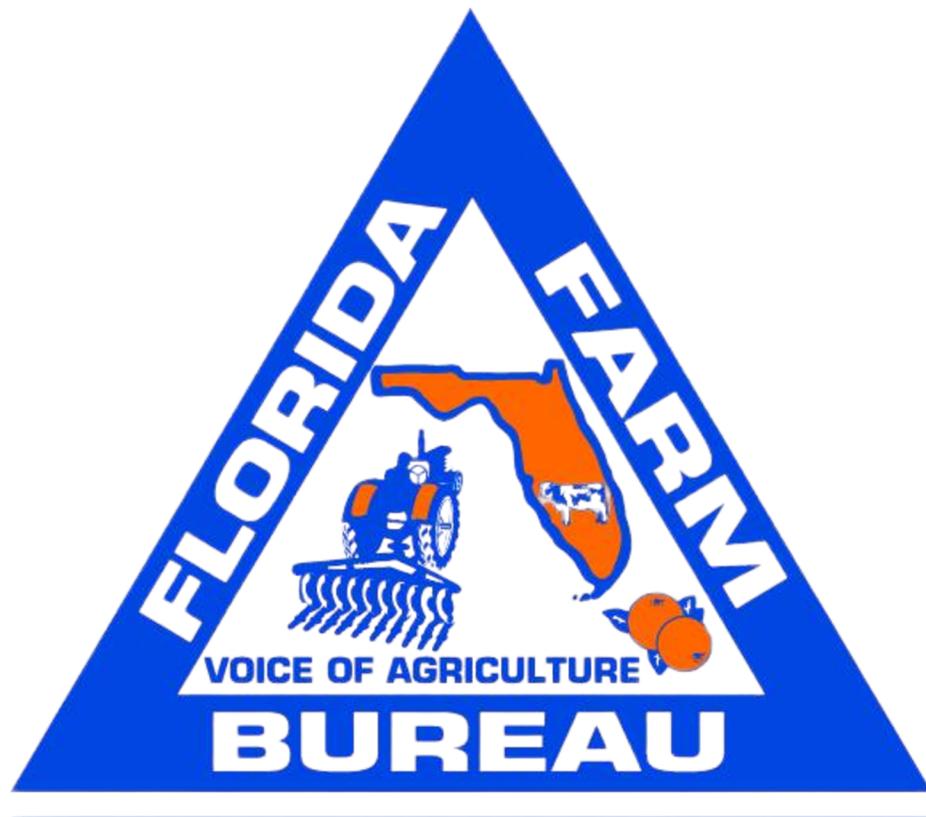
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# FAAE MIDWINTER CONFERENCE



**01.08.2026**

## NEW TEACHER PRECONFERENCE

09:30 AM - 04:30 PM

THURSDAY

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### REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

**9:30 AM**

*Hampton Inn & Suites DeLand ~ 20 Summit Oak Place, DeLand, FL 32720*

Split into New Teacher & Seasoned Owl Groups; New Teachers @ Hampton, Seasoned Owls transition to DeLand High Ag Facility via Ag Bus @ 9:45am.

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### WELCOME ~ TAYLOR COLE

**10:00 AM**

*FAAE NEW TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE; BRANFORD MIDDLE FFA*

New Teacher Preconference focusing on years 1-3 in agricultural education

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### SESSION 1: TOO MANY OWLS IN THE NEST

**10:15 AM**

*DR. DEB BARRY & DR. TRE EASTERLY, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA*

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### SESSION 2: STATE CONVENTION PLANNING

**11:00 AM**

*EMILYN SHARPLESS, BOK ACADEMY FFA*

*Break to transition to Deland HS Ag Facility to join Seasoned Owls*

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### LUNCH @ DELAND HS AG FACILITY

**12:00 PM**

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### SESSION 3: ROUND-TABLE SHARING SESSION

**1:00 PM**

*TOPIC: FUNDING YOUR AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS*

*Break / Seasoned Owls transition back to the Hampton Inn*

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### SESSION 4: MANAGING AG MECH FACILITIES

**2:00 PM**

*BRETT BRANDNER & ANDREW PECK, DELAND SR FFA*

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### SESSION 5: MANAGING LIVESTOCK FACILITIES

**2:45 PM**

*BRETT BRANDNER & ANDREW PECK, DELAND SR FFA*

*Break to transition back to the Hampton Inn to join Seasoned Owls*

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### SESSION 6: Q & A, RECAP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*FAAE BOARD & PRESENTERS*

**3:45 PM**

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### ADJOURN

*Hotel Check-In & Dinner On Your Own*

**4:30 PM**

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### FAAE BOARD MEETING

**6:30 PM**

AGENDA





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THURSDAY

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### WELCOME ~ ANDREW PECK

**10:00 AM**

*FAAE AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE; DELAND SR FFA*

Seasoned Owls focuses on teachers in years 10+ in agricultural education

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### SESSION 4: NATIONAL FFA SUB PLANS

**2:00 PM**

*STACY YOUNG, BRANFORD SR FFA / NATIONAL FFA AMBASSADOR*

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### SESSION 5: NAVIGATING HIGH-STAKES CONVERSATIONS

**2:45 PM**

*KEVIN CAMM, UF IFAS*

*Break / New Teachers transition back to Hampton Inn*

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# THANK YOU TO OUR FAAE MIDWINTER KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

DANIEL D. FOSTER, PH.D.

*Teachers Matter:  
Educating for Impact  
through Community  
and Persistence*



OPENING KEYNOTE LUNCHEON  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
12:30PM - 1:30PM

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
*DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,  
SOCIOLOGY, AND EDUCATION*  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
AGRICULTURAL TEACHER EDUCATOR  
GLOBAL TEACH AG NETWORK CO-FOUNDER



**PennState**  
College of Agricultural Sciences



# THANK YOU TO OUR FAAE MIDWINTER INDUSTRY TOURS!



**VO-LASALLE FARMS**  
**FRUIT & VEGETABLE OPERATION**  
601 JOHNSON LAKE RD  
DE LEON SPRINGS, FL

**SQUARE M RANCH**  
**CATTLE & HAY OPERATION**  
1104 BLACKWELDER RD.  
DE LEON SPRINGS, FL 32130



**EVANS FISH FARM**  
**STURGEON & CAVIAR OPERATION**  
1195 E WASHINGTON AVE  
PIERSON, FL 32180



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**01.09.2026**

## MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

08:15 AM - 05:30 PM

FRIDAY

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**REGISTRATION CHECK-IN @ INDUSTRY TOURS 8:15 AM**

*Vo-LaSalle Farms ~ 601 Johnson Lake Rd, De Leon Springs, FL 32130*

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**INDUSTRY TOURS ~ AMANDA FORSTATER 8:30 AM**

*FAAE MIDWINTER COORDINATOR; DELTONA MIDDLE FFA*

*Attendees will meet at first tour site and then receive directions to next sites.*

**TOUR 1: VO-LASALLE FARMS Fruit & Vegetable 8:30 AM**

*601 Johnson Lake Rd, De Leon Springs, FL 32130*

**TOUR 2: SQUARE M RANCH Cattle & Hay 9:30 AM**

*1104 Blackwelder Rd., De Leon Springs, FL 32130*

**TOUR 3: EVANS FISH FARM Sturgeon & Caviar 10:45 AM**

*1195 E Washington Ave, Pierson, FL 32180*

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**REGISTRATION CHECK-IN @ MAIN VENUE 12:00 PM**

*Historic Seville Schoolhouse (SVIA) ~ 1591 US-17, Seville, FL 32190*

**WELCOME ~ STAN SCURLOCK 12:15 PM**

*FAAE PRESIDENT; COTTONDALE FFA*

### OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

*FAAE Nominations Open*

**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON: DR. DANIEL FOSTER 12:30 PM**

*Global Teach Ag Network (GTAN), Pennsylvania State University*

***“Teachers Matter: Educating for Impact  
through Community & Persistence”***

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 1**

**1:45 PM**

- *More Than a Full Plate: Teaching the Four Pillars of Food Security*
  - *Dr. Melanie Miller Foster & Dr. Daniel Foster, co-founders of the Global Teach Ag Network (GTAN) at Penn State*



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FRIDAY

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**NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS**

**2:30 PM**

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 2 (ROTATE IN ALL 3)**

**2:45 PM**

- **ROTATION A:** Environmental Science CDE (HS)
  - Brett Wasden, Bell FFA
- **ROTATION B:** Foundations of Parliamentary Success
  - Daniel Foster, Ph.D., PRP, CP-T; Beyond the Gavel LLC
- **ROTATION C:** Land Evaluation CDE (MS/HS)
  - Taylor Cole, Branford Middle FFA

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**NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS**

**4:15 PM**

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 3 (CHOOSE 1)**

**4:30 PM**

- **A:** Advancing Parliamentary Mastery Through Inquiry
  - Daniel Foster, Ph.D., PRP, CP-T; Beyond the Gavel LLC
- **B:** Agrivoltaics - Solar Panels
  - Stacy Young, Branford Sr FFA / NAAE Agriscience Ambassador

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**GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION**

**5:15 PM**

*Announcements*

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**ADJOURN**

**5:30 PM**

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**NETWORKING SOCIAL ~ MUSICAL BINGO**

**7:00 PM**

*Hosted by DeLand FFA Alumni*

*Venue: Honey Acres Ranch*

*4179 Marsh Road, Deland, FL 32724*

*Additional Cost - \$25 per person*

*Includes Bingo, Food & Non-Alcoholic Drinks*

***Join us for Musical Bingo! Enjoy networking and food while competing for great prizes and listening to many musical hits! Experience some local fun and gain ideas to fund your program!***



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## MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

SATURDAY

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### NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS

**8:45 AM**

*Historic Seville Schoolhouse (SVIA) ~ 1591 US-17, Seville, FL 32190*

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### GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

**9:00 AM**

*FAAE PRESIDENT ~ STAN SCURLOCK, COTTONDALE FFA*

- *Ag Ed Partner Updates & Sponsor Remarks*
- *FAAE Nominations Close & Elections*
- *FAAE Bylaws Revisions*
- *FAAE Ideas Unlimited Competition*

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### ANNUAL STATE FFA ALUMNI BUSINESS MEETING

**10:00 AM**

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### FAAE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**11:00 AM**

- *Advocacy in Agricultural Education*
- *Member Experience*
- *Professional Development*
- *Teacher Recruitment, Retention, & Recognition*

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### FAAE COMMITTEE REPORTS

**11:45 AM**

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### SPONSOR SHOWCASE LUNCHEON

**12:00 PM**

*Network with conference sponsors for partnership opportunities.*

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### WORKSHOP SESSION 4 (PANEL)

**1:00 PM**

- *Cultivating the Future: A School Board Panel on Agricultural Education*
  - *Justin Sharpless, Warner University*

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### WORKSHOP SESSION 5 (CHOOSE 1)

**1:45 PM**

- **A:** *Exploring Ag Careers*
  - *Emilyn Sharpless, Bok South FFA*
- **B:** *iCEV Hands-On Applications & Certification Updates*
  - *Amy McAllister, iCEV*



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**NETWORKING & REFRESHMENTS**

**2:30 PM**

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 6 (CHOOSE 1)**

**2:45 PM**

- **A:** *Middle School Agriscience Inquiry*
  - *Lindi Kocher, Cutting Edge Curriculum*
- **B:** *iCEV Certification Testing*
  - *Amy McAllister, iCEV*

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**WORKSHOP SESSION 7 (CHOOSE 1)**

**3:30 PM**

- **A:** *Stukent CTE for Ag - Courses, Simternships, & Certification Prep*
  - *Quintin Denny, Stukent CTE*
- **B:** *From Scrap to Shop Project*
  - *Kaitlin VanHeusen, Bradford FFA*

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**CLOSING BUSINESS SESSION**

**4:15 PM**

*Announcements*

**ADJOURN**

**5:00 PM**

**FAAE COMMITTEE REPORTS &  
FAAE BOARD MEETING**

**5:30 PM**

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**EXPLORE & ENJOY LOCAL COMMUNITY**

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**01.11.2026**

SUNDAY

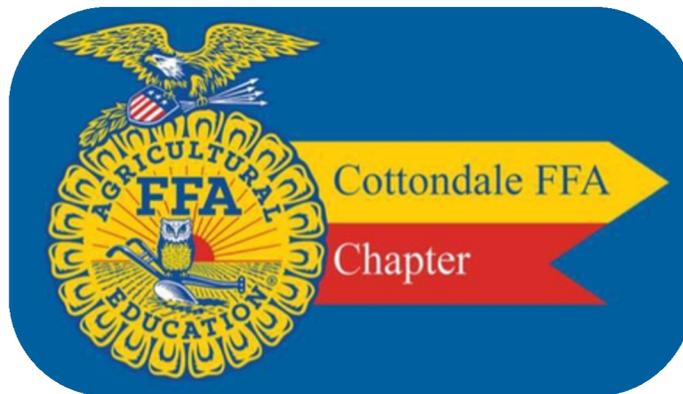
**FAAE BOARD MEETING**

**9:00 AM**

**SAFE TRAVELS HOME**



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# **THANK YOU TO OUR VENUE PARTNERS!**

## **PRE-CONFERENCE SITES**

DELAND HIGH SCHOOL  
AGRICULTURE CLASSROOMS  
800 N HILL AVE, DELAND, FL 32724

DELAND HIGH SCHOOL  
AGRICULTURE FARM LAB  
300 N CRANOR AVE, DELAND, FL 32720

HAMPTON INN & SUITES DELAND  
20 SUMMIT OAK PL, DELAND, FL 32720

## **MAIN CONFERENCE SITE**

HISTORIC SEVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE (SVIA)  
SEVILLE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
1591 US-17, SEVILLE, FL 32190





# **FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS (FAAE)**

*The Florida Association of Agricultural Educators is the professional organization for agriculture teachers across the state of Florida.*

*FAAE promotes Professional Growth through Advocacy, Education, and Professional Opportunities in conjunction with the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), as well as the Florida Association for Career and Technical Education (FACTE) throughout the year.*

*It is our goal to support Florida Agriculture Teachers and their needs through comprehensive educational programming that provides for all levels of experience and backgrounds.*