

NEWS FROM FAAE

CPC September 2026

FACTE TURNS 100!!

REFLECTIONS:

"FACTE is an excellent opportunity to connect with members while learning from our peers, supporters and industry leaders. I really appreciate the opportunity to network while learning new ideas to incorporate into my program." - Farrah Johnson, Deltona High School

"This was my first FACTE conference & I thoroughly enjoyed the ag teacher tours and tutorial workshops. Collaborating with colleagues from home and across the state was a great opportunity to network and learn new things within the ag industry that I can bring back and apply to my classroom." - Sumer Tackett, Tenoroc High School



GREETINGS FROM OUR FACTE PRESIDENT:

This past July, FACTE Conference attendees celebrated 100 years of CTE and 60 years of the FACTE Conference. At the gala and awards breakfast FACTE recognized award winners from this past year. Our very own Brett Wasden was recognized as FACTE's Rookie Teacher of the Year. The conference was awesome as always but carried a different feel this year due to the celebration of an educational field that effects so many students on a daily basis. We will be holding our 61st conference in Tampa next year near the Riverwalk. There will be professional development workshops, award recognition sessions and opportunities to network with the state's finest educators. I encourage you all to attend next July.

I hope you all have an awesome 26-27 school year.

Stan Scurlock
25-27 FACTE President
Cottondale High school

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH FFA

" AT ORLANDO COLONIAL FFA, OUR OFFICER TEAM PLANS AN EVENT CALLED "RISE UP FFA." OUR OFFICERS TEACH ALL OF THE CLASSES FOR A DAY ON BOTH OUR MAIN CAMPUS AND 9TH GRADE CENTER. OFFICERS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES, INTRODUCE WHAT FFA IS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS, AND LEAD FUN LEADERSHIP GAMES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY. THE GAMES ALLOW OUR STUDENTS TO REFLECT ON WAYS THEY CAN IMPROVE SKILLS SUCH AS COMMUNICATION AND WORKING COLLABORATIVELY. OFFICERS ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND INVITE THEM TO ATTEND OUR FIRST FFA MEETING EACH YEAR!" - CAELA SAUCE

THE FIRST WEEK WE HAVE AN OFFICER COME IN EVERY CLASS PERIOD AND TALK ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FFA. THEY SHARE THEIR FAVORITE SAE PROJECTS, THE MOST FUN CDE'S AND LDE'S, AND ENCOURAGE KIDS TO COME TO OUR FIRST MEETING! - KATY GELB, MULBERRY HIGH

BACK TO SCHOOL

NEW TO THE NEST...



MY NAME IS CAMRYN FARQUHAR AND I AM FROM WESLEY CHAPEL, FLORIDA. I GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WITH BOTH MY BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

I AM CURRENTLY A FIRST-YEAR AGRICULTURE TEACHER AT WILLISTON MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE I TEACH AGRISCIENCE FOUNDATIONS.

I WAS INVOLVED IN FFA THROUGHOUT MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN MY DECISION TO PURSUE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. I AM EXCITED TO BE IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEGIN MY CAREER AS AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER!

IT'S JUST AG...OR IS IT?

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS THAT TEACHERS IN FLORIDA ARE INCORPORATING MATH AND ENGLISH INTO THEIR AG CLASSES.

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE DONE A BOOK STUDY AND READ AG RELATED BOOKS TOGETHER AS A CLASS AND IT CULMINATES IN A FLORIDA AG HISTORY DAY WITH OUTDOOR EVENTS, PERIOD DRESSED GUESTS, HANDS ON ACTIVITIES, CATTLEMEN, ETC. - EMILYN SHARPLESS, LAKE WALES SR.

NATIONAL AG IN THE CLASSROOM HAS GREAT MATH LESSONS THAT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT MANY LEVELS - EACH MONDAY WE HAVE "MATH IN AG MONDAY", STUDENTS DRAW GARDENS, CALCULATE FEED,

ESTIMATE WEIGHTS, AND DETERMINE PERCENTAGES THAT FARMERS AND RANCHERS ACTUALLY MAKE FROM PRODUCTS THEY GROW AND SELL. - KATRINA LYNN SOUTHWEST MIDDLE

WE IMPLEMENT MATH INTO OUR SAE PROJECTS BY CALCULATING WEIGHT GAIN AND APPLYING THE INFORMATION TO GROWTH CHARTS. WE MEASURE THE GROWTH OF PLANTS AND CROPS AND MEASURE THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF FEED FOR ANIMALS.

WE INCORPORATE WRITING IN THE FORM OF REFLECTION WRITTEN ON CURRENT EVENT ARTICLES. - HEATHER CHASTAIN, THE VILLAGES HIGH SCHOOL

A MOMENT WITH BUDDY.

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS BUDDY COLEMAN AND I AM SERVING AS YOUR PRESIDENT OF FAAE THIS YEAR. I TEACH AT SUWANNEE HIGH SCHOOL IN LIVE OAK, FL. THIS WILL BE MY 26TH YEAR IN THE CLASSROOM. I STARTED MY CAREER AS A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND HAVE TAUGHT AGRICULTURE AT THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO NOT ONLY JOIN FAAE, BUT TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER. THE ASSOCIATION IS A GREAT PLACE TO ACCESS RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT WILL SERVE AS A SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR YOU. THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE NAAE CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS, WHICH WILL BE FROM DECEMBER 1-5, 2026.

THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP PROCESS THIS YEAR. MEMBERSHIP WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH THE QUALITY CHAPTER PLAN AND FEES WILL BE PAID TO FLORIDA FFA.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME OR YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. YOU CAN REACH ME AT :
BUDDY.COLEMAN@SUWANNEE.K12.FL.US
OR 813-928-7239.

SINCERELY,
BUDDY COLEMAN
FAAE PRESIDENT

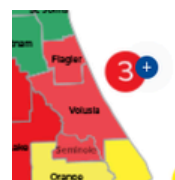




ADDITIONALLY, SOME AGRICULTURE STUDENTS PARTNERED WITH CULINARY STUDENTS TO CREATE POSTERS AND DISPLAYS SHOWING WHERE THE FOOD THEY WERE MAKING CAME FROM TO SEAMLESSLY CONNECT THE ASPECTS OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. WITH AN ESTIMATED 2,000+ PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR, THE EVENT IS GROWING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING IN THE YEARS TO COME TO CONTINUE EDUCATING OUR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY



MY SCHOOL EMAIL DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK SO FEEL FREE TO MESSAGE ME AT MY PERSONAL EMAIL IF I DON'T RESPOND WHICH IS STACYRENAE1994@GMAIL.COM. THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT YEAR!



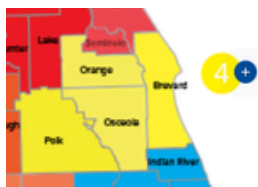
**AREA 3- ANDREW PECK
DELAND HIGH SCHOOL
AJPECK@VOLUSIA.K12.FL.US**

HAVE A FANTASTIC AND SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR! AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT AJPECK@VOLUSIA.K12.FL.US IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE.



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WHAT ARE OUR AREAS?



**AREA 4- SELENA PAUL
LAKE GIBSON HIGH SCHOOL
SELENA.PAUL@POLK-FL.NET**

I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY WELCOME YOU TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR AND WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING YEAR AHEAD.

I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS IN AREA IV TO JOIN FAAE AND GET INVOLVED.

FAAE IS AN OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES VALUABLE RESOURCES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS THROUGHOUT FLORIDA. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS STRENGTHEN OUR PROFESSION AND ENSURES YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE MANY BENEFITS THE ORGANIZATION OFFERS.

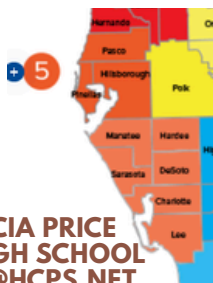
AS PART OF MY ROLE AS YOUR AREA IV REPRESENTATIVE, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING AND CELEBRATING THE OUTSTANDING WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS THROUGHOUT OUR AREA. EACH QUARTER, I PREPARE A NEWSLETTER ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AND OTHER SUCCESSES TAKING PLACE IN OUR SCHOOLS.

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITY, HAVE A RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENT TO SHARE, OR WOULD LIKE YOUR PROGRAM FEATURED, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM THAT COMES IN YOUR UPDATES FROM ME. YOUR SUBMISSIONS HELP SHOWCASE THE EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS OF OUR AREA IV AGRICULTURE TEACHERS AND PROVIDE VALUABLE IDEAS AND INSPIRATION FOR FELLOW EDUCATORS.

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR PROGRAM. AS YOUR AREA IV REPRESENTATIVE, I AM COMMITTED TO SERVING AS A RESOURCE AND ADVOCATE FOR OUR AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS.

IF YOU ARE A NEW AGRICULTURE TEACHER IN YOUR FIRST THREE YEARS OF TEACHING, I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE FAAE NEW TEACHER WORKSHOP. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND HELPING MAKE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING ONE. PLEASE KNOW THAT I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY I CAN.



**AREA 5- ALICIA PRICE
PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL
ALICIA.PRICE@HCPS.NET**

WELCOME BACK AREA 5 MEMBERS! I AM ALICIA PRICE, AND I AM HONORED TO SERVE AS YOUR AREA 5 REPRESENTATIVE. I CURRENTLY TEACH AG LEADERSHIP AND ANIMAL SCIENCE AT PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY. I PRAY

YOUR SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF TO AN INCREDIBLE START, AND YOUR SUMMER ALLOWED YOU TO GET SOME MUCH-NEEDED REST AND RELAXATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING ON THE FAAE BOARD AND GETTING TO KNOW YOU ALL IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. I AM NEWER TO THIS ROLE, BUT I AM NOT NEW TO TEACHING AG. THIS YEAR MARKS MY 19TH YEAR TEACHING AG IN FLORIDA, AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES THE FAAE PROVIDES US AND OUR FELLOW "OWLS" THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE EVENT SPONSORED BY FAAE THIS YEAR. MID-WINTER, NEW TEACHER WORKSHOP, AND/OR FACTE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF INCREDIBLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS HOSTED BY FAAE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPOTLIGHT ALL OF THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING IN AREA 5. IF YOUR CHAPTER IS PARTICIPATING IN A NEW ACTIVITY OR SOMETHING UNIQUE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE WITH ME SO I CAN ADD IT TO OUR AREA'S ARTICLE. MY EMAIL IS ALICIA.PRICE@HCPS.NET AND MY CELL IS (813) 478-2363.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO RECEIVED SOME OF FLORIDA'S TOP AWARDS AND WHO ARE ADVANCING TO NATIONALS IN OCTOBER! BEST OF LUCK TO THOSE PREPARING FOR NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS AND SAFE TRAVELS TO INDY!



**AREA 6- KAYLA
PRESCOTT
LAKE PLACID HIGH
SCHOOL
PRESCOTK1@HIGH
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WELCOME, AREA 6!
WELCOME BACK, AREA 6! I'M KAYLA PRESCOTT FROM LAKE PLACID HIGH SCHOOL, AND I'M EXCITED TO SERVE AS YOUR FAAE AREA 6 REPRESENTATIVE THIS YEAR. IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND MOMENTUM ACROSS OUR AREA. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT IF I CAN EVER BE A RESOURCE OR SUPPORT FOR YOU. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER!



What's growing on in FAAE?

September 17- National Teach Ag Day

September 25- FAAE NEW teacher (Year 1-5) hands on workshop - Alachua, FL

October 1 - QCP and FAAE Membership forms due

December 1-5- NAAE Convention- New Orleans, LA

February 12 - FAAE Board applications due (see below)

February 18-21- MidWinter Conference- Plant City, FL

Is it your time to serve?

Area 1, 3, and 5 representatives are up for election this summer at convention, as well as President Elect, Secretary, and Membership Coordinator. Is it time for you to give back to the board who has served you? Contact your area representative for more information and be on the lookout for emails.