



Quarterly Newsletter

Ag Teacher by choice, not by chance!

Winter 2023

Letter from the President – Ms. Farrah Johnson



Happy New Year from FAAE! The ending of 2022 had mixed reviews as I know the fall brought hurricanes and flooding mixed with rescheduling events. Many have had to pivot in class instruction, make up days and more. I can only hope that Winter Break provided an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate. Many felt a huge loss as we lost several of our own throughout the agricultural education family in 2022. Continued thoughts for the families and FFA chapters who suffered a loss this past year.

As we begin 2023, I hope the new year brings new opportunities to you and your programs. FAAE is excited to see many of you at the Mid Winter Conference. This year we are working with NAAE to provide programming for both new teachers and experienced teachers as well as our own workshops and activities. I've heard it mentioned several times recently that "iron sharpens iron" and I am appreciative of the colleagues sharing ideas and tips of the trade to help us all become better!

Be looking for information as we partner with Florida FFA to bring our legislative capitol day "Ag on the Hill". Sharing the message about the importance of agricultural education and the FFA is vital not only in Tallahassee but also in your local communities. Invite local officials to your events and activities that showcase the wonderful things you do!

I know sometimes it is easier to brag on the accomplishments of your chapter members than on yourself. However, we know that a lot of great things are being accomplished out there. The FAAE Award Applications will be available soon and they are an opportunity to showcase you and your program. State winners move into regional competition and then regional winners are recognized at the National NAAE Convention! New Teachers can apply for the Teacher Turn the Key professional development opportunity!

Lastly, as NAAE has changed their committee structure, FAAE is also working through the kinks of changing the committee structure. If you have an interest and would like to get involved let us know! We will be looking for teachers to help serve in committee roles to help keep FAAE moving forward. Please reach out if you have an interest.

Thank you for all that you do!

Area Updates

Area 1 Representative Stan Scurlock



OH my how time has flown by. One half down and one to go. Well I hope all is going great your way. We had a great NAAE Convention and the Florida delegation was out in force. Always nice to look from the stage and see over a dozen Stan Fat Heads on a stick waving at me. Thanks guys means a lot. I want to thank the entire FFAE membership for their support and uplifting words. I have enjoyed serving Florida and Region V over the past 8 years as a NAAE Board Member. Well I hope your holidays were wonderful and you are ready for a productive spring semester. As Our Region V Vice-President always says, HOLLA if you need me.

Area 2 Representative Stacy Young

Greetings from Area II. Congratulations to the Lafayette FFA Chapter for winning the National Parliamentary Procedure LDE. Congratulations to all of the other national finalists and winners. It was a blessing to see so many chapters competing in all of the different events. We are about to enter the second half of the year which some times seems like one of the busiest times of the year with applications, local events, country fairs and competitions. There a number of new teachers in our area. If you are a beginning teacher, I encourage you to reach out for assistance to other ones if you have questions. If you are an experienced teacher, it's never to late to learn from someone else. In fact, I still reach out to others for help. If there is anything that I can do to help you, please reach out to me. If I don't know the answer, I'll help you find someone who does. We become better as a whole when we help others. Good luck as we enter the new year.

Area 3 Representative Sara Hurst

Greetings Area 3, I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready to face CDEs, fairs, and everything else that spring brings! To help, I wanted to share with you some resources and upcoming Professional Development opportunities.

Area 3 FFA Board Member- Amy Davis (Bellevue HS)
amy.davis@marion.k12.fl.us - Have a concern or idea about CDE procedures, the FFA calendar, or another idea that should come before the board? Or if you have feedback on upcoming board agendas (sent on the listserv before the meeting), please contact Amy Davis to let her know your thoughts!

CDE/LDE Feedback- Have feedback or suggestions specifically about a CDE or LDE? Submit your feedback directly to Florida FFA via this form: https://floridaffa.formstack.com/forms/cde_lde_feedback_form Some ideas have already been implemented since last year, such as extending the window for OH demos to 3 weeks from 2. This ia great way to make sure your ideas don't get lost in a sea of emails.

NAAE Region V Conference- FFAE will be hosting the Region V NAAE conference June 11-14 in St. Augustine. Hotel reservations are open now, and registration will open on <https://www.naae.org/affiliates/regions/VI/region5.cfm> soon. Don't miss these workshops, educational tours, and sightseeing in St. Augustine!

FACTE Conference and Trade Show- FACTE will be back in Orlando at the Seaworld Renaissance July 17-19. FFAE will have division focused offerings, FACTE will have general CTE offerings, and the conference will offer a chance for fellowship and learning. Watch for an email regarding registration in the spring.

Hope to see you soon! As always if I can help you in any way, please let me know
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Area 5 Representative Jessica Hawkins



Happy New Year Area 5! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and great start to the second half of the school year. Being a newly appointed FFAE board member, I am working hard to learn as much as possible to serve Area V well.

In December, we lost one of our fellow agriculture educators that had an impact or influence on so many of us near and far, Mr. Tim Cribbs. He coached thousands of students for FFA contest, livestock shows and was always available to give his advice about the agriculture world; even if you weren't his student. He was a mentor to many of his colleagues and served our profession well by representing us on many different boards, including the state FFA board. He was recently inducted in the FFA Hall of Fame as a tribute to the outstanding educator, mentor and "Coach" he was to so many. With Area V being such a large and diverse community of agriculture educators and programs, I am sure Tim had some sort of tie to all of us. He will be greatly missed and agriculture education will have to overcome such a huge loss. Thank you to Tim Cribbs for leaving your legacy for agriculture education.

Area 6 Representative Phillip Crosby

Avon Park Middle School hosted Subdistricts for Highlands County Schools at the college in Avon Park. Okeechobee Brahman hosted Subdistricts at IRSC. I would like to congratulate all the winners and express good luck at District Competition.

FFA members in Highlands county are getting animals ready for the Highlands County Fair in February.

Okeechobee hosted the Florida Youth Livestock Expo and was a huge success.

NAAE National Convention Highlights



Congratulations to our Teacher Turn the Key Scholarship recipient, Brett Wasden!



Way to go Florida! Professional State Association earning Distinguished ranking!



Thank you to our very own, Stan Scurlock. NAAE National President!!! We appreciate your service to our organization and all the teachers

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