



Quarterly Newsletter

Ag Teacher by choice, not by chance!

FALL 2017 **Area Updates**

Area 2 Representative Ashley Thoron



Welcome back for another great school year! I hope all of you have had a remarkable start to the new school year. As we go throughout the year, please feel free to contact me with questions, news, and exciting events occurring in your program.

Area 2 has already kicked off the year with exciting events happening. Several of the programs in Area 2 had the privilege of hosting the Florida State Officer team and the Central Region Vice-President Valerie Earley. Valerie and the State Officer team were able to interact with members through a chapter visit and learn about different agricultural programs at Santa Fe High School, Trenton High School, and Lafayette High School.

Area 4 Representative Samantha Dodge

Jessica Anderson at George Jenkins High School is collecting animal feed and supplies (dog/cat food, blankets, towels, leashes, harnesses, and livestock feed) to send to those in need in Texas. We are working directly with the Utopia FFA chapter which will be where we deliver all collected items for dispersal. From there, their FFA members will get these items to those in need. When speaking with the advisor this morning, he indicated the greatest need at this time would be livestock feed (cattle, swine, and horse feed), as many FFA members SAE's have been displaced to their area and in surrounding areas. If you are in the vicinity of Polk County and would like to donate bags of livestock feed or make a monetary donation so that we may purchase bags of feed, it would be greatly appreciated. All supplies should be at George Jenkins High School by September 22nd so that we can load the semi-truck/trailer for its departure. We appreciate any and all contributions and look forward to



NAAE National Convention

The NAAE National Convention was held December 5-9, 2017 in Nashville, Tennessee. Many exciting things happened for representatives of Florida, including award winner recognitions and elections to National office!



Teacher Turn the Key Winner Brittany Coleman

Brittany Coleman was the Teacher Turn the Key winner for the state of Florida. She received an all expense paid trip to the NAAE National Convention where she not only was recognized for her accomplishments, but she also participated in an exciting professional development program, tailored towards teachers in their 1st-3rd year of teaching. Congratulations Brittany on an outstanding job and representing Florida with such professionalism.

Outstanding Cooperation Winner Dr. Andrew Thoron

Dr. Andrew Thoron was recognized as the Region V Outstanding Cooperation award winner for all his work developing professional development programs and his support working with the FAAE and other agricultural organizations. We would like to recognize Dr. Thoron for his achievements with the Outstanding Cooperation award and thank him for his continued service to the FAAE and agricultural educators across the state!



Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program Winner

Turkey Creek Middle

Buddy Coleman and Allison Sparkman



The Turkey Creek Middle Agricultural Education program was recognized as the Region V Outstanding Middle/Secondary program for 2017. Their achievements in and out of the classroom exemplify the goals and purpose of agricultural education and leave a lasting impression on the students they impact. Congratulations on a job well done Turkey Creek!

Newly Elected Region V Vice President



Our very own Area 1 Representative, Stan Scurlock, was elected as the Region V Vice President at the NAAE National Convention in December. Stan, who was serving as the Region V Secretary, has been an active member of the FAAE for many years, serving as an area representative and president. He is dedicated to the betterment of the agriculture education program as a whole and consistently serves as a member of the professional development committee.

We applaud Stan on his election to serve at the National level and we look forward to seeing his representation of Florida grow!!!!



**2018 NAAE National Convention
San Antonio, TX
November 27-December 1**