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Our Rural Youth*

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FUTURE FARMERS  
OF AMERICA  
FOUNDATION  
MISSION STATEMENT

To promote the best interests  
of students and those involved  
in agricultural education/FFA in  
Tennessee in order to enhance  
opportunities that will enable  
every FFA member to reach  
their maximum potential as  
productive citizens.



**Cover:** McNairy Central FFA member, Dylan Hunt, with Commissioner of Agriculture, Jai Templeton. See page 12 for "Members and Mentors". **Above:** The tag with the little red barn arrived in September 1996 and became a popular symbol of Tennessee's rural heritage. Twenty years later, proceeds from the "Ag Tag" have provided meaningful support to FFA, 4-H and Ag in the Classroom. Grandfather Robert Chowning (East Robertson), son Tim (White House) and grandson Mason (White House Heritage) represent three generations of FFA members. They are proud to sport the Tennessee Ag Tag as supporters of FFA.



## Goals and Objectives

1. To allow alumni, supporters and businesses to have a positive impact on the success of the FFA by providing financial support to the FFA through monetary and in-kind contributions.

2. To create an endowment fund that will perpetuate funds necessary for the operation of the Tennessee FFA Association.

3. To obtain funds for the general fund that will allow the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. to operate in a positive financial environment.

4. To obtain sponsors for individual FFA events and award programs that will fully fund these
- programs in each region and state level.

5. To receive memorials that will allow individuals to contribute in the memory of loved ones and to allow individuals to designate a portion of their estate to the Tennessee FFA Foundation.

6. To insure that Camp Clements remains an important part of the FFA program in Tennessee and to ensure that a permanent location for the history of the Tennessee FFA be built and maintained at Camp Clements.

## Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. Staff



**Chelsea Rose,**  
*Executive Director*

As executive director, Chelsea Rose manages the foundation and works closely with the board of directors. She is a former Tennessee FFA State President and National Vice President.



**Jessie Campbell,**  
*Development Coordinator*

In her role as development coordinator, Jessie Campbell coordinates special projects and organizes the Tennessee FFA State Convention Career and Trade Show. She is a past East Tennessee State Vice President.



**Sandy Storie,**  
*Administrative Assistant*

Sandy Storie supports the foundation and its donors as administrative assistant. She is a Cookeville native and is passionate about developing positive leadership skills in youth.

## Board of Directors

**Dr. Ben Byler, Chairman** *(Re-elected: 2014)*  
Professor Emeritus, Tennessee  
Technological University  
COOKEVILLE, TN

**Phillip Baker, Vice Chairman**  
*(Re-elected: 2016)*  
Putnam County Farm Bureau  
COOKEVILLE, TN

**Andy Nash, Secretary** *(Re-elected: 2015)*  
The Farmers Bank  
PORTLAND, TN

**Tim Chowning, Treasurer** *(Re-elected: 2014)*  
F&M Bank  
SPRINGFIELD, TN

**Keith Fowler** *(Elected: 2014)*  
Robinson & Belew, Inc.  
MARTIN, TN

**Rhey Houston** *(Elected: 2016)*  
Stowers Machinery Corp.  
OOLTEWAH, TN

**Joe Huffine** *(Re-elected: 2015)*  
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
LAVERGNE, TN

**Kristina Mckee** *(Elected: 2016)*  
Mid-South Livestock Center  
LEBANON, TN

**Matt Neal** *(Re-elected: 2015)*  
Farm Credit Mid-America  
HENDERSONVILLE, TN

**Buddy Crass**  
East Tennessee Vice President, TAAE  
KODAK, TN

**Steven Gass**  
State FFA Advisor  
NASHVILLE, TN

**Corinne Could**  
TN Department of Agriculture  
NASHVILLE, TN

**Ryan Inman**  
Tennessee FFA Alumni President  
DYERSBURG, TN

**Julia Knaggs**  
Tennessee FFA Association, State President  
STATION CAMP FFA

**Jessie Lumpkins**  
Middle Tennessee Vice President, TAAE  
NASHVILLE, TN

**Laura Moss**  
West Tennessee Vice President, TAAE  
PARIS, TN

**Kelsey Rose**  
Tennessee FFA



# Sponsoring Committee Members

**David Lynn, Chairman**  
Retired, Senior Vice President,  
Farm Credit Mid-America  
CHATTANOOGA, TN

**Jeff Aiken**  
President, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation  
COLUMBIA, TN

**Waymon Hickman Sr.**  
Senior Chairman,  
First Farmers & Merchants Bank  
COLUMBIA, TN

**Bill Johnson**  
President & Chief Executive Officer,  
Farm Credit Mid-America  
LOUISVILLE, KY

**Bart Krisle**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Tennessee Farmers Cooperative  
LAVERGNE, TN

**Steve Miller**  
Owner, Southern Hydraulics  
DECATUR, TN

**Joelle Phillips**  
President, AT&T Tennessee  
NASHVILLE, TN

**The Honorable Ron Ramsey**  
Former Lt. Governor & Speaker of the Senate,  
State of Tennessee  
NASHVILLE, TN

**Sammy Stuard, Jr.**  
President & CEO, F&M Bank  
CLARKSVILLE, TN

**Lee Todd**  
Retired, Executive Director,  
Southern Ginners Association  
GERMANTOWN, TN

**Jimmy Tosh**  
CEO & Owner, Tosh Farmers  
HENRY, TN



THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE

The Sponsoring Committee is a volunteer, stakeholder support group appointed by the foundation board chairman. These influential leaders meet at least annually to discuss foundation partnerships.

# Chairman’s Report



This publication includes combined Annual Reports for 2016 and 2017. These reports include the fundraising efforts of the Foundation staff under the outstanding leadership of Chelsea Rose, Executive Director, and our present Executive Director, Kelsey Rose. We sincerely appreciate the work they have done in assisting the FFA Foundation Board of Directors in accomplishing its goals and objectives.

I concluded my last chairman’s report by looking forward to breaking records in the upcoming fiscal year. In 2016 and 2017, the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. accomplished this goal. For two consecutive years, the foundation increased the amount given by individuals and secured funding for all CDE’s, LDE’s and proficiencies. Our goal is to improve every year, and can only accomplish this with your continued support.

Fully encompassing the theme of “transforming” FFA, we have taken every opportunity to garner support and serve the members of Tennessee FFA. This fiscal year, we added one full-time staff position and gained a new administrative assistant. We have also made changes to our sponsoring committee. The Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. is pleased to announce that Mr. Jimmy Tosh, owner and CEO of Tosh Farms, and Mr. Jeff Aiken, president of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, have both joined our sponsoring committee. Along with insightful direction from our executive director, adding

two new staff and two new sponsoring committee members has moved our foundation into uncharted territory, preparing us for the future.

During my time as chairman, I have enjoyed witnessing firsthand the impact made on FFA members by the efforts of the foundation staff, board of directors, sponsoring committee and other foundation supporters. This combined publication of Annual Reports for 2016 and 2017 features stories of FFA members and their mentors while highlighting a few of our successful alumni and our generous donors. This edition also includes a reflection on a man who has spent his career supporting our mission of making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. In addition, you will see the results of another year of hard work and progress from the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. This report showcases the best of our fundraising efforts, along with the growth of our funds and how our donated support is distributed.

As we make our way into a new fiscal year, we hope to push ourselves to break records, make a greater impact and serve a broader audience of FFA members than ever before. We are confident that with the help of our donors, staff and volunteers, we can continue to help transform Tennessee FFA for the better.

Sincerely,  
**Ben L. Byler, Ed.D.**



# Executive Director’s Report



To all who gave personal resources and time to FFA in 2016, thank you. You are the lifeblood of the Tennessee FFA Foundation. Because of you, FFA members are able to have a quality experience in the organization that develops their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. One such way your support is transforming the lives of agricultural youth is through FFA Camp Clements.

Camp Clements is celebrated as the nation’s first FFA camp. It is also Tennessee’s only FFA camp serving students from Munford to Mountain City. For generations, FFA has made the most of its one and only camp. In fact, in the summer of 2016, 89 high schools participated in the weeklong leadership training experience, which takes place in a bucolic setting on the banks of the Caney Fork River. FFA camp places students in classes focused on leadership and skill development with other agriculture students from across the state.

The camp is a partnership between the State of Tennessee and the Tennessee FFA Association. For more than 50 years, the State of Tennessee has leased FFA Camp Clements from the Tennessee FFA Association for the express purpose of extending educational opportunities to

agricultural education students, as well as other career and technical education students. It may surprise you to learn that six other Tennessee Department of Education student organizations participated in conferences and camps at Camp Clements last year. That is in addition to the seven weeks of FFA camp and numerous other FFA events held on the grounds throughout the year.

The relationship between Camp Clements and the State of Tennessee is a mutually beneficial partnership that annually offers thousands of students the chance to learn lessons that will positively influence their lives for years to come. I can personally attest to that.

As we work to build on the legacy and success of Camp Clements, the FFA Foundation is working to raise funds to improve the grounds. With the last new structure at Camp Clements built in 1986 (a gymnasium), the camp is aging and has several deferred maintenance needs that cannot wait.

With your support, the support of our state and continued interest from students, FFA Camp Clements will remain a cornerstone of the FFA program in Tennessee. If you would like to visit or dedicate a gift to FFA camp, please call the foundation office. On behalf of the foundation board of directors, I encourage you to stop in and experience Camp Clements for yourself. Please give us a call at 931-372-6050.

Sincerely,  
**Chelsea Rose**

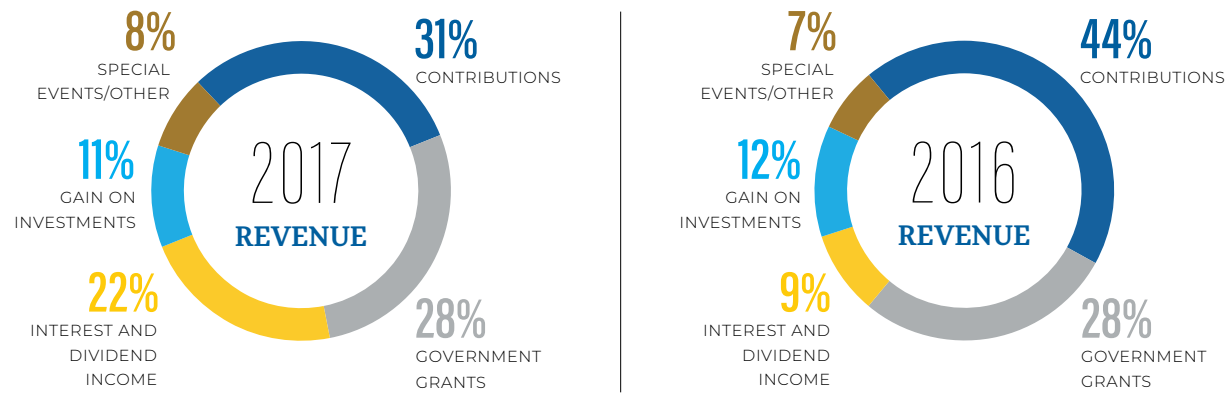
# Financials

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2017	
Ag Tag Fund	\$308,285.33
Ag Tag Program Endowment Fund	\$204,670.78
Barry Baker Scholarship Fund	\$155.00
Boyd Trew Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$265.00
Bray Camp Scholarship Fund	\$13,036.86
Camp Clements Fund	\$74,857.86
Collegiate FFA Fund	\$1,434.18
Denton George Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$7,499.32
Dr. David Hamilton Scholarship Fund	\$510.74
FarmHouse Scholarship Fund	\$1,090.00
Fred Laine Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$17,324.58
Harold Lineberry Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$21,762.60
Henry Williams Family Scholarship Fund	\$8,180.86
Henry Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$7,335.65
Herman Woody Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$5,928.11
Historical Preservation Fund	\$7,782.70
Institutional Wholesale Company Scholarship Fund	\$6,885.99
James Byrd Scholarship Fund	\$40.00
John E. Mayfield Scholarship Fund	\$10,111.83
Kenneth K. Mitchell Leadership Fund	\$88,644.21
Kenneth K. Mitchell Scholarship Fund	\$70,086.40
Lancaster Family Scholarship Fund	\$5,886.58
Lexington FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund	\$5,929.27
Ned R. McWherter Endowment Fund	\$94,270.50
Paul Oliver Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$25,688.44
Romie W. Neisler Agricultural Education Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$18,346.97
State Grant Fund	\$3,773,523.43
TAAE Scholarship Fund	\$6,733.13
Ted Turner Scholarship Fund	\$7,504.03
Tommy Pettigrew Scholarship Fund	\$15,627.70
TSC Dollars for Scholars	\$1,800.86
W.C. and Addillia Ashe Agricultural Education Scholarship Fund	\$11,293.64
Waymon Hickman Scholarship Fund	\$4,784.22
West TN FFA Awards Fund	\$11,322.87
William Coley Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$41,512.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,880,112.36</b>



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES



REVENUE	JUNE 30, 2017	JUNE 30, 2016	JUNE 30, 2015	JUNE 30, 2014	JUNE 30, 2013
Contributions	\$396,485.93	\$396,956.48	\$424,719.25	\$197,338.05	\$207,667.03
Government Grants	\$310,000.00	\$305,000.00	\$305,000.00	\$305,000.00	\$305,000.00
Interest & Dividend Income	\$159,473.44	\$77,485.10	\$170,515.08	\$66,704.46	\$67,093.24
Realized Gain on Investments	\$40,877.76	\$112,414.02	\$55,902.88	\$176,115.79	\$35,268.60
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$405,708.04			\$ 298,858.53	\$258,096.37
Special Events/Other	\$109,944.08	\$59,265.54	\$39,302.51	\$16,679.74	\$17,362.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,422,489.25</b>	<b>\$951,121.14</b>	<b>\$995,439.72</b>	<b>\$1,060,696.57</b>	<b>\$890,487.77</b>

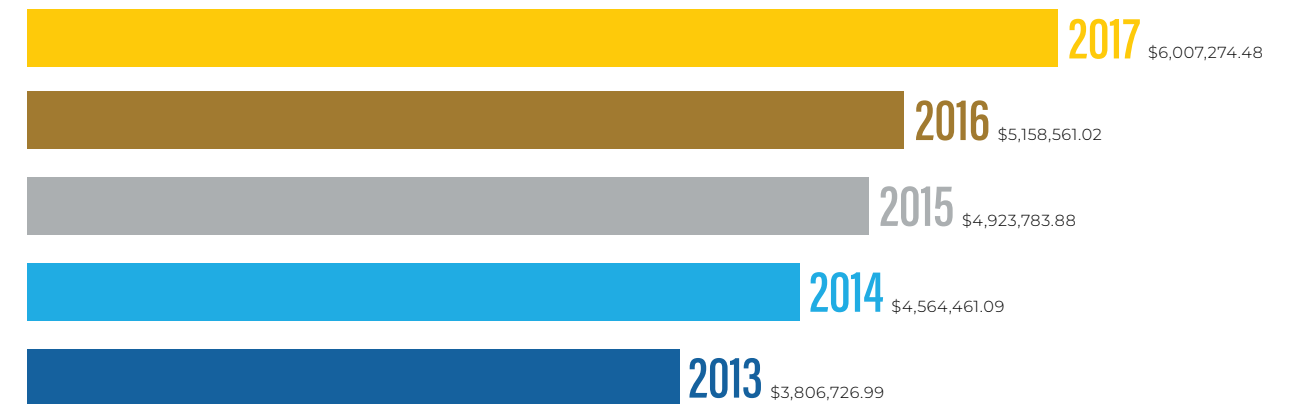
## EXPENSES

Programs & Projects	\$209,791.48	\$201,305.00	\$256,357.53	\$151,917.60	\$209,700.64
Scholarships & Awards	\$104,542.28	\$75,118.11	\$60,040.00	\$50,585.50	\$59,676.00
Employee Expense	\$194,978.64	\$176,462.78	\$126,662.86	\$65,087.22	\$100,216.22
Advertising/Fundraising Fees	\$6,815.00	\$6,300.00	\$6,816.74	\$6,834.46	\$6,425.26
General Office	\$33,561.57	\$19,631.61	\$12,862.59	\$9,993.71	\$15,303.43
Accounting & Legal	\$5,515.94	\$5,673.58	\$5,455.56	\$ 5,193.67	\$5,213.04
Investing Expenses	\$38,020.77	\$34,303.34	\$30,789.71	\$24,990.63	\$19,471.84
Printing & Publications	\$22,066.00	\$45,719.75	\$11,370.68	\$9,000.13	\$13,295.99
Unrealized Loss on Investments		\$145,653.06	\$112,828.84		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$615,291.68</b>	<b>\$710,167.23</b>	<b>\$623,184.51</b>	<b>\$323,602.92</b>	<b>\$429,302.42</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$807,197.57	\$240,953.91	\$372,255.21	\$737,093.65	\$461,185.35
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$4,881,070.97	\$4,640,117.06	\$4,267,861.85	\$3,530,268.20	\$3,069,082.85
Prior Period Adjustment				\$500.00	
Net Assets End of Year	\$5,688,268.54	\$4,881,070.97	\$4,640,117.06	\$4,267,861.85	\$3,530,268.20

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## FOUNDATION ASSET GROWTH



ASSETS	JUNE 30, 2017	JUNE 30, 2016	JUNE 30, 2015	JUNE 30, 2014	JUNE 30, 2013
Cash & Other Current Assets	\$438,483.89	\$284,586.86	\$152,446.22	\$273,036.35	\$451,628.69
Investments	\$5,568,790.59	\$4,873,974.16	\$4,771,337.66	\$4,291,424.74	\$3,355,098.30
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,007,274.48</b>	<b>\$5,158,561.02</b>	<b>\$4,923,783.88</b>	<b>\$4,564,461.09</b>	<b>\$3,806,726.99</b>

## LIABILITIES

FFA Alumni Fund*	\$301,464.69	\$274,355.01	\$281,422.95	\$294,661.84	\$274,403.09
Accounts Payable	\$14,244.00				
Payroll Tax Payable	\$3,297.25	\$3,135.04	\$2,243.87	\$1,937.40	\$2,055.70
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$319,005.94</b>	<b>\$277,490.05</b>	<b>\$283,666.82</b>	<b>\$296,599.24</b>	<b>\$276,458.79</b>

## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$808,156.18	\$870,526.44	\$898,118.57	\$811,709.17	\$781,897.68
Temporarily Restricted	\$4,880,112.36	\$4,010,544.53	\$3,741,998.49	\$3,456,152.68	\$2,748,370.52
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,688,268.54</b>	<b>\$4,881,070.97</b>	<b>\$4,640,117.06</b>	<b>\$4,267,861.85</b>	<b>\$3,530,268.20</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,007,274.48</b>	<b>\$5,158,561.02</b>	<b>\$4,923,783.88</b>	<b>\$4,564,461.09</b>	<b>\$3,806,726.99</b>
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\*Represents FFA alumni funds invested by foundation





# MEMBERS AND MENTORS

## Support Inspires Next Generation to Greatness

In rural towns across Tennessee, there are a few people you will always find – loving parents, farmers, teachers and FFA members. They undoubtedly go hand in hand. In these towns, FFA members are taught to be leaders in their schools, communities and at home; however, we sometimes forget who is leading them. FFA members succeed for two reasons: a loving and dedicated support system and the self-motivation to make a difference.

Tennessee FFA is home to remarkable student members and mentors who normally go unnoticed but deserve recognition. Dylan Hunt is an outstanding FFA member from the McNairy Central FFA chapter. In his first year, Dylan reached the two highest peaks a greenhand FFA member can attain. Dylan won the Tennessee FFA State Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event. He went on to compete at the National FFA Convention, where he won a silver award. Also at the Tennessee FFA State Convention, Dylan was selected as the Tennessee FFA Star Greenhand, which is awarded to the most outstanding freshman FFA member who is enrolled in agriculture

education for the first time, has demonstrated superior leadership and has strong plans for a supervised agriculture experience (SAE) program. Farming is a way of life for Dylan, his parents, Brad and Jennifer, and his older brother. Dylan works on his family's 2,500 acre farm. The family farm consists of 200 head of commercial cattle, 410 acres of pasture and bermuda grass, and 2,000 acres of row crops. Dylan's SAE focuses on owning an operation similar to his family's. He owns a herd of



**Left:** Dylan Hunt, 2016 State Star Greenhand and Creed Speaking State Winner. **Above:** Dylan Hunt (right) visits with Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Jai Templeton.



registered Charolais cattle, in addition to an operation consisting of 16 acres of corn and 65 acres of soybeans. Dylan has plans to leave the family farm for college, but to one day return to improve the operation. His inspiration comes from seeing his hardworking parents; his agriculture teacher, Rod Barnes; and a sixth-generation farmer.

Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Jai Templeton is a sixth-generation farmer from the same rural community as Dylan. Their family farms operate side by side, and their houses are a mere mile apart. Before Commissioner Templeton made his move to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, he was the Mayor of McNairy County. His heart was always full when helping young men and women in rural communities find their place in life. As the Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and now the Commissioner of Agriculture, Jai has been and always will be a strong proponent of agricultural education and FFA, and an advocate for developing youth in farming communities. Rural roots and the heart of a farmer make Commissioner Templeton the ideal role model for a young man like Dylan Hunt.

“Commissioner Templeton does his best to promote and strengthen agriculture in our county and the state,” said Dylan. “It shows everyone from our small community that if you are passionate about something, you can make it happen.”

Commissioner Templeton’s dream to make a difference in agriculture and rural communities, while never losing the passion for the family farm, inspires Dylan to do



**Above:** Emily Ellison, Coker County FFA member and the 2017 East TN Star Farmer, exhibits sheep at a livestock show for her SAE.

the same. Dylan plans on attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, majoring in agricultural business. With a degree and a wealth of knowledge in tow, Dylan will one day return to the family farm and the small rural community he and Commissioner Templeton call home. Together, they will continue to make a difference in the lives of students and in their beloved community.

Just as Commissioner Templeton inspires Dylan, there are mentors impacting FFA members all across the state. Emily Ellison is the President of the Coker County FFA chapter in East Tennessee. Her resume speaks for itself, as she has been a high individual in dairy

evaluation and a two-time district employment skills winner, and is involved in numerous career and leadership development events. In addition to those events, she has competed and performed in national and state FFA talent. She is the President of the Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers Association, which contributes to her successful SAE. Emily’s SAE is sheep entrepreneurship. She has approximately 70 head of registered polled dorset and shropshire sheep. She sells, shows and cares for her extensive sheep operation on her family farm. Outside of FFA and agriculture, her intelligence and leadership are just as impressive. She was recently named a Niswonger Scholar, which is awarded to the best and brightest leaders and community servants in northeast Tennessee. Emily has accomplished so much in a short period of time. Anyone can see the awards, accolades, ribbons and plaques; however, what you don’t see is the guiding force behind her every step of the way.

Emily is unique in that she has a two-in-one mentor. Her father, Eric Ellison, is also her agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor. The relationship between father and daughter can be pretty special, but when you also add in teacher and advisor, there is little these two cannot achieve together. At every fair or FFA competition, Emily’s father is there. He is there for the long nights in the barn and the early-morning FFA practices. He drives her to competitions, stands on stage when she accepts her awards and helps her decide which university is the best for her. Always beaming and ever proud, Eric Ellison does his best to be there for his daughter in more ways than one.

“As an advisor and parent, I was able to celebrate firsthand her successes in the FFA and support her, as I do with all my students, when things didn’t go as planned,” Ellison said. “From CDEs to livestock shows and conventions, I did not have to miss a moment of her FFA experience. Having her share the passion I have for FFA over the past four years has been life changing for the both of us. It has opened up doors for her that will positively impact her for a lifetime, and rekindled my enthusiasm as an agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor.”

People often only see the success, not the hard work and commitment, from the student and those who help them along the way. Emily plans on majoring in animal science with a concentration in pre-veterinary science. She has not narrowed down which university she will call home for the next four years, but whichever school she does choose will be lucky to have her. Emily will always have a special place in her heart for FFA and the skills she learned during her time as a four-year member. She will one day return to Northeast Tennessee to train and mentor FFA members aspiring to become veterinarians, just as her father did for her.

Dylan Wood is an FFA member from the Cumberland County FFA chapter in Middle Tennessee, where he serves as the Vice President of Community Development. Dylan was the state winner in the agriculture mechanics and fabrication proficiency last year for his work at Action Heating and Cooling in Crossville. He has installed and maintained all of the heating and cooling ductwork for the Avigen chicken houses as well as the University of Tennessee Extension Research Station in



Crossville. Dylan also does heating and cooling work for residential and commercial properties. Dylan is an impressive young man who has already obtained a skill and trade that can serve and provide him with a full-time job after he graduates from high school if he so chooses. Aside from being a hard worker and a dedicated FFA member, Dylan is also a servant leader. For the last two years, Dylan has coordinated a 5K race in memory of his brother. With the help of FFA, Dylan hosted the race this year and raised over \$7,000 for the Ronald McDonald House. Dylan recently coordinated a Passing Literacy Onward (PLOW) program at the elementary school across the street, in which Dylan met with the principal and set up multiple days to teach students about agriculture as well as the importance of reading and literacy. Dylan then coordinated a book drive at his high school FFA annual Christmas party. The books donated were given to kids at his local elementary school.

Dylan is a complete example of the type of person agricultural education and FFA strive to develop. Dylan has shown premier leadership in his FFA chapter, grown personally from serving his community and honoring his brother, and has advanced his career through working at Action Heating and Cooling. After joining FFA in junior high, he knew becoming an agriculture teacher was his calling. Dylan loves positively influencing young people and teaching them about agriculture. Dylan's FFA advisors are Terra Davis, Jason Atkinson and Danny Wilson. Each has contributed to Dylan's success in a special way and made an impact on his future goals.

"Dylan has been one of the best agriculture



**Above:** Cumberland County FFA members Dylan Wood and Morgan Burgess celebrate Dylan's proficiency award with their advisor, Terra Davis, at State FFA Convention.

students I have ever had," said Davis. "From the moment Dylan joined FFA and participated on the Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team, he has excelled and has been extremely active. Dylan is a great role model to the younger members and tries to make all members feel welcome to our FFA chapter. Dylan will be a great agriculture teacher and FFA advisor one day."

Zig Ziglar once said, "A lot of people have gone further in life than they thought they could because someone else thought they could." There is no doubt these three FFA members could have been successful on their own, but perhaps without the support of their mentors, they would not have known how high they could reach or the difference they could make. It is our job as supporters of Tennessee FFA to inspire FFA members to greatness. We must all do our part to mentor the next generation of agriculturalists and to give credit to those making a difference in our communities.

# MAYFIELD MAKES A DIFFERENCE

## Philanthropic Endowment Creates Ongoing Scholarship



John E. Mayfield was a philanthropic man attempting to make a difference with youth. Prior to his passing in 2017 after a battle with cancer, he served on many nonprofit foundation boards, donated to several causes he believed in and strove to promote good decision making in the lives of young men and women. Mayfield went from not having any ties to the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. to becoming one of our larger individual donors because he believed in our mission.

In 2016, Mayfield donated \$10,000 to the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. to endow the John E. Mayfield Scholarship. At the 2016 Tennessee FFA State Convention, the first

John E. Mayfield Scholarship was awarded to a deserving Tennessee FFA member, Will Gregory, from the East Robertson FFA chapter. With his endowment, the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. will be able to award a \$500 scholarship to an FFA member every year for the foreseeable future.

Mayfield not only valued educating rural youth, but believed in celebrating the history of such a storied organization. Mayfield generously sponsored the Tennessee FFA history book, titled "Tennessee FFA: Tradition and Transformation," at a \$5,000 level. With his support, the book was released in conjunction with the 100-year celebration of the Smith-Hughes act in the early part of 2017.

The Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. is grateful to Mr. John E. Mayfield for his generosity and support. It is because of him and donors alike that the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. is able to support over 14,000 Tennessee FFA members.





# 2016 - 2017 AWARDS

White House Heritage FFA member Kat Gaddis participates in the Pledge of Allegiance while attending FFA camp at Camp Clements.

## 2016 - 2017 Awards

### 2017 STATE STAR AWARDS

MEMBER	CHAPTER	AWARD	SPONSOR
John Melhorn	Meigs County	Star Greenhand	Farm Credit Mid-America
Catherine Turner	Covington	Star Farmer	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee
Will Turner	Covington	Star in Agricultural Placement	Ned R. McWherter Fund
Austin Akers	Cumberland County	Star in Agri-Business	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Erin Wakefield	Fayetteville City	Star in Agri-Science	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee

### 2016 STATE STAR AWARDS

MEMBER	CHAPTER	AWARD	SPONSOR
Dylan Hunt	McNairy Central	Star Greenhand	CHS Foundation
Martin Grissom	Warren County	Star Farmer	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee
Austin Barry	Warren County	Star in Agricultural Placement	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee
Bailey Hatmaker	Jefferson County	Star in Agri-Business	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
Rebecca Arwood	Daniel Boone	Star in Agri-Science	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, Farm Bureau Health Plans, Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee





2017 NATIONAL OFFICER  
CANDIDATE CHELSEA SANDERS

Chelsea Sanders was selected as Tennessee FFA’s 2017 National Officer Candidate. A member of the Wilson Central FFA chapter, Chelsea served as the FFA State President in 2015-2016.

Originally from Lebanon, Tennessee, and an Agricultural Communications major at Tennessee Tech University, Sanders is an active member and leader of ResLife, Student Admissions Ambassadors, Putnam County YF&R, and Delight Women’s Ministry. Chelsea’s guardian is Ruby McCrary.

Amy Morgan was Tennessee’s 2016 National Officer Candidate. As a member of the Cookeville FFA Chapter at Cookeville High School, Amy served as State FFA Treasurer in 2014-2015.

Morgan studied agricultural business at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She was a University of Tennessee Collegiate FFA member, an Ignite Leader, sorority member of Zeta Tau Alpha and a Farm Credit Scholarship. During the summer of 2015, she interned for the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. and for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation in the summer of 2016. She won the 2016 Tennessee Farm Bureau Collegiate Discussion Meet and represented Tennessee at the national contest. Her parents are Paul and Debbie Morgan of Cookeville, Tennessee.



2016 NATIONAL OFFICER  
CANDIDATE AMY MORGAN

2017 NATIONAL RECOGNITION

MEMBER	CHAPTER	AWARD
Chelsea Sanders	Wilson Central	National Officer Candidate
Danielle Johnson	Cookeville FFA Advisor	Honorary American Degree - Teacher
Jeremiah Johnson	Covington FFA Advisor	Honorary American Degree - Teacher
Dr. William Flanery		Honorary American Degree - Non-Teacher
Tawnya Robinson-Moss	Tennessee Tech University	Honorary American Degree - Non-Teacher
Emily Lewis	Eagleville	National Band
Sarah Burns	McEwen	National Band
Cedric Quinn	McGavock	National Band
Maddie Mash	Scotts Hill	National Band
Riley Glascock	Cookeville	National Chorus
Emily Nave	Woodbury	National Chorus
Jordan Morris	Huntland	National Talent
Hope Russell	Cloudland	National Talent
Shelby Ward	Cookeville	National Talent
Hendersonville		Premier Chapter: Strengthening Agriculture
McGavock		Model of Excellence Finalist

2016 NATIONAL RECOGNITION

MEMBER	CHAPTER	AWARD
Amy Morgan	Cookeville	National Officer Candidate
Philip Warfield		Honorary American Degree - Teacher
Kim Holmberg		Honorary American Degree - Non-Teacher
Sarah Burns	McEwen	National Band
Emily Lewis	Eagleville	National Band
Madison Mash	Scotts Hill	National Band
Ashley Clark	Meigs County	National Talent



2017 CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

CATEGORY	WINNER	SPONSOR
Agricultural Communications	Wilson Central	Citizens Tri-County Bank of Dunlap in Honor of Mr. Flavius Barker
Agricultural Issues Forum	Fayetteville	Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC
Agricultural Technology and Mechanics	Tazewell	Agricenter International
Agricultural Sales	Paris	Rock Creek Angus
Agronomy	Anderson County	
Ceremonies	Watertown	Farm Credit Mid-America
Cooperative Game Challenge Awards	Mt. Juliet	Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
Creed Speaking	Sierra Alexander, Dyer County	Farm Credit Mid-America
Dairy Cattle Management Evaluation	Jefferson County	Dairy Farmers of America
Dairy Cattle Handling	Carter Eaves, Community	The Plateau Group, Inc.
Employment Skills	Tate Stevenson, Lincoln County	CSX Transportation
Environmental/Natural Resources	Anderson County	Michael Vestal
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Haden Bawcum, Riverside	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Farm and Agribusiness Management	Lincoln County	Farm Credit Mid-America
Floriculture	McEwen	Metro Floral Wholesale, Inc.
Food Science	Anderson County	CSX Transportation
Forestry	David Crockett	Tennessee FFA Alumni Association
Horse Evaluation	Clinton	CSX Transportation, CB Trucking
Land Evaluation	McNairy Central	Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee
Livestock Evaluation	Covington	CSX Transportation, Tennessee Livestock Markets Association



From left to right: Austin Barry, Star in Agricultural Placement; Rebecca Arwood, Star in Agriscience; Dylan Hunt, Star Greenhand; Bailey Hatmaker, Star in Agribusiness; and Martin Grissom, Star Farmer.

2017 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT AWARDS CONTINUED

CATEGORY	WINNER	SPONSOR
Marketing Plan	Munford	The Andersons Inc.
Meats Evaluation and Technology	Bedford County	Tennessee Livestock Producers Association
Milk Quality and Products	Anderson County	F & M Bank
Nursery/Landscape	Covington	Southern Heritage
Parliamentary Procedure	Dyersburg	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Poultry Evaluation	Anderson County	Tyson Foods
Prepared Public Speaking	Erin Bacon, Jefferson County	Lee Todd in Memory of Horace Colvett & Sam Sparkes
Quiz Contest	Meigs County	
Veterinary Science	Jefferson County	Zoetis

2016 CAREER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

CATEGORY	WINNER	SPONSOR
Agricultural Communications	Lincoln County	Citizens Tri-County Bank of Dunlap in Honor of Mr. Flavius Barker
Agricultural Issues Forum	Mt. Juliet	Helena Chemical Company
Agricultural Mechanics	Tazewell	Agricenter International
Agricultural Sales	Dyersburg	Rock Creek Angus
Ceremonies	Daniel Boone	Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division
Creed Speaking	Dylan Hunt, McNairy Central	Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc.
Dairy Cattle Evaluation	Jefferson County	Dairy Farmers of America
Dairy Cattle Handling	Aubrey McCrary, Lebanon	The Plateau Group Inc.
Employment Skills	Sabrina Roberts, Wilson Central	CSX Transportation
Environmental/Natural Resources	Anderson County	Michael Vestal
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	Emily Russell, Munford	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Farm Business Management	McNairy Central	Farm Credit Mid-America
Floriculture	David Crockett	Metro Floral Wholesale Inc.
Food Science	Station Camp	CSX Transportation
Forestry	Cumberland Gap	Tennessee FFA Alumni Association
Horse Evaluation	Portland	CSX Transportation CB Trucking
Land Evaluation	Oakland	Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee
Livestock Evaluation	Lincoln County	CSX Transportation
Marketing Plan	Dyersburg	The Anderson's Inc.



CATEGORY	WINNER	SPONSOR
Meats Evaluation and Technology	Cumberland Gap	Tennessee Livestock Producers Association
Milk Quality and Products	Covington	F&M Bank
Nursery/Landscape	David Crockett	Southern Heritage
Parliamentary Procedure	McEwen	Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Poultry Evaluation	Covington	Tyson Foods
Prepared Public Speaking	Mackenzie Clark, Scotts Hill	Lee Todd in Memory of Horace Colvett & Sam Sparkes
Veterinary Science	Jefferson County	Zoetis

2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

NAME	CHAPTER	UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP
Kenzie Bastian	David Crockett	University of Tennessee Knoxville	2017 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Sarah Lesemann	Portland	University of Tennessee Martin	2017 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Mary Minatra	Eagleville	University of Tennessee Martin	2017 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Brianna Baxter	Loudon	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Ag Credit Scholarship
Kasey Harmon	McMinn County	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Boyd Trew Memorial Scholarship
Nicolle Scott	Coffee County	Motlow State Community College	Denton George Brown Memorial Scholarship
Ahmon Watkins	Oakland	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Dr. David Hamilton Scholarship
Will Studard	Dyer County	University of Tennessee Martin	Farm Credit Mid-America
Hailey Viars	Loudon	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Farm Credit Mid-America
Scarlett McClurkan	McEwen	University of Tennessee Martin	Farm Credit Mid-America
Julia Knaggs	Station Camp	University of Tennessee Martin	Farm Credit Mid-America
Christina Greer	Lebanon	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Fred Laine Memorial Scholarship
Alaina Solis	McGavock	Tennessee Tech University	Harold D Lineberry Collegiate Scholarship
Corey Lawrence	Crockett County	University of Tennessee Martin	Henry G Williams Family Scholarship
William Turner	Covington	University of Tennessee Martin	Henry G Williams Memorial Scholarship
Courtney Fowler	Station Camp	Tennessee Tech University	Institutional Wholesale Co. Scholarship
Kaleob Ashley	Huntland	Tennessee Tech University	Institutional Wholesale Co. Scholarship
Marisa Phelps	East Robertson	Tennessee Tech University	John E Mayfield Scholarship
Elizabeth Arwood	Daniel Boone	Tennessee Tech University	Justin Rose Memorial Scholarship
Lindsey Parsley	Oakland	Middle Tennessee State University	Kenneth K. Mitchell Alumni Scholarship
Zachariah Mills	Riverside	University of Tennessee Martin	Kenneth K. Mitchell Alumni Scholarship
Connor King	Lexington	University of Tennessee Martin	Lexington FFA Alumni Scholarship
Lauren Troutt	Dresden	University of Tennessee Martin	Ned R McWherter FFA Scholarship
Nathan Oliver	Covington	University of Tennessee Martin	Paul Oliver Memorial Scholarship

NAME	CHAPTER	UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP
Chloe Ford	David Crockett	University of Tennessee Knoxville	Ramsey Leadership Scholarship
Jordan Mason	Liberty	University of Tennessee Martin	Romie W. Neisler Agriculture Education Scholarship
Jessica Hickerson	Stewarts Creek	Middle Tennessee State University	TAAE Scholarship
Catherine Turner	Covington	University of Tennessee Martin	Ted Turner Scholarship
Kaylee Brown	Anderson County	University of Tennessee Knoxville	UTK Farmhouse Scholarship
Emily Lewis	Eagleville	University of Tennessee Martin	Waymon Hickman Scholarship

2016 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

NAME	CHAPTER	UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP
Rebecca Arwood	Daniel Boone	East Tennessee State University	2016 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Charles Harrison	Loudon County	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2016 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
John Snoddy	Lincoln County	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2016 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Samuel Daniel	Covington	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2015 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Emily White	Daniel Boone	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2015 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Stephen McNeil	Portland	University of Tennessee-Martin	2015 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Suzanne Schultz	Dyersburg	Mississippi State University	2014 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Tina Sullivan	Bledsoe	University of Tennessee-Martin	2014 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Samantha Beard	Eagleville	University of Tennessee-Martin	2013 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Melinda Perkins	Paris	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	2013 Tennessee FFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Chelsea Sanders	Wilson Central	Tennessee Tech University	AT&T Presidential Scholarship
Hunter Holden	Riverdale	Middle Tennessee State University	James Byrd Memorial Scholarship
Jasmine Morris	McMinn Central	University of Florida	Denton George Brown Memorial Scholarship
Mae Allen	Mount Juliet	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship
Summer Carter	Anderson County	Pellissippi State Community College	Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship
Amee Hankins	Chuckey-Doak	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship
Chad Lewis	Halls	University of Tennessee-Martin	Farm Credit Mid-America Scholarship
Michael Singer	Wilson Central	University of Tennessee-Martin	Fred Laine Memorial Scholarship
Alyssa Summar	Oakland	Middle Tennessee State University	Harold D. Lineberry Memorial
Trey Hinton	East Robertson	Univerisity of Tennessee-Martin	Honeysuckle Hill Farm Scholarship
William Gregory	East Robertson	University of Tennessee-Martin	Honeysuckle Hill Farm Scholarship
Kenzie Bastian	David Crockett	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	David Hamilton Scholarship
Joy Hazlewood	Westview	University of Tennessee-Martin	Henry G. Williams Family Scholarship
Ann Finley	Dyer County	Dyersburg State Community College	Henry G. Williams Memorial Scholarship
Alexis Clark	Meigs County	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Herman Woody Memorial Scholarship



Jacob Atkins	Clarkrange	Tennessee Tech University	Institutional Wholesale Company Inc. Scholarship
Riley Walker	Springfield	Vol State, Tennessee Tech University	Institutional Wholesale Company Inc. Scholarship
Sarah Lesemann	Portland	University of Tennessee-Martin	Kenneth K. Mitchell Alumni Scholarship
Brittney Johnson	Scotts Hill	University of Tennessee-Martin	Kenneth K. Mitchell Alumni Scholarship
Sawyer Main	Johnson County	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Joe Lancaster Family Scholarship
William Gregory	East Robertson	University of Tennessee-Martin	John E. Mayfield Scholarship
Derek Anderson	Coffee County	University of Tennessee-Martin	Ned R. McWherter Scholarship
Koltin Winstead	Westview	University of Tennessee-Martin	Paul Oliver Memorial Scholarship
Megan Holmes	Meigs County	Clemson University	River Valley AgCredit Scholarship
Ally Cherry	Halls	Middle Tennessee State University	Romie W. Neisler Agricultural Education Scholarship
Jessica Garner	Mount Juliet	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	TAAE Scholarship
Hannah Turner	Covington	Dyersburg State Community College	Ted Turner Scholarship
Hannah Jones	Culleoka	Columbia State Community College	Tennessee FFA Foundation Scholarship
Christopher Tipton	David Crockett	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	UTK FarmHouse Fraternity Scholarship
Mackenzie Clark	Scotts Hill	University of Tennessee-Knoxville	Waymon Hickman Scholarship
Loren Campbell	Mount Juliet	University of Tennessee-Martin	William H. Coley Scholarship

## 2017 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

NAME	CHAPTER	SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD
Elizabeth Arwood	Daniel Boone	John Deere Dealer/Meade Tractor	\$2,000.00
Kenzie Bastian	David Crockett	Chevy Trucks/Champion Chevrolet	\$1,000.00
Kaylee Brown	Anderson County	The Poeschl Family	\$1,000.00
Grace Clark	Dyersburg	Ram Trucks Dealer/Tim Castellaw Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	\$1,000.00
Sarah Dodd	Gibson County	Beck's Hybrids	\$2,000.00
Isabel Ellis	Oakland	Fastline Media Group	\$1,000.00
Emily Ellison	Cocke County	FarmAid	\$3,000.00
Ashli Ford	Covington	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Chloe Ford	David Crockett	Chevy Trucks/Champion Chevrolet	\$1,000.00
Chloe Ford	David Crockett	Built Ford Tough/Johnson City Ford	\$1,000.00
Kathryn Grebner	McEwen	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Preston Henderson	McKenzie	AGCO Dealer/B & G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Julia Knaggs	Station Camp	Mahindra USA Women in Ag	\$2,500.00
Krista Laffrey	Cumberland County	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Chad Lewis	Halls	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00

NAME	CHAPTER	SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD
Makenzie Moorehead	Fayetteville City	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Angelica Nichols	Dyer County	Ram Trucks Dealer/Tim Castellaw Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	\$1,000.00
Nathan Oliver	Covington	Tee-Jet Technologies	\$1,000.00
Lindsey Parsley	Oakland	Built Ford Tough/Ford of Murfreesboro	\$1,000.00
Marisa Phelps	East Robertson	John Deere Dealer/Hutson, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Justin Pierce	Benton County	AGCO Dealer/B & G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Katie Rea	Westview	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Sophia Reese	McKenzie	AGCO Dealer/B & G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Emma Rushton	Waverly	Cheryl Dant Hennesy	\$5,000.00
Alaina Staggs	Lawrenceburg	Domino's	\$1,000.00
Catherine Turner	Covington	Pink Tractor	\$1,000.00
Hailey Viars	Loudon	CSX	\$4,000.00
Erin Wakefield	Fayetteville City	FarmAid	\$3,000.00
Elizabeth Whitt	Riverdale	AGCO Corporation	\$2,000.00
Lucas Wilson	Montgomery Central	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00



**Top Left:** 2016-2017 East TN State Vice President Ally Clark visits with Farm Credit Mid-America Regional Vice President Matt Neal (left) and Senior Vice President Steve Allard. **Right:** Colten Dotson of Fayetteville City accepts award from 2015-2016 National FFA Secretary Nick Baker. **Bottom Left:** Tennessee Farm Bureau President Jeff Aiken addresses attendees of the 2017 State FFA Convention.



2016 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

NAME	CHAPTER	SCHOLARSHIP	AWARD
Parker Albright	Obion County Central	Built Ford Tough/Union City Ford	\$1,000.00
Kendall Allen	Paris	AGCO Dealer/B&G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Mae Allen	Mt. Juliet	Norfolk Southern Foundation	\$1,000.00
Madison Armstrong	Obion County Central	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Austin Barry	Warren County	Fastline Publications	\$1,000.00
Kenzie Bastian	David Crockett	Built Ford Tough/Johnson City Ford	\$1,000.00
Gracelyn Bowers	Culleoka	Built Ford Tough/Sloan Ford	\$1,000.00
Amberly Burtz	Meigs County	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Brady Cheatham	Mckenzie	AGCO Dealer/B&G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Ally Cherry	Halls	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Sarah Dodd	Gibson County	Firestone Agricultural Solutions	\$2,500.00
Colten Dotson	Fayetteville City	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
William Gregory	East Robertson	DuPont Pioneer	\$1,000.00
Martin Grissom	Warren County	Built Ford Tough/Kidd Ford	\$1,000.00
Amee Hankins	Chuckey-Doak	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Trey Hinton	East Robertson	Beck's Hybrids	\$2,000.00
Megan Holmes	Meigs County	MetLife Foundation	\$2,000.00
Olivia Jones	Dyersburg	National FFA Combined	\$1,000.00
Kayla McDowell	McMinn Central	Dean Foods Company	\$1,000.00
Mary Lane Minatra	Eagleville	Built Ford Tough/Ford of Murfreesboro	\$1,000.00
Kasey Pickle	Paris	AGCO Dealer/B&G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Katie Plowman	Paris	AGCO Dealer/B&G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Abigayle Pollock	Lincoln County	Cheryl Dant Hennesy	\$5,000.00
Emily Rose	Paris	AGCO Dealer/B&G Equipment	\$1,000.00
Tyler Rowland	Covington	CSX	\$4,000.00
John Robert Snoddy	Lincoln County	American Veterinary Medical Association	\$1,000.00
Christopher Tipton	David Crockett	John Deere Dealer/Meade Tractor	\$2,000.00
Grant Towns	Macon County	John Deere Dealer/TriGreen Equipment	\$2,000.00
Riley Walker	Springfield	John Deere Dealer/Hutson, Inc.	\$2,000.00

**\* The Lexington FFA Alumni Scholarship and The Tommy Pettigrew Scholarship were not awarded in 2016. The Tennessee FFA Foundation administers the endowment for these funds.**

2017 PROFICIENCY AWARDS

WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Agricultural Communications - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Ashley Tilson	Munford	Ned R. McWherter Charitable Foundation
<b>Agricultural Education - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Taylor Lea	Brighton	Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Design &amp; Fabrication - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Bailey Black	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Repair &amp; Maintenance - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Andrew Wood	Riverdale	Tennessee Electric Cooperative Assn.
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Repair &amp; Maintenance - Placement</b>		
Clayton Warren	Gibson County	Stowers Machinery Corporation
<b>Agricultural Processing - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Anna Barrow	White House Heritage	Hillshire Brands
<b>Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Emily Hudgins	Paris	Rock Creek Angus
<b>Agricultural Sales - Placement</b>		
Bailey Hatmaker	Jefferson County	Simmons First National Bank
<b>Agricultural Services - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jared Wortham	Westview	CSX Transportation
<b>Agriscience Animal Systems Research</b>		
Brianna Reames	Munford	The Andersons Inc.
<b>Agriscience Integrated Systems Research</b>		
Steven Sartain	Covington	The Andersons Inc.
<b>Agriscience Plant Systems Research</b>		
Jackson Arthur	Munford	Learning Labs/Applied Technologies
<b>Beef Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Murray Perkins	Paris	Tennessee Cattlemen's Association
<b>Beef Production - Placement</b>		
Catherine Turner	Covington	Tennessee Beef Promotion Program
<b>Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Walker Moncier	Chuckey Doak	Sweetwater Valley Farm
<b>Dairy Production - Placement</b>		
Ashlan Holland	South Greene	Sweetwater Valley Farm

**\* National Finalist**



WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Diversified Agricultural Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Martin Grissom	Warren County	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
<b>Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship</b>		
Blake Kennedy	Paris	Tosh Farms
<b>Diversified Crop Production – Placement</b>		
Sarah Dodd	Gibson County	Burley Stabilization Corporation Robertson Cheatham Farmers Cooperative
<b>Diversified Horticulture – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Matthew Roberson	Eagleville	River Brite Citrus Fundraising
<b>Diversified Livestock Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Hannah Turner	Covington	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
<b>Environmental Science &amp; Natural Resources – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Kelsey Max	Munford	TN Soc. of Agricultural and Rural Professionals
<b>Equine Science – Entrepreneurship</b>		
Bridget Robertson	Stewarts Creek	TN Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors
<b>Equine Science – Placement</b>		
Savanna Lovell	Cookeville	TN Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors
<b>Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
John Bomer*	Paris	Tennessee Cotton Ginners Association TN Soybean Council
<b>Food Science and Technology – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Ashli Ford	Covington	Sweetwater Valley Farms CSX Transportation
<b>Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jason Hays	Scotts Hill	TN Agricultural Production Association
<b>Forest Management and Products – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Brad Clark	Cookeville	McKenzie Tree Service
<b>Fruit Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Dillion Givens*	McMinn County	Florida Indian River Groves
<b>Goat Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Thomas Woelfle*	Munford	Tosh Farms
<b>Grain Production – Entrepreneurship</b>		
Conner Wright	Halls	Baggett Farms TN Feed & Grain Association

\* National Finalist

WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Grain Production – Placement</b>		
Isaac Richesin*	Loudon	Baggett Farms Robertson Cheatham Farmers Cooperative
<b>Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Kori Smith*	Chuckey Doak	CSX Transportation
<b>Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Ryan Wick	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Kat Gaddis	White House Heritage	Turner & Son's Nursery
<b>Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Nick Kellum	Covington	F & M Bank
<b>Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Bryson Frost	Cookeville	Tennessee Poultry Association LUBING Systems
<b>Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Emily Ellison	Cocke County	Tosh Farms
<b>Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Adam Rogers	Paris	Tosh Farms
<b>Specialty Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Sadie Hoover	Stone	The Andersons Inc.
<b>Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Ryan Patrum*	Paris	The Farmers Bank
<b>Swine Production – Entrepreneurship</b>		
Robert Akers	Munford	Tennessee Pork Producers
<b>Swine Production – Placement</b>		
Cora Key	Clay County	Tennessee Pork Producers
<b>Turfgrass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Abbey Baker	Cookeville	Tosh Farms
<b>Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Nathan Oliver	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Veterinary Science – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Amee Hankins	Chuckey Doak	Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
<b>Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Dillon Dillahunt	Cookeville	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

\* National Finalist



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WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Agricultural Communications - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Sierra Schulz	Munford	Ned R. McWherter Charitable Foundation
<b>Agricultural Education - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Ashley Tilson	Munford	Tennessee Council of Cooperatives
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Design &amp; Fabrication - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Dylan Wood	Cumberland County	Tosh Farms
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
		Tennessee Electric Cooperative Assn.
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Repair &amp; Maintenance - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Samuel Wauford	Covington	Kodiak Mfg. Inc.
<b>Agricultural Mechanics Repair &amp; Maintenance - Placement</b>		
Brian Wilson	White House Heritage	Stowers Machinery Corporation
<b>Agricultural Processing - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Rachel Elrod	Eagleville	Hillshire Brands
<b>Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Olivia Jones	Dyersburg	Rock Creek Angus
<b>Agricultural Sales - Placement</b>		
Sarah Poole	Covington	Simmons First National Bank
<b>Agricultural Services - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jesse Frazier	Jefferson County	CSX Transportation
<b>Agriscience Animal Systems Research</b>		
Emily Russell	Munford	The Anderson's Inc.
<b>Agriscience Integrated Systems Research</b>		
Jackson Arthur	Munford	The Anderson's Inc.
<b>Agriscience Plant Systems Research</b>		
Tyler Rowland	Covington	Learning Labs/Applied Technologies
<b>Beef Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Cathrine Turner	Covington	Tennessee Cattlemen's Association
<b>Beef Production - Placement</b>		
Philip Dotson*	Fayetteville	Tennessee Beef Council
<b>Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Kasey Pickle	Paris	The Plateau Group Inc.

\* National Finalist

2016 PROFICIENCY AWARDS CONTINUED

WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Dairy Production - Placement</b>		
Madison Moncier	Chuckey-Doak	Sweetwater Valley Farms
<b>Diversified Agricultural Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Tanner Vaughn	Cookeville	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
<b>Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Molly Flanagan	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Diversified Crop Production - Placement</b>		
William Eidson	Portland	Burley Stabilization Corporation Robertson Cheatham Farmers Cooperative
<b>Diversified Horticulture - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Abbey Baker*	Cookeville	River Brite Citrus Fundraising
<b>Diversified Livestock Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Charlie Armour	Meigs County	Tennessee Farmers Cooperative
<b>Environmental Science &amp; Natural Resources - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Hayden Kirkdoffer	Covington	TN Soc. of Agricultural and Rural Professionals
<b>Equine Science - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Corey Lawrence	Crockett County	TN Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Assn.
<b>Equine Science - Placement</b>		
Trey Wright	Scotts Hill	TN Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Assn.
<b>Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jimmy Bernard	Dyersburg	Tennessee Cotton Ginners Association TN Soybean Council
<b>Food Science and Technology - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
n/a	n/a	Sweetwater Valley Farms CSX Transportation
<b>Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Austin Jernigan	Stone Memorial	TN Agricultural Production Association
<b>Forest Management and Products - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Stephen Dorris*	Scotts Hill	McKenzie Tree Services
<b>Fruit Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Alex Daniel	Covington	Florida Indian River Groves
<b>Goat Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Kaitlin Davis*	Bedford County	Tosh Farms
<b>Grain Production - Entrepreneurship</b>		
Daniel Butler	Dyersburg	Baggett Farms TN Feed & Grain Association

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WINNER	CHAPTER	SPONSOR
<b>Grain Production – Placement</b>		
Jarret Moser*	Jefferson County	Baggett Farms Robertson Cheatham Farmers Cooperative
<b>Home and/or Community Development – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Samuel Daniel	Covington	CSX Transportation
<b>Landscape Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Christopher Smith	McMinn County	Tosh Farms
<b>Nursery Operations – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Austin Moore*	Meigs County	Turner & Son's Nursery
<b>Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Will Turner*	Covington	F&M Bank
<b>Poultry Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Harris Murray	Dyersburg	Tennessee Poultry Association Lubing Systems
<b>Sheep Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Hannah Turner	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Small Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Carissa Atcheson	Paris	Tosh Farms
<b>Specialty Animal Production and Care – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Wesley Ball	Crockett County	The Anderson's Inc.
<b>Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Benny Sutton	Jefferson County	The Farmers Bank
<b>Swine Production – Entrepreneurship</b>		
Clay Prater	Warren	Tennessee Pork Producers
<b>Swine Production – Placement</b>		
Danielle Maness	Scotts Hill	Tennessee Pork Producers
<b>Turf Grass Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jack Paschall*	Paris	Tosh Farms
<b>Vegetable Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Nick Kellum	Covington	Tosh Farms
<b>Veterinary Medicine – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Jordan Gentry	Macon County	Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association
<b>Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship/Placement</b>		
Steven Sartain	Covington	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

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## 2017 STATE AGRISCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

WINNER	CHAPTER
<b>Division I – Animal Systems</b>	
Colton Moorehead*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division I – Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
Will Bryant*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division I – Food Products and Processing Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division I – Plant Systems</b>	
Kobe McCoy*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division I – Power, Structural and Technical Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division I – Social Systems</b>	
Lela Gracy	Fayetteville City
<b>Division II – Animal Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division II – Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division II – Food Products and Processing Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division II – Plant Systems</b>	
Julia Cox & Karlee Wakefield*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division II – Power, Structural and Technical Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division II – Social Systems</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Division III – Animal Systems</b>	
Kaitlyn Taylor*	Oakland
<b>Division III – Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
Ben Hayes*	Paris
<b>Division III – Food Products and Processing Systems</b>	
Micayla Hickman*	Stewarts Creek
<b>Division III – Plant Systems</b>	
Jai'Lah Richardson	McGavock

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WINNER	CHAPTER
Division III — Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
Rachel Rhea	Whites Creek
Division III — Social Systems	
Jack Wright	Gordonsville
Division IV — Animal Systems	
Hannah Hutson*	Paris
Alexis Caldwell*	
Division IV — Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems	
Kelsey Max	Munford
Garrett Clowes*	
Division IV — Food Products and Processing Systems	
Emma Borton*	White House
Mackenzie Wherry	
Division IV — Plant Systems	
Guy Vanhooser*	Fayetteville City
Jonathon Wright*	
Division IV — Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
N/A`	N/A
Division IV — Social Systems	
Autumn Bone	Munford
Ashleigh Cantrell	
Division V — Animal Systems	
Montana Wright*	Stewarts Creek
Division V — Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems	
Ethan Bledsoe*	Clarkrange
Division V — Food Products and Processing Systems	
Ashley Tilson	Munford
Division V — Plant Systems	
William Vanhooser	Fayetteville City
Division V — Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
Johnathan Yarbrough*	Munford
Division V — Social Systems	
Lindsey Parsley	Oakland
Division VI — Animal Systems	
Emily Russell & Brianna Reames*	Munford

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WINNER	CHAPTER
<b>Division VI — Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
Makenzie Moorehead & Erin Wakefield*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division VI — Food Products and Processing Systems</b>	
Gracie Dillon & Reece Brandon	Oakland
<b>Division VI — Plant Systems</b>	
Carrie Staples & Perry Terhune	Fayetteville City
<b>Division VI — Power, Structural and Technical Systems</b>	
Ciera Blankenship & Cody Smith*	Munford
<b>Division VI — Social Systems</b>	
Allyson Stotts & Sierra Shepherd	Meigs County

## 2016 STATE AGRISCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

WINNER	CHAPTER
<b>Division I — Animal Systems</b>	
Ethan Buckler	Smith County
<b>Division I — Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
Javon Bond	Whites Creek
<b>Division I — Food Products and Processing Systems</b>	
Colby Jackson*	White House
<b>Division I — Plant Systems</b>	
Madajah Manning	David Crockett
<b>Division I — Power, Structural and Technical Systems</b>	
Richard Bryant*	Fayetteville City
<b>Division I — Social Systems</b>	
Katherine Gaffney	McGavock
<b>Division II — Animal Systems</b>	
Elizabeth Lawson	Cherokee
<b>Division II — Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems</b>	
Jackson Arthur	Munford

\* **National Finalist**



WINNER

CHAPTER

Division II – Food Products and Processing Systems	
Nick Carpenter	Cumberland County
Division II – Plant Systems	
Corrie Morrison	Glencliff
Division II – Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
Holden Lovelace*	Crockett County
Division II – Social Systems	
CJ Cunningham	Covington
Division III – Animal Systems	
Shelby Summer*	Oakland
Kaitlyn Taylor*	
Division III – Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems	
Division III – Food Products and Processing Systems	
Alexis Reeves	White House
Katie Winans	
Division III – Plant Systems	
Hannah Muncie	Cumberland County
McKenzie Wherry	
Division III – Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
Division III – Social Systems	
Leah Elsea*	Daniel Boone
Justin Rose*	
Division IV – Animal Systems	
Tanner Herring	Riverdale
Carey Tolbert	
Division IV – Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems	
Logan Hale	Gordonsville
Lynette Hunt	
Division IV – Food Products and Processing Systems	
Samantha Daniel	Smith County
Casey Peters	
Division IV – Plant Systems	
Makenzie Moorhead*	Fayetteville City
Erin Wakefield*	

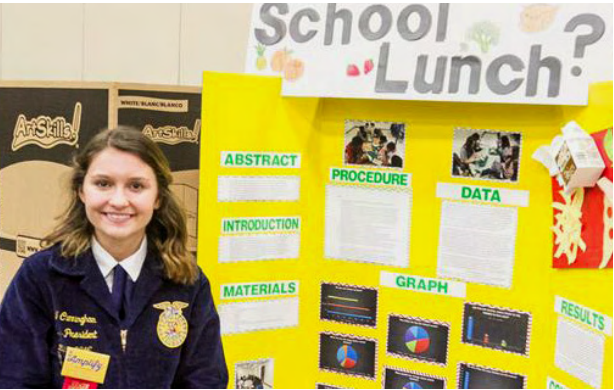
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WINNER

CHAPTER

Division IV – Power, Structural and Technical Systems	
Allen England	Whites Creek
Jacob Williams	
Division IV – Social Systems	
Lindsey Parsley*	Oakland
Ahmon Watkins*	

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**Top Left:** CJ Cunningham from the Covington FFA chapter presents her agriscience project at State FFA Convention. **Top Right:** McGavock FFA members Princessee Hawkins, Marcelo Hawkins and Legna Soto attend the Legislative Breakfast during the annual Goodwill Tour. **Bottom:** Meigs County FFA member Ashley Clark sings for the Talent Contest at State FFA Convention.

2017

MEMBERSHIP  
RECOGNITION

100% MEMBERSHIP

- Bedford County
- Blackman High School
- Bradford
- Bradley Central
- Brighton
- Career Magnet Academy
- Cookeville
- Covington
- Crockett County
- Dyersburg
- Eagleville
- East Robertson
- Fairview
- Gleason
- Gordonsville
- Hendersonville
- Jefferson County
- Meigs County
- Munford
- Paris
- Portland
- Riverside
- Scotts Hill
- Sneedville
- White House Heritage

10% MEMBER  
INCREASE

- Bedford County
- Blackman High School
- Bradford
- Bradley Central
- Campbell County
- Career Magnet Academy
- Coffee County
- Cookeville
- Covington
- Crockett County
- Culleoka
- Cumberland County
- David Crockett
- Dobyns-Bennett
- Dyersburg
- Eagleville
- Fairview
- Fayetteville
- Gleason
- Hampton
- Harpeth
- Hixson
- Humboldt
- Lenoir City
- Lexington
- Mark Twain
- McGavock
- McKenzie
- Montgomery Central
- Mt. Juliet
- Northwest
- Perry County
- Portland
- Smyrna
- Sneedville
- South Fulton
- Westmoreland
- White House Heritage

2017

COOPERATIVE  
DEVELOPMENT  
CHALLENGE

CHAPTER

- (First) Mt. Juliet
- (Second) Station Camp
- (Third) Macon County

2017

NATIONAL  
STAR AWARDS

THREE STAR

- Bradley
- Eagleville
- Hendersonville
- McGavock
- Munford

TWO STAR

- Bedford County
- Bradford
- Cascade
- Clinton
- Covington
- Dyersburg
- McEwen
- Oakland
- Paris
- Portland
- White House Heritage
- Whites Creek
- Wilson Central
- Woodbury

2017

PASSING  
LITERACY  
ONWARD  
(PLOW)  
AWARDS

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PLATINUM

- Cascade
- Covington
- Cumberland County
- Dyersburg
- Fayetteville City
- Franklin County
- Hendersonville
- Milan
- Munford
- Portland
- Stewarts Creek

GOLD

- Bedford County
- Benton County
- Bolivar Central
- Coffee County
- Cookeville
- Crockett County
- David Crockett
- DeKalb County
- Dresden
- Eagleville
- Glenciff
- Grundy County
- Lake County
- Mark Twain
- Northview Academy
- Oakland
- Paris
- Pigeon Forge
- Red Boiling Springs
- Scotts Hill
- Sneedville
- South Fulton
- Stone
- Westview
- White House
- White House Heritage
- Woodbury

SILVER

- Collierville
- Gibson
- McKenzie

BRONZE

- Gordonsville
- South Doyle

2017

COBANK  
SHARING  
SUCCESS  
CHAPTERS

AGCENTRAL  
FARMERS CO-OP

- Loudon
- Polk County

CARROLL FARMERS  
CO-OP

- Clarksburg
- Huntingdon
- McKenzie
- West Carroll

CLAIBORNE  
FARMERS CO-OP

- Campbell County
- Cumberland Gap
- Tazewell

FIRST FARMERS  
CO-OP

- Chester County
- Lexington
- Riverside
- Scotts Hill

HUMPHREYS  
FARMER'S CO-OP

- East Hickman
- Hickman County
- Houston County
- McEwen
- Waverly

TIPTON COUNTY  
FARMER'S CO-OP

- Brighton
- Covington
- Halls
- Munford
- Ripley

10% MEMBER  
INCREASE

- Anderson County
- Bedford County
- Blackman
- Bledsoe
- Bradford
- Cookeville
- Cumberland County
- Dickson County
- Dyer County
- Fayetteville City
- Gordonsville
- Haywood
- La Vergne
- Lake County
- Lenoir City
- Lincoln County
- Meigs County
- Montgomery Central
- Morristown West
- Munford
- Obion County
- Paris
- Red Boiling Springs
- Ripley
- Seymour
- Smith County
- Sneedville
- South Doyle
- Springfield
- Station Camp
- Watertown
- West Greene
- White House Heritage
- Wilson Central

2016

MEMBERSHIP  
RECOGNITION

100% MEMBERSHIP

- Cookeville
- Dyer County
- Dyersburg
- Gordonsville
- Hendersonville
- Kingston
- Meigs County
- Munford
- Paris
- Portland
- Scotts Hill
- Sneedville
- Springfield
- Station Camp
- Watertown
- West Greene
- White House Heritage
- Wilson Central



2016

COOPERATIVE  
DEVELOPMENT  
CHALLENGE

CHAPTER  
(First) Portland  
(Second) Station Camp  
(Third) Mt. Juliet

ADVISOR  
(First) Brad Kirkham  
(Second) Donald Fowler  
(Third) Mitzi Pigg

2016

NATIONAL  
STAR AWARDS

THREE STAR  
Paris  
Whites Creek  
Wilson Central

TWO STAR  
Anderson County  
Bradley Central  
Brighton  
Cascade  
Clinton  
Covington  
Dyersburg  
Eagleville  
Gallatin  
Hendersonville  
Mt. Juliet  
Munford  
Oakland

Shelbyville  
Station Camp

ONE STAR  
Lebanon

2016

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Brighton  
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Milan  
Mt. Juliet  
Munford  
Oakland  
Portland  
Seymour  
Stone

GOLD  
Bedford County  
Bolivar Central  
Cookeville  
Crockett County  
Daniel Boone  
David Crockett  
Dresden  
Eagleville  
Fayetteville City  
Franklin County  
Gibson County  
Glenciff  
Lebanon  
McGavock  
Paris  
Pigeon Forge  
Scotts Hill  
Sneedville  
Springfield  
Station Camp  
Stewarts Creek  
Warren County  
Westview  
White House Heritage  
Whites Creek

SILVER  
Career Magnet Academy  
Collierville  
John Overton  
Obion County Central  
Red Boiling Springs  
White House

BRONZE  
Clarksburg  
Cumberland County  
Lake County  
South Gibson

2016

COBANK  
SHARING  
SUCCESS  
CHAPTERS

CLAIBORNE  
FARMERS CO-OP  
Campbell County  
Cumberland Gap  
Tazewell

DICKSON  
FARMERS CO-OP  
Creekwood  
Dickson

HUMPHREYS  
COUNTY  
FARMERS CO-OP  
East Hickman  
Hickman County  
Houston County  
McEwen  
Waverly

SOUTHEASTERN  
FARMERS CO-OP  
Bledsoe County  
Bradley Central  
Rhea County  
Walker Valley

TIPTON COUNTY  
FARMERS CO-OP  
Brighton  
Covington  
Halls  
Munford  
Ripley

State Fair

DEEP FRIED TENNESSEE  
FOOD TRAILER

Tennessee State Fair Association manager, Scott Jones, lent the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. his food trailer during the fair. The foundation worked to secure donated Pick Tennessee Products that were dipped in funnel cake batter, deep fried, then sold to hungry fairgoers. Jessie Lumpkins (advisor at McGavock H.S.) lined up that chapters to work the food trailer throughout the fair, and those chapters earned money for their respective programs from the proceeds.



TENNESSEE FFA STATE FAIR  
BARN TOURS

For four years, the Tennessee State Fair Association, FFA and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation have collaborated to offer barn tours free to the fairgoing public. Barn tours highlight the agricultural exhibits and animals at the fair. With sponsorship from the Farm Bureau, the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. finds chapters to lead the tours throughout the fair and those chapters receive enough funds to cover the cost of travel to and from the fair for the tours.







## TENNESSEE STATE FAIR FFA HAM BREAKFAST

The Second Annual Tennessee State Fair FFA Ham Breakfast raised \$36,700 for the Tennessee FFA Foundation Inc. in 2016. There were 72 table sponsors, four co-sponsors and four title sponsors. Two Tennessee State Fair winning hams were auctioned. The country ham was sold for \$4,500 to Jack Stites, owner of J&S Construction in Cookeville. The packing house trim ham sold at for \$4,400 to Farm Credit Mid-America.

The 2017 ham breakfast was another a great success. Total proceeds from the ham sales, 65 table sponsors, three co-sponsors and nine title sponsors were \$46,850. The country ham sold to Farm Credit Mid-America for \$5,000. Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation purchased the packing house trim ham for \$4,500. The breakfast program included a gubernatorial candidate forum focusing on agriculture and education. Participating candidates included: Mae Beavers, Diane Black, Randy Boyd, Karl Dean, Craig Fitzhugh, Beth Harwell, and Bill Lee.

## FFA BEEF BBQ GRILL MASTERS COMPETITION

In 2016, the Tennessee Beef Industry Council sponsored the inaugural FFA Beef BBQ Grill Masters Competition. The East Tennessee Regional Officer Team, Hendersonville FFA, Martin Westview FFA, McGavock FFA, Oakland FFA and South Gibson FFA all competed in the event. Teams grilled steaks and presented them to the judges; they were evaluated on taste, presentation and other grilling skills/techniques. McGavock took


first place, Oakland second and the East Tennessee Regional Officers finished in third.

The Tennessee Beef Industry Council sponsored the event again in 2017. The Hendersonville FFA, McGavock FFA, Mt. Juliet FFA, Riverdale FFA, Siegel FFA, Smyrna FFA and Martin Westview all competed. The structure of the contest remained the same as 2016 with the same judging and critique. Martin Westview took first place, Riverdale second and the McGavock chapter finished in third.







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MCEWEN



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STATION CAMP



THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

Bequest Ensures  
Painter Family Legacy Lives On

Since its founding in 1928, FFA has worked to create a legacy of learning, leadership and growth through agricultural education. The aim of FFA is to develop student potential so FFA members are prepared to meet the needs of the agricultural industry, this country and this world. In doing so, FFA has created a legacy that has been passed down from generation to generation. Together, the alumni and membership of the organization form a family with bonds that will carry FFA forward.

Similarly, families involved in agriculture across Tennessee work to establish legacies that will survive generations and endure the changes that are sure to come. One such legacy is that of the Painter family. Fall Branch may not be a name recognized by most, but to the Painter family,

it was home. Like many small towns across the Volunteer State, Fall Branch has seen its share of people, industries, schools and churches come and go. But one thing a small town never loses is its story.

The Painters are part of that story. Sarah (Painter) Stewart was raised on the family farm in Fall Branch along with her younger brother Wayne. Sarah and Wayne were the third generation of Painters who lived in the big, white farm house on Painter Road in Fall Branch, Tennessee, and farmed the land surrounding it. While she was an active member of the family farm crew, Sarah graduated high school before women were allowed to join FFA.

However, her brother received a high school



# SUPPORTERS FOR LIFE

## Two Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Board Members Share Thoughts on FFA, Agriculture, and Joining the Century Club

As a young person, Kristina McKee had a definite passion for agriculture. Her rearing on a dairy farm in Watertown, Tennessee, where she was surrounded by community-driven farm families ensured that. McKee's high school experience did not involve FFA membership however, as delegates did not vote to allow women entry into the organization until 1969. Instead, McKee participated extensively in 4-H program activities to further her involvement in the agriculture industry. With the encouragement of committed adults and peers, McKee grew in her understanding of opportunities available to youth and professionals in agriculture, and focused on a career in livestock marketing.

As an adult, McKee's first interaction with Tennessee FFA members was at the 2014 Tennessee State Convention. There, McKee engaged by serving on the nominating committee for the 2015 Tennessee FFA Officer

team and talking with members at general sessions. She was consistently impressed with the enthusiasm, professionalism, and respect



*Left: Kristina McKee-McKee's heart for service is demonstrative of all members on the Tennessee FFA Foundation Board of Directors. Her dedication to agriculture is clear*

shown by members, indicating to her that the future of agriculture was in the FFA.

More than 200 miles away from Watertown, Joe Huffine's interest in agriculture developed while a member of the David Crockett FFA Chapter. As a young agriculture education student, Huffine learned from the same teacher who taught his father's agriculture classes. During his sophomore year of high school, Huffine's respected teacher retired, and an energetic advisor, David Boreing, entered the

agricultural education and was a four-year (1960-64) member of the Fall Branch FFA Chapter. Wayne carried his love for agriculture into adulthood and carried on the family legacy on the farm in Fall Branch. When Wayne passed away last year, Sarah found herself many miles from home with a farm that was now her responsibility. With the difficult prospect of selling the family farm, almost serendipitously, things started to fall into place. A nearby farming family bought one portion of the farm, and a young, aspiring farmer bought the family home and the other adjoining portion of land.

Nonetheless, neither were Painters, and Sarah realized her family legacy must live on. That is when she and her husband, Pete Stewart, contacted the Tennessee FFA Foundation staff to begin discussions for a bequest that would establish a scholarship bearing the Painter name. After many conversations with foundation staff, a plan was put into action for the Painter legacy to live on. This scholarship was made possible by proceeds from the sale of the farm after Wayne's passing and is dedicated to the memory of the Painter family and their impact on their community. It is intended to help preserve and strengthen the tradition of the family farm. Now, the family will have a lasting mark on FFA by giving students the chance for higher education.

The Stewarts advise FFA members and other donors, "The most important key to happiness and success in life is not knowledge, intelligence or ability — it is our choices."

Choosing to make a gift to the Tennessee FFA Foundation is a meaningful way to perpetuate the good achieved through FFA. Whether it is a

one-time contribution, a bequest or an annual commitment, you can make a positive difference in the lives of students. And there is no gift too small. To learn more about bequests or to notify staff about your intentions, call (931) 372-6040 or email [tnffaoundation@tnffa.org](mailto:tnffaoundation@tnffa.org).







**Left:** Huffine regularly works with the Tennessee FFA State Officer Team, and hosts them annually at the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Headquarters in LaVergne, TN. Huffine shares about opportunities available in the agriculture industry and keys to success in FFA. **Below:** Century Club Banner — Donors who enter the Century Club are recognized with a personalized blue corduroy banner. Often, these banners are displayed in the workplace or home to share with others a connection to FFA and agricultural education.



classroom. With Boreing's commitment to Huffine's personal development and success in FFA, Huffine became motivated to compete. During active membership, Huffine competed in the Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event and won the National Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Development Event. As a collegian, Huffine continued to develop his perspective of the agriculture industry by participating in a European exchange program, "Network," resulting in a 12-week homestay on a wheat farm and vineyard in Austria, and a deeper understanding of the global importance of agriculture.

Today, both McKee and Huffine support the future of youth development in agriculture through personal financial contributions to the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc., as well as a significant time commitment to the organization by serving on the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. Huffine

describes his decision to serve on the board of directors as, "The opportunity to give back to this organization, aid in raising funds for these students, decide the best use of those funds, and advocate for FFA and agricultural education." McKee describes her participation on the board of directors as a "natural fit, continuing years of volunteer time giving back to agriculture."

This underlying theme of service, of giving back to a personally formative organization, of contributing to a foundational organization in the development of young agriculturists, not only drives Huffine and McKee to give of their time through the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors, but through individual giving. Huffine, a parent, knows the financial burden of supporting student experiences and emphasizes, "anything we can do to lower or eliminate financial barriers so that every student can participate is important. Expenses only increase." As an agriculture professional, McKee indicated a way to ensure a vibrant

and dynamic future for agriculture involves encouraging the passion of members beginning to see opportunity in the agriculture industry.

The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. recognizes donors who have given at least one hundred dollars per year over the course of ten years, by inducting them into the Century Club. As a part of this honor, inductees are named onstage at the Tennessee FFA State Convention, receive personalized blue corduroy banners to display in their home or workplace, and are listed in the annual report. To McKee, she is "honored to become a part of the Century Club, knowing that my contributions will help secure the future of this great organization and its youngest 'blue jacket' members." Huffine considers the Century Club a mile marker, or measurement, to let donors reflect on their history of giving and commitment to continue in support.

Both McKee and Huffine highlight the importance of local support and recognize that support does not only come in the form of finances. Huffine described some of FFA's greatest supporters as those who contribute in ways that are not financial: "Legislators may vote in support; school principals may allow teachers to use buses for convention transportation. Many people give in different ways: time, positive words, coaching, or finances." At the chapter level, Huffine regularly contributes through coaching. In partnership with Ryan Arnett, David Crockett FFA Advisor and Agriculture Educator, Huffine works with groups of young FFA members competing in Leadership Development Events like Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking,

and Prepared Public Speaking. As Huffine now lives in LaVergne, Tennessee, consistent, in-person training with competitors or officer candidates is not always feasible. However, with the help of FaceTime and Skype, Huffine's contribution to coaching sessions carries on. Additionally, Huffine's role at Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, a loyal Tennessee FFA sponsor, provides opportunities for Huffine to interact with and employ Tennessee FFA Alumni across the state.

McKee contributes to the local chapter by supporting member travel to Camp Clements or State FFA Convention and by participating in many chapter events. McKee enjoys opportunities to engage with members through their greenhouse projects, bar-b-q sales, and spaghetti dinners, providing time to chat with outstanding members and support their experiences.

Board members, McKee and Huffine, though from different areas of Tennessee, with different agricultural backgrounds, and involved in different segments of the agriculture industry, align in their support of Tennessee FFA members. As Huffine stresses, "Agriculture has a continual need for a talent pool. And, FFA members make better employees. They're engaged, confident, handle themselves well, and have a better appreciation of the agriculture industry than others." The Tennessee FFA Foundation congratulates McKee and Huffine on their induction to the Tennessee FFA Century Club, is thankful for their contributions to the board of directors, and, most importantly, to the growth of the future of agriculture.

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Mitchell, Edith*, 2	Saum, David & Inez, 1	West Greene FFA, 4	Morgan, Damon, 9
Monsanto, 1	Searles, Jason, 3	West, Ricky, 11	Morgan, Jay, 9
Moore, Ben, 10	Sequoyah FFA, 1	Westel Greenhouse, LLC, 7	MTSU, 2
Moore, Jim, 3	Sevier Farmers Cooperative, 3	White, P.H. Jr., 3	MTSU Collegiate FFA, 10
Moore, Joe & Ann, 8	Shartzter, Terry & Marie, 13	Wilhite, Frank, 8	Obion County FFA, 2
Morgan, Damon, 9	Shrum, Jill, 14	William J. Redmon & Son, Inc., 6	Ozark Delight Candy Co., 4
Morgan, Jay, 9	Simmons Bank, 3	Williams, Lafayette, 2	Page FFA Chapter, 2
Mosley, Chaney, 4	Simmons, Howard B.*, 5	Willoughby, Charles, 2	Peabody FFA Chapter, 4
Moss, Hale*, 12	Small, Debbie, 2	Willoughby, Dorothy, 1	Pearson, Joe*, 7
MTSU, 2	Smedley, Thomas, 5	Wilson Central FFA, 4	Red Boiling Springs FFA, 2
MTSU Collegiate FFA, 10	Smith, Charles & Delmy, 1	Wilson, Tony*, 8	SouthEast Bank , 2
Munford FFA Alumni, 4	Smith, Dan, 12	Winchester, Katie, 7	Stewart, Peter and Sarah, 1
Munford High School FFA, 3	Smith, Stephen, 23	Womack, Tom & Chrystal, 12	Tennessee Livestock Markets Association, 1
Nash, Andy & Emi, 13	SouthEast Bank, 2	Wonderworks - Tennessee, LLC, 6	University of Northwestern Ohio, 8
Nashville Area Agricultural Club, 1	South Greene FFA, 4	Wood, Jerry, 16	Wilhite, Frank, 8
National FFA Foundation, 4	Spain, Paul Jr., 10	Zeh-Rust, Dianna, 4	Wilson County Fair, 1
Northwest Mississippi Community College, 8	Spann, Ray, 4		
Obion County FFA, 2	Sparkes, Sydney, 2		
Ozark Delight Candy Co., Inc., 4	Stewart, Peter and Sarah, 1		
Page FFA Chapter, 2	Stone Memorial High School FFA, 4		
Parks, Bob, 1	Sullivan East High School FFA, 2		
Peabody FFA Chapter, 4	SunTrust Bank, 2		
Pearson, Joe*, 7	Tennessee Equine Hospital, 1		
Pedigo, Joe, 7	Tennessee Fruit & Vegetable Association, 2		
Pierce, Jere Eugene, 10	Tennessee Livestock Markets Association, 1		
Pierce, Jonathan, 17	Tennessee State Bank, 14		
Polk County FFA, 4	Tennessee Wildlife Federation, 6		
Poston, Philip & Carolyn, 8	Thomas, Noel, 8		
Price, Kristi & Anthony, 9	Trew, Boyd* & Jane, 6		
Putnam County Farm Bureau, 3	Turner, Marty, 1		
Raines, Thomas, 12	University of Northwestern Ohio, 8		
Red Boiling Springs FFA, 2	US Biotec, Inc., 1		
Reed, Bill J., 6	UTK College of Ag Sciences & Natural Resources, 5		
Riverdale FFA Chapter, 4	UTK Dept. of Agri. & Ext. Education, 4		
Rocky Brand Wholesale, LLC, 3	Walters State Community College, 7		
Rogers, Mac & Jana, 6	Waters, Randol, 5		
Ross, Glenn & Dawna, 10			

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<b>+ Years Given</b>
Andy's Beekeeping, LLC, 2
Barnett, Edward, 8
Bledsoe County Vocational Center, 4
Buck, Louis & Janet, 4
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Citizens National Bank - Sevierville, 2
Community Bank & Trust, 2
Crook, Leslie, 10
Dunn-Wright, Inc., 2
Ellison, Eric, 7
Farm Animal Care Colalition of Tennessee, 2
First Freedom Bank, 2
Friends of Senator Mark Norris, 1
Helton, Leroy, 10
Huffine, Joe, 5
Jefferson County FFA, 2
Lee Company, 1
Macon County High School, 2
Mark Green for State Senate, 1





# REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

John and Chelsea Rose recognized for entering the Eagle Society

John and Chelsea Rose each have deep Tennessee roots, leading to a lifestyle of service and contribution to agriculture and Tennessee FFA. John is an 8th generation Tennessee farmer with three siblings. As a young person, his FFA involvement began with seeing success at the state level from his sisters; Cindy, the first Tennessee State Sweetheart and Rhedona, State FFA Treasurer. John's journey into active membership began his freshman year by being a member on the Cookeville FFA state winning dairy judging team. His involvement grew through high

school and he was selected to serve as a Tennessee FFA State Officer in 1983.

Chelsea's FFA journey similarly began with success during her freshman year of high school at Eagleville High School. After she was encouraged to enroll in agriculture classes by her agriculture teacher, Bruce Haley, and her guidance counselor, she immediately became involved. She, like John, was a

**Above:** Tennessee FFA Convention — Chelsea and John, with their son Guy, consistently return to the Tennessee FFA Convention to support Tennessee FFA members and serve as volunteers.

member of a state winning team for Eagleville FFA that year, in the opening and closing ceremonies event. Her early experience of the opportunities available in FFA drove her to run for and serve as both a Tennessee FFA and National FFA Officer.

As John and Chelsea both transitioned from active membership in the local chapter to engaging at the collegiate level, their passion for Tennessee agriculture did not wane. FFA involvement offered each of them the opportunity to expand their global horizons by traveling to Japan; John, as part of an FFA exchange program, and Chelsea, as a National FFA Officer. With such robust backgrounds in the FFA, and degrees from Tennessee Tech University in agricultural fields, continuing to support the future of Tennessee agriculture is natural.

At the 2018 State FFA Convention, John and Chelsea Rose were named Eagle Society

members for their level of giving reached in 2017. This recognition is reserved for companies and individuals that have given \$500,000-\$999,999 to the Tennessee FFA Foundation. Kelsey Rose, Executive Director of the Tennessee FFA Foundation highlights the importance of recognizing all donors, by honoring their gifts. Kelsey explained that without recognizing the donors from across Tennessee and the entire agriculture industry, many could fly under the radar. Whether recognition is given through the Annual Report, at State Convention, or through a member thank you note, donors from the Century Club to Eagle Society are important and appreciated.

Though John and Chelsea were recognized for their financial contributions, the pair is involved with FFA as donors, volunteers, and advocates. John volunteered as coordinator of the State Officer Nominating Process for the past 15 years, and has served as both the



**Left:** John Rose contributes much of his success to the FFA and his time serving Tennessee FFA members as a State FFA Officer. **Right:** Chelsea Rose (far right) at the Eagleville FFA chapter banquet, where she was elected chapter president at the conclusion of her junior year of high school.





Chairman of the Tennessee FFA Board of Directors and the President of the Tennessee FFA Alumni Association. Chelsea volunteers as the coordinator of the National Officer Candidate Screening, and previously worked at the Tennessee FFA Foundation, working to secure significant grants for Camp Clements and creating new staff positions to serve and support our members and agriculture educators. Together, they have coached and mentored numerous FFA competitors and National Officer Candidates. Additionally, they communicate regularly with elected officials and government administrators to ensure

the FFA program in Tennessee receives the support it deserves.

In addition to dedicating time to FFA, John has represented agriculture in Tennessee as the Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture and has chaired the Tennessee State Fair Association since 2010. In November 2018, John was elected to represent the 6th District of Tennessee as a U.S. Congressman in Washington, D.C. Even with these responsibilities, John and Chelsea enjoy when they are able to attend the Cookeville and Eagleville FFA banquets. Each is a lifetime

alumni member of their respective chapters. The couple credits their continued involvement to the belief that they, and everyone who benefitted from FFA, should strive to fill the shoes of the people who afforded them the opportunities they enjoyed as FFA members. It is important to John and Chelsea that, since they care for FFA so deeply, they are responsive to the needs of the organization through time and resources. Kelsey Rose, Executive Director of the Tennessee FFA Foundation, described her newfound level of respect for donors that give consistently, “Donors, such as John and Chelsea, can literally help build the framework for our future through their contributions. Over time, we are able to see possibilities beyond the day to day operations of our Foundation because of our consistent donors, especially those at such a high level of giving.” This concept of frame-building and ensuring the Tennessee FFA Foundation mission of promoting “the best interest of students and those involved in agricultural education/ FFA in Tennessee in order to enhance opportunities that will enable every FFA member to reach their maximum potential as productive citizens” is a foundational direction for John and Chelsea’s support. “Together,” John describes, “Our generation of FFA alums and supporters can ensure FFA delivers opportunity to every Tennessee high school agricultural student. That’s what matters.”

Chelsea described her vision of Tennessee FFA being the best, nationally. “We believe in supporting our state staff and building that team up. We want every agriculture student

to experience the complete three-component model for agricultural education and become FFA members through 100% membership. Teachers, every teacher, should have twelve-month contracts that compensate them for their time spent on the job year-round. Lastly, we believe Camp Clements should continue to be a haven for FFA member development for another 90 years. All of these are achievable and all are important.” Beyond his hope that Tennessee FFA continues to be better, John’s sincere hope for Tennessee FFA is that young people will be inspired realize their potential and that teachers have the resources they need.

Various definitions cite philanthropists as those who love humanity, care for the needs of others instead of their own, and promote the welfare of others. Philanthropists exemplify the FFA motto, which ends with the phrase, “Living to Serve.” Kelsey describes John and Chelsea as “true philanthropists” who are invaluable to Tennessee FFA. Chelsea expressed that FFA changed her life affording her opportunities in college, contributing to key relationships in her life, and impacting her professionally. She notes, “This organization changes young lives every single day. It is incredible. And, that positive change occurs while also giving students job-ready skills. How many organizations can say that?” As others consider their personal legacy, wishing to contribute to an organization which has continually impacted young people across Tennessee, John answers why you should give to Tennessee FFA, “If ever you were searching for a worthy cause, you found it in FFA.”



**Above:** Chelsea Rose (left) in Japan as a National FFA Officer. Chelsea served as National FFA Southern Region Vice President; as part of this experience Chelsea was hosted by Future Farmers of Japan students in a homestay.

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Little, Patrick

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Comer, Joe

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Nave, Lou

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Lannom, Bob & Brenda

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In Memory of Bob Hackney

Mt. Juliet High School Class of 1962

In Memory of Debra Hartle

Holmberg, Kim and Kyle

OPEX Warsaw

Rose, John and Chelsea

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Dickson First United Methodist Church, McSwiney Class

Eads, Debra & Harry

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Jones, Wendell

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Lamberth, Edwin

Leeman, John\*

Legg, Michael

Long, Samuel & Gail

Lunn, Jane & Elmo

Nestor, Edith

Nestor, Trudy

Rice, Edra C.

Shannon, James & Susan

Smithson, Ben & Rosemary

Taylor, Boyd & Donna

Turner, Shannon A.

Turner, Ted

Vestal, Billy & Carol

Wilson, Jerome

Womack, Tom

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Blankenship, Mike

Clemmer, James

Garrett, Kathy Mitchell

Leeman, John\*

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Neal, Mary Beth

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McBride, Mark & Carol

McKee, William and Kristina

Poston, Phillip and Carolyn

Willoughby, Don

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In Honor of Terry Shartzter

Lannom, Bob and Brenda

In Honor of Dr. John Todd

Craig, David

Blankenship, Mike

In Honor of Wayne Walker

Lannom, Bob & Brenda

In Honor of Dan Whitlow

Weeks, Danny

\* Deceased

\* Deceased



Alumni Notes



**Stephen McBride '12**  
Stephen McBride was a member of the Coffee County FFA chapter. He was elected Tennessee FFA

State President to serve from 2012-2013. In 2014, he was elected as the National FFA Southern Region Vice President. McBride graduated in December of 2016 from the University of Tennessee, Martin, with a B.S. in agriculture. Soon thereafter, he began working as an employee of Tennessee Farm Bureau Insurance. In May of 2017, he married Megan Burcham.



**Jeff Aiken '81**  
Jeff Aiken was an FFA member at Daniel Boone High School in Washington County,

graduating in the spring of 1981. Aiken was active in the Young Farmers and Ranchers program and was awarded the Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year in 1992. In 2012, he was elected to serve as the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation Vice President. At the end of 2015, Aiken was elected as President of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, the largest Farm Bureau in the country.



**Brittany Cole '05**  
Brittany graduated as Covington High School's valedictorian in 2005. She was elected to serve

as the Tennessee FFA State Secretary from 2005-2006. Cole graduated from the University of Tennessee, Martin, in 2009 with a B.S. in agriculture business. Cole then attended Ole Miss to pursue higher education. After obtaining a Ph.D. in finance in December of 2015, Cole went on to accept the position of Assistant Professor of Finance at Tennessee Tech University.



**Larry Paul Harris '67**  
Larry Paul Harris was an FFA member in Henderson County.

Graduating valedictorian of his class in 1967, he went on to obtain a B.S. in agricultural education, minoring in animal science from the University of Tennessee, Martin, in 1971. Harris taught agricultural education for a few years before returning to the farm full-time. Harris was awarded the James B. Walker Cooperative Spirit Award at the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Annual Meeting. This award is Tennessee Farmers Cooperative's highest honor and is presented "to an individual whose contributions have had a positive and enduring impact on Tennessee's farmers, our state's agriculture and our cooperative system."



NATIONAL OFFICER



“Your National Secretary, from the state of Tennessee, Nick Baker!”

exclaimed the National FFA Nominating Committee Chair. At the final session of the 88th National FFA Convention and Expo, Nick Baker of the Baxter FFA Chapter at Upperman High School became the third

consecutive National Officer elected from Tennessee, slated as the National Secretary, just as his brother had been two years prior.

Six FFA members are chosen from chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to serve and represent the national FFA membership, which is comprised of 649,355 student members who belong to one of 7,859 local FFA chapters. Each officer travels more than 100,000 national and international miles to attend state conventions, do chapter visits, tour agricultural businesses and grow National FFA support.

One of Nick’s high points of such an incredible year was the time he spent at Oklahoma’s FFA camp. For three days, he was the leader of a small group comprised of 12 outstanding young people.

“What makes those few days stand out above



others was how much time they spent pouring into and supporting one another,” Baker said. “Whether it was encouraging each other on the ropes course, challenging one another to think differently in the development sessions or simply volunteering to help the camp staff clean up, they continually provided evidence that our organization is fostering a breed of young people who hold themselves to a standard of pure excellence.”

Nick and his team selected “Transform” as the theme for their year. He saw transformation happen within the state officers from all

over the United States. In particular, this summer at the State Presidents Conference, two state officers from each state convened in Washington, D.C., to propose policies that would be discussed at the national convention.

“What was so impressive was that the conversation never veered away from the question, ‘What’s best for the FFA members?’” explained Baker. “The state officers expressed just how deeply they wish to serve their state associations and enact change that would create the best opportunities available for the good of all FFA members.”



Above: 2015-2016 National FFA Secretary Nick Baker stands on the steps of the United States Capitol with fellow teammates and state officers attending State President’s Conference.

Baker said he hopes these FFA members continue to transform FFA and their communities to make a positive impact. When asked what it meant to represent Tennessee on the national stage, Baker said, “I’ll never be able to express just how grateful I am to be a part of the Tennessee FFA family. There are advisors all across this state that have spent years pouring into me and making me a better person, and for that, I am indescribably appreciative.”

Nick’s advisor was Steve York, and he received support from countless advisors, supporters and friends throughout his time in FFA. His parents are Phillip and Chris Baker of Baxter, Tennessee.

“After a year of seeing this organization from top to bottom, I can say with confidence that our teachers, advisors and members are the best in the country,” said Baker. “There’s no place I’d rather call home than Tennessee.”

In January, Nick is headed back to Rocky Top to continue his degree in agricultural communications at the University of Tennessee. He plans on becoming active in student government and his fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho, and attending as many UT football games as possible. He hopes to graduate in 2019 and aspires to enlist in the armed forces and later pursue a master’s degree with the ultimate goal of working in public relations.

## Community



### 15TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE KNIFE

For more than 15 years, Tennessee FFA and 4-H have been given equal shares of the proceeds from the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative’s highly popular commemorative 4-H/FFA Case pocketknife collection. A check ceremony was held at the 2015, and again at the 2016, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative Annual Meeting. In 2015, \$31,800 was split between the two organizations and in 2016, a record-

breaking \$36,200 was raised to be split. Sponsored in part by TFC in conjunction with W.R. Case and Sons Cutlery Co., the 4-H/FFA Case pocketknife is a tradition like non other.







# HONORING A BOLD LEADER

## Ramsey Retires as Lt. Governor but Continues Commitment to FFA

**"I**t matters who governs." What began as a political tagline became a statewide mantra for Tennessee's elected and electorate alike.

Ron Ramsey is known for his profound statements, bold leadership and big ideas. His near-patented phrase embodied his ideology as Tennessee's Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Senate and State Senator for the fourth district (R-Blountville). With retirement from his elected post, his service in state government will be remembered not for his big ideas, but for his big action.

That penchant for action has served FFA well

as the Lieutenant Governor has been an active member of the Tennessee FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee since June 2014. Invited by Lacy Upchurch (then Farm Bureau President) and appointed by Foundation Chair Ben Byler, Ramsey has been the leading force behind FFA's three new staff positions: East, Middle and West Tennessee FFA Consultants.

However, long before Ramsey was called on to serve as a member of the Sponsoring Committee he actively advocated for agricultural education in Tennessee. Under the leadership of the late Governor Ned R. McWherter the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee requested that Governor Phil Bredeson include \$500,000

for FFA and \$500,000 for 4-H in the State Budget. Thanks to the work of both Governors, the funds were appropriated and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2006.

When the economy began to slow in 2007, the funds for FFA and 4-H were cut from the proposed State Budget. However, two East Tennessee lawmakers stepped in to make a difference: State Senator Ron Ramsey and State Representative Jason Mumpower. Due to their action and the support of numerous other lawmakers, much of the funds were saved within the Department of Agriculture budget as part of the Ag Enhancement Funds. They have stayed there since with support from four Commissioners of Agriculture and two Governors.

Amazingly enough, despite Ramsey's action for positive change in FFA, he was not an FFA member himself. The program was not offered at his high school as a teen. However, Ramsey was raised on the family dairy farm in Sullivan County and has never forgotten his agricultural roots.

During a visit with Foundation staff on his farm in Blountville, Ramsey shared some advice for those FFA members who may be interested in holding public office: "Really get involved in FFA and understand what that blue jacket means. Move your way into leadership and don't shy away from pursuing leadership roles on the national level; Tennessee has a great streak of National Officers to be continued."

As he fed his herd of beef cattle atop one of the many rolling hills on his East Tennessee

farm, Ramsey looked out with a smile. The pride he takes in his home state, the land and the blessings he has to enjoy emanates from his steely, blue eyes. With hands on his hips after a long morning of farm chores that he only hopes to repeat on a daily basis he said, "Agriculture feeds our country and we need to make sure we have more young people ready to meet the needs of a population that struggles to understand where their food comes from and how it is produced," said Ramsey. "FFA is more than that, though. The leadership skills it teaches and parliamentary skills it teaches—I can't think of a better organization to prepare young people for life than FFA."

Ramsey has continued his service as a member of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee beyond his retirement from the Senate. No doubt, this man of action will continue to push FFA and its members to new heights for the betterment of Tennessee for years to come.



**Above:** Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey enjoys retirement back home on his farm in Blountville.





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