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BIG Registration

Not all new ideas are problem free. Our attempt to streamline the registration process for BIG conference for some unknown reason didn't accomplish the goal we set, that being an easy process for teachers to send in registrations and an easier way for us to complete the compilation of the information here in our office. I think we've worked through the problem, but just to make sure I'll send out one more final list of all schools that are showing as registered. Before we attempt this process for MFE & ALD we may do a test survey with all teachers. Thank you for your patience on this project. Hopefully Colorado Ag Ed can put its monkey problems behind us for the remainder of the year. [return to top](#)

If you need an invoice to print for your office it is attached to this message.

Perkins Changes for Next year

I mentioned this at summer conference but thought I'd share the message that Lori Toni distributed to all Perkins administrators working with Perkins grants.

The following policy does not apply until next fiscal year, FY2011 and will apply to all FY2011 Perkins Local Plans:

Beginning with FY2011, Perkins funds will no longer be allowable for student travel to CTSO events. FY2010 is the last fiscal year student travel costs to a CTSO event will be an allowable Perkins cost, using the existing parameters explained in the Administrators' Handbook, Appendix B – Travel Policy (http://www.coloradostateplan.com/admin_hdbk/appendixB.pdf).

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Your weekly update from the National Council for Agricultural Education.

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News From Kenton Ochsner

Specific Locations for the BIG Conference

Sterling – NJC Ball Room

Greeley – Island Grove Park 4-H building

Lamar - LCC Wellness Center

Durango – La Plata Fair Grounds

Grand Junction - Mesa County Fair Grounds Building C

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SAE GRANTS

We received notification from Ernie Gill at National FFA that Colorado is the recipient of four \$1,250 SAE grants for this coming year. These grants have been provided by the Tointon Family Foundation which I believe is located in Greeley.

These grants are available to any member age 14 – 17 and are to be used to improve or start their SAE. A major part of the selection process is based upon the advisor's statement addressing financial need and eligibility. In addition to the four exclusive Colorado grants there are also 23 other grants that are available nation wide. Applications are due postmarked to NFFA by November 15th. The application is attached and can also be found at

http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.SAE

We need to make sure we have applications to use these grants. Don't miss this valuable opportunity for your students.

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The following is critical information for all Am Degree recipients this fall. Make sure your students received this!

E-mail notifications went out to all American Degree recipients which e-mail addresses were provided. Those who did not provide an e-mail will be sent letters that looked like below. Downloadable information are available on the American Degree home page, such as the American Degree housing form. If you have any questions please let me know.

Dear American Degree Recipient:

Congratulations! The American FFA Degree is the highest award the National FFA Organization can bestow upon a FFA member. You are to be commended on your tremendous accomplishment. We hope you will be able to attend the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., and receive your degree in person. The official dates for the convention are October 21-24, 2009.

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The American Degree is sponsored by Case IH, Farm Credit Systems Foundation, Pioneer Hi-Bred and Syngenta.

FIRST THINGS TO DO: (Very Important)

Registration Code: 74-11111-1111

Full Name: Rosalie Ann Hunsinger

Chapter Name: National

- **Confirm the spelling of your name and chapter.** This information is used for your certificate and other print items. **If incorrect, please contact rhunsinger@ffa.org or dsellers@ffa.org before September 4th.** Any corrections after that date will not be guaranteed as print items will be started immediately following 9/4/09.
- Everyone must register for convention, including all American Degree recipients and guests.
- The American Degree reception is on Friday, October 23, 2009, from 7– 9 p.m. in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center (ICC). Each recipient is eligible for one (1) complimentary ticket to the reception for themselves. Other tickets can be purchased for \$15 each via the online pre-registration or onsite at the registration area in the lobby of the Maryland Street entrance of the ICC. This reception is not a meal, finger foods only.
- Each recipient is eligible for up to three (3) complimentary tickets for the 8th convention session, where you will be presented your award. The three tickets are for you the recipient and two (2) guests. The 8th convention session is on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Session starts at 7:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. You will receive your certificate in a Blue Leatherette frame and the American Degree key.
- To register for your complimentary tickets, **your registration code is: 74-11111-1111**

To register go to: <https://register.ffa.org/event/> or, you can complete registration onsite at the registration area in the lobby of the Maryland Street lobby East in the ICC on the day of your arrival in Indianapolis. We encourage you to contact your family, friends, advisors and school administrators and ask about their interest of attending. Please consider ordering your registration and event tickets early so you may avoid standing in long lines at the 82nd National FFA Convention. Online registration closes Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 5 p.m. EST.

Each award recipient should wear a good, clean, official FFA jacket. If you do not already have a good jacket, please order one immediately so you will receive delivery in ample time to have it ready for the convention. If it is necessary to order a new jacket, you will receive special handling if you include with the order a letter to Sheridan Gilchrist, Team Leader, Customer and Distribution Services, explaining that you are an American Degree recipient.

For further information regarding convention and the American Degree recognition, go to the home page of American Degree (ffa.org) or utilize the link FFA homepage to look up American Degree recipients.

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http://www.ffa.org/index.cfm?method=c_programs.AmericanDegree

- Housing
- Parking
- Photographs
- Receiving your award if you are not able to attend convention.

Congratulations again!

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Fall Update from National FFA LPS, Ernie Gill

Hello All -- I trust you are all doing well and that school is off to a great start this year or will be soon. Included in this update are a number of items of note. I hope to see you all in the coming months if you have a Team Ag Meeting, fall professional development, or other meeting that I may be of assistance. I would also like to thank you for passing on items to the local program that I have sent you.

Dates for Any Fall And/Or Winter Events

Should you have any events where I could be of assistance for the Fall or Winter months, please let me know so that I can get the dates on the calendar and prepare to attend and support your efforts.

Congratulations to award winners

My sincerest congratulations to awards winners in the Western LPS States! The West had an excellent year of recognitions for students, teachers, state leaders, teacher educators and it is gratifying to see so many talented and deserving folks being recognized. Results are available on the National FFA Organization website and on the websites for our professional organizations.

National Convention Registration is Open

The online registration system for the National FFA Convention is open and tickets for many events are going very quickly. Mike Rowe (Star of "Dirty Jobs" TV show and voice over for shows such as "Most Dangerous Catch") and a concert performance by Toby Keith are features that are drawing a lot of attention. The National Days of Service for chapter members on Thursday and Friday are also nearly sold out, but Days of Service – Delegate Day (October 19) are still available.

Teacher World at National Convention Career Show

I encourage you and your teachers to visit the "Teacher World" at the National FFA Convention Career Show. This area will be in the far western wall of the Career Show, nearest Victory Field. We will have displays from many of our agricultural education instructional materials vendor/partners. Again, this year we will have three teacher classrooms. One of the classrooms will be dedicated for the DuPont Agriscience Ambassadors Program which will include Agriscience-based classroom activities. A second classroom, new this year and sponsored by Pfizer, will

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highlight industry-based animal science lessons. The third classroom will host a broad variety of workshops including Food Safety, Canine Care and Training, Financial Education, Classroom Instructional Materials and Games, Diversity in Agricultural Education, Organic Farming, Service Learning and LifeKnowledge. The teacher interactive classrooms will be operating from 1:00 PM to 4:00 M on Wednesday, from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM on Thursday and from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM on Friday. Additionally a special program on CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) is scheduled for 11:30 AM on Wednesday for interested State and Local Educators. Please encourage your teachers to attend classes of interest and feel free to attend any of these sessions yourself.

Ford Truck Scholarships

Encourage your chapters to make contact with local Ford Dealerships and encourage them to offer (a) scholarship(s) to local FFA members through the FFA Scholarship program. Also, did you know that one eligible local chapter will receive a Ford truck lease for one year for participation in the Scholarship program?

National Ag Ed Summit

The National Ag Ed Summit will be in Orlando in March, 2011! This is not a typo. There will not be a Summit (formerly National Ag Ed Inservice) in 2010. The Summit will be held on March 2-4, 2011. The conference planning committee is lead by chair, Dr. Ed Osborne, University of Florida. In addition to addressing a topic important to Agricultural Education, the conference will be designed to allow for interaction and focus on topics important to all Team Ag Ed member organizations. Further information will be available on the [Council website](#) as it becomes available

My best wishes to you all for a tremendous year, and do not hesitate to let me know when I can be of assistance.

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Teaching resources recommended from other states

Safe Handling of Beef Cattle

Presented by Baxter Black and Temple Grandin

. Description - Cattle are responsible for about two-thirds of all injuries caused by farm animals. Researchers at Oklahoma State University found that one-half of those beef producers who sustained an injury while working cattle felt the primary cause of the injury event was human error. This videotape provides practical, on-site advice on how to avoid becoming an injury statistic. This tape will examine the best techniques for moving and working cattle safely,

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understanding the animal's flight zone and how cattle are likely to react to common situations. We will take you on-site to a typical working facility and examine its good points and those areas needing improvement.

<http://www.nasdonline.org/videos/v001401-v001500/v001435.html>

Social Media Revolution

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIFYPQjYhv8>

If you think you are tech savvy you might want to watch this presentation. Really makes us old guys feel connected!

Shop Stop Videos

Go to youtube.com and in the search type "shop stop ag mechanics". They add a new one weekly.

Some of the topics included: proper ways to use files, how to saddle pipes, how to replace a hydraulic cylinder.... there is a pretty big variety. Each are about 3 minutes long

Those looking for a magazine library, especially new teachers - the following company has free subscriptions to hort related magazines. Turf Management, Sports Field Management, and Growing are magazines I get and they have others related to forestry and other topics.

go to <http://www.mooserivermedia.com/>

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