

BLUE AND GOLD

Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

Learners Today — Leaders Tomorrow

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PAAE Members Innovate for Ag Education

Agriculture education teachers and the Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators members are reaching out to our youths in a variety of venues.

PAAE has a mission "to provide and support professional leadership development for and about agriculture education."

The face of agriculture education is varied. The program subject matter is directed by local advisory committee, based on the needs of the community. These curriculturs should lead to jobs for students in that area.

Some are what are considered traditional agriculture. In Somerset County CTC the students operate a commercial band saw for lumber in their forestry class. Lawrence County students take a semester class in small gasoline engines, tearing down and repairing single cylinder engines. Adams County students take a full-year welding class that requires nearly 100 graded weld join grader weld prices nearly 100 graded weld join.

In Crawford County, students take a broad mix of vocational agriculture class and study anything from animal science, plant science, to shop classes.

Many programs across the state have excellent horticulture programs involving growing plants in greenhouses and learning landscap-

plants in greenhouses and rearning landscaping as well as floral arrangement.

More and more programs are moving to some of the cutting edge topics that will train

students to use the latest technology.

Small animal and veterinary technology classes are more common in the state. Food science curriculums are being developed. At Olev Valley, tissue culture and genetic studies.

are common

Equine studies are a specialty at several districts in the state. At Walter Biddle Saul High School in Philadelphia, 12 different teachers specialize in programs geared for city students booking at agriculture careers. FFA and work experience are the final parts of the puzzle. SAEs, or the supervised agricultural experience, is the FFA members opportunity to document work-related time to their occupational goals, Students may work

their occupational goals. Students may work in businesses, track research in class or do volunteer public service time. FFA provides the leadership these students need to speak for themselves in job interviews

rPA provides the enderstay meets students need to speak for themselves in job interviews and enter the world of work or post-secondary education. Membes have the opportunity to attend state and national conferences and conventions. They learn to work with others, lead discussions, work with parlamentury procedure, and compete in career development seems.

The Pennsylvania State FFA is directed by Executive Secretary Michael Brammer. He supervises a team of seven state officers. These officers are recent high school graduates who put in thousands of hours during

their year of service meeting and leading

The Pennsylvania State FFA Foundation is a group of volunteers who help to direct funding to the state FFA so they may continue to provide opportunities to FFA members across the state.

Agriculture education graduates could be designing new harvest methods for finit or better methods to process foods. They could be who you take your pets to for care. They could be who ensures Pennsylvania has conintend hardwood preduction and sales worldinned hardwood preduction and sales worldtries with pride, skill, and the ability to lead others in their fields of work. Ag graduates serve on township supervisor boards, school boards and many other positions of leader-

Today mose than ever, agriculture education is vital, growing and changing with technology in Pennsylvania.

Flying the FFA Airlines

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION



MATT BRAKE

With the 86th Pennsylvania FFA State convention beginning in less than five weeks, I can't help but thish how fast he year has flown by. It seems like just yesterday we were just starting chapter visits back in September. Now we're returning to some of those same chapters for their spring barquets, seeing all that they have accomplished over the pasty year. This all makes me think of a outce from Michael

This all makes me think of a quote from Michael Altshuler, "The bad news is that time flies. The good news is that you're the pilot."

This past year I've winessed members by their planes "through countless shows of community service, success in their Supervised Agriculture Experience, weekeeds meay from home spendand fan times with their FFA family, Soon, see will watch as students fly their way onto stage at Eisenhower Auditorium is State College, Pa, to be will watch as students fly their way onto stage at Eisenhower Auditorium is State College, Pa, to be recognized for cholent ships they have wno, Career Development Event that they have placed in, and to success the state of their state s

As I think of all that our members have accomplished and will accomplish this year I feel the accel to stop and say "thank you." The reason state officers of so what we do it som members. Thank the properties of the properties o

I hope that as the flight for the year comes in for a landing, and another prepares to take off, our members continue to fly toward destinations that lead them to success.

Editor's note: Matt Brake is the Pennsylania FFA state reporter

Best Vet Wins Foundation Clay Shoot



Best Vet Solutions, second from right, was the top individual at the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation's Clay Shoot fundraiser. Best Vet Solutions also had the had the highest-scor-

Gregg Bard of

Vet Solutions also had the had the highest-scoring team award. Bard is congratulated by state FFA Secretary Victoria Herr, Vice President Tony Rice and Chaplain Grant Carlton.

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Fox Chase Golf Club, 300 Stevens Road, Stevens, PA 17578 July 23, 2015

Registration Opens at 11:00
Deiving Range and Lunch
12:30 Shot Gan Start
Drinks and Snacks will be provided on the cours
Appetities at 5:00
5:30 Dinner
Golf Prizes and Raffle price 7:00
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Mulligens will be ownlable (up to 5 mulligens per golfer)

New this year: Raffle Tickets \$20

Prize include: rife, round of golf, wine baskets, eigen

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