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Penn State Student to Attend 2011 World Food Prize Event



Allison Hoover

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INDIANAPOLIS — This fall, two deserving future agriculture teachers will learn firsthand about the global community's best efforts to alleviate hunger and promote the human right to a stable, nutritious supply of food.

Selected for the experience are Allison Nicole Hoover, 20, of Penn State and Kirby John Schmidt, 20, of the University of Minnesota. As the first recipients of the National FFA Organization's World Food Prize Grants, they will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 12-15 to attend the World Food Prize.

While at the World Food Prize, the students will attend the Norman E. Borlaug International Symposium, the World Food Prize Laureate Award Ceremony, the Global Youth Institute and special meetings with agricultural leaders.

After the event, they will deliver three presentations about the World Food Prize to agricultural

education students at their college or university, to their state's agricultural education teachers, and to a local FFA chapter. They will also prepare a summary of the experience and its impact to be shared with agricultural education stakeholders.

"The next generation of leaders will need to be informed about agriculture. We will best prepare them by educating and intriguing them to be engaged with global agricultural issues and solutions," Hoover, a former Pennsylvania FFA state officer from Port Matilda, Pa., said. "This challenge is one that I plan to pursue as a career."

"I intend to take my experiences back to the classroom, in order to integrate sustainability and food production issues into my coursework and FFA program," said Schmidt, of Marshall, Minn., and former president of the Minnesota FFA Association. "I hope to inspire a new generation of youth that will actively engage in creating solutions for a sustainable and nutritious food supply. My 7-12

curriculum will include opportunities to learn more about international agricultural issues, Dr. Norman Borlaug and how students can be engaged in global opportunities."

The World Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. The Prize recognizes contributions in any field involved in the world food supply — food and agriculture science and technology, manufacturing, marketing, nutrition, economics, poverty alleviation, political leadership and the social sciences. The FFA World Food Prize Grant program is focused on ensuring that tomorrow's agriculture teachers have a broad awareness of the global issues affecting agriculture, hunger, food distribution and sustainability. The impact these educators will have on students can be profound.

Alumni Blue and Gold Ball Set

FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

The annual Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Blue and Gold Ball is slated to be held at the Radisson Penn-Harris in Camp Hill, Pa. on Saturday, Oct. 1. The evening will feature a gourmet meal, entertainment, and a silent auction — which will showcase FFA Chapter Theme Baskets, where FFA members arrange an assortment of items that were made in their classes and items that represent Pennsylvania agriculture at its finest. The event also doubles as a Past State FFA Officer Reunion. Tickets



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are \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. Please make reservations by Monday, Sept. 25. For more information, contact Mike Woods at mwoods@cvschools.org or 717-979-5561.

In addition, if you have any articles that you would like to see published on the Blue and Gold pages e-mail them to Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@pa.gov and include pictures. Thank you so much, and have a wonderful rest of September!

Editor's Note: Mike Woods is a member of the Pa. FFA Alumni.

Fun at Ag Progress Days



The Pennsylvania State FFA Officer Team had an action-packed three days at last month's Ag Progress Days event. They are pictured with several of the state's ag leaders. From left are Penn State Dean of Agricultural Sciences Bruce McPheron, Casey Hall, Jenna Moser, Tyler Schaeffer, State Agriculture Secretary George Greig, Tyler Claypool, Gov. Tom Corbett, Matthew Dodson, Sarah Kessler, and Sarabeth Royer.

JENNA MOSER
State FFA Reporter

In the middle of August, the state officers traveled to Penn State to help with the annual Ag Progress Days. This year, the officers created a puzzle activity for visitors at the Youth Building. The educational puzzle was designed to teach children the process of how food is created and gives us energy. In addition to this activity, there was also a huge map of Pennsylvania that children were able to write their name and mark

where they came from. It was impressive to see how far people traveled, and by the end of the three days the map was full of names.

Outside of the Youth Building, the state officers were happy to help work in the FFA Foundation Food Booth with several other FFA chapters, people from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, including the Secretary of Agriculture George Greig.

One Aug. 17, the State Officers were privileged to meet with Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett. Overall Ag Progress Days was a success.

Excitement in Washington County



From left are Jenna Moser, Casey Hall, Tyler Schaeffer, John Applegath, Matthew Dodson, Sarabeth Royer, Sarah Kessler at the Washington County Fair.

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Shortly after Ag Progress Days the State FFA Officers traveled to Washington County to meet with Range Resources. During our visit we learned about the drilling process of Marcellus Shale.

At the Washington County Fair, we met with the Range Resources President John Applegath and officially accepted a check

for \$100,000. This past year Range Resources has initiated and funded a scholarship program for FFA members. At the state convention in June, 100 members were presented with a \$1,000 scholarship to help finance their education. In addition to meeting with Range Resources, the state officers were happy to meet with FFA members from Fort Cherry and McGuffey and were excited to hear about the success of their projects at the fair.

Hoss's Community Night to Support Freshman Jacket Campaign

"Desire... Acquire... Inspire" is the theme for Pennsylvania FFA this year. Over the past six years, the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association has worked to provide the first step in a student's success in this organization, which is providing them with a corduroy jacket. As FFA alumni across the nation know, the blue and gold jacket provides a tremendous amount of pride as well as opportunity for each and every student in the organization.

In an effort to support the program, The Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association (Group #13717) is excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money to support our first year member jacket program. Visit the Hoss's locations listed on Oct. 4 help

raise money to benefit the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association First Year Member Jacket Campaign.

Over the past six years, the program has been able to provide 1,000 first year FFA members with their jackets.

Cut out this article and present it on Oct. 4 at Hoss's in Williamsport, Chambersburg, State College, Shamokin Dam, Indiana, Meadville, Carlisle, Huntingdon, Hanover, Grove City, Lewistown, Leesport, Greensburg, An-nville, Lititz, York East, and York West. Hoss's will donate 20 percent of the total check to the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association to support the Freshman Jacket Program.

