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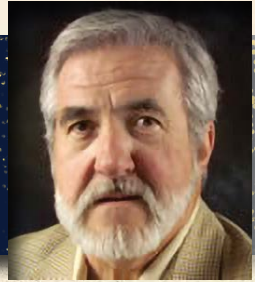
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2021 BLUE & GOLD AWARD



Richard Lunt
**2020 AGRICULTURALIST
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PROGRAM

Welcome – Farrah Smith, Gala Chair & Board Treasurer

Auctioneer & Emcee – Anna Aja

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Blue & Gold Honoree Presentation to George J. Seperich

Presented by Steve Goucher, Past Board President

2020 Agriculturalist of the Year Award

presentation to Richard Lunt

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HEATHER RAYNER

Dear Friends of FFA,

Welcome to the Fifth Annual Blue & Gold Gala! The Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation is proud to have our supporters join us for our virtual gala to raise funds in support of the more than 10,000 FFA students statewide. The money raised tonight, along with financial support from our sponsors and donors, will enable the Foundation to fulfill its mission of 'providing expanded educational and leadership opportunities for the agricultural education programs across the state of Arizona.'



Why is this essential? As the country's premier youth leadership development program, the FFA program, combined with the agricultural education teachers' leadership, provides a fact-based hands-on education to ensure the American Agricultural Industry's future success, food production independence and national security. The importance of the education the FFA students in Arizona receive cannot be overestimated. These students may include a future scientist that finds the cure for another virus or the ability to increase food production in an area of the world that is starving.

This is why your virtual participation is so important. We value your support as we celebrate the FFA and the importance of agricultural education.

I also wish to extend my appreciation to the Gala committee, especially its Co-Chairs Farrah Smith, Foundation Treasurer, and Elizabeth Foster, Foundation Secretary. I'd also like to thank our Executive Director, Rochell Planty, for her work on our behalf. They have worked hard to make tonight's virtual Gala special, and I applaud them for their efforts. In addition, I'd like to thank the Board of Trustees for supporting this event.

Thank you again for joining in our virtual Gala and supporting our exceptional youth and their teachers!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Rayner". The script is fluid and cursive.

Heather Rayner
President



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Good evening and welcome to the Biggest Night in Arizona Agriculture, the 2021 Blue and Gold Gala! The Arizona Farm Bureau Federation and Farm Bureau Financial Services are honored to continue our support as the Presenting Sponsors for a fifth year.

Since we last met to celebrate Arizona's FFA youth and the Foundation, life has certainly been challenging in so many ways. Our food system and all those involved in the supply chain, from the farm to the crop consultant and the packer to the grocer, were under immense pressure to provide safe, affordable and abundant food during a period of intense consumer demand. This highlighted the efficiencies we have achieved in Arizona agriculture and the importance of local farms and ranches in supply chain resilience.

Our long-time partnership with Arizona Association FFA is based on our shared interests of agriculture education, premier leadership development and a strong agriculture industry in Arizona! What better way to ensure that Arizona's food and fiber production will always be at the ready than to invest in its youth, its future. The youth will develop the new skill sets, new technologies, and new ideas and continue that entrepreneurial spirit of agriculture necessary to be successful.

On this evening with friends and colleagues, let's celebrate their achievements and show our appreciation for the volunteers, educators, parents and youth that bring passion and hard work to this program.

Congratulations to this evening's award winners Dr. George Seperich and Richard Lunt as you define what is so important about the National FFA and the Arizona Association FFA through your leadership, volunteerism and passion for education and agriculture. And thank you to all of you for joining us this evening!

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Stefanie Smallhouse'.

Stefanie Smallhouse

President, Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

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Through the generous supports of the sponsors and attendees of the gala, we have been able to accomplish the following:

- Endow new scholarships
- Fund FFA Career Development Events
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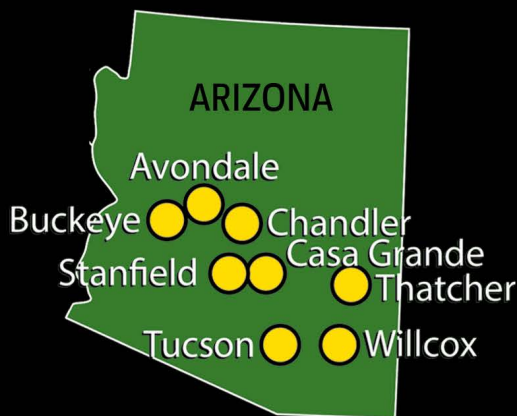
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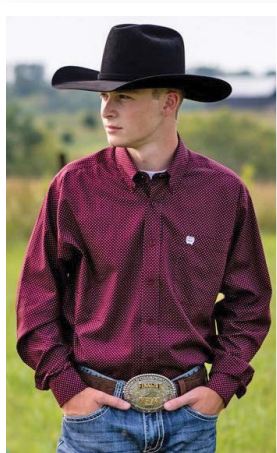
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Sam L. Smith, a 19-year-old FFA member and Country and Christian Country Recording Artist based in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, brings that true-country essence to the music scene. On any given weekend, you're likely to find Sam racing his horse in a barrel event, striving to make every turn clean and fast, or singing at a Sunday morning service, seeking to touch every heart.

Since he began singing for audiences at the age of 14, Sam has sung at around 100+ churches and 30+ events like fairs and festivals. In 2017, Sam won the National Barrel Horse Association's Idol (singing) competition, allowing him to be recognized in a national setting, winning the chance to sing the national anthem, and perform for 3,500 people! In 2019, Smith was recognized at the National FFA Convention for being Top 3 in the National Talent. He has also performed on RFD TV in 2020 featuring his Blue Jacket's song.



Sam L. Smith

IN MEMORY OF FOUNDING MEMBER & PAST PRESIDENT JERRY CULLISON

Jerry Wheeler Cullison, a lifetime farmer of 61 years and resident of Wellton, Arizona, passed away on August 13, 2020, at 82, with his family by his side. Jerry devoted his life to supporting FFA and agricultural education through selfless service. Serving as a National FFA

Officer in 1957-1958, helping establish the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation in 1985 and continuing to provide support and insight as a member of the Foundation board until June 2020. Jerry and his wife Lynne have supported FFA on the local, state and national levels. The Jerry & Lynne Cullison Family Endowment has been set up to honor Jerry and the contributions he and Lynne have made in their lifetimes.

Donations can be made online www.azffaoundation.org/seeds-for-the-future.



Give from the Heart!

We invite you to join us tonight in giving a gift that gives! A gift from your heart can change an FFA member's entire life story. Whether it's funding student scholarships, supporting teacher retention programs or helping us meet the needs of the Arizona FFA Association, your gift from the heart will impact the transformative experience of being a member of the FFA and will leave a legacy for generations to come for the future of Arizona Agriculture. We will offer you the opportunity tonight to make your gift and ask that you please think about supporting us at one of these levels. With your support, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

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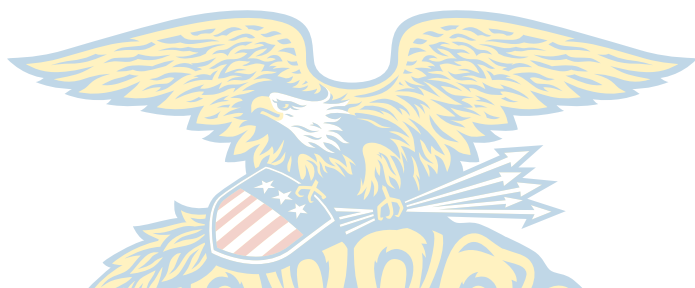
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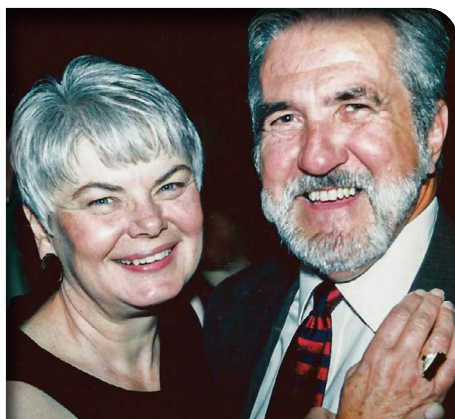
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ARIZONA AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION/ FFA FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE BLUE & GOLD AWARD TO GEORGE J. SEPERICH, PHD.

*G*eorge Seperich has been a long-time supporter of the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation. His involvement began in 2003 through an invitation by Foundation Board member, Heather Rayner. At that time, he was working with the FFA on both the state and national levels. George shared, "She suggested it would be fun." He served from 2004 – 2014 and worked with Presidents Ken Williams and Cliff Saylor over those years. He became president in 2010 and served until he retired from Arizona State University in 2014. Upon retiring from the board in 2014, George planned that his commitments in the agricultural industry would pull back but through his passion for the industry, he has continued to stay involved in many capacities over the past six years.



Barbara and George J. Seperich

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, George received his Bachelor of Science, Biology from Loyola University in Chicago, and his Master of Science and PhD in Food Science/Human Nutrition from Michigan State University. He served in the U.S. Army (1968-1970) and in Vietnam (1969-1970) with the 44th Medical Brigade and worked in the food industry in several capacities.

No stranger to FFA, he has been working with the FFA since the early 1980's when it all began for him through Dobson High School and the Mesa School District. "At this time, I became involved with the agriculture teachers and their association, the Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association. Because of them, the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, William "Buddy" Diemler, now in Utah, suggested that Arizona propose some new contests for the FFA. Under his encouragement four ideas were proposed for national career development events. Three of them were adopted and remain national events: agricultural sales, agricultural marketing and food science," George shared.

One of the honors that George is very proud to have received, is the Honorary Life Membership in the Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association. "It was an honor to be considered one of them and to call them colleagues. This group made me an agricultural educator," George shared.

George is currently an Emeritus Professor of Agribusiness and Food Science in the Morrison School of Agribusiness in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State

University's Polytechnic campus in Mesa. He has served as associate dean of the Morrison School, and the director of the Division of Agriculture and helped originate the School of Agribusiness and Environmental Resources from the Division of Agriculture.

He has published numerous scientific articles, symposia, book chapters and he has written eight books, five in agribusiness and three in food science. He has been recognized as a teacher/mentor by several organizations over the years.

George served on the agricultural industry committee that established the legislation organizing and founding the Arizona Department of Agriculture (the only academic involved) and has served as liaison to the rector/president, Instituto de Tecnológico De Sonora through two presidents.

He is currently serving as President of Project CENTRL's board of directors and treasurer of the Agri-Business & Water Council of Arizona, Inc. He serves as a volunteer with many local organizations. He was elected as a member of the Agribusiness Roundtable of the Farm Foundation and serves on the National FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development committee. He serves the state as a member of Specialty Crop Block Grant program (USDA) committee and the BSE standing committee, among other state and regional committees involving food safety and agribusiness.

When asked what drives him to support FFA George shared, "The FFA is a leadership development organization. There has never been a greater need for leaders in our industry than today. Leadership is developed in the organization by allowing its members to demonstrate their leadership potential at the chapter level, then state and eventually the national stage. Leaders are prepared by experience. It can't be taught; it has to be experienced. To be a successful leader, you should not fear failure. You should learn from it. Winston Churchill said it best, "Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is only the will to continue that really matters." The FFA does this at all levels."

He and his wife Barbara have lived in Arizona for 40 years and have been married for 52 years. They have one son, Ilya, who is working in the film and television industry in Southern California. He would not be able to serve his community, the agriculture industry and the students he teaches without the support, dedication and strength of his wonderful wife Barbara.

"George serves as an example and inspiration for all of us who know him. George has touched the lives of so many people and his tireless service to the agricultural community will have a lasting impact for years to come. It has been a privilege to have served with George on several boards and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition," Steve Goucher, Foundation Past President shared.

Heather Rayner, Foundation Board President shared "George Seperich is the ultimate FFA supporter. As the Associate Dean of Arizona State University's Morrison School of Agribusiness he made sure that the campus accommodated the several hundred Arizona FFA students for the winter conference each year and any other activities that were needed. George has brought in thousands of dollars to the Arizona FFA Foundation through his connections throughout the industry. He served on the Foundation board with distinction for many years, including as board president. All this passion and drive for the FFA comes from a man who never was in the FFA himself. The Arizona FFA Foundation is proud to bestow the Blue & Gold Gala award to George Seperich."

THE 2020 ARIZONA FFA AGRICULTURALIST OF THE YEAR:

RICHARD LUNT

*R*ichard Lunt, an outstanding agriculturalist, community service leader and FFA supporter, is the recipient of the 2020 Arizona Association FFA Agriculturalist of the Year award. This award is given to a member of the agriculture community who has a strong spirit of leadership and has made a significant contribution to Arizona agriculture and the community. The Arizona FFA State Officers make the selection annually from nominations the FFA members submit from across the state.



Colleen and Richard Lunt

Richard is a native of Greenlee County, Arizona and resides in Duncan. He was born while his family lived on the family farm. He grew up working on the farm, dairy and ranches. Richard attended Duncan High School where he was actively involved in FFA. He was recognized as Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer and later in life became an Honorary Chapter Farmer. After high school he graduated from Eastern Arizona College and then went on to the University of Arizona where he received his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education and Animal Science in 1979. In between college years, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Brazil North Mission. After graduating from the University of Arizona, he returned to the family farm where he managed the dairy part of the operation for 25 years. In later years he received his master's degree in Educational Administration from Northern Arizona University in 1991.

Richard has been a member of many associations and served in numerous leadership positions on the local, state and national level through the years. He decided to serve his community and go into politics where he is just beginning to serve his fourth term as Supervisor of Greenlee County. He served as a member and Western Interstate Region Board Member for the National Association of Counties Organization, Resource Advisory Council Member of the Bureau of Land Management, National Livestock and meat Board, National Cattleman's Beef Association, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and the Arizona Beef Council just to name a few of his leadership experiences.

A few of the many honors and recognitions he has received over the years include: County Supervisor of the Year from the Eastern Counties Organization in 2020,

Distinguished Service Award from the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative in 2018,
Distinguished Service Award from Project CENTRL in 2016

“I worked on the farm alongside my father, uncles and cousins. When my children were old enough, they worked alongside me as well. They were all involved in FFA, showed animals, held leadership positions and participated in competitions. FFA helped prepare them for their adult lives,” Richard shared.

When asked what his fondest memory of FFA was, Richard shared, “I especially enjoyed having FFA classes come out to the dairy. I showed them things they had never done before and let them try them for themselves. I have also enjoyed watching their animals grow through the year and then helping them during the shows at the county fair and seeing their successes. I have enjoyed being a judge at state competitions and working with students from all over the state along with attending annual FFA Blue and Gold dinners and seeing the achievements of the students and the progress they have made during the year.”

What drives Richard to support the FFA and youth in agriculture is his love for children. He has enjoyed working with them all his life. “I want them to have some of the same experiences that I had growing up. I want them to appreciate what agriculture does for each and every one of us. These students are our future,” Richard shared.

Richard has been married to his high school sweetheart, Colleen for 44 years. They have 6 children and 16 grandchildren.

It is an honor to recognize him with this distinguished award both at the Blue & Gold Gala and the State FFA Leadership Conference in June 2021 for the significant impact he has made in the agriculture industry and supporting the FFA.



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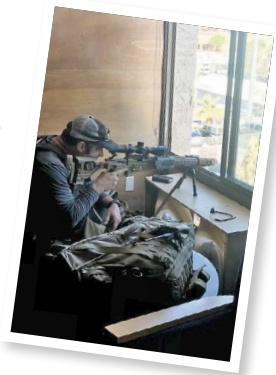


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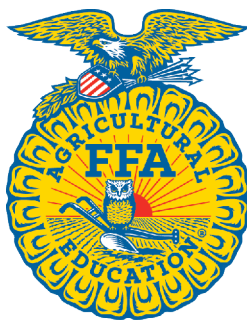


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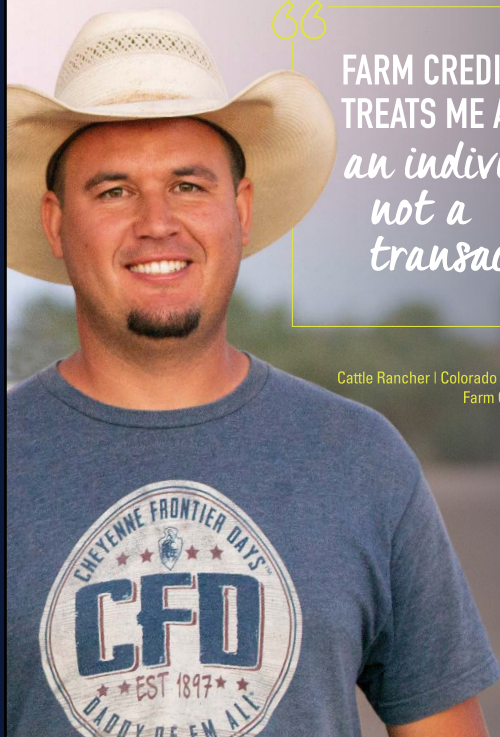
NATIONAL FFA WEEK – February 20 -27, 2021

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. FFA is preparing future leaders through agricultural education. FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership careers in science, business, and technology of agriculture. Currently, FFA has more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,739 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and supported by 8+ million alumni members throughout the U.S.



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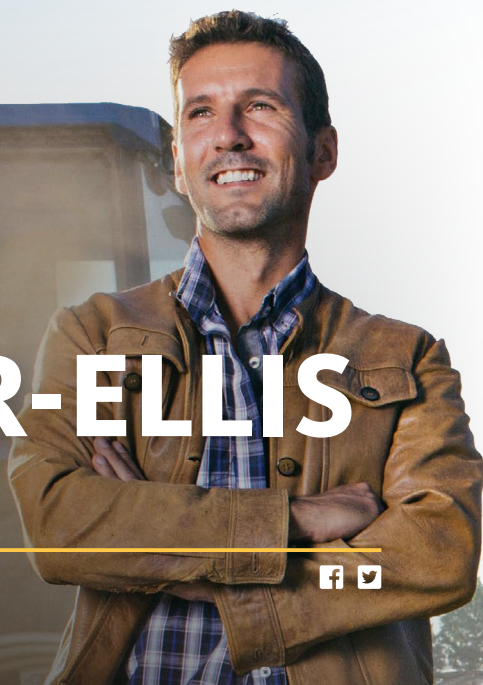


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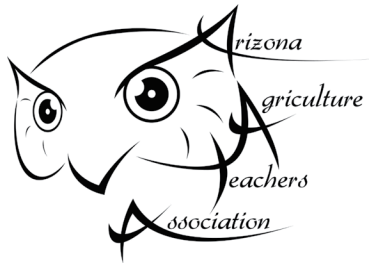
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The Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association is dedicated to making a positive difference in agriculture students' lives by instilling in them a passion for agriculture and learning. Through the commitment and dedication of the Arizona Agriculture teachers, we can enjoy such an outstanding program as the National FFA Organization in classrooms across the state and see continual growth in the Arizona FFA members through their achievements. Without their support, long hours of dedication, and an unmatched commitment to excellence, the Arizona Agriculture curriculum and Arizona FFA would not be at the level it is today.



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Agriculture teachers rely on FFA alumni members to help ease the outside commitments of teaching, bring more support to agricultural education programs and give teachers more freedom to do what they do best – teach students!

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Join other companies and individuals who believe in supporting agricultural education in Arizona. Interested in becoming a donor? Contact us today for more information!

Direct donation - Make a monetary donation to the Arizona FFA Foundation at azffaoundation.org. You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly pledge plan which includes you in the new Corduroy Club.

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- Blue Jacket Legacy Program
- Career and Leadership Development Events
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- General Contributions
- Agriculture Teacher Professional Development
- State FFA Leadership Conference
- State FFA Leadership Camp
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- Corduroy Club – Monthly Giving
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SEEDS FOR TOMORROW

Making a major or planned gift to the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation is a way to make a difference in young people's lives for generations to come. These gifts are all unique and customized to suit a donor's needs and wishes. If you're considering making a major or planned gift to the Foundation, we would love to discuss your options. Giving options provide exceptional planning strategies, flexibility and may minimize tax implications.

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Call Rochell Planty, Executive Director, at **(602) 705-9211** and she will gladly assist you with your FFA giving plan or email her at rochell@azffaoundation.org.



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We cordially invite you to be a part of The Corduroy Club by the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation.



What is it? The Corduroy Club through the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation is a new program allowing individuals to make recurring tax-deductible monthly gifts. Gift amounts start as little as \$15 per month. By joining the Corduroy Club, you pledge to join an elite group of supporters who contribute a simple monthly recurring gift.

How does it work? Visit azffaoundation.org/corduroy-club and scroll down to the “Make a Recurring Gift” button. Click on the button and select the level of your monthly contribution and then continue to complete the form. Under Type of donation click recurring and select monthly. Your gift will be processed monthly through your credit/debit card on the day you begin your contribution. Each January, Corduroy Club members will receive a tax statement for filing purposes. Gift amounts can be changed as the need arises and a member can cancel at any time.

Where will my money go? Your monthly 100% tax deductible gift will be allocated by the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation wherever the need is the greatest. Your gift will continue the tradition of supporting agriculture education and FFA in Arizona. These gifts help to provide the necessary resources, educational and leadership opportunities for students and agriculture educators.

Does \$15 a month really make a difference? Yes, it does! Your monthly contribution adds up quickly and helps to further cultivate the next generation of Agriculturalists to keep FFA and agriculture education strong in Arizona.

How do I become a member? Becoming a member of The Corduroy Club is easy! Click on Join the Corduroy Club link! It takes only minutes to make a lifetime difference.

Corduroy Club Member Benefits

All Club members will receive the monthly Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation Newsletter, Year-end Tax Statement, and have their name listed in the Annual Report. **Members at \$15 or more per month** will receive a “I support agriculture education & FFA” window decal. **Members at \$25 or more per month** will receive VIP seating at the Arizona FFA State Leadership Conference. At \$100 per month your benefit includes a VIP invitation to the State Leadership Conference Award Recipient Reception in June, “I support agriculture education & FFA” window decal, VIP seating at the Arizona FFA State Leadership Conference and an incredibly special gift exclusively for donors at this level!

WHERE CAN YOU HELP AS A SUPPORTER & VOLUNTEER?



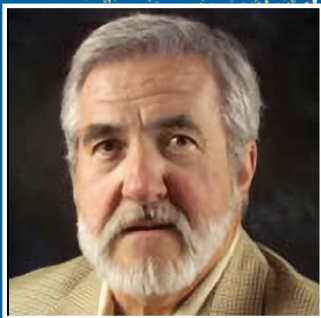
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MISSION

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VISION

It is the vision of the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation to secure resources to support, enhance, and strengthen the educational and leadership effectiveness of the Arizona Association FFA, the Arizona FFA Alumni Association, the Department of Agricultural Education at The University of Arizona, and the Arizona Agriculture Teachers' Association while maintaining positive relationships with students, teachers, business and industry representatives, and the community.



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