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ANNUAL REPORT





MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We believe Agricultural Education and the FFA are the gateway to cultivate well trained, positive and ethical future leaders who understand the foundational constructs supporting our society and our growing



STEVE GOUCHER President

global population. Our Nation's security and sustainability rely on Agriculture to feed, clothe and create a livable system for quality of life.

We are proud of the accomplishments of the nearly 11,000 FFA members statewide along with the tireless efforts of their Agricultural Teachers, Advisors, Parents and Volunteers.

I am pleased to provide you with this annual report showcasing the activities and financial highlights of the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation.

Thank you to all the generous supporters, volunteers and staff for your contribution to the success and continued growth of this Foundation.

Sincerely,



OUR MISSION

The Arizona Agricultural Education/ FFA Foundation is dedicated to providing expanded educational and leadership opportunities for the agricultural education programs across the state of Arizona.

OUR 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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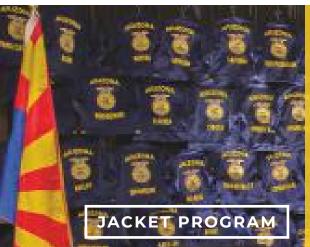
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3RD ANNUAL GALA

THE BIGGEST NIGHT IN ARIZONA AGRICULTURE





The Official Dress jacket was adopted in 1933. The FFA corduroy jacket is an article of faith, honor and pride. The jacket unifies members in a long-standing tradition and reminds them that they are part of something larger than themselves.

The Arizona Agriculture Education/FFA Foundation kicked off the first year of the FFA Jacket Grant Program. With the generous support of donors, we were able to award 80 jackets to members across Arizona with one from each Chapter represented. Those jackets showcased were the backdrop to the 3rd annual Blue & Gold Gala. You can support the FFA Jacket Program by visiting www.azffafoundation. org to help us continue to increase the number of jackets we can award each year. Be a part of making a positive impact on a student's life.

National Anthem performed by Taylor Thompson, Peoria FFA Member Gala Chair, Heather Rayner presents The Blue & Gold Award to The Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation representative, Jim Webb













\$268,215 Raised!



Melissa Veo, Agriculture Education Teacher **Buckeye High School**

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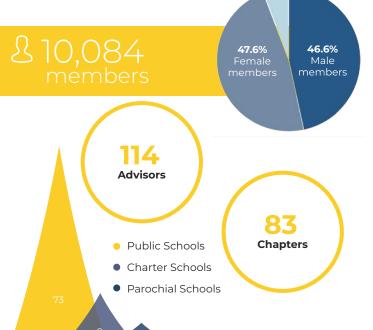
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AFFILIATES WE SUPPORT

Arizona Association FFA

During the 3rd annual Blue & Gold Gala we debuted a video about the Arizona Agriculture Education/FFA Foundation and the affiliate groups which we support. We invite you to view this video and hear from each of the groups which we support.

www.azffafoundation.org



Public Law 105-225. The Arizona FFA currently serves more than

development organization that is a state association of the National

Arizona FFA is a high school youth leadership and career

FFA Organization, a federally chartered corporation under

10,000 student members in over 80 high schools, from urban schools in Greater Phoenix and Tucson to more rural schools in Yuma, the northern and eastern parts of Arizona, and all across the State. FFA provides opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. From agricultural advocacy to leadership development, Arizona FFA is committed to helping

members find their passion and build their future

Leadership Camp

State FFA

273 Attendees State Leadership Conference

1,400 Attendees

Record high! A LEGACY State Degrees

5.8% Not reported



Why contribute to the not only sponsors awards to recognize our students who have excelled in their chosen area of agriculture, it also

and inspire all of the 10,084 students enrolled in can be positively impacted by programs, activities, Teachers in Arizona, then you have the satisfaction of knowing your donations have truly gone to a great cause.

Dennis Bushong Arizona Association FFA Board Treasurer

\$399,188

IN FUNDING, SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Scholarship Program
- FFA Jackets Pinal County FFA Chapters & State Jacket Campaign
- Arizona FFA Interns
- State FFA Camp
 - Camp Scholarships: Pinal County & Estrella FFA District
 - Camp Transportation State Leadership Conference
 - - State Proficiency Awards
 - State FFA Degrees
 - Courtesy Corp
 - Jacket Essay
 - National Chapter
 - State Officer Candidate/ Delegate Mixer
 - Star Program

- FFA Gator Raffle Chapter
- Fundraiser
- Career Development
- Awards & Team Travel
- State Officer Program
- Midwinter Conference Greenhand Conference
- 360 Conferences
- Chapter Officer Leadership
- Training
- 8 FFA District Horse **Evaluation Contests**
- Estrella FFA District CDE Contests
- AzFFA Website
- Extra-Curricular Program
- Student Recruitment & Retention Program

Arizona FFA Alumni

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!
FFA relies on alumni
members for student
recruiting, scholarship
money, aiding in camps,
conferences, national FFA
convention and other personal

development programs. The high level of commitment the FFA Alumni offer the FFA and the communities in which they live helps make FFA students' lives better.

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I encourage all ag teachers to consider developing their own alumni. To start slow and small, to respect and to recognize the efforts, and to communicate enthusiastically with them and about them!

Alumnis are worth the effort and every program should have one! I have an alumni chapter now, and could not succeed without them!

Jose Bernal PIMA JTED

\$3,500

IN FUNDING, SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Regional Conference
- · Administrative Support

Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association

The Arizona Agriculture
Teachers Association is
dedicated to making a
positive difference in the
lives of agriculture students
by instilling in them a
passion for agriculture and
learning. It is through the

commitment and dedication of the Arizona

Agriculture teachers that we are able to 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 unmatched commitment to excellence the Arizona Agriculture

curriculum and Arizona FFA would not be at the level it is today.

\$32,750

IN FUNDING, SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Professional Development Conferences
- Summer Conference BBQ
- · Fall Retreat Dinner
- Awards Program
- Arizona Agricultural Education Program Evaluation Instrument
- Administrative Support



The AZ FFA Foundation's support of Agricultural Education and the Arizona Agricultural Teachers Association (AATA) has been phenomenal. By supporting the AATA Improvement Program through remuneration of teachers the Foundation is helping to retain teachers, enhancing Ag programs, and increasing opportunities for the 10,000+ FFA members

James Kaltenbach, Agriculture Education Teacher, Peoria High School

AFFILIATES WE SUPPORT

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University of Arizona College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Department of Agricultural Education, Technology & Innovation

One degree, many career options. The programs of study in agriculture education at the University of Arizona prepare students for entering careers in working with people in a variety of settings. These positions require preparation in basic sciences, technical agriculture, knowledge of the principles and techniques of teaching-learning process, communication skills and the ability to work with people. As part of the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation's support, the Arizona FFA Foundation administers the funds for the J.R. Cullison Memorial Scholarships and the J.R. Cullison Future Teacher Program, funded by a generous gift from Jerry Cullison of Wellton, Arizona.





The Cullison Endowment has provided financial resources to feed the pipeline of highly qualified, motivated, and licensed school-based agricultural education teachers, from the point of recruitment, to include retention, through teacher induction. The Cullison scholarships contribute to retention and easing the financial burden often associated with student teaching

Dr. Robert Torres, Professor and the Department Head of Agricultural Education, Technology and Innovation University of Arizona, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences



IN FUNDING, SUPPORTING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- · State Horse Evaluation Career Development Contest
- · J.R. Cullison Scholarships
- · National Convention Student Teacher Travel
- · J.R. Cullison Award Program
- · Tom Jones Scholarship



BUSINESS INDUSTRY TOURS

The Arizona Agricultural Education/ FFA Foundation has the opportunity to coordinate the Business Industry Tours for the Arizona Association FFA State FFA Officers each winter. The tours provide an opportunity for the State Officers to learn more about the agriculture industry in Arizona and meet with corporate supporters. In February 2019, the West Valley area in Phoenix served as the backdrop to the industry tours with stops at Rousseau Farming Company, Duncan Family Farms, Danzeisen Dairy Bottling Plant and Wilbur Ellis.









LEARN ENGAGE EXPERIENCE



For the first time the Foundation hosted two regional receptions to bring together FFA Alumni, Past State Officers, Donors and others. In Yuma we met in October of 2018 and in the spring of 2019 we held a reception in Green Valley in Southern Arizona. This allowed for the opportunity to reconnect, share what the Foundation has been working on and opportunities for future involvement. We look forward to continuing the regional gatherings around Arizona.





Green Valley Reception April 2019

Yuma Reception October 2018

STATE FFA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AWARD RECIPIENT RECEPTION

The Foundation through the support of generous donors celebrate the achievements of the Star Program nominees, Proficiency Award and scholarship recipients each year on the evening of the award presentations at the State FFA Leadership Conference. More than 200 attendees enjoy the beautiful sound of the Arizona FFA Chorus as they kick off the reception. The award recipients along with their parents and advisor have an opportunity to meet the award donors, take a memorable backdrop photo and mingle while enjoying the hors d'oeuvres. It is an honor to also honor the Arizona Association FFA, Arizona FFA Alumni and the Department of Agriculture Education Technology & Innovation from the University of Arizona with the check presentation for the grant they are receiving. It is a delightful evening to recognize and honor the award recipients.

Six Star \$200,000+

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Agriculture needs a future - farmers, ranchers, dairymen, agronomists, vets, technicians, scientists, data analysts, precision experts, etc... Our support of FFA is part of ensuring that future.

Tom Rosztoczy, President and CEO Stotz Equipment

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For many years, Farm Credit West has supported Future Farmers of America (FFA) and agriculture education programs. We are committed to investing in agriculture to ensure the industry remains strong — both today and tomorrow. The FFA advisors and teachers help establish a foundation of leadership and integrity for our youth. Supporting our next generation of farmers and ranchers is one way Farm Credit West works to support our local communities and preserve the future of agriculture.

Mark Brawley, Sr. Vice President **Farm Credit West**

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