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State Alumni Council Meeting

March 10-11, 2006

Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL

The 2006-2007 Illinois FFA Alumni Council had their first Council Meeting in March. They first reviewed the Annual Meeting Minutes and Evaluations. They discussed changes in the Auction for next year and decided to pay for one of the State Staff Members wages to assist with tallying the auction amount totals on Saturday.

The council heard a State FFA Officer report from Secretary Bryan Schullian. He talked about what the officers have been working on over the last several months. He also discussed plans for the State FFA Convention in June and presented the Alumni's role during the Convention. The Council will be responsible for chaperoning the FFA dance, serve ice cream and drinks during the dance, working as courtesy corps for the student workshops and career booths, and judge the Chapter Exhibit and Scrapbook Career Development Events.

The council spent most of Saturday morning reviewing scholarship applications for Leadership Camp and Washington Leadership Conferences. They proudly awarded 20 Leadership Camp and 27 WLC Scholarships.

The Council's next meetings will be during Convention and at Leadership Camp. They will once again serve Pork Chop dinners for the youth at the camp. You can find the scholarship winners on the next page.

Feel free to contact your Alumni Council!!!

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Leadership Camp and Washington Leadership Conferences Scholarship Recipients

The following Illinois FFA Members were awarded Scholarships by the Alumni Council to attend Leadership Camp or Washington Leadership Conference.

Leadership Camp: Garret DeSplinter (Geneseo), Maria Taylor (Midland), Justin Wassmann (Indian Creek), Mike Larson (Newark), Michael Baer (Cissna Park), Alicia Behrends (Iroquois West), Aaron Bruns (Southeastern), John Roskamp (Warsaw), Austin Tate (West Prairie) Hannah Vortman (Bluffs), Caitlin Carson (Paxton Buckley Loda), Caitlin Owens (Mount Vernon), Amanda Wadkins (Patoka), Ryan Durbin (St. Elmo), Jordon Wagner (Marissa), Renee Campbell (Nashville), Jenna Richardson (Cisne), Katie Hatfield (Wayne City), Sheila Walker (Eldorado), Hanna Butcher (Clay City)

WLC: Jill Johnson (Galva), Jacob Waller (Geneseo), Tyler Patton (Orion), Emily Bogner (Midland), Annie Larson (Indian Creek), Meghan Morris (Mendota), Chad Humphreys (Seneca), Amber Steffes (Newark) Sara Haag (Tri-Point) Jonathan Lloyd (Clifton Central), Heidi Maul (Cissna Park), Wyatt McGrew (Bushnell-Prairie City), Dillon Flesner (Southeastern), Alyssa Gerhardt (Warsaw), Stephanie Nelson (West Prairie), Luke Shriver (Unity/Mendon), Jordan Gass (Hartsburg-Emden), Deborah Strubbe (Jacksonville), Justin McCoy (Mount Vernon), Bryan Durbin (St. Elmo), Jason Mewes (Nashville), Brittany Hosselton (Clay City), Kelsey Aldrich (North Clay), Ashlee Lambrich (Cisne), Sierra Combs (Olney/East Richland) Mark Hornbostel (Trico), Erica James (Eldorado)

“SPREAD THE WORD”

As State Reporter, it is a pleasure to serve by keeping the local affiliate members informed. That being said, I would appreciate receiving your local news. Articles and photos can be sent to:

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All articles will be reviewed and edited at the council's and my discretion. Please include a contact person and phone or email address. The following are the article submission deadlines.

July 31st for the August newsletter
October 31st for the November newsletter

Please get in those articles.

Bombardier ATV Raffle

This is just a reminder to all alumni members to keep selling the Bombardier 4 x 4 raffle tickets. They are \$5.00 a piece or 3 for \$10.00 and 40% of the money raised goes back to the individual chapters. The 4 wheeler will be raffled during the last session at State Convention. All profit from remaining tickets sold at convention will be donated to the capital campaign escrow account. Please contact Jim McCray or the State Office for additional information or tickets.

Greetings from State President

In our last newsletter I passed up an excellent opportunity to thank everyone who helped the alumni with the scholarship auction, so what should I do? Yes!! Thank you to everyone who in anyway, shape, or form helped make our auction and annual meeting a success. (Boy was that a big mistake on my part, but now it is taken care of.)

I imagine every chapter has been busy with contests, banquets, and more contests plus installing new officer teams. On the alumni calendar the next event will be a highlight of the year, the State FFA Convention in Springfield. Years of hard work will be honored during the various sessions as members receive the state degree, leadership conference scholarships, and other awards.

For the second year the alumni will be raffling off a 4-wheeler which will be awarded to a lucky winner on the last day of the convention, June 15th. This was an excellent fund raiser last year for the alumni, and we look forward to its success again.

Tuesday evening during the FFA dance you will find the alumni serving as hosts at the Orr Building on the state fairgrounds. Pop and ice cream will be served to all FFA members. Even though the night may get a little, late, we all have a good time.

Next on our agenda will be the Leadership Camp Pork Chop Cookout at Monticello. Yes...the alumni will prepare the chops for the campers. Prior to taking our skills to the grill, the council will meet to plan additional upcoming events.

To those parents of FFA members who will be graduating this year, please extend our congratulations from the alumni, and give our wishes for the good fortune in all of life's endeavors.

Thanks for supporting the biggest and best youth organization in the world.

Sincerely,

Dean

State Basket for National Convention

Sarah Myers would like anyone who would be willing to help put together the state basket for the alumni that will compete and be auctioned in Indianapolis at this year's national convention. Any item that is well known for your area that represents the state of Illinois well would be appreciated. We need to get items to her by September 1st. Contact Dick or Sarah Myers at (217) 222-2428.

Dates to Remember

June 1- National FFA State Leaders Conference Registration – National
June 13-15 - State FFA Convention-Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield
July 1 - National Distinguished Contributor and Scrapbooks - National
July 1 - Outstanding/Pioneer Affiliate, Outstanding State Affiliate - National
July 1 - Outstanding Achievement Applications - National
July 1 - National FFA Alumni Council Nomination Applications - National
July 11-16 - National FFA State Leaders Conference - Nashville, TN
July 26-29 - Illinois FFA Leadership Camp - Monticello, IL
Sept. 15 - Chapter Grant Applications - National
October 1 - Intent to Run for State Alumni Council - Illinois FFA Center
October 1 - E.D.G.E. Conference Scholarship - IL FFA Center
Oct. 25-27 - National FFA Alumni Silent Auction - Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 25-28 - National FFA Alumni Convention - Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 27 - National Alumni Live Auction - Indianapolis, IN
Nov. 1 - Made for Excellence Scholarship - IL FFA Center
Nov. 1 - Outstanding Achievement App. - IL FFA Center
Nov. 1 - Outstanding Affiliate Application - IL FFA Center
Nov. 19 - E.D.G.E. Conference - Springfield., IL



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