



Annual Report

2017 - 2018



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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



NAAE celebrated a remarkable milestone in 2017-18 ... **70 years** of providing support to our agricultural educators! Through the years, we continue to provide visionary leadership, advocacy, professional development, and service while our members continue to shape the agricultural education profession and make positive changes in the lives of their students. As educators, we know the value networking, professional development, and advocacy have on making a positive impact in the profession and shaping the future.

Congratulations to each of this year's award recipients who are profiled in this report. We are proud of what they have accomplished! Collectively, they represent the finest and best of what agricultural education has to offer to over one million students each year.

None of this would be possible without the continued support from our sponsors who are recognized throughout the report. We thank them for their commitment to the advancement of agricultural education and agricultural educators throughout our nation!

Finally, thank you to our directors, regional secretaries, committee chairs, ambassadors, members, and staff for their dedicated work on behalf of our organization. We value each individual and we thank you for your continued work and support. We look forward too many more years to come!

Wm. Jay Jackman
Executive Director

MISSION

“Professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”



MAKING CONNECTIONS



5,461
Fans



6,353
Followers



107,061
Website Visits



30,431
News & Views
Opens

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

3.8 million Total Activities

8,700 Total Active Users

Top 5 Communities:

- Animal Science
- FFA
- Ag Mechanics
- NAAE Virtual Book Club
- Horticulture/Greenhouse Management

2017 - 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Nick Nelson - Oregon

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jason Kemp - Tennessee

REGION I

Chad Massar, Vice President - Montana

Eric Tilleman, Secretary - Montana

REGION II

Hals Beard, Vice President - Louisiana

Jerrod Lundry, Secretary - Oklahoma (Jan. - June)

Todd Thomas, Secretary - Colorado (July - Dec.)

REGION III

Mary Hoffman, Vice President - Minnesota

Shari Graffunder, Secretary - Wisconsin

REGION IV

Parker Bane, Vice President - Illinois

Deanna Thies, Secretary - Missouri

REGION V

Stanley Scurlock, Vice President - Florida

William A. "Bill" Newsom, Secretary - Tennessee

REGION VI

Sherisa Nailor, Vice President - Pennsylvania

Dr. Robin McLean, Secretary - New Jersey



2017 - 2018 NAAE Board of Directors
at 2017 NAAE Convention

PAST PRESIDENTS

President	Year	Election City
Lionel E. Cross, CA *	1948	Milwaukee
Parker Woodul, NM *	1949	Atlantic City
Jess Smith, WI *	1950	Miami
A.C. Hale, AR *	1951	Minneapolis
Max Lampo, MO *	1952	Boston
Robert Wall, VA *	1953	Chicago
S.F. Peterson, NC *	1954	San Francisco
Robert Howey, IL *	1955	Atlantic City
Robert Bishopp, WY *	1956	St. Louis
James Wall, NE *	1957	Philadelphia
Luther Hardin, AR *	1958	Buffalo
Julian Carter, NY *	1959	Chicago
Floyd Johnson, SC *	1960	Los Angeles
James Hamilton, IA	1961	Kansas City
Wenroy Smith, PA *	1962	Milwaukee
Walter Bomeli, MI *	1963	Atlantic City
Sam Stenzel, KS *	1964	Minneapolis
James Durkee, WY *	1965	Miami
Elvin Walker, GA *	1966	Denver
Tom Devin, TX	1967	Cleveland
Wm. G. Smith, NJ *	1968	Dallas
Millard Gundlach, WI	1969	Boston
Glen D. McDowell, KY	1970	New Orleans
Howard Teal, NY *	1971	Portland
Francis Murphy, SD *	1972	Chicago
W.R. Harrison, OK	1973	Atlanta
Lurther Lalum, MT *	1974	New Orleans
John Murray, MN *	1975	Anaheim
Richard Weber, LA *	1976	Houston
Jim Guilinger, IL *	1977	Atlantic City
John P. Mundt, ID	1978	Dallas
Albert Timmerman, Jr., TX *	1979	Anaheim
Tom Jones, AZ	1980	New Orleans
Layton G. Peters, MN	1981	Atlanta
Dale Butcher, IN	1982	St. Louis
Walter Schuh, WA *	1983	Anaheim

President	Year	Election City
Walter Schuh, WA *	1984	New Orleans
Myron Sonne, SD	1985	Atlanta
Ralph Thomas, OK *	1986	Dallas
Caroll L. Shry, MD	1987	Las Vegas
Duane W. Watkins, WY	1988	St. Louis
Douglas B. Spike, MI	1989	Orlando
Tom Parker, WY *	1990	Cincinnati
Dennis Jackson, MN *	1991	Los Angeles
Dale Turner, OK	1992	St. Louis
Tom Klein, NV	1993	Nashville
Merle Richter, WI	1994	Dallas
Tom Heffernan, TX	1995	Denver
MeeCee Baker, PA	1996	Cincinnati
Duane Fisher, IA	1997	Las Vegas
Tom Kremer, OH	1998	New Orleans
Mike Cox, VA	1999	Orlando
Paul Jaure, TX	2000	San Diego
Bryan D. Gause, IN *	2001	New Orleans
Sarah Osborn Welty, MD	2002	Las Vegas
Roger Teeple, NC	2003	Orlando
Jeff Maierhofer, IL	2004	Las Vegas
Allan Sulser, UT	2005	Kansas City
Lee J. James, MS	2006	Atlanta
Harold Eckler, MO	2007	Las Vegas
Sally Shomo, VA	2008	Charlotte
Ray Nash, MS	2009	Nashville
Greg Curlin, IN	2010	Las Vegas
Ken Couture, CT	2011	Atlanta
Farrah Johnson, FL	2012	St. Louis
Kevin Stacy, OK	2013	Las Vegas
Charlie Sappington, IL	2014	Nashville
Terry Rieckman, SD	2015	New Orleans
Scott Stone, MO	2016	Las Vegas

*indicates deceased

MEMBERSHIP DATA

8,628

2017-2018 Membership Total



REGION 1				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Alaska	3	17	11	6
Arizona	74	74	88	87
California	188	211	254	268
Hawaii	6	5	8	8
Idaho	132	137	139	152
Montana	137	105	78	121
Nevada	45	39	35	44
Oregon	120	150	171	153
Utah	124	122	116	170
Washington	196	195	203	196
Wyoming	50	60	60	61
Total	1,075	1,115	1,163	1,266

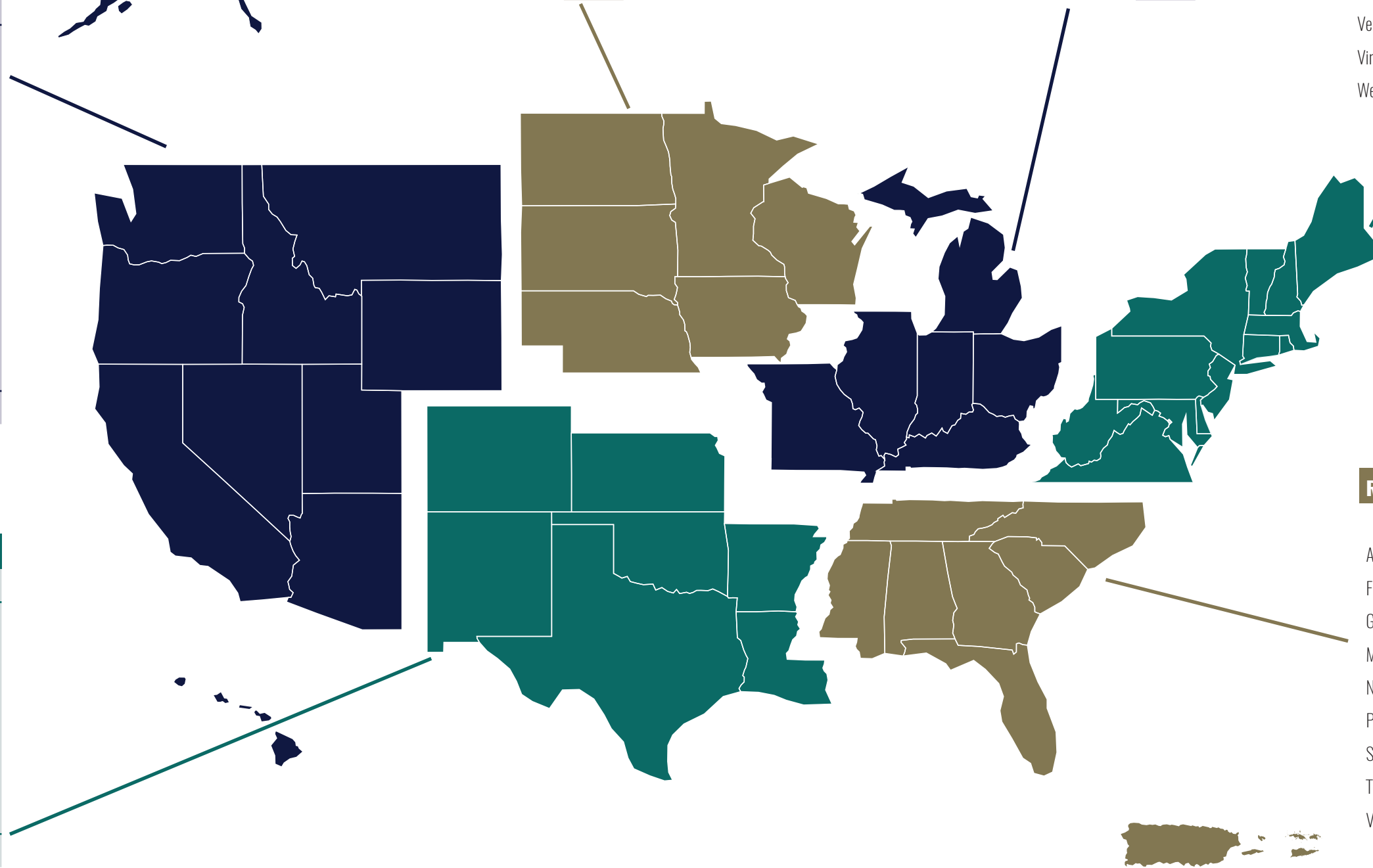
REGION 2				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Arkansas	167	179	166	203
Colorado	96	121	118	124
Kansas	234	258	257	258
Louisiana	213	222	222	214
New Mexico	87	81	70	84
Oklahoma	490	502	511	559
Texas	62	68	51	54
Total	1,349	1,431	1,395	1,496

REGION 3				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Iowa	204	174	163	162
Minnesota	334	349	345	392
Nebraska	167	165	184	187
North Dakota	122	131	149	114
South Dakota	104	96	105	114
Wisconsin	441	470	494	465
Total	1,372	1,385	1,440	1,434

REGION 4				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Illinois	422	438	422	441
Indiana	333	342	365	358
Kentucky	242	247	279	217
Michigan	78	83	99	107
Missouri	540	531	532	541
Ohio	233	229	199	175
Total	1,848	1,870	1,896	1,839

REGION 6				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Connecticut	108	107	120	95
Delaware	64	59	44	49
Maine	6	3	3	2
Maryland	44	50	47	42
Massachusetts	5	5	1	4
New Hampshire	29	28	25	22
New Jersey	34	31	28	31
New York	119	114	129	144
Pennsylvania	178	167	157	168
Rhode Island	8	8	11	9
Vermont	6	2	0	5
Virginia	175	170	172	165
West Virginia	64	42	47	50
Total	840	786	784	786

REGION 5				
	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Alabama	252	245	210	237
Florida	197	203	179	211
Georgia	448	492	488	528
Mississippi	120	124	116	124
North Carolina	343	330	345	356
Puerto Rico	1	0	1	1
South Carolina	122	137	103	137
Tennessee	201	188	197	212
Virgin Islands	1	1	0	1
Total	1,685	1,720	1,639	1,807



STATE ASSOC. & MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

The following states were recognized for their NAAE membership status in 2017 - 2018.

100% STATE ASSOCIATION AWARDS



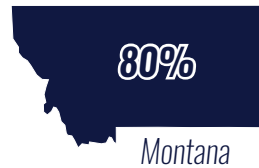
LARGEST NUMERICAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP INCREASE



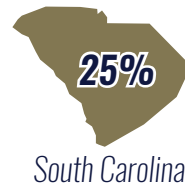
LARGEST NUMERICAL OVERALL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE



LARGEST PERCENTAGE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP INCREASE



LARGEST PERCENTAGE OVERALL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE



LARGEST STUDENT MEMBERSHIP



LARGEST STATE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP



"10% PLUS" AWARDS

Arkansas
Delaware
Florida
Massachusetts

Minnesota
Montana
New Mexico
New Jersey

New York
South Carolina
Utah

Professional State Association Awards

The following states received the highest recognition:

Distinguished

- Arizona
- New York
- Arkansas
- North Carolina
- Colorado
- North Dakota
- Georgia
- Ohio
- Illinois
- Oklahoma
- Indiana
- Pennsylvania
- Iowa
- Virginia
- Kansas
- Washington
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Missouri

Professional

- Alabama
- Florida
- Idaho
- Michigan
- Montana
- Nebraska
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah

Active

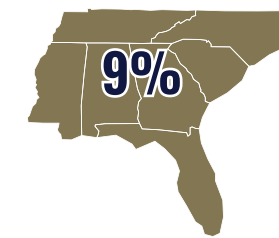
- Kentucky
- Nevada
- Texas
- Wyoming

LARGEST NUMERICAL MEMBERSHIP INCREASE BY REGION



Region V
Stan Scurlock, Vice President

LARGEST PERCENTAGE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE BY REGION



Region V
Stan Scurlock, Vice President

LARGEST REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP



Region IV
Parker Bane, Vice President

100% STUDENT MEMBER UNIVERSITIES



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
River Falls

2018 NAAE CONVENTION

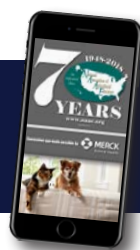
San Antonio, Texas was the host for the 2018 NAAE Convention from November 28 thru December 1, 2018. The convention serves as the annual business meeting for NAAE, provides professional development workshops at all levels of instruction, networking opportunities, and includes an evening reception for members and sponsors.



Over 775 agricultural educators attended #NAAE18

Approximately 100 professional development workshops

58% of attendees signed up for the Convention app sponsored by Merck Animal Health



2,596.5 hours of professional development credits issued to participants

57 awards were handed out at #NAAE18

74 preservice teachers participated in the Future Agriscience Teacher Symposium (FAST) at #NAAE18

33 businesses participated in the NAAE Organizational Members and Business Partners Reception



2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Outstanding Early Career Teacher

The NAAE Outstanding Early Career Teacher encourages young teachers to remain in the profession and recognizes participation in professional activities.

The Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award program is sponsored by John Deere, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

- Region I **Katelyn Titus** - California
Galt High School
- Region II **Lauren Emerson** - Louisiana
Rapides Parish CTE Program
- Region III **Tyler Warren** - Minnesota
Eden Valley-Watkins High School
- Region IV **Bryan Schullian** - Illinois
Southeastern Junior/Senior High School
- Region V **Jillian Ford** - North Carolina
Richlands High School
- Region VI **Megan Slates** - Pennsylvania
Penn Manor High School



JOHN DEERE





Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program

A goal of NAAE is to promote outstanding programs in agricultural education and effectively communicate success stories.

The Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education program award is partially sponsored by Bayer, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

- Region I **Clovis East High School** - California
Steven Gambriel, Ken Dias, Aireal Covey, Amanda Shoffner, Jennifer Knight, David Valdez, Greg Ravy
- Region II **Royal Valley High School** - Kansas
Kim Clark
- Region III **York High School** - Nebraska
Cal Williams and Jason Hirschfeld
- Region IV **North Huron School** - Michigan
Joseph Ankley
- Region V **Bagley Middle School** - Georgia
Nelson McCracken
- Region VI **Wamogo Regional High School** - Connecticut
Casey Dunn, Chris Brittain, Lori Bennett, Elyse Manyak, Andrew Zielinski, Victoria Christian



Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher

This award distinguishes NAAE members who are conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs. The award recognizes leadership in civic, community, agriculture/agribusiness and professional activities. Outstanding agricultural educators are innovators and catalysts for student success in agricultural education.

The Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award is sponsored by Caterpillar, Inc. and Tractor Supply Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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| Region I | Wes Crawford - Oregon
<i>Sutherlin High School</i> | Region IV | Tamara Hyatt - Michigan
<i>Lapeer Co. Education & Technology Center</i> |
| Region II | Carolyn Piguet - Oklahoma
<i>Vinita High School</i> | Region V | Matthew Dettloff - Florida
<i>Chiefland Middle School</i> |
| Region III | Neil Pearson - Minnesota
<i>Willmar High School</i> | Region VI | Holly Hufford - Delaware
<i>Smyrna Middle School</i> |





Outstanding Postsecondary Agricultural Program

NAAE places high value on continuing education in agriculture. The Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program Award recognizes exemplary postsecondary institutions and full-time young farmer and adult ag education programs.

The Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program award is sponsored by Bayer, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

- Region I **University of Idaho** - Idaho
Dr. Jim Connors, Dr. Kattlyn Wolf, Dr. Jeremy Falk, Dr. Kasee Smith
- Region II **Aims Community College** - Colorado
Amy McFarland
- Region III **Northland Community and Technical College** - Minnesota
Josh Tjosaas and Ron Dvergsten
- Region IV **Lake Land College** - Illinois
Ryan Orrick, Allen Drake, Ryan Wildman, Anthony Reinhart, Rusell Neu, Robert Miller, Jordan Rauch, Mark Niemerg, Dyke Barkley
- Region V **Wayne County Young Farmers Program** - Georgia
Reggie Beasley, Michael Kirkland, Michael Schwarz
- Region VI **The Pennsylvania State University** - Pennsylvania
Dr. Daniel Foster, Dr. John Ewing, Dr. Kevin Curry



Teacher Mentor

If you ask agriculture teachers what motivated them to enter and stay in the teaching profession, predominately they will attribute their decision to another agriculture teacher who encouraged them. This award program provides beginning teachers a way to say thank you to the experienced teachers who have influenced them.

This award program is sponsored by CEV Multimedia.

- Region I **Elaine Lewis** - Washington
Omak High School
- Region II **Marty Coulson** - Oklahoma
Wellston High School
- Region III **Jamie Propson** - Wisconsin
Mishicot High School
- Region IV **John Poulson** - Ohio
Pettisville High School
- Region V **Dr. Phil Fravel** - South Carolina
Clemson University
- Region VI **Sherry Heishman** - Virginia
Central High School





Lifetime Achievement

NAAE recognizes retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

This program is sponsored by Ford as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

- Region I **Jim Summers** - Idaho
Westside High School
- Region II **Kent Boggs** - Oklahoma
Oklahoma FFA Association
- Region III **Dan Kvalheim** - Wisconsin
DeForest Area High School
- Region IV **Harold Eckler** - Missouri
North Shelby High School
- Region V **Dr. Gary Moore** - North Carolina
North Carolina State University
- Region VI **Terrie Shank** - Maryland
Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation

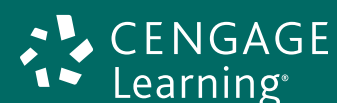


Ideas Unlimited

The Ideas Unlimited contest is designed to give members an opportunity to exchange classroom, SAE, leadership, and other teaching ideas.

This program is sponsored by National Geographic Learning | Cengage Learning.

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| Region I | Bridget Goodner - Arizona
<i>Gilbert High School</i> | Region IV | Mike Keilholz - Missouri
<i>Pleasant Hill R-III Schools</i> |
| Region II | Samantha Reese - Colorado
<i>Wiley Junior/Senior High School</i> | Region V | Brandi Baade - Georgia
<i>Pike County Ninth Grade Academy</i> |
| Region III | Nikki Fidely-Doll - North Dakota
<i>Center-Stanton High School</i> | Region VI | Melvin Phelps - New York
<i>Lowville Academy & Central School</i> |





Outstanding Service Citation

NAAE recognizes current and retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels with the Outstanding Service Citation.

This program is sponsored by Goodheart-Willcox.

- Region I **Dr. James Connors** - Idaho
University of Idaho
- Region II **James Cannon** - Arkansas
Prescott High School
- Region III **David Black** - Kentucky
Murray State University
- Region IV **Scott Johnson** - Indiana
Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators
- Region V **Dr. Jim Flowers** - North Carolina
North Carolina State University
- Region VI **Joseph Linthicum** - Maryland
Francis Scott Key High School



Outstanding Cooperation

NAAE recognizes organizations, agribusiness companies, and others who have given outstanding support to agricultural education with the Outstanding Cooperation Award.

The plaques for this program are sponsored by Forrest T. Jones & Company.

- Region I **Eugene and Shawn Smith** - Idaho
Idaho Culver's Restaurants
- Region II **Dr. Catherine Shoulders** - Arkansas
University of Arkansas
- Region III **Kevin Dahlman** - Minnesota
- Region IV **Richard Roller** - Missouri
Seitz Fundraising
- Region V **Georgia FFA Foundation** - Georgia
- Region VI **Ron Saacke** - Virginia
Virginia Farm Bureau Federation



CASE Awards

CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) annually recognizes teachers and schools with the CASE Model School Award and CASE Innovation Award. The CASE Model School Award recognizes a school whose CASE certified teacher presents CASE in its truest form and offers a structure sequence of CASE courses while the CASE Innovative Award highlights a creative classroom and teaching approach as CASE certified teachers implement and promote CASE.

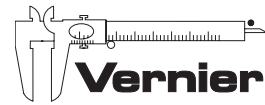
These awards are sponsored by Vernier Software & Technology.

CASE MODEL SCHOOL AWARD

Melissa Hageman - Iowa
South Winneshiek High School

CASE INNOVATION AWARD

Ryan Maiden - Washington
Touchet Middle and High Schools



Distinguished Service Award

Glenn Sims - Wisconsin
Retired Senior Regional Director at National FFA Foundation

2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Upper Division Scholarship

NAAE awards this year's scholarships to students who are majoring in agricultural education and who will be completing their student teaching in the fall 2018 or spring 2019 semesters.

This program is sponsored by Growth Energy, Herman & Bobbie Wilson, and National Geographic Learning | Cengage Learning.

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| Lisa Boltz | Pennsylvania State University |
| Bailey Crowder | Purdue University |
| Alice Cox | Clemson University |
| Madelyne Easley | Louisiana State University |
| Hannah Eckblad | University of Wisconsin-River Falls |
| Jennifer Herman | University of Wisconsin-River Falls |
| Victoria Herr | Pennsylvania State University |
| Jordan Jones | University of Illinois |
| Brianna Lammers | Purdue University |
| Sarah Lesemann | University of Tennessee-Martin |
| Chad Lewis | University of Tennessee-Martin |
| Cody McClain | Ohio State University |
| Adam Rosentreter | University of Illinois |
| Ryan Rupert | Pennsylvania State University |
| Elisa Russ | Iowa State University |
| Kelly Susa | University of Wisconsin-River Falls |
| Joshua Toft | Montana State University |
| Victoria Ulrey | Washington State University |
| Megan Whited | Washington State University |



TEACH AG

The **National Teach Ag Campaign** is a project of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. The mission is to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain high quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture, and celebrate the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities.



81,463 & **46** states were directly impacted by a National Teach Ag Campaign program.
individuals



Thank You Teach Ag Supporters:



9th Annual National Teach Ag Day Thursday, September 20, 2018

Hosted by **Corveva Agriscience™** Agriculture Division of DowDuPont™ in Johnston, IA



On-Site Attendees

- 89 on-site attendees
- 17 states represented
- 16 institutions
- 26 preservice teachers
- 12 hours of preservice professional development
- 29 interviewees & 10,200 views of *Live from the Green Carpet* webcast

Teacher Appreciation Week May 7 - 11, 2018

Five Teachers • Five Programs • Five Days

Sabrina Davis – GA
Keely DiTizio – NJ
Isaiah Govea – AZ
Riley Hintzsche – IL
Dane White – CA

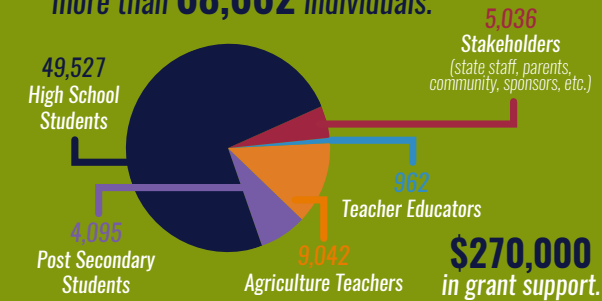


State Teach Ag Results (STAR Program)

The STAR program is designed to assist states in developing sustainable and effective recruitment and retention plans based on historical data, real-time trends and individual state needs. In 2018, **36 states** participated, an increase of six over 2017.



STAR based initiatives directly impacted more than **68,662** individuals.



CASE

Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education

Scholarships & Grants Awarded

- CHS Foundation supported **55 partial scholarships**
- Firestone supported **4 partial scholarships** for the *Mechanical Systems in Agriculture* course
- Association of Equipment Manufacturers in partnership with the Equipment Dealers Association funded **32 partial scholarships** for the *Agricultural Power and Technology* and *Mechanical Systems in Agriculture* courses
- Farm Credit East awarded **9 partial scholarships**
- DuPont Pioneer funded **122 teachers** and pre-service teacher education programs and provided **\$267,200 in grants**
- USDA Professional Development Opportunity for Secondary School Teachers (PD-STEP) funded **22 teachers** to participate as a cohort in the two-year CASE Pathway Adoption Grant Program
- In total, **244 scholarships and grants** were awarded this year



CASE

CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) is committed to **improving educational experiences** for agriculture students by **empowering agriculture teachers**. CASE is an initiative of The National Council for Agricultural Education and managed by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Curriculum includes detailed instructions, assessments, rubrics, hands-on activities, projects, and problems with each lesson. CASE professional development enhances the level of STEM education in agriculture classroom.

2017-2018 CASE Impact

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2018 CASE Institutes



Thank You CASE Sponsors:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Program

NAAE's **National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Program** is a multi-faceted program that provides trainings on several different levels that offer teachers the opportunity to receive agriscience specific training through inquiry-based and science rigor instruction and opens the door to new and improved agricultural education.

National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy (NATAA)

- Serves as a train the trainer program
- 2018 academy trained **19 teachers** with **50 hours** of professional development received by each teacher
- In 16 years, **383 Ambassadors** have been trained
 - 2018 Ambassadors positively affected **over 10,000 students** during the year
- **98% of trained Ambassadors** remain in the profession (2% have retired)



NAAE Agriscience Inquiry Institutes (AgI²)

- State level institutes that focus on training teachers within their home states utilizing trained Ambassadors
- **81 teachers** and **1,335 hours** of CEUs were earned by teachers as part of the *NAAE Agriscience Inquiry Institutes*
- **21 workshops** across **12 states** reaching **300+ teachers** were conducted on the local and state level by trained Ambassadors



National Agriscience Preservice Teacher Program (NAPTP)

- **124 preservice agricultural education students** were trained as part of the *National Agriscience Preservice Teacher Program* and the *Future Agriscience Teacher Symposium (FAST)*



Annual Symposium of National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors

- Continuing education for Ambassadors focused on the newest Agriscience teaching innovations
- **72 Ambassadors** participated in continuing education earning **216 hours** of CEUs

In 2018, **384 teachers** attended at least one NAAE Agriscience Learning Lab held at *Teachers' World at National FFA Convention*, *NAAE Convention*, *National Science Teachers' Association Conference*, and *Regional National Science Teachers' Association Conference*

- **450+ hours** of CEUs were earned by participants



XLR8 Program

NAAE's **XLR8 National Professional Development Program** focuses on providing mid-career teachers the tools and support they need to grow and flourish in their career. The overall goal of the program is to train and promote quality well-balanced teacher leaders who will remain in the profession of teaching agriculture.

2017-2018 Highlights:

- **22 teachers** participated in the national cohort
- **119 teachers** have participated since the introduction of program in 2013 with a **98% retention rate**
- **4 State/Regional Institutes** were held with **85 additional teachers** trained
- Teachers participated in **14 hours** of specifically designed professional development sessions with topics including:
 - Balancing work and family life
 - Reducing stress
 - Teaching with Your Strengths
 - Health and Wellness



The XLR8 program is sponsored by CSX and Herman & Bobbie Wilson as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.



2018 Participants:

California	Amanda Ferguson	Louisiana	Cody Manuel
Colorado	Katie Greenwood	Missouri	Stacy French
Connecticut	Victoria Christian	Montana	Allyson Lammiman
Idaho	Cami Schumann		Joylyn Petrosky
Illinois	Darcy Nekolny	Oklahoma	Jon Derek Mitchell
	Corrine Wascher	Oregon	Bibianna Giffit
Indiana	Brad Briggs	South Dakota	Noelle Swanson
Iowa	Courtney May	Utah	Zane Christensen
Kansas	Jacqueline Gabbert	Washington	Sarah Thomas
	KaCee Thompson	Wisconsin	Michelle Howe
Kentucky	Daniel Bustle		



Teachers Turn the Key

Agricultural education is continually faced with a shortage of qualified teachers. Unless those who have been trained enter and remain in the profession for a period of several years, the shortage of qualified teachers will prevail. As a means of encouraging young teachers to remain in the profession and to encourage and recognize participation in professional activities, NAAE offers the Teachers Turn the Key Program.

This program is sponsored by RAM Trucks as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

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