

FFA Foundations

FFA and Leadership Foundations

AFNR-BAS-2: Relate the role of the FFA student organization in the students' personal development.

FFA BACK IN THE DAY

- **1917:** The Smith-Hughes National Vocational Education Act established vocational agriculture courses.
 - (both Smith and Hughes were Georgia Congressmen)

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- **1928:** the Future Farmers of America was founded during the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri

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- **1950:** Public Law 740 passed U.S. Congress granting FFA a federal charter and officially making FFA an “intracurricular” part of agriculture education

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- **1965:** the FFA absorbed the New Farmers of America an organization for African-American students
 - followed the desegregation of schools
 - increased membership
- **1969:** girls allowed membership

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- **1988:** changed the name to The National FFA Organization to reflect the increase in the diversity of agriculture
 - agriculture had grown beyond production farming to include areas such as science, technology, and business

FFA PLACES AND FACES

- **Henry Groseclose:** known as “The Father of FFA” because his Future Farmers of Virginia Club inspired other states which led to the formation of the Future Farmers of America

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- **Leslie Applegate:** first national FFA president
 - he was from New Jersey

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- **E.M. Tiffany:** author of The FFA Creed which was officially adopted by the FFA in 1930

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- **Kansas City, Missouri:** birthplace of the FFA and home to the National FFA Convention for 71 years

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- **Alexandria, Virginia:** where the National FFA Headquarters were established on land formerly owned by George Washington

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- **Louisville, Kentucky:** site of the National FFA Convention after moving from Kansas City
 - held there from 1999 - 2005 and 2013 - 2016

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- **Indianapolis, Indiana:** current home of The National FFA Center; site of the National FFA Convention from 2006 - 2012
 - National Convention will be held there again beginning in 2017

FFA, BE A PART OF IT

- **Four Types of FFA Membership:**
 - **Active:** active middle and high school students enrolled in an agriculture education class
 - **Collegiate:** college students interested in agriculture careers
 - **Alumni:** former active members and other FFA supporters
 - **Honorary:** given to individuals who have provided outstanding service to the FFA and agriculture education

LIVE IT, EARN IT

- **Discovery Degree:** for middle school students
- **Greenhand Degree:** for first-year agriculture education students in grades 9-12
- **Chapter Degree:** for second- and third-year agriculture education students in grades 9-12
- **State Degree:** for third- and fourth-year agriculture education students in grades 9-12
- **American Degree:** the highest degree; students must have graduated and been out of high school for at least one year

WORDS TO LIVE BY

The FFA Motto:

Learning to Do,

Doing to Learn,

Earning to Live,

Living to Serve

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The FFA Mission Statement:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

A SYMBOL OF PRIDE – THE FFA EMBLEM

Eagle – national
pride, freedom

Owl – wisdom

Plow – hard work,
labor, tillage



**Cross-section of
Ear of Corn** – unity

Words – FFA is
intracurricular

Rising Sun –
progress, a new day

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

- Official Dress is the “**uniform**” of the FFA and a nationally recognized symbol of the FFA
- the jacket should only be worn by members and always **zipped all the way up**
- includes the jacket worn with:
 - black pants (or skirt for girls)
 - white shirt with a collar
 - FFA tie or scarf
 - black shoes (and socks/hose)



OPENING CEREMONIES OFFICER STATIONS

- **President** – by the rising sun
- **Vice President** – by the plow
- **Secretary** – by the ear of corn
- **Treasurer** – by the emblem of Washington
- **Reporter** – by the flag
- **Sentinel** – by the door
- **Advisor** – by the owl

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THANK YOU FOR LEARNING
WITH ONE LESS THING.

“We make teaching Ag easier.”

