#### FFA Foundations

FFA and Leadership Foundations

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

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

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

IPSO: Public Law 740 passed U.S. Congress granting FFA a federal charter and officially making FFA an "<u>intracurricular</u>" part of agriculture education

 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

- 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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:

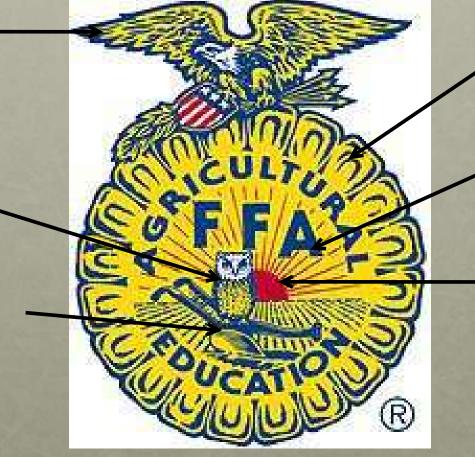
FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership**, **personal growth** and **career success** through agricultural education.

#### 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 o the jacket should only be worn by members and always zipped all the way up o 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  $\circ$  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."

