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SUMMER 2021

GEARING UP FOR A NEW YEAR

How did summer fly by so quickly?

FFA members are returning to school and the agricultural education classroom!

They're busy getting ready for a new year, preparing for competitions & expanding their work-based learning projects.

In this issue, you will hear updates from Montana FFA, reminisce about State Convention and more.

A MESSAGE FROM



Curt Robbins

For the past 12 months, Montana FFA members have been forging forward to create and innovate agricultural education like we have never seen before. This spring, we were able to celebrate the dawn of an exciting season with a sea of blue jackets converging in Billings for State FFA Convention. All of us at the Montana FFA Foundation want to thank every advisor, parent, volunteer, and sponsor for helping make the 91st Annual Montana FFA State Convention possible.

I want to extend a special thank you to the enthusiastic leaders in the blue jacket! Whether you were *stationed* at your home, *stationed* at a chapter meeting, or *stationed* in agricultural life through your Supervised Agricultural Experience, you have shown what it means to be *Stationed By Success* throughout the last year.

As many of you have already taken advantage of summer opportunities like the Agricultural

Opportunities Tour and Alumni Leadership Camp, I also encourage you to take deep dives into community service and the take the chance to reconnect with what makes Montana FFA a family: our people.

We are truly united in the blue jacket. At the Foundation, we spent the summer connecting and strengthening relationships with our supporters and preparing for our fall events. If you know of any people who would like to get involved with Montana FFA and our vision to strengthen youth leadership in agriculture, I encourage you to invite them to an FFA activity or connect them with one of our staff at the Foundation. I wish everyone a happy and productive fall!

Forever blue,

CURT ROBBINS
BOARD PRESIDENT
MONTANA FFA FOUNDATION



Ready to Reconnect

2021-2022 STATE OFFICERS

As your 2021-2022 Montana FFA State Officer Team, we all feel extremely responsible to serve you and have a committed role in the success of Montana FFA and it's members.

Our team agrees that we find ourselves in a fairly unique and critical position, especially this year. With this past 2020 year being uncertain, chaotic, and disconnected as a result of the pandemic, we see our year of service as a chance to reconnect Montana FFA and the program everyone in the blue jacket loves so much.

We see this next year as a chance to be brought together, stronger and more united than ever, and our officer team hopes to accomplish that throughout this next year's events: DLS, chapter visits, Ag Expo, State Convention, and every other conference, competition, and meeting we attend.

Each and every officer is excited and motivated to meet as many members, sponsors, supporters, and leaders as possible and strive to provide for all the same impact FFA has had on us. From your 2021-22 Montana FFA State Officer Team: thank you for the chance to serve you and the FFA organization, and best of luck in the future of agriculture.

All the best,

2021-2022 STATE OFFICER TEAM
MONTANA FFA ASSOCIATION

Meet the Team!



PRESIDENT | JOE LACKMAN | FORSYTH FFA

Current plans: Majoring in Agricultural Communications, Leadership and Extension at Montana State University.

Fun fact: I have played 6-man, 8-man, and 11-man football.



1ST VICE PRESIDENT | COLTON YOUNG | STILLWATER VALLEY FFA

Current plans: Attending Montana Tech in Butte and pursuing a degree in Welding Technology.

Fun Fact: In my last football game, I scored 5 touchdowns in the second half.



2ND VICE PRESIDENT | DANIELLE HORAN | MOORE FFA

Current plans: Majoring in Biology at Montana State University and pursuing a career in the medical field.

Fun Fact: When I was younger, I earned the nickname raccoon because I liked to dunk all of my food in water just like a raccoon would.



SECRETARY | RILEY PRATHER | BIG TIMBER FFA

Current plans: Pursuing a degree in Agriculture Education at Montana State University.

Fun Fact: I eat skittles in color groups.



TREASURER | MATTHEW SLIVKA | WINIFRED FFA

Current plans: Attending Montana State University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Crop Science.

Fun Fact: I can solve a Rubik's Cube in under 35 seconds.



REPORTER | CODY JOHANNES | HUNTLEY PROJECT FFA

Current Plans: Pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine and taking a Pre-Vet Med Course at Montana State University this year.

Fun Fact: My real name is Conrad.



SENTINEL | ALLISON DENTON | FERGUS OF LEWISTOWN FFA

Current Plans: Majoring in Agriculture Education at Montana State University.

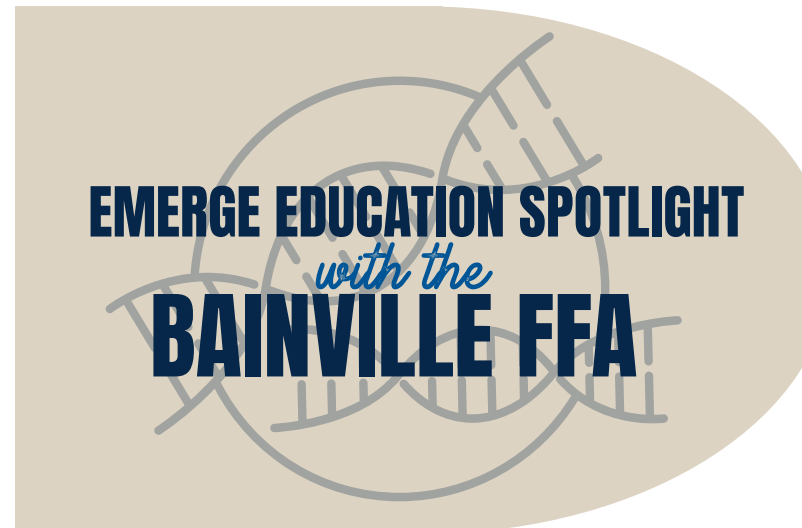
Fun Fact: My favorite movie of all time is The Hunger Games.



PARLIAMENTARIAN | SYDNEY KIRSCHTEN | BAKER FFA

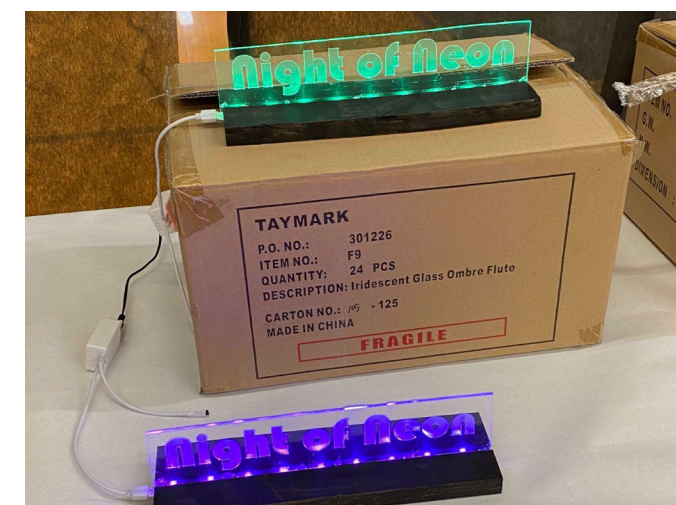
Current Plans: Pursue a degree in Mortuary Science and get my cosmetology degree next year.

Fun Fact: I was classically trained in ballet for 9 years.



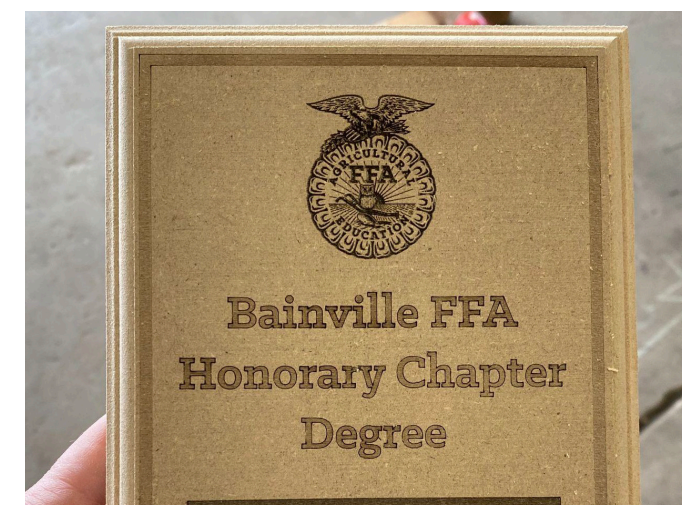
The Bainville FFA Chapter used their Emerge Education grant combined with other CTE funding to purchase a large laser engraver with several accessories. The chapter has been learning as they go and have created several unique, spectacular projects with it.

They created neon signs for their school prom, metal business card holders, and plan to foster a sustainable fundraising program using the engraver. The chapter has already been contracted to make the plaques for the Big Muddy FFA District contests next year and is also looking into



engraving leather to make the awards for their county fair.

Not only has the chapter found experiential and monetary value in the project, but they also utilize the laser engraver as a recruitment tool for their program. Students from seventh grade to seniors have taken an interest in using the engraver and enthusiasm for classes is growing. The potential is limitless, and the chapter is just getting started on the opportunities.



DRIVE
in
STYLE



Choosing our license plate at registration or renewal supports our Montana FFA members. \$20 from the sale or renewal of each plate goes directly to the Foundation and assists in providing opportunities for all Montana FFA members.

If you would like to further support FFA members, contact the Montana FFA Foundation at (406) 582-4118 for more information.



BECOMING WHAT THE FUTURE NEEDS

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

State Convention brought so many meaningful experiences to students across Big Sky Country, particularly for this year's award recipients. In 2020, the Montana FFA Foundation awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants to students and FFA chapters.

\$100,000 of direct student support is triple the amount of scholarships and grants awarded only five years prior.

These awards support students in attending leadership conferences, building their entrepreneurship projects, and providing STEM equipment to enhance Agricultural Education instruction in their schools. Your support makes it possible to further advance students' personal growth in enriching ways in 2021.

We applaud these outstanding members as they begin their college careers, create new work-based learning experiences, and commit to reaching leadership potential. *Congratulations* to our 2021 scholarship and grant recipients.

Congrats Recipients!

Bulls For Blue Grant Recipients

Coulter Rein, Big Timber
Owen Dunn, Corvallis
Laney Jones, Miles City
Wyatt Todd, Saint Regis
Shayla Russell, Stillwater Valley (Absarokee)

Supervised Agricultural Experience Grant Recipients

Holly Vranish, Belgrade
Lance Vranish, Belgrade
Jacob Chulyak, Big Timber
Cody Prather, Big Timber
Ashley Young, Big Timber
Janya Jackson, Corvallis
Devan Birrer, Fromberg
Kamden Carr, Fromberg
Layton Geary, Grass Range
Jasmine Brinley, Grass Range
Skyler Shima, Mission Valley (Ronan)
Mackenzie Serrano, Roundup
Abigail Curtis, Ruby Valley (Sheridan)
Alexia Feddes, Stillwater Valley (Absarokee)
Shannon Todd, Saint Regis

College Scholarship Recipients

LEAVE A LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Megan Johnson, Broadus
Kadyn Braaten, Broadwater (Townsend)
Hannah Griffin, Clark's Fork (Bridger)
Ryan Signalness, Fairfield
Morgan Corean, Grass Range
Bailey Lake, Kalispell
Skyler David, Miles City
Jaylea Lunceford, Mission Valley (Ronan)
Amy Chilcote, Missoula
Tess Shaw, Roundup
Zachary Solomon, Stanford
Matthew Slivka, Winifred

Dr. Max Amberson Scholarship: Grace Aisenbrey, Clark's Fork (Bridger); Joe Lackman, Forsyth
AMTOPP Scholarship: Makenna Hartle, Kalispell
Blue Shows Through Scholarship: Lexy Dietz, Shepherd
Lars Ronning Scholarship: Laurel Sponheim, Richey
MABA/MGEA Scholarship: Sage Willis, Shields Valley; James Taurman-Aldrich, Fergus of Lewistown
Murdoch's Scholarship: Tiffany Ioder, Corvallis
Servant Leadership Scholarship: Riley Larson, Conrad
Stockman Bank Scholarship: Brealyn LaRue, Big Timber; Cody Johannes, Huntley Project
TrailWest Bank Scholarship: Kaden Braaten, Broadwater; Kayla Johnson, Shields Valley
Vern Dahlstrom Memorial Scholarship: Miles Graveley, Deer Lodge

Leadership Conference Scholarship Recipients

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AND EXPO

Caden Seaholm, Grass Range (Holt Family Scholarship)
Layton Tucek, Grass Range (John Bliss Scholarship)
Annika Lunde, Wibaux (Irene Andres Memorial Scholarship)

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP CAMP

Pat Cavey Scholarships

Rosalyn Daniel, Corvallis
Stefan Shoemaker, Fromberg
Annika Lunde, Wibaux

Brad King Memorial Scholarships

Zoey Aller, Big Timber
Sarah Lombardi, Deer Lodge

Sam Cornthwaite Memorial Scholarship

Kacey Corbin, Deer Lodge

Doris Robinson Memorial Scholarships

Clara Graveley, Deer Lodge
Madison Reynolds, Fromberg
Madison Birrer, Fromberg
Rylee Pederson, Wibaux

Montana FFA Alumni Scholarship

Katie Jackson, Corvallis

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Sam Cornthwaite Memorial Scholarships

Rosalyn Daniel, Corvallis
Katie Jackson, Corvallis

Montana FFA Alumni & Foundation Scholarships

Hailey Miles, Corvallis (Foundation)
Kaycee Corbin, Deer Lodge (Alumni & Foundation)
Cadee Hess, Park City (Alumni & Supporters)

LIVING TO SERVE

FFA **Helping Hands** 1928

COMMUNITY SERVICE
GRANT PROGRAM

A SPECIAL PROJECT OF THE MONTANA FFA FOUNDATION

PUTTING LEADERSHIP INTO ACTION

**TO MAKE
AN IMPACT**

THROUGH SERVICE ENGAGEMENT

**"LIVING TO SERVE" IS
PART OF THE FFA MOTTO.**

This year, \$7,500 in grant funding was awarded to six Montana FFA chapters seeking support for various service projects in their communities.

Keeping in the spirit of our motto, the Montana FFA Helping Hands Grant was created to secure funds for FFA community service projects. The Helping Hands Grant allows FFA members to apply for and receive the funding needed to move forward with their community service projects.

MILES CITY FFA received \$1,500 and is launching the "Keep Miles City Beautiful" Project, which addresses the need for sitting benches for walking trails within the Miles City community. Seventh and 8th-grade students enrolled in Agricultural Education classes at Washington Middle School will have the opportunity to work with the local Keeping Miles City Beautiful organization to develop bench type and needs for the existing community trail system. This interaction will allow for FFA members to work with the local organizations and further develop Miles City FFA's "living to serve" attitude.

VICTOR FFA earned \$1,500 and is committing to innovation through the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Improvement Project. The Victor community and Victor FFA regularly use the resources available through the county fairgrounds and are committed to giving back through repairing, replacing, and upgrading some facilities on the county fairgrounds.

PARK CITY FFA was awarded \$1,500 for their project, "Cleaning Park City's Park." Park City FFA identified that their town has one park that is hardly used. They want to provide the community a place to utilize and enjoy their long summer days. Cleaning up and revamping the park will allow this chapter to invest in local safety by giving a clean, welcoming environment for the community to gather. This project will also create space for Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) in the area for meetings and fundraisers.

BIG TIMBER FFA is immersing in agriculture and lending a helping hand to one of their own. This chapter received \$1,250 for their project, "Rostad Lamb Shelters." Current Big Timber FFA member, Timothy Rostad suffered the unfortunate loss of his barn, 16 registered Columbia ewes, and 14 new lambs to fire the first week of March. Luckily, Tim's chapter has his back and has secured funding for rebuilding. The Big Timber FFA will build two 8' x 8' sheds to keep his current and future livestock out of the elements.

MISSION VALLEY FFA is using its \$1,000 grant to cultivate fresh produce for its local food pantry. The Bread Basket is the emergency food pantry in Ronan and currently serves over 500 people per month. Mission Valley FFA is planning on building garden beds and growing fresh vegetables to donate to Bread Basket.



MISSOULA FFA brought home \$750 for their "Beefing Up Our Community" project. Their chapter has identified that over 40% of students at Big Sky High School face food insecurity, and their project involves processing beef at their meat lab and donate it to local families in need.

Kristy Rothe, Missoula FFA Advisor, commented: "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, local families have faced a meat shortage while local ranchers have faced low sale prices and lack of processing availability."

...our project will help serve both local families in need and help out ranchers."

-Kristy Rothe, Missoula FFA Advisor



**THE METHOD
MAY CHANGE,
BUT THE MISSION
STAYS THE SAME.**

Last year, Montana FFA discovered we can all aim to impact and serve one another, despite the circumstances affecting our communities.

Mamie Hertel, retired 2019-2020 National FFA Central Region Vice President from Montana said it best:

"Our environment doesn't change our mission of impact; it just changes the method of connection."

Together, we can further our vision of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture.



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**2020
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a word from the
National Officer Candidate

Dear Montana FFA,

When I joined the Missoula FFA Chapter in ninth grade, my knowledge of the agricultural industry was limited. Throughout my time in FFA, in addition to gaining knowledge about the agricultural industry, I have experienced personal growth, pursued premier leadership opportunities, and established a path to career success. I have been able to explore my passion for service-based leadership as a chapter officer and as your 2020-2021 Montana FFA State Secretary.

The members and supporters that I have met demonstrate the positive impact this organization has on the lives of students in Montana and across the nation. I am proud to represent the over 5,000 Montana FFA members this fall at the 94th National FFA Convention as Montana's National Officer Candidate.

In order to prepare for the rigorous selection process in October, I am meeting with industry professionals, reading personal development books, listening to podcasts and more. If you have any favorite books, podcasts, or an interesting news article you would like to share, feel free to email me at ffamckenna@gmail.com. This summer I will also be fundraising to cover the expenses of airfare and candidate training. If you are interested in supporting my journey financially, please contact me directly or contact the Montana FFA Foundation.

Thank you to the Montana FFA community for your continued support and encouragement. I look forward to representing you in Indianapolis this October.

MCKENNA QUIRK
National Officer Candidate
Montana FFA Association
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AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES TOUR

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DAY OF SERVICE SPONSORS
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Montana FFA members kicked off their summer in the best way possible, through agricultural opportunity discovery. June 10-13 marked the 12th annual Montana FFA Agricultural Opportunities Tour. This year, Ag Tour took place in Southwestern Montana, making stops in Helena, Dillon, Butte, and Deer Lodge. Twenty-one students and all eight State FFA Officers made the 382-mile journey.

The Ag Tour is a special project of the Montana FFA Foundation and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience. It is designed to supply additional opportunities to FFA members to explore career opportunities in Montana related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. Members who participate in this event tour various agricultural production operations, discover the multifaceted agribusinesses that support our farmers and ranchers and interact with industry professionals. Students bring home these experiences to further develop their Supervised Agricultural Experiences, grow their vision of their future in agriculture, and share their knowledge as leaders in their schools and communities.

The first Ag Opportunities Tour was held in 2009. Every year, the tour has provided new learning experiences for FFA members in different regions of Montana. This year certainly brought its own flavor.

“The first day of Ag Tour gave us a really well-rounded understanding of ag in Montana past, present, and future.”

- 2021-2022 State FFA Sentinel, Allison Denton

Starting in Helena, students first visited the Office of Public Instruction and spoke with Superintendent of Public Instruction, Elsie Arntzen. After learning how OPI supports career and technical education, the group traveled to the Montana Department of Agriculture. At the Department of Ag, students engaged in a better understanding of Montana ag trade and COVID-19's effect on agricultural commodities. At Montana Rail Link, members discovered the logistics required to transport our commodities to market. The blue jackets then headed south to visit Leep Dairy in Toston.

After the dairy, students kept moving south to Circle S Seeds in Three Forks. After touring the facilities and learning more about agronomy in southwestern Montana, the tour ventured further south to Alder for dinner at Boyd Angus Ranch. After dinner, sponsored by Madison Valley Bank, the crew visited Virginia City for a ghost town tour, and a deep dive into the history of natural resource management and agriculture during the peak of gold mining in Montana.



FFA members gearing up for their Day of Service project.

Day two brought innovation to the table, as the tour focused on production agriculture and how agriculturalists in southwestern Montana are practicing sustainable agriculture in their operations. This day kicked off with Garnet Mining Australia's U.S. mining operations in Alder. This open pit mine is the largest garnet mine in the United States and the second largest in the world. Yellowstone Farms in Dillon was the next destination. Yellowstone Farms is a small hemp production and distribution company. During the tour, students dove into learning what kinds added-value CBD products are made from hemp. When this tour was over, the bus traveled up the road to Sitz Angus Ranch where they enjoyed lunch sponsored by Opportunity Bank and a conversation about the importance of agricultural advocacy with Jim Sitz.

Another livestock operation the tour traveled to was Helle Ranch, owners Duckworth Wool Co. John Helle walked students through his wool production as well as some challenges he has faced within the ag industry pushing his operation into the public eye. Students learned about technology in animal production and non-traditional grazing methods at La Cense Livestock south of Dillon. The night was ended with a tour of University of Montana Western's campus and facilities with dinner sponsored by Frontline Ag Solutions.

The third day started bright and early with Cotton Seed Potatoes, where students toured the vast storage facilities and equipment used for seed potato production in Montana. The tour then leaped from potatoes to bees, as the group traveled to Butte and immersed themselves in a very important pollinator presentation with Bee Excellent.

From there, the tour traveled up the hill to the Montana Tech campus, where students enjoyed presentations of opportunities at Tech and a lunch sponsored by Kellan and Elizabeth Standley.

Hands-on learning was next on the docket at the Montana Sheet Metal Workers Apprenticeship Training Program. Not only did students learn about the metal fabrication industry and apprenticeship employment, but they also got their hands dirty with some metal work of their own! After building sheet metal boxes, students loaded the bus again and traveled to the Berkeley Pit where they dove (not literally) into the history of the richest hill on earth and its' role in natural resources waste management.

The hands-on learning continued as students launched into the second ever Agricultural Opportunities Tour Day of Service activity. This year, students helped clean up a local farm which included gardening, landscape management, and teamwork as the 21 students were put to work on the Lombardi Ranch. This year's Day of Service was sponsored by NorthWestern Energy and Headwaters Resource Conservation Development with dinner sponsored by Peoples Bank of Deer Lodge.

“We began implementing the Day of Service last year in northeastern Montana to connect students with the communities we were visiting and give back to those communities that supported our visit.”



Ag Tour participants learning about the processing and manufacturing of hemp into CBD products at Yellowstone Farms.



Cattle pictured at La Cense Livestock south of Dillon, Montana.

"For the past two years, this part of the tour has been a personal highlight as it is always empowering to see students engaged in service, building communities, and strengthening agriculture," explained Saralyn Standley, 2021 Ag Tour project lead and Programs & Events Coordinator for the Montana FFA Foundation.

On the fourth and final day of the tour, students stepped back in time at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch Historic Site. This tour solidified the connection between Montana's deep history in both agriculture and natural resources. This historic connection marked the last stop on the tour, and the group traveled back to the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds to head their separate ways and bring their newfound knowledge to their chapters.

“This tour took us through present-day southwestern Montana while also showing us the changes in agricultural practices throughout the years in the region, giving us the hands-on experience and innovative ideas to use in our future careers.”

- 2021-2022 State 1st Vice President, Colton Young

Lee Boyer Lifetime Achievement Award



Mr. Bill Jimmerson was honored by the Montana FFA Foundation during the Donor Session of the 91st Montana FFA State Convention for his lifetime commitment to Agricultural Education.

Over twenty years ago, a group of agriculturists and FFA enthusiasts had a vision for creating a bigger and brighter Montana FFA where every FFA member could be supported in their pursuit of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. This group of individuals created the Montana FFA Foundation in 1998 as a support mechanism to enhance opportunities and experiential learning for students in the FFA. Among the founders of the Montana FFA Foundation was Gordon "Lee" Boyer who served as Board President for eight years.

In honor of Lee, the Montana FFA Foundation recognizes individuals for exceptional contributions towards furthering agriculture education in Montana and lifelong commitment of selfless work, focus, and development of the Montana FFA Foundation and the Montana FFA Association by bestowing the Lee Boyer Lifetime Achievement Award. In recognition of the countless hours donated, endless support offered, and professional relationships fostered, we salute a distinguished champion of FFA and agriculture education. This year's Lee Boyer Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Bill Jimmerson.

Mr. Jimmerson served as an FFA Advisor for 25 years, most of which were in Conrad. During this time, he introduced the Ag Sales CDE, the Ag Issues LDE, the Native American Indian Presentation, and organized the Foundation's first Extravaganza fundraiser. He subsequently served as State FFA Advisor for several years and held various leadership roles in the Montana FFA Foundation and the Montana FFA Alumni & Supporters.



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Thank you to those who sponsored this year's State Convention in Billings and all FFA members across the state. Because of your support, this organization and its members have a bright future.

Friend of the Foundation Award



JOHN DEERE DEALERS OF MONTANA

John Deere Dealers of Montana were named the 2020-2021 Friend of the Foundation for their commitment to supporting career and technical skill development through the COVID-19 pandemic.

C&B Operations
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RDO Equipment CO.

In November of 2020, John Deere dealerships across the state stepped up to the plate and knocked a John Deere Ag Expo as we have never seen out of the park. John Deere partners could have said no, but instead, they asked "how?" as the Montana FFA Foundation and John Deere provided the Annual John Deere Ag Expo to over 1,600 students in 99 chapters throughout Montana by supporting hands-on learning contests in 12 satellite locations from Antelope to Twin Bridges.



2021 Upcoming Events

9/7-9/10 | DLS EAST

9/13-9/16 | DLS WEST

9/17 | BLUE AND GOLD GOLF TOURNAMENT

9/28 | RUBY VALLEY INVITATIONAL

10/19 | NILE LIVESTOCK CONTEST

10/27-10/30 | NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

11/11-11/13 | JOHN DEERE DEALERS AG EXPO

11/29-12/4 | NAAE NATIONAL CONVENTION