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Chapter Spotlight

The Crest FFA Alumni Chapter was officially chartered in 2005 and has grown to include roughly 40 active members who are passionate about supporting the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Our alumni chapter plays an active role in assisting with numerous events throughout the year. We help organize and run the Blue Jacket Jam concert, a major community event that brings people together to celebrate and support agricultural education. In addition, we assist with the annual banquet, coordinating both the silent auction and the meal for attendees. During the fall, our members also help with the

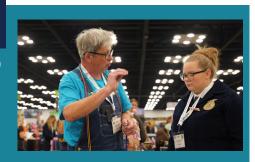
Haunted Barn event and volunteer at the livestock competitions at the annual Cleveland County Fair, providing hands-on support and encouragement to participating students.

When it comes to fundraising, the Blue Jacket Jam and silent auction are our two biggest annual efforts. These events have allowed the chapter to provide ongoing financial support for student opportunities. The alumni help fund travel expenses to competitions and conventions, cover food and activities for monthly chapter meetings, and provide additional financial support for student projects and leadership development activities.

What makes our chapter unique is the strong sense of community and teamwork that defines Crest FFA Alumni. Our members range from former FFA students and parents to community leaders and local business owners—all working together to make sure every student has the chance to experience what FFA has to offer. Whether it's flipping burgers at a fundraiser, lending a hand at the county fair, or cheering on students at a state competition, our alumni chapter is proud to stand behind Crest FFA every step of the way.

Scott Wood's Lasting Impact on FFA

While we are thankful for all the amazing FFA Alumni and Supporters across North Carolina, this Alumni member has made a large impact on the State and National level which called for him to be honored in a special way this year at the 98th National FFA Convention and Expo. Congratulations to Mr. Scott Wood for being awarded the Honorary American Degree and for being spotlighted by National FFA. To learn more about Mr. Wood's impact on FFA members read more here: http://ffa.org/the-feed/scott-wood-lasting-impact-on-ffa/.



Outstanding Corporate FFA Alumni & Supporters

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Chapter Recognition

This year was a great year for not only the North Carolina FFA Association, but also for our Alumni and Supporters Chapters. Congratulations for the following chapters for being recognized at the National Level:

Syngenta FFA Alumni and Supporters - Outstanding Corporate Alumni and Supporters Chapter

BASF FFA Alumni and Supporters - Outstanding Southern Region Chapter and Gold Ranked

FFA Alumni & Supporters at NC State - Outstanding Collegiate Alumni and Supporters Chapter and Gold Ranked

Bear Grass Charter FFA Alumni - Outstanding Alumni and Supporters Chapter Silver Ranked

South Rowan FFA Alumni - Outstanding Alumni and Supporters Chapter Silver Ranked



Honorary American Degree Recipients



Neil Bentley





The Honorary American Degree is the highest honorary degree awarded by the National FFA Organization. This degree is awarded to individuals who have made exceptional service to agriculture, agricultural education, or the FFA at a national level. It is for those who have gone beyond ordinary contributions to make a significant, long-term difference and inspire the next generation of agriculturists. Teachers with outstanding, high-quality agricultural education programs are also

Outstanding College Chapter

New in 2025-2026, the NC FFA Alumni and Supporters Association will recognize outstanding collegiate chapters for their work to engage members and support FFA chapters in their communities and across the state.

Applications can be found at: https://ncffa.org/nc-ffaalumni/alumni-awards/ and are due by March 2, 2026.



Collegiate Outstanding Alumni Chapter Award Application

The North Carolina FFA Collegiate Outstanding Chapter Award is designed to highlight the program of activities and efforts of Collegiate FFA Alumni Chapters in North Carolina. This award honors chapters' outstanding accomplishments and serves to encourage other Collegiate FFA Alumni Chapters to further their own achievements.



State Convention T-Shirt Contest

This year the NC FFA Alumni and Supporters will be hosting the first State Convention T-Shirt Design Contest to allow students to have a direct input on the design of their State Convention T-Shirt.

completed virtually and open to everyone.

For rules and more information visit: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NJdiU1WOd9TNhWEyNxrUuvLzsU8TbHiV/view? usp=sharing

> To Join the Alumni List Serve Fill Out the Following Form https://forms.gle/5HzypwzPd7JCiq6e9

To Nominate an Alumni Chapter to Be Spotlighted Fill Out the Following Form https://forms.gle/LbhqvHAmdHCEyfCe9







