

**[ NORTH CAROLINA  
ALUMNI & SUPPORTERS** **FFA**  
*Chapter Spotlight*

### **Southern Nash FFA Alumni**

Southern Nash FFA relies on its alumni to garner support for FFA from their local communities, raise funds for chapter activities and scholarships, assist at FFA leadership camps and conferences, and more! Since the fall of 2018, the Southern Nash FFA Alumni has grown into a group of over 30 members including parents, grandparents, community members, local ag leaders, and former FFA members that make up an incredible support system. What makes this group special is the relationships formed between the students, advisors and alumni, built through monthly meetings where students and alumni gather together and hours spent around the grills cooking Boston Butts.

In addition to monthly meetings during the school year, the Alumni stay active and offer support to the FFA students by participating in the following activities:

- Serve as judges for many federation, regional, and state contests including FFA Truck & Tractor Driving Contest
- Provide and serve concessions for the Blue & Gold Livestock Show
- Purchase supplies, sell, and cook in support of the fall and spring Boston Butt Sales (over 800 butts sold which would feed approximately 20,000 people in the community)
- Provide and serve concessions for the FFA Holiday Vendor Fair
- Provide and serve concessions for the Skeet Shoot Competition, and gift cards for the winners
- Serve lunch for students and teachers at the FFA Regional Rally
- Bake cakes for the auction held at the annual Blue & Gold Awards Banquet

The Alumni also contribute financial support so that students can attend various events throughout the year including FFA summer camps, and state and national conventions. Students can receive Official Dress through alumni awarded funding for these events. Our alumni members are incentivized to participate through a points program in which points are awarded for attending events, and meetings, and participating in committee work. The points are matched in dollars and can be redeemed by a student of the alumni's choosing to deduct the cost of any event, chapter t-shirt, or jacket. This is a great way to encourage participation for all!

About 4 years ago, they developed a Scholarship Program to include an application, selection criteria, and funding for 2-3 deserving Senior Graduates. The scholarship has become a competitive program that cultivates professional skills for students who apply.

**We are grateful for the Southern Nash FFA Alumni Chapter and look forward to their continued success in support of FFA!**

