



NORTH CAROLINA FFA



News from the Month

In January we hosted our inaugural Middle Grades Discovery Camp at the North Carolina FFA Center in White Lake, North Carolina. The purpose of this weekend-long camp is to expose middle school FFA members to a variety of topics and careers in agriculture.

During the camp, students participated in hands-on, engaging workshops presented by industry members, as well as leadership development workshops presented by the NC FFA and NC 4-H State Officers.

FFA Update

During the month, our 6 North Carolina FFA State Officers visited a variety of chapters and alumni programs across the state. One of the highlights for State Officer Alanna Greene was visiting the Eastern Wayne FFA Chapter for their "Succulents for Success Night."

"It was amazing seeing such hardworking, talented, and bright young FFA members taking their time to connect with their community through planting succulents!"

- Alanna Greene, North Carolina FFA State Vice President



**Eastern Wayne FFA
Succulents for Success**

Classroom Update - Teacher Spotlight



**Jeffery Cornwell
Burns High School**

The Regional Teacher of the Year Spotlight of January was Mr. Jeffery Cornwell from Burns High School. Mr. Cornwell has been teaching agriculture for 6 years and teaches the Animal Science I, Animal Science II: Food Animal, and Veterinary Science courses.

During the month of January, many of our teachers began their new semesters with new students and courses. We are wishing them a successful and exciting spring semester!

SAE SPOTLIGHT

Cade Edwards Southern Nash FFA Chapter

This January's SAE Spotlight showcases Cade Edwards from the Southern Nash FFA Chapter! Cade was recognized as the Diversified Crop Production Placement award winner at the 95th North Carolina FFA State Convention for his Supervised Agricultural Experience project revolving around using hydroponic systems to grow lettuce. He started his project during his sophomore year of high school out of a desire to learn more about growing lettuce without the use of soil. Being one of the first farms in his area to use hydroponics, Cade was able to overcome challenges such as pests and pH balancing. At M&H Edwards Farm, Cade also works with his father to prepare seed trays of broccoli, squash, tomatoes, cabbage, okra, and onions for transplant.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The North Carolina FFA Association bears its greatest successes from the support of volunteers and sponsors. There are a variety of paths to getting involved in the NC FFA Association.

- Volunteering
 - Interested in volunteering at the North Carolina FFA State Convention? Click [here](#) for more information.
- Donations
 - Interested in supporting North Carolina FFA? Click [here](#) for more information.
- Alumni Opportunities
 - Interested in joining or starting a FFA Alumni Chapter? Click [here](#) for more information.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The Southern Nash FFA Chapter relies significantly on its active Alumni, who provide crucial support through community outreach, fundraising, and mentorship. Since 2018, the Alumni has grown to over 30 members, creating a strong support network. The unique strength of this group lies in the strong relationships fostered between students, advisors, and alumni through regular meetings and shared experiences.



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