

NC FFA Alumni & Supporters Chapter Highlight

Mt. Pleasant FFA Alumni & Supporters

The Mt. Pleasant High School (MPHS) FFA Alumni began in the early 1990's by Ag teacher and FFA Advisor, Ned Hudson, parents, and former students. At the very first meeting, there were 22 people in attendance – impressive for a smaller school and small community. The main goals at that time were to help financially support chapter activities, give advice when asked and to fellowship with other alumni members. Today, 30 plus years later, we continue to honor these goals, although many of our original members have gone on before us. We strive to support our Ag teachers and students and we are open to anyone who supports Ag Ed, agriculture, and the gift of volunteerism.

Our main fundraiser is our annual FFA Alumni BBQ which is normally held in January or February. At this event, alumni, Ag teachers and FFA students work together to accomplish a common goal. The money raised helps fund 4 scholarships given each year to graduating seniors. Three of these scholarships honor former Ag teachers (each completing 30 plus years of teaching/FFA Advisor) with the fourth scholarship honoring a former FFA student who was extremely involved in the MPHS FFA Chapter prior to his passing. Money raised also helps support student activities to include State and National Convention opportunities for FFA members. Future plans for additional fundraising events include a yard sale to be held in conjunction with the annual FFA Plant Sale.

MPHS alumni members meet at least quarterly or when a need arises. Alumni members can also be found supporting students at livestock shows, county fair activities, assisting with upkeep of the barn facilities and cheering students on at State and National Convention events.

Currently, alumni members are developing ways to bring more community awareness to the rewarding role of being an alumni member and supporting youth involved in FFA and Ag Ed. We are also working on collaborating with current sponsors, students, and parents regarding joint meetings, which will include a Soup Supper at our next meeting. Our goals for 2024 are to expand and grow our alumni family, increase our sponsor pool, and continue our overall support of our local FFA chapter.

Upcoming Events:

January 2024 meeting – Joint Soup Supper

February 17, 2024 – Alumni BBQ

Spring 2024 – Alumni Yard Sale in conjunction with FFA Plant Sale

