

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

## **Friends of Madison FFA**

The Friends of Madison FFA Alumni, officially chartered in 2019, have become a pillar of support for agricultural education and student success in Madison County, NC. This dedicated group of alumni, parents, and community supporters is committed to investing in the next generation of agricultural leaders. Currently, Friends of Madison FFA Alumni has 92 active members, including former FFA members, parents, and local supporters. Their steady involvement plays a vital role in the continued growth and vitality of the Madison FFA Chapter.

Throughout the year, the Friends of Madison FFA Alumni provide hands-on support for a variety of events and fundraisers, including:

- Spring and Fall Horse Shows
- Madison FFA Car Show
- Preparation for Career and Leadership Development Events
- Annual Fruit and Nut Sale
- Beef Raffle
- Parent Night
- Chapter Barbecue Sale

These events generate critical financial support and strengthen the sense of community surrounding the Madison FFA Chapter.

In addition to event support, the alumni provide significant financial assistance that helps Madison FFA students participate in leadership development activities. This includes funding for:

- Officer leadership trips
- Travel to state and national FFA conventions
- Registration fees for FFA Camp

By providing these opportunities, the Friends of Madison FFA Alumni ensure that no student is held back due to financial barriers.

The Friends of Madison FFA Alumni serve as a great reminder that you don't need a large budget to make a big impact. Consistency, passion, and strong community ties are the keys to successful alumni support. Their work demonstrates how alumni can bridge the past and future of agricultural education.



Members of the Friends of Madison FFA coordinate with members of the NC08 National Barrel Horse Association to put on one of the best horse shows in the southeast! Friends even announce the show and provide horse show sponsorships!

Members arranged for Bo Dosset, a local Madison County NC Forest Ranger, to assist with preparation for the Madison FFA team's participation in the NC FFA Forestry Career Development Event.





The first Annual Madison FFA Car Show was a HUGE success because of the support of the Friends of Madison FFA. Over 180 entries were part of the first show ever, even with the move to the rain date!

