



The Chronicle

The Newsletter of the North Carolina FFA Alumni Association

Mission:

The mission of the National FFA Alumni Association is to secure the promise of the FFA and agriculture education by creating an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

Greetings from the Alumni Association

Greetings Friends,

Happy New Year from the North Carolina FFA Alumni Association! In this edition of The Chronicle, we will review the highlights in the final quarter of 2013 that preceded a new year of opportunities and experiences for present and past FFA members in 2014! We will hear from a local affiliate leader in his rendition of "Chartering Affiliates—Made Simple"; recognize the West Rowan FFA Alumni for their unique fundraiser event; recap the state alumni's presence at the 47th National Alumni Convention; and much more! The North Carolina FFA Alumni Association is looking forward to another year of great potential to be fulfilled once again!

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Connect with the Alumni!



North Carolina FFA Alumni Association



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VISIT THE WEBSITE

<http://ncffa.org/alumni>

Associate Membership

Have you heard of *Associate Membership*? It grants five years of Alumni membership to students upon graduation! What's the best part?

IT'S FREE!

Check it out at
<http://www.ffa.org/alumni/become-a-member>

Mark Your Calendars!

February 6, 2014: State Truck & Tractor Driving CDE

February 15, 2014: North Carolina FFA Alumni Development Conference—Register NOW!

March 7, 2014: Middle Grades Rally

March 12, 2014: Farm Business Management, Agriculture Sales, Marketing Plans CDEs, WLC Scholarship Interviews

March 19, 2014: State Poultry Evaluation CDE

March 22-23, 2014: MEGA Conference

March 25, 2014: State Livestock Evaluation CDE

May 1, 2014: Alumni Deadline—Dues, Applications, & Chapter Grants

June 17-19, 2014: State FFA Convention & Alumni Annual Conference

I.L.S.S.O.

NC FFA State Officer Bradley Glover and Past State Officer Beverly Hampton joined the nation's best to travel to South Africa for the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers! Take a look at their experiences at:

<http://brighterinsights.wordpress.com/>



Chartering—Made Simple

Article provided by Edward F. Olive

In March 2013, we chartered and reactivated the South Johnston High School FFA Alumni Affiliate. Our FFA Alumni was established to provide opportunities for community members to support agriculture education and FFA by helping provide additional resources to FFA advisors and members.

To create our alumni it required a lot of discussion and talking with a lot of folks to find the right way to get started. We had to be patient, thorough and dedicated to accomplish creating the alumni. It is also important to help people in the community understand that they didn't have to be a member of FFA at all. AS long as they are interested in agriculture education and FFA they are welcomed to be a part of the alumni.

Being a part of an FFA Alumni Affiliate is a way for me to stay connected to an organization that gave me so many opportunities in high school and beyond. It is a lot of work, but is also very rewarding. Our alumni affiliate is also working to provide even more opportunities to FFA members and agriculture students. I thought that when I graduated my FFA days were behind me, but now I get to help make sure that a student is able to experience the National FFA Organization.

I am so glad to be a part of the South Johnston High School FFA Alumni Affiliate!

-Edward F. Olive

President, South Johnston High School FFA Alumni

10 Tips to Chartering an Affiliate

- 1) *Talk to advisors, community individuals, former FFA members and others to survey the interest of creating an FFA Alumni Affiliate.*
- 2) *Find a small “nucleus” group (10 people) that can work together to organize and charter the alumni- Include advisors, retired advisor and former members who understand what the FFA Chapter is and what can be done to help support it.*
- 3) *Elect officers for the alumni. Start with the minimum of 4 officers.*
- 4) *Develop a list of goals, mission and vision statements for the affiliate.*
- 5) *Create and approve a constitution and set of bylaws.*
- 6) *Contact NCCFA and National FFA to charter the affiliate.*
- 7) *Plan and hold a chartering ceremony to officially open the affiliate – invite sponsors, elected officials and potential members as well as representatives from NC FFA.*
- 8) *Utilize newspapers, websites and any other available news outlet to inform the community of the newly formed organization and its mission and goals.*
- 9) *Investigate potential events that will help accomplish the goals set forth by the charter nucleus members.*
- 10) *Plan annual meetings (frequency, agenda, food, etc.).*

National Alumni Convention

At this year’s National Alumni Convention, the North Carolina FFA Alumni Association participated in a number of events and activities to enrich the experience of FFA members traveling to Louisville, KY for the National FFA Convention & Expo!

We would like to start by thanking the following individuals and groups for their assistance at this year’s convention:

-Richard Daniel, North Carolina FFA Alumni Council member, Southern Region Vice President—for leading our delegates through the business sessions.

-North Carolina FFA Alumni Delegates –for your sacrifice and dedication towards the delegation process.

-All North Carolina FFA Affiliates for assisting their chapters in participating in this year’s National FFA Convention & Expo!

The North Carolina FFA Alumni Association participated in the Alumni Nation and FFA Link booths at the Career Expo; as well as the Awards Night and Live Benefit Auction during Convention. We had a number of local affiliates recognized during the Awards Night ceremony; including our Local Program Success Grant Recipients: South Rowan FFA for their “Mobile Agricultural Classroom” and Wakefield FFA for their “High Hope for High Tunnel Horticulture” project. We would also like to recognize West Rowan FFA Alumni for being selected as the National Outstanding Affiliate and South Rowan FFA Alumni for being awarded the Bronze Outstanding Affiliate award. North Carolina was also recognized as a state in which 100% of the State FFA Officer team are life members of the National FFA Alumni. Finally, congratulations are in order for our 2012-2013 National FFA Alumni Corporate Members: Shawn Hunt--Fayetteville, NC; Fadhl Alhobishi—St. Pauls, NC; and Bosco Locklear—Pembroke, NC. Congratulations, and thank you again to all of our North Carolina Affiliates for representing our state proudly at the National Alumni Convention.



Louisville, KY welcomes FFA for the 87th National FFA Convention & Expo and the 43rd National FFA Alumni Convention!

Summer Opportunities for Collegiate
Alumnus

-FFA Camp Staff-
Applications Due February 1, 2014
Apply at www.ncffa.org

Affiliate Spotlight

West Rowan FFA Alumni

Article provided by Jason Chester

In an effort to find a funding source for FFA Seniors the West Rowan FFA Alumni started the FFA Oyster Roast. Originally, this was a fundraiser that the masonry program was conducting and as teachers retired and the FFA program gained support within the school and community, the oyster roast became a staple of our yearly fundraising efforts. The alumni council appoints one member as the social chair, this council member is responsible with the organization of the cooking team for the oyster roast and our yearly alumni summer social event. Having one council member focused on the event year round has helped us grow our attendance and add a silent auction to increase the amount of funds that we are raising in one evening. The biggest challenge of planning the oyster roast is determining the cost of a single ticket. This cost remained constant for the first 12 years of the event and for the last three years in order to offset rising input costs we have raised the price to \$50 per person. With one ticket you get all you can eat steamed oysters, fried flounder, boiled shrimp, pork tenderloin (for those who do not prefer seafood), French fries, hush puppies, slaw, and oyster stew. Last year our alumni chapter was able to provide 5 seniors with a lifetime alumni membership and a \$500 cash scholarship from the proceeds of the silent auction, as well as, fully fund the chapters' trip to National FFA Convention from the income of the meal. Because of the long-standing date of the first Saturday in March, we do not see pressure from other fund raisers, however, we have felt the push of tough economic times and several large businesses experiencing layoffs in our community which have prompted us to provide additional incentives to make the night even more enjoyable. All kids kindergarten or younger eat free, our FFA Chapter members are the wait staff for our patrons, we have streamlined this event to allow for the opportunity to pay membership dues and join our e-newsletter group, and we have provided live entertainment from local cloggers and singers. This event has become a landmark social outing for many of our community members and is a highlight of our FFA Alumni and FFA Chapter year.

The big picture for our alumni is to raise funds to support the activities of our FFA Chapter. This event allows us to involve hundreds of individuals in our community in a fun and welcoming event. The basics behind the organization are simple, however, to make the fundraising event work it takes some solid planning, establishing a firm set of goals, and electing committee members who are excited and willing to work. Our alumni chapter has been blessed with very active members and a highly motivated council; the combination of the two has allowed us to maintain this fundraiser for nearly two decades. If any other chapter is would like to come and see how it works, visit an alumni council meeting, or just talk about alumni activities, please do not hesitate to contact our chapter!



Is your local Affiliate conducting activities to support the mission of the National FFA Alumni Association?

E-mail us to be in the next
Alumni Spotlight!

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Join us for the annual

**North Carolina FFA Alumni Development Conference
Saturday, February 15, 2014 | Raleigh, NC**

The North Carolina FFA Alumni Development Conference is almost here! If you want to make sure your affiliate is the best that it can be, join us for an exciting development experience! Your attendance will give your affiliate members insight on FRESH fundraising ideas, national and state initiatives, other alumni affiliate ideas and success stories, banquet ideas, community projects, resources, meeting management practices, financial tips, and more! NC FFA needs your affiliate to be its best! Your support is crucial to the entire association's success. We invite you to bring current members, potential members, or even a group of excited SENIOR FFA members to find out how to take your local affiliate to the next level! In doing so, we can live out our mission and ensure the success of thousands of FFA members in our state.

You can also register online at <http://goo.gl/AzQhK>

We look forward to seeing you!

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

ALUMNI AFFILIATE CHAPTER NAME _____

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: (Please Print or type)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

**** Affiliates will be entered to win a FREE camp registration just for registering for the conference! In addition, for each member who attends the conference, your affiliate will be entered to win a cash prize!****

Please return this form by Wednesday, February 12, 2014 to the NC FFA Office

Address: NCSU Campus Box 7654 Raleigh, NC 27695
Fax: 919-513-3201 Email: ncffaalumniassoc@gmail.com
Or register online at <http://goo.gl/AzQhK>



Who:

ALL current & potential NC FFA Alumni members!

What:

NC FFA Alumni Development Conference

Where:

**512 Brickhaven Dr. Room 203
NC State University
Raleigh, NC**

When:

**Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014
10:00am – 3:00pm
Lunch is provided.**