

89th Annual Missouri FFA Convention



April 20-21, 2017
MU Hearnes Center
Columbia, MO

WELCOME

The 89th Annual State FFA Convention of the Missouri FFA Association is a special event to reward and recognize the hard work and achievements of FFA members. FFA members are the future of the diverse and ever-changing agriculture industry. Our convention theme this year is *“Embrace Change, Respect Tradition”*. For 89 years, our organization has given individuals an opportunity — an opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills in the areas of applied science, technical and employability skills, while learning about our nation’s No.1 industry: agriculture. Our organization provides members with the educational foundations to be leaders and innovators within our industry. During its tenure, FFA has adjusted to reflect our ever-changing society. In an agriculture classroom today, students learn about animal agriculture, crop production, agriscience and even urban agriculture. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Hughes Act, the act which would forever change agriculture education in the school system, we remember to respect tradition. We hope each of you will be confident in your abilities, wear your official dress with pride while representing your school and community, and take advantage of each opportunity to embrace change and influence those around you about agriculture, not only today but as you continue your life.

2016-2017 STATE FFA OFFICERS



Front row (L-R): Emily Lock, Carrollton; Hunter Lovewell, Sherwood; Natalie Ayers, Green City; Hunter Kay, Fredericktown; Jessica Hylton, Miller.

Second Row (L-R): Jacqueline Janorschke, De Kalb (Secretary); Katie Imhoff, California; Colton Spencer, Aurora (President); Heidi Murry, Plato; Baileigh Horstmeier, Fulton (First Vice-President); Macey Hurst, Fatima; Jessie Peterson, Branson.

Back row (L-R): Ashley Spear, Halfway; Logan Korff, Norborne; Nick Banze, Warrenton; Adam Kirby, Trenton (Past President); Moriah McLard, Richland(Essex).

FFA IN MISSOURI

The FFA is a national organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Education. It was organized in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1928 and is an integral part of the program of career education in agriculture in the public schools. The Missouri FFA Association was organized and elected its first officers on May 4, 1928. The state charter was issued by the National Office in 1929. In 2017, the national membership was more than 649,000 students in 7,859 chapters. The current Missouri FFA membership is 26,057 in 342 chapters.

Missouri FFA Association holds its convention in April each year. More than 8,000 FFA members and guests take part in leadership development activities, Career Development Events, award programs and convention sessions. Participants also include adults representing the agriculture industry; the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Northwest Missouri State University; Missouri State University; school officials; the press; parents; and guests.

The State FFA Officers plan and conduct the convention sessions, including the business meetings, award programs, entertainment and inspirational activities. The 684 delegates, two from each chapter, transact all business.

Supervision of Convention and Career Development Events

The Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assist in the planning and supervision of the convention and competitions. These staff members, along with the State FFA Officers, form the State FFA Executive Committee:

Leon Busdieker	State Advisor
Keith Dietzschold, District Supervisor	State Executive Secretary
Marie Davis, District Supervisor	State Executive Treasurer
Lisa Evans, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
David Higgins, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
Steven Rogers, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
Valerie Harris	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Siebert	Administrative Assistant

Check out State FFA Convention results on the State FFA Media Page at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/moffaconv/>



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration / Information Desk – The information desk, located near the East Entrance door, will be open at all times. Staff can provide information and directions for various activities. An advisor from each chapter should register and indicate the number of FFA members and guests in attendance from their chapter.

Parking – Use the parking lots on the south and southeast side of the Hearnes Center.

Sponsors and Guests – Please check in at the registration/ information desk for directions and seating.

Delegates – The two delegates from each chapter should register on the floor of the auditorium prior to the delegate session. (See page 8.)

FFA Career Show – Exhibits are provided by businesses and organizations for educational purposes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. FFA members and guests are encouraged to visit these exhibits.

News Media Office – Representatives of the news media may obtain information about all convention activities and competition results at the pressroom backstage. Check at the Registration/Information Desk for directions or assistance. The convention media website is: <http://agebb.missouri.edu/news/moffaconv/>.

Food Service/Court – Beverages, pizza, hamburgers and sandwiches are available at the refreshment stands located on the Main Concourse.

FFA Book Display – The first-place Scrapbook, Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book and Supervised Agricultural Experience Record Books from each of the FFA Areas in the state are on display in the north corridor of the East Entrance.

FFA Apparel Booth – The Mizzou FFA Alumni Chapter is sponsoring a booth offering FFA items. The booth will be at the main concourse on Thursday and part of the FFA Career Show from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau – The Registration/Information Desk located just inside the East Entrance will be providing informational packets about Columbia. They will gladly assist you with information regarding restaurant locations and other Columbia attractions.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

State FFA Chorus – The State FFA Chorus is under the direction of Beth Dampf and Beth Eckles both of Jefferson City. Chorus members belong to FFA chapters throughout Missouri and were chosen on the basis of individual applications. The chorus holds rehearsals and performs as part of the Friday afternoon and evening sessions.

Courtesy Corps and Ushers – Volunteer groups from various chapters serve in this capacity, with supervision by postsecondary agriculture students.

Career Development Events – We want to thank the army of volunteers, MU Agricultural Education faculty and staff along with each advisory committee for their coordination and operation of the Career Development Events. Those assisting can be found on page 13 along with Dr. Bryan Garton, Dr. Anna Ball, Dr. Jon Simonsen, Dr. John Tummons, Dr. Adam Cletzer, Mrs. Colleen Abbott, Carol Swaim, and Mandy Aholt-Gayler.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

Mr. Ron Scheiderer

This year, the Missouri FFA Association is pleased to recognize Mr. Ron Scheiderer for his service to agricultural education and the Missouri FFA.

Ron started his lifelong membership in FFA as a high school student at Salisbury High School in Salisbury, Missouri. His SAE consisted of a registered Hereford cow-calf operation showing at the local, county, and the Missouri State Fair. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Missouri (MU) College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources in 1972. And in 1986, he earned a Masters in Agricultural Education from MU.



Ron began his career as an agricultural instructor in Clark County in 1972. He then moved to Salisbury, Missouri, where he taught from 1973-2003. He served as the coordinator for the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy from 2003-2008. He most recently retired from his position at the University of Missouri/DESE as the professional development specialist, a position he held from 2009 through 2016. During his time there, Ron coordinated the state Mentor Induction Program, the MVATA Summer Conference and state CDE contests for the Missouri State FFA Convention in addition to developing Summer Institutes across the state.

Over the years Ron has served as a Missouri State Fair Commissioner, local school board member and president, and MVATA active member during his years teaching. Additionally, he has been active in the Immanuel Lutheran church serving on the board of education and as president of the congregation. He received the MVATA Lifetime Achievement Award during the MVATA summer conference in 2016.

The Missouri FFA wishes to thank Mr. Scheiderer for his many years of service to agricultural education and the Missouri FFA. We wish him all the best in retirement as he enjoys more time with his wife, four children (& spouses) and six grandchildren.

TEACH AG WORKSHOP

Are you TAGGED to Teach Ag?

(Attendance by INVITATION ONLY)

1 p.m. , Friday, April 21 | Hearnes Center Room 309

Presented by

Mrs. Brook Kreatz, Trenton FFA Advisor

Lane Howard, Macon FFA Advisor

Heather Eberlin, Union FFA Advisor

This high-energy, hands-on workshop will engage participants in activities that demonstrate the rewards and benefits of becoming an Agricultural Education teacher. Participants were selected in advance by local Agricultural Education instructors.

GUEST SPEAKER

First General Session – Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

**Ashley Willits, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President
Lowville FFA – Copenhagen, New York**

Ashley Willits believes that it is important to live with passion, love for others and a desire to be secretly incredible.

"I intend to represent this organization in a way that allows me to serve students authentically, help develop strong advocates of the industry of agriculture and build relationships with industry professionals to gain support for FFA," Willits says. "The foundation of FFA is one member making the choice to grow, and I want to be the catalyst that helps students in that process by building personal relationships with them."



Willits was elected to the 2016-17 National FFA Officer Team as the eastern region vice president at the 89th National FFA Convention & Expo.

A student at Tarleton State University majoring in agricultural education, Willits is involved in Tarleton Collegiate FFA and Circle T, a bible study for agriculture majors. While studying agricultural business at Morrisville State College, Willits was involved in Dairy Club, Collegiate FFA, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Dairy Challenge Social Media Team, National Farm Bureau Collegiate Discussion Meet and Agriculture Future of America Leadership Conference. A member of Lowville FFA, she served as New York State FFA District VI President (2012-13) and New York State FFA President (2013-14).

Her supervised agricultural experiences have been in diversified livestock production, agricultural processing and outdoor recreation.

Looking to the future, Willits says she has always had a passion for educating others about agriculture. "As a young adult, I plan to turn my passion into a career by becoming an agricultural education teacher. I aspire to give students the opportunity to learn about their role in the industry of agriculture and help develop their potential for premier leadership and personal growth and ultimately provide pathways for career success."

FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY

June 6-8, 2017 – University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg

Want to improve your speaking skills? Take your speech to the next level at Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy. Build confidence, gain speech writing and presentation skills and get equipped to answer questions during this three day program. You will receive one-on-one coaching, participate in group activities, and compete in the academy speech contest.

Registration information can be found online at www.missouriffa.org/resources or call 573-751-3544.

GUEST SPEAKER

First General Session – Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

**Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
Jefferson City, Missouri**

Chris Chinn, a fifth generation Missouri farmer from Clarence, was named Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture in January 2017 by Missouri Governor Eric R. Greitens. Director Chinn has held leadership positions in agriculture on the local, state and national level for more than 12 years, working to move the state's agriculture industry forward.



As a trailblazer in ag advocacy, Chinn has established her brand through social media and public speaking. Her blog and Twitter audiences have attracted more than 10,000 faithful followers who have tuned in to hear her farm story. Through her outreach, she stands up for both rural and urban Missouri by bridging the gap between farmers and consumers and contributes to the advancement of the state's No. 1 industry.

Chinn is a member of the National Association of State Department's of Agriculture, which represents the departments of agriculture in all 50 states. She is a member of the Missouri State Fair Commission, Missouri Wine & Grape Board, Missouri Development Finance Board and Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority Board of Directors.

Chinn is a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau where she has served on the organization's Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee and has served on its board of directors since 2010.

In 2007, Chinn served as chairman for the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee and served on the board of directors for the American Farm Bureau Federation. Chinn is currently chair of the Shelby County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers and serves as secretary of the Shelby County Farm Bureau board of directors. Chinn is a member of the Missouri Pork Association and served on the association's state board since 2015. She also served on the Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch and Rural Community Advisory Committee from 2008-2009.

In 2013, Chinn became a national spokesperson when she was named one of four Faces of Farming and Ranching by the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance, an honor that identifies farmers and ranchers that are eager to share their farm story. She has served as a board member for the Shelby County University of Missouri Extension Council and the Long Branch Area YMCA board of directors. Chinn is a member of Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) Class 13, American Farm Bureau Partners in Agricultural Leadership (PAL) Class 5 and is a member of the Shelbina Christian Church.

Chinn resides on her family's farm in Shelby County with her husband, Kevin, and her two children, Rachelle and Conner, where she helps manage their farrow-to-finish hog operation as well as their family feed mill. Chinn and her husband also have a small cow-calf herd and raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

GUEST SPEAKER

Second General Session – Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Margie Vandeven
Missouri Commissioner of Education



Dr. Margie Vandeven was appointed Missouri's sixth Commissioner of Education by the State Board of Education in December 2014. She assumed her role Jan. 1, 2015.

Dr. Vandeven began her education career in 1990 as a communication arts teacher in O'Fallon. From 1995-2002 she taught high school English and served as an administrator in Maryland, before returning to Missouri as an English teacher and administrator.

Throughout Dr. Vandeven's tenure with the Department, she has served as a supervisor of the Missouri School Improvement Program (2005-07), Director of School Improvement and Accreditation (2007-08), Director of Accountability Data and Accreditation (2008-10), Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Quality Schools (2010-13) and most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Learning Services (2013-15).

Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, Dr. Vandeven assisted with the planning and implementation of the Department's Top 10 by 20 initiative, which calls for Missouri to be one of the top 10 states for education by 2020. Dr. Vandeven is passionate about ensuring all Missouri students are prepared for post-secondary success after leaving the PK-12 system.

A native of Missouri, Dr. Vandeven earned a bachelor's degree (1990) in education from Missouri State University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision (2003) from Loyola College in Maryland. She received a doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership (2014) from Saint Louis University.

She and her husband, David, reside in Foristell

MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy (MAbA) provides 30 Missouri high school sophomores a chance to explore the vast agribusiness resources of our state. Academy members are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process.

The primary objective of the MAbA is to provide an opportunity for students to view various facets of agriculture, visit agribusinesses, and meet leaders in agriculture, government and education. Other objectives are to aid students with communication skills and personal development as well as explore career opportunities.

FFA members nominated to be a part of MAbA will be recognized during Thursday afternoon's convention session.

GUEST SPEAKER

Fourth General Session – Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Kyle Scheele



Kyle Scheele is an inspiring speaker, writer and youth expert who has challenged thousands of teens across the nation to live better stories.

A professional speaker for seven years, Kyle has spoken in 45 states and the District of Columbia. He's addressed groups as small as a dozen students in a classroom to arenas filled with more than 7,000 people. And, he's inspired a realm of student organizations, including 4-H; FFA; Future Business Leaders of America; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; Key Club; National Honor Society; Beta Club; DECA; and many more.

When he's not on a plane or a stage, Kyle is at home in Springfield, Missouri, where he lives with his beautiful wife Lindsay and their three awesome children. They have one dog and one chicken.

He's still not sure how he ended up with such an incredible family, but he's trying to lay low in case this whole thing was some sort of mistake. In his free time, Kyle enjoys reading, writing and helping his kids build forts out of household furniture.

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

New FFA chapters for the 2016-17 school year will be chartered during the second session program, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 20.

Kearney
Spokane

Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 8:00 a.m. Stage Practice (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 8:00 a.m. FFA Talent Rehearsal Time (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Agricultural Issues Forum (Forum Christian Church)
- 9:00 a.m. New Officer Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium, Backstage)
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Creed Speaking Preliminaries and Finals — (Hearnes Center 317)
- 10:15 a.m. Creed Finals (Hearnes Center 317)
- 10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 10:30 a.m. FFA Talent Performers Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
- 11:00 a.m. Career Development Events – See page 12
- 12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 16
Hearnes Center 309, Hearnes Center 311, Hearnes Center 317
- 12:00 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session**
Check in begins at 11:00 a.m. (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 16
Hearnes Center 309, Hearnes Center 311, Hearnes Center 317
- 1:30 p.m. FFA Talent
- 2:00 p.m. FIRST SESSION of the 89th Missouri State FFA Convention**
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star Farmer Interviews (Hearnes Center 309)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Placement Interviews (Hearnes Center 307)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agribusiness Interviews (Hearnes Center 311)
- 2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agriscience Interviews (Hearnes Center 324)
- 3:00 p.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Hearnes Center 272 G)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner, Honorary State Degree Award Recipients (Hearnes Center 317)
Courtesy of Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives Inc.
- 5:15 p.m. FFA Talent/Pre-session
- 6:00 p.m. FFA Knowledge Contest
Hampton Inn & Suites Conf. Center
(Missouri, Stephens, Columbia rooms)
- 6:00 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 89th Missouri State FFA Convention**

NOTE:

*FCC = Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd.
Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center at 1225 Fellows Place*

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 a.m.	Career Development Events (See page 12 &13)
8:00 a.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Registration (Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 South Providence)
8:00 a.m.	Conduct of Chapter Meeting Registration (Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center)
8:00 a.m.	Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
8:00 a.m.	Division I Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:00 a.m.	Job Interview Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
8:30 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
9:00 a.m.	Agriculture Teachers Meeting (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
9:00 a.m.	FFA Career Show
9:15 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (See page 17)
10:00 a.m.	Division II Prepared Public Speaking Check-In (FCC)
10:30 a.m.	State FFA Alumni Convention (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
10:30 a.m.	Leadership Workshops (See page 17)
10:45 a.m.	State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Hearnes Center 324)
11:00 a.m.	Meeting for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch for Retiring and New State Officers and Parents Courtesy of Missouri Farm Bureau (Lower Concourse)
1:00 p.m.	Job Interview Finals Check-In (FCC)
1:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Finals Check-In (FCC)
1:00 p.m.	FFA Talent
1:30 p.m.	Prepared Speaking Finals Check-In: Division I, Division II and Advanced (FCC)
1:30 p.m.	THIRD SESSION of the 89th Missouri State FFA Convention
2:00 p.m.	Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Division I Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Division II Prepared Public Speaking Finals (FCC)
2:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking Finals (FCC)
4:30 p.m.	Dinner for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents (Hearnes Center Lower Concourse) Courtesy of FCS Financial
4:45 p.m.	FFA Talent/Pre-session
5:00 p.m.	Seating of State Degree Candidates
5:30 p.m.	2017 State FFA Chorus Concert (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
6:00 p.m.	FOURTH SESSION of the 89th Missouri State FFA Convention

FIRST SESSION PROGRAM

Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2016-17 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Emily Lock, State Vice President, Area 6
- **Reflections** — Jessica Hylton, Katie Imhoff, Emily Lock, Hunter Lovewell
- **Kickoff Speaker** — Ashley Willits, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President
- **FFA Talent**
- **Missouri FFA Convention T-Shirt Results**
- **Remarks** — Ms. Chris Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture
- **BOAC Missouri Department of Agriculture Grant Awards**
- **Missouri Agribusiness Academy Recipients**
- **GROWMARK Essay Contest** — Karen Jones, Education Specialist
- **MO FFA vs. KS FFA Border War Food Drive Awards** — Western Farm Show
- **FFA Talent**
- **Chapter Activity Awards** — Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapters
- **Closing Ceremony**

SECOND SESSION PROGRAM

Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2016–2017 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Jessica Hylton, State Vice President, Area 9
- **National Anthem** — Alex Windmeyer, Plattsburg FFA
- **Reflections:** Natalie Ayers, Hunter Kay, Logan Korff, Moriah McLard
- **FFA Talent**
- **Distinguished Service Citation** — Mr. Ron Scheiderer
- **Remarks** — Commissioner of Education – Dr. Margie Vandeven
- **MVATA President Remarks** – Jonathan Hoer, Montgomery City
 - Teach Ag Fall Speaking LDE Winner — Sydnee Mason, Marshall FFA
 - MVATA Tech Ag Scholarship
- **FFA Proficiency Awards** — **Part I (in order of presentation)**
 - Wildlife Management
 - Veterinary Science
 - Vegetable Production
 - Turf Grass Management
 - Swine Production – Placement
 - Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
 - Specialty Crop Production
 - Specialty Animal Production
 - Small Animal Production and Care
 - Sheep Production

• **FFA Proficiency Awards — Part I (in order of presentation) — continued**

- Poultry Production
- Outdoor Recreation
- Nursery Operations
- Landscape Management
- Home and/or Community Development
- Grain Production – Placement
- Grain Production – Entrepreneurship

• **FFA Talent**

• **Honorary State Degree Ceremony and Presentation**

• **FFA Proficiency Awards — Part II (in order of presentation)**

- Goat Production
- Fruit Production
- Forest Management
- Forage Production
- Food Service
- Food Science and Technology
- Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
- Equine Science – Placement
- Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Crop Production – Placement
- Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
- Diversified Agriculture Production
- Dairy Production – Placement
- Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship

• **FFA Talent**

• **Chartering New FFA Chapters**

• **FFA Alumni — WLC Scholarships and Hagan Scholarship**

• **FFA Proficiency Awards — Part III (in order of presentation)**

- Beef Production – Placement
- Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
- Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
- Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
- Agriscience Research – Animal Systems
- Agricultural Services
- Agricultural Sales – Placement
- Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
- Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication and Design
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Communications

• **Closing Ceremony**

2017 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 20

(Please note there are time and location changes this year)

8:30 a.m. - Noon	Agricultural Issues Forum Preliminaries (Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd)
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	FFA Creed Speaking Preliminaries And Finals (Hearnes Center 317)
11:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Floriculture (Registration – 10:15 a.m - 11:00 a.m. Hearnes-Sect. B10/14)
11:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Poultry (Registration 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hearnes-Section B16/17)
11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Agronomy (Registration – 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hearnes-Section B15/16)
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Soils (Registration – 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hearnes-Section B9) Buses leave at 11 a.m. & return students to Hearnes Center
11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Livestock (Trowbridge Livestock Center) (Registration 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)
11:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Horses (Stephens Stables – on Old Highway 63) (Registration: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)
11:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Dairy Foods (Registration – 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Hearnes-Section B10/14)
11:45 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.	Nursery/Landscaping (Registration – 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Hearnes-Section B15/16)
12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Farm Management (Hampton Inn & Suites) (Registration – 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.) <i>NOTE: Hampton Inn & Suites Conf. Center — 1225 Fellows Place</i>
12:45- 3:30 p.m.	Entomology (Registration – 12:00 p.m. -12:45 p.m. Hearnes-Section B16/17)
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Agricultural Issues Forum Finals (Forum Christian Church)
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	FFA Knowledge (Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center) (Registration 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 21

7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Agricultural Mechanics (Registration 7 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. S147 An Sci Research Center)
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Agricultural Sales (Sheldon Academic Resource Center, Mizzou Athletics Training Complex) Reg. 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Forestry (Trowbridge Livestock Center, South Side) Registration 7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m., Buses leave at 8:00 a.m. (Buses will return students to Hearnes Center)
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Dairy Cattle (Trowbridge Livestock Center Show Arena) Registration 7:15- 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Meats (Trowbridge Livestock Center Sales Arena) Registration 7:15- 8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Preliminaries And Finals (Stoney Creek Inn – 2601 South Providence Road)
8:00 a.m.	Conduct of Chapter Meeting Preliminaries and Finals (Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center)

THIRD SESSION PROGRAM

Friday, 1:30 p.m.

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2016-2017 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Natalie Ayers, State Vice President, Area 3
- **State FFA Chorus** — Directed by Beth Dampf, Jefferson City; and Accompanied by Beth Eckles, Jefferson City
 - Walk in Jerusalem*—Arranged by Rollo A. Dilworth
 - You Cannot Lose My Love*—Music & Lyrics by Sara Groves, arranged by Susan LaBarr
 - Goin' to the Holy City*—Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Joseph M. Martin
- **Reflections** — Macey Hurst, Heidi Murry, Jessie Peterson, Ashley Spear
- **FFA Talent**
- **Introduction of New State FFA Officers**
- **Installation of New Officers**
- **State FFA Talent**
- **“Missouri Ruralist” Larry Harper Young Writers Contest** — Mindy Ward, Editor
- **Hammons Products Company Presentation** — Josh Abercrombie
- **Deep in the Heart Scholarship Presentation**
- **Honoring of State FFA Officers’ Parents**
- **Missouri Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Recognition**
- **FFA Talent**
- **State Star Farmer, State Star in Agribusiness, State Star in Placement Awards, State Star in Agriscience.** Sponsored by MFA, Inc.
- **Closing Ceremony**

FOURTH SESSION PROGRAM

Friday, 5:30 p.m.

- **2017 State FFA Choir Concert**
 - Director: Beth Dampf, Choral Director, Jefferson City;
 - Accompanist: Beth Eckles, Jefferson City
 - Golden Dream* — arranged by Don Muller
 - Tell My Father* —Words by Jack Murphy, Music by Frank Wildhorn
 - Arranged by Andrea Ramsey
 - We Won't Give Up*—Words by Randy Vader & Rose Aspinall;
 - Music and Arranged by Jay Rouse
- **National Anthem “Star Spangled Banner” by Jamey Ray** – 2017 State FFA Choir
- **Opening Ceremony** — 2016-17 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation** — Heidi Murry, State Vice President, Area 13
- **Reflections** — Nick Banze, Baileigh Horstmeier, Jacqueline Janorschke, Colton Spencer
- **Keynote Address** — Kyle Scheele, Springfield, Missouri
- **State FFA Talent**
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FFA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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TIME / LOCATION	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 317	Teach Ag Ambassadors Grant Talburt Devin Wilkerson Jaime DeSpain	Changing the Tradition of Agricultural Education Discussion of the current trends that agriculture is taking and Q&A about choosing agriculture education as a career.
12:00 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Ashley Willits National FFA Officer	Camping with Purpose Through an adventurous camping trip we will discover how to live a purpose driven life. We will realize that in order to be purposeful, people will have to define who we are, describe where we want to be and recognize how we will use our lives to serve others.
1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Ashley Willits National FFA Officer	Be the Best You Through the world of social media we will discover how to become the best version of ourselves. We will realize that we have to use feedback to help us grow and take advantage of opportunities of our comfort zone.
12:00 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 309	Mizzou Collegiate FFA Lacy Fitzpatrick Nick Parks	Opening Day Come join collegiate FFA members as we help you build a successful plan for the "opening day" of your FFA year!

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- ✓ Missouri FFA membership is 26,057 members.
- ✓ Missouri ranks sixth nationally in FFA membership.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 761 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ Missouri has the largest number of American FFA Degree recipients of any state - 466 Missouri FFA members received the American FFA Degree in 2016.
- ✓ This year, 635 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.
- ✓ That same SAE program generated over \$48 million in student income during the 2015-2016 school year across the state.

FFA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS • FRIDAY, APRIL 21

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TIME / LOCATION	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
9:15 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 324	Postsecondary Ag Students (PAS) Iris Worthington	PAS Farm Feud A look inside agriculture and PAS through ag-based game shows.
9:15 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 317	Motivational Speaker Kyle Scheele	Reverse-Engineering Your Story Once you decide to live a good story, what happens next?
9:15 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Ashley Willits National FFA Officer	Camping with Purpose Through an adventurous camping trip we will discover how to live a purpose driven life.
9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 307	Brandelyn Martin Alexa Nordwald Past State FFA Officers	Experimenting with Excellence Agriscience research beyond the norm.
9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 309	Maggie Voisard Alex Stichnote Morgan Walkup Past State FFA Officers	Savvy Social Media "Cash me online, howbowdah?" Join us as we learn the importance of keeping our social media accounts professional and how to advocate for agriculture in a way that doesn't make others "cash us outside."
10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 317	Motivational Speaker Kyle Scheele	Change Your Community, Change Your World Making the world a better place starts with making your world a better place.
10:30 a.m. Hearnes Center Room 311	Ashley Willits National FFA Officer	Be the Best You Through the world of social media we will discover how to become the best version of ourselves.
1:00 p.m. Hearnes Center Room 309	Brook Kreatz Lane Howard Heather Eberlin Missouri Agricultural Education Instructors	Are You Tagged to Teach Ag?

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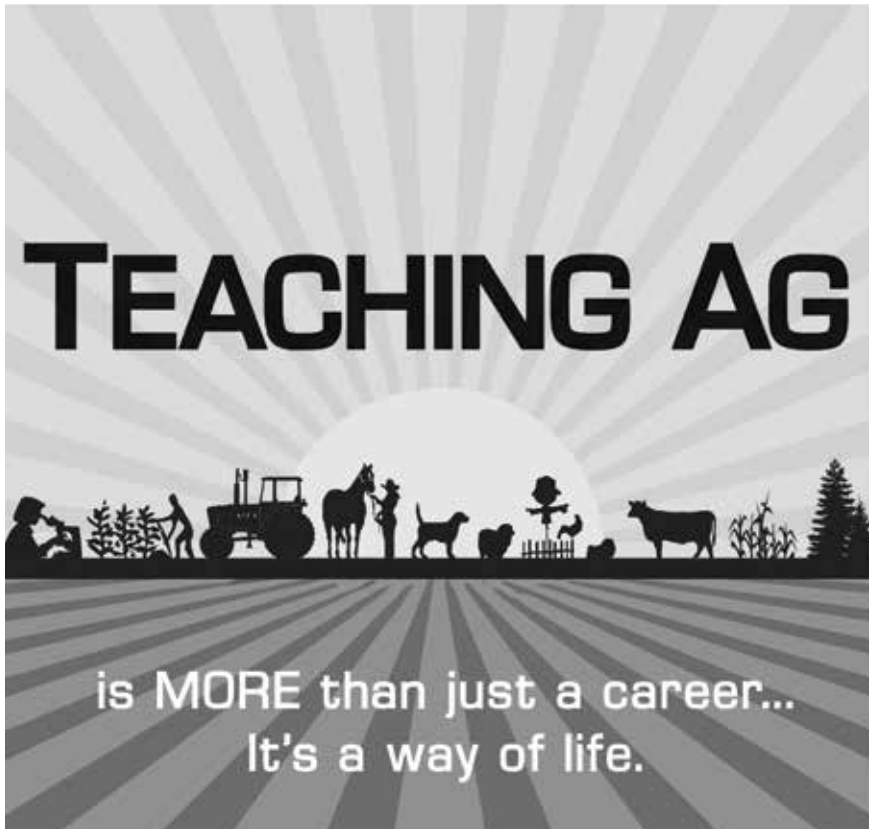
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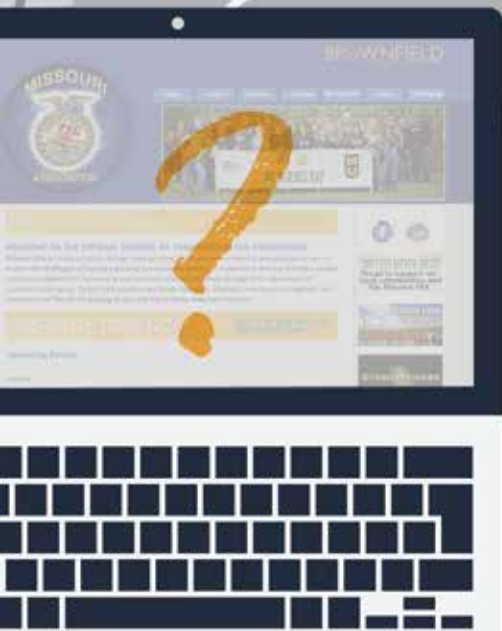
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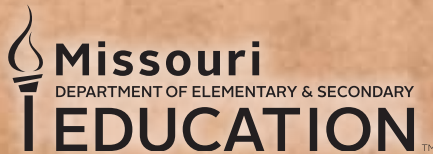
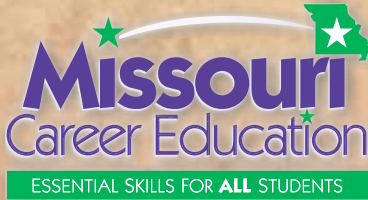
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