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One Mission: Student Success

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President

The Jacksonville FFA chapter truly lives by the theme One Mission: Student Success. Under the leadership of advisors Harold Lipscomb and Ricky Whaley and chapter presidents David Bryant and James Randolph, the Jacksonville FFA excels in chapter, community, and student development. We have been ranked as one of the top chapters in the nation several times and have won contests at the state level for many years.

All members, from eighth graders through seniors, are encouraged to be chapter officers. Our chapter also encourages leadership development above the chapter level -- we have had four district presidents and three state officers in the past six years. Many members also attend the state and national conventions and successfully compete in county, district, and state competitions.

Jacksonville FFA members also participate in a variety of chapter activities. Students write, edit, and publish a chapter newsletter that is distributed to all members as well as prospective members. We hold chapter meetings every month where we follow correct parliamentary procedure and hear captivating speakers. The highlight of the year is our chapter banquet. Each May, several hundred students, parents, community leaders, and guests attend our banquet to enjoy a meal and honor the achievements of our chapter as a whole and of individual members. Banquet speakers have included the Mayberry Deputy, Pat Dye, and Gen. Charles Hines. FFA Week is an especially exciting time for our chapter as we plan special activities for every day of the week. We hold our Greenhand ceremony, FFA scholars bowl

competition, and annual FFA breakfast that week and have the mayor sign a proclamation recognizing FFA Week in the City of Jacksonville.

Our FFA chapter is very active in the Jacksonville community. We donate fruit from our annual fruit sale to the needy through the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center. We also build projects in our shop that are given to patients at a local nursing home and honor outstanding leaders in the county at our chapter banquet. Our chapter's program helps make FFA members stronger leaders and prepares them for a productive future. The FFA's impact is evident in the thousands of former Jacksonville FFA members who are now reaping the lasting benefits of their FFA experience.

TONI DEASON
Vice-President

FFA is all about student success. My chapter is a small chapter, so it's very important to get the most from every member. One thing our chapter does every year to introduce our new members to each other, and to just have a good time, we have what we call our Ag Olympics. This is the agriculture version of Olympic events, such as the claw hammer throw, board skiing, egg toss, etc. This lively event promotes bonding and togetherness in our chapter. In our monthly meetings we encourage participation and excitement. Usually we try to have some type of special guest appear at our meetings. Some of our recent guests include Bessy the show cow and our FFA quartet.

At Woodland, we are really beginning to grow in the number of teams participating in CDE's. We have a quartet, poultry team, ag mechanics team, small



2002-2003 STATE OFFICER TEAM — The officers are (front 1-r) Toni Deason, Vice President, Wedowee; Crystal Bradley, Treasurer, Gaston; Jennifer Himburg, Secretary, Arifton; (back 1-r) Cody Eiland, Sentinel, Eufaula; Christopher Randolph, President, Jacksonville; Daniel Ganus, Reporter, Leroy.

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engines team, and a few who love to participate in the speaking events. We hope to be adding more teams to the list in the coming year. Our chapter banquet is small and informal, but that's the way our chapter likes to keep things. Our members may not start out really knowing one another, but by the end of the year we know each other like family.

FFA has really shown me a lot of new directions for my life. When I ran for state officer, I reflected on coming to the state convention when I was younger and thinking of the state officers like they were movie stars or something. It always felt special to meet a state officer. I was a little surprised that now that title has been passed to me. A lot of things came with the title, and it has really made me think about myself and what I needed to work on.

In my life, I love to be the best. I'm a very competitive person who likes to be the leader of everything and succeed at whatever I am attempting. Learning to work with new people is not always the

easiest. This year's state officer team is a group of individuals who all love to lead, and do a great job at it. Always wanting to be in the driver's seat may be good sometimes, but I had to learn to let someone else take the reins and lead us in the right direction and provide them support. This may seem like a simple task to some people, but not for a control addict like me. This is probably the most difficult lesson I had to learn.

I will also admit I am not always the most organized person. Making appointments, keeping records, and all the tasks that come with being a leader has really taught me to be more responsible and organized. I love being a state officer in the FFA, and I love the FFA for how it has changed my life.

JENNIFER HIMBURG
Secretary

Webster defines success as: the achievement of something desired, planned, or attempted. FFA makes success their mission: **One Mission: Student Success.** Success in my dictionary means: working hard to achieve a goal, and once you have achieved it, being able to step back and say, "WOW! Look What I have accomplished!"

So, exactly how does FFA promote and demonstrate their "One Mission: Student Success?" Through students like you and me! Each of Alabama's 315 chapters promote student success each year.

Career Development Events help develop success by helping you as members decide what career you are best suited for. FFA fundraisers such as fruit sales help you develop skills that are essential to function in today's business world. Learning to make business transactions at an early age will help make you a successful business person in the future. Attending leadership conferences help you to develop your leadership skills to mold you into a leader for the future. Even attending chapter meetings can help make you to become successful. The knowledge you gain from guest speakers at FFA meetings aides in your success.

Do you consider yourself successful? If not, why? What is holding you back? James Beatty once said, "You've achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you're doing is work or play."



Remember only you can decide what success is in your dictionary. The word success appears only 17 times in this article; how many times will you choose for **SUCCESS** to appear in your life?

CRYSTAL BRADLEY
Treasurer

Our chapter has been successful on the local and state levels. Through participation in market hog and lamb shows we have learned responsibility and how to manage our money. We had a Christmas party for the less fortunate children in our school and learned to be grateful for things we had. Through FFA I have learn to speak up and be the person I want to be. Getting successful former FFA members to speak at our chapter meetings has helped us to grow as individuals and to learn more about agriculture and the FFA.

Learning To Do

Doing To Learn

Earning To Live

Living To Serve



DANIEL GANUS
Reporter

The Leroy High School FFA Chapter helps students build success through many programs and activities. Students participate in various career development activities such as forestry-, land, and livestock judging, as well as public speaking. These students are informed of current and agricultural events and news through the Ag Ed website that is used in the classroom each week. Our program helps students become familiar with the different aspects of agriculture and to seek out those areas that interest them. Each member is encouraged to explore areas of interest and find their strengths in order to succeed. Students are given the opportunity to attend events such as the Dixie National Livestock Show and The Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition, which is held in Moultrie, Georgia.

Besides opportunities for career development activities, our chapter encourages participation in leadership activities through workshops like the Joint Leadership Development Conference and other leadership workshops. Members are encouraged to run for local, district, and state offices. Our chapter's mission is to help encourage involvement throughout the year in order to give every member a chance to succeed.

CODY EILAND
Sentinel

In the Eufaula High School FFA chapter, this year's National FFA slogan, One Mission: Student Success fits perfectly. At Eufaula the chapter officers start early planning activities and projects, to try to help our chapter succeed. The chapter officers put together an extensive POA to act as a guideline throughout the year. This POA encompasses many student, chapter, and community activities. Fulfilling this POA is a primary way in which every member of Eufaula's FFA chapter is reached and motivated to succeed. Throughout the year the chapter

attends many workshops, career days, and other events that help open the eyes of members to potential jobs and career choices. Starting in the fall a group of members go to the National FFA convention, where we attend the PALS workshop and other leadership workshops. The week of convention is a definite strong point in our chapter's success. Throughout the week our members truly gain knowledge and wisdom that is evident in our chapter and will someday help them as individuals. National Convention is always a good way to start out the school year. Another activity is to take a group of forty members to the

Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition. These forty members aren't just any old members, these are the forty highest fruit sellers, and the ones that really have an interest in the field of agriculture. At the Expo the members tour the displays and booths to get a feel for what the American farmer and agricultural life is all about. Through this day of learning members eyes are opened once again to the opportunities out there for them. These are just two of the many activities that we do as a chapter. One more thing we look forward to every year is the chance to show what we have learned and practiced. This happens in April at district competition. This is a day of

n e r v o u s anticipation. We compete in many different categories and areas, where different people demonstrate the skills they have learned in the classroom or practiced after school. Regardless if our teams win or loose we all look back on the things we have done the past year and truly see what a difference the FFA has made in our lives.

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one student at a time.



Teaching Agriculture

If you're a student in search of a ready market for your skills when you finish college, you have to consider teaching agriculture. Along with the many rewards which stem from helping students discover their own success, the limited supply of teachers compared to the demand means qualified candidates can choose from positions all across the nation.

Advantages of teaching agriculture

- Working with people from all walks of life
- Preparing students for agricultural careers
- Serving as a role model for young people
- Experiencing new challenges and ideas daily
- Working both indoors and outside
- Traveling to a variety of places
- Building lifelong friendships with those who have similar interests
- Getting paid to do something you love to do
- Receiving priceless moments that pay dividends for a lifetime

REPORT CALENDAR FOR AGRISCIENCE EDUCATION 2002-2003

Date Due	Record or Report	Total Copy	State Spec.	Dist Spec.	Exec. Sec.	Local Supt.	Your File
*Oct. 1	Initial FFA Membership Roster & Dues	3			2		1
*Oct. 1	Daily Schedule (D-1)	3	2				1
Oct. 15	Joint Beef Cattle List	2	Submit Bob Ebert				1
Feb. 15	Chapter Public Speaking Manuscript	4	Submit County Chair				1
Mar. 15	State FFA Degree Applications	2		1			1
Mar. 15	Proficiency Award Applications	2			1		1
Mar. 15	M.K. Heath Animal Health Essays	2		1			1
Mar. 15	Future Farmer and Star Farmer Application	2		1			1
Mar. 15	County Public Speaking Manuscripts	4		3			1
Mar. 15	District/State Officer Applications	2		1			1
Mar. 15	Final Date for Additional Members and Dues	3		2			1
Mar. 15	Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship App.	2			1		1
Mar. 15	Frances Mizell Scholarship Application	2			1		1
Mar. 15	Crime Prevention Application	2			1		1
Apr. 15	Wall of Honor Inductees	2	1				1
Apr. 15	American FFA Degree Application	2			1		1
Apr. 15	Honorary American FFA Degree Application	2			1		1
Apr. 15	National Chapter Award Application	2			1		1



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