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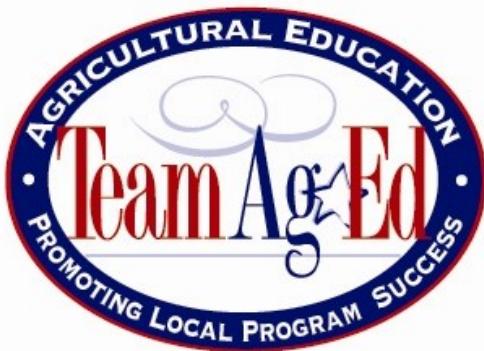
86th Alabama FFA State Convention



William Norris
State President

The time has finally come for the 86th annual Alabama FFA State Convention. Looking back over this past year, I can't believe it is almost over and I can honestly say serving Alabama FFA members has been the best experience of my life. I'm so excited to be able to end my year as a state officer meeting with nearly 2,000 FFA members at state

convention. This will be the fifth year our convention will be held in Montgomery. The capital of Alabama welcomes all the smiling faces wearing the well-recognized blue corduroy jackets. This year our theme is "Ignite" There is no better way for FFA members to spark action, fuel passion, and ignite the FFA than attending state convention. This process will start off Tuesday morning as FFA members arrive to compete in 19 CDE competitions. After a tiring day of competitions, members will have the opportunity to attend a baseball game at the FFA night with the Biscuits. This is an awesome experience that will allow members to meet and interact with the state officers and other members from across the state. The following morning will start early as members have the chance to volunteer to be a part of this year's service project, FFA Rally to Fight Hunger. Later that day will be the official kick off of the 86th Alabama FFA State Convention! I am excited for the process to start and I cannot wait for this year's convention. I look forward to seeing you there!





Shelby Windham

State Treasurer



Hayden Whittle

State Secretary



Alyssa Hutcheson

State Sentinel

Yes, it is that time again, time for State Convention! I will chair the 2nd Session of the 86th Alabama FFA Convention. During the session we will hear from 6 of the hardest working Alabama FFA members around, the State Star Farmers. In the session we will have the Honorary FFA Degree Ceremony and several proficiency awards will be awarded. We will all be inspired by two lovely lady's retiring addresses, State Sentinel Alyssa Hutcheson, and State Reporter Kelsey Faulkner. Finally we will be entertained by the first place String Band. So make your way to Montgomery and we will Spark Action, Fuel Passion, and Ignite FFA at the 86th Alabama FFA State Convention. We hope to see you there!

During the Third Session of the 86th annual Alabama FFA State Convention, your Chairs will be Alyssa Hutcheson (Sentinel), and Hayden Whittle (Secretary). During this session we will know the winners from CDEs that include Poultry Production, Equine Science, Small Engines, and many more along with Proficiency Awards and the Chapter Crime Prevention award. The third session also includes the soothing sounds of Alabama FFA member's voices in the Quartet Contest. Alabama FFA takes great pride in their Quartet contest, as we are the only state association to have this competition. The session will begin at 8:30 on Thursday morning and will be jammed packed with surprises and awards. We will recognize all of the chapters receiving awards from the competitions held Tuesday in Auburn. This year we are also adding a new Career Development Event! During the summer the executive committee for the Alabama FFA Association had the chance to vote on adding the Aquaculture CDE .

The committee thought it would be a good chance to add diversity to the CDE competitions and let those FFA members interested in that field of study , a chance to pursue this opportunity. Also during this session, we will get to hear the retiring address from Shelby Windham, our state Reporter from the Ariton FFA Chapter. This session is very special to Alabama FFA because it allows us to begin to broadcast the abundance of talent our members have. Striving for excellence is a key component of the FFA and should be the case in our lives in general. Throughout the session members will have a chance to receive recognition in CDE fields from Aquaculture to Tractor Driving and everything in between. The Second portion of this session Alabama FFA members will here from State Secretary, Hayden Whittle from the Geneva Chapter, as he gives his retiring address. As with all our sessions, we urge all members to show their FFA pride with attendance at this session and all our sessions this week! Who knows? Maybe your name will be called!



Kelsey Faulkner
State Reporter

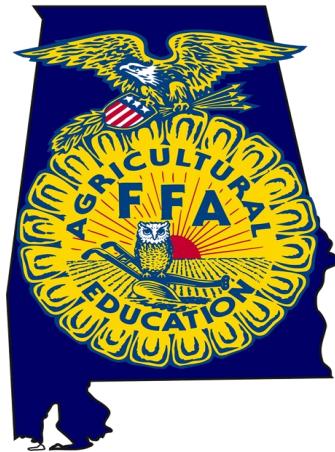


Bailey Sims
State Vice-President



In the 4th general session, Alabama FFA members can look forward to a jam packed session full of proficiency awards, along with the superior chapter awards. Also, we will hear the retiring address of our one and only State Vice President, Bailey Sims. Along with a keynote address from Alabama's own National FFA officer, Jackson Harris. We will also be entertained by our State Winning Quartet. I cannot wait for the 86th Alabama FFA Convention and it is sure to be a great event. We will see some of the best and brightest individuals from across the state rewarded for their hard work in their SAE. This year's convention is full of great speakers and outstanding members. Attending convention and making memories are two things that make it one of my favorite events of the year. I hope you plan on attending and I hope to see you there.

I am excited to be chairing the fifth and final session of the 86th annual Alabama FFA State Convention! In this session we will witness the retiring address of state president, William Norris, watch the honoring of the parents and advisors of the 2013-2014 state officers, and we will see the results of the FFA rally to fight hunger. Are you thinking that a session can't get more exciting? It can! We will watch the 2013-2014 state FFA officer team's year in review; have the state degree ceremony, and finally, the election and installation of the new team of state FFA officers! There is no doubt that this session is jam-packed with fun and excitement! This is always the most heart-wrenching yet up beat and "happening" session of the entire state convention! So get ready to IGNITE for the 86th annual Alabama FFA State Convention!



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FFA Night With the Biscuits

Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014

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As a kick-off celebration to the State Convention, we will be going to Riverwalk Stadium for a night of fun, memories, and great Montgomery Biscuits baseball action!! We have moved our entertainment from Wednesday night to Tuesday night, so you will need to plan to be in Montgomery by Tuesday afternoon!



Who: Alabama FFA Members attending State Convention

What: Montgomery Biscuits Game

Where: Montgomery's Riverwalk Stadium

Following the buffet, we will have a block of seats reserved for all the FFA Members to watch the game from!

FFA Rally to Fight Hunger



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With the 86th Annual Alabama FFA Convention rapidly approaching, we are preparing for an outstanding week of activities. One of those activities on Wednesday, June 4 will be a huge service project! Our foundation has partnered with Walmart and Kids Against Hunger to package meals to be sent to food banks across Alabama. The only way for us to be able to accomplish our goal of 75,000 meals is for the members attending convention to help. Members participating in this event will experience the true meaning of the last line of our FFA Motto: "Living to Serve".



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