

President's Newsletter

Hello Alabama Central District FFA!

I am Taylor Moore-Jones from the Marengo FFA Chapter, and I am proudly serving as your 2019-2020 Central District President. On behalf of the 2019-2020 Central District officer team, I would like to say that we are so excited to take on this school year with you! This fall signifies a new beginning for us and this organization.

To the all members: Now is the time to get involved. Seize the moment and take advantage of the opportunities available to you within the organization. There are so many different CDEs to participate in, as well as multiple SAEs for you to design so that they mirror your interests. One thing that I love about this organization is that, as a member, you feel like more than just a number, even with there being over 700,000 FFA members nationally. People see you as an individual with dreams and aspirations, as someone with talents and with the “go-getter” mindset that drives FFA members to go above and beyond in all that they do. When we put on that blue jacket, dividing barriers are broken, and the walls of separation crumble. We are all for the same purpose — to serve. We all are working to “ag”vocate, along with trying to become the best version of ourselves. I urge you all to hold true to these values. We are representatives of ourselves, our schools, our communities, and the organization as a whole, and so we are held to a high standard. Use your time in this organization to discover the leader in you and rise to the occasion to be the example and show the way.

To our teachers, staff, and supporters: Thank you for the time you devote to raising the next generation of agriculturists. We appreciate all that you do for this organization. You are the ones that help make this all possible. Your love for this organization shines through your actions,



and the diligent effort that you continue to invest in us and for us never goes unnoticed.

This fall is the perfect opportunity for meeting new people and working on premier leadership, personal growth and career success through FFA activities. You are going to create memories that will stick with you far beyond your time in this organization, whether it be with your chapter, CDE team, advisor, or new friends made along the way. I pray that this year will be one to help you unlock your potential and influence growth. It is such an honor and blessing to be connected to so many incredible people. You are what make this organization so amazing. I am so excited for this year of service, and hope you are too! I look forward to seeing what this year has in store for us all.

In conclusion, go checkout the NEW Alabama FFA website and calendar for information and upcoming special events. Speaking of special events, there is an exciting event that is slowly approaching. You guessed it! It is the 92nd National FFA Convention, which will be held on October 30 through November 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana! I hope to see you all there. Here's to an awesome year!!

Forever yours in Blue,

Taylor Moore-Jones

Taylor Moore-Jones
Central District President 2019-2020

Community Development

Vice President's Newsletter

You may ask yourself, "What is community development?" I believe that community development can be described using the phrase "developing potential". As FFA members, we strive to develop potential daily in both our local chapters and communities.

Just as we work to develop potential in our members, we should take pride in helping develop the community through fundraisers and other chapter activities.

Reaching out to the community allows you to identify a need that you can help solve in an effort to better the community. I have seen firsthand how an opportunity as simple as a chapter banquet or a fruit sale can unite the community. A banquet is a tremendous way to involve your community.

So, FFA members, I challenge you to become involved in your communities. Be active in your community service projects; you might be surprised at just how much of an impact you alone may make!

Forever Blue,

Trace Strock

Trace Strock
Central District Vice President 2019

State Convention

Secretary's Newsletter

The Central District FFA had many members receive awards and accolades this year at the 91st Annual State Convention!

In addition to the eighty eight State Degree recipients, there were around 150 Proficiency Award Winners from our district. There were also thirteen Career Development Event Teams that placed within the top four of their respective categories. In Agricultural Construction, the Benjamin Russell chapter placed second, the Pleasant Valley chapter placed third, and the Alexandria chapter came in fourth. The Benjamin Russell also placed third in Ag Mechanics as well as fourth in the Nursery Landscape Career Development Event. In the Floriculture Career Development Event, the Pleasant Valley chapter took second place and the Thorsby chapter came in fourth. The Thorsby chapter also placed first in the Meats Evaluation CDE, first in the Poultry CDE, and came in second in the Veterinary Science CDE. In The Horse Evaluation Career Development Event, the Jemison chapter placed second and Chilton County placed fourth. Wetumpka took the lead of first place in the Small Engines CDE

Sincerely,

Case Edwards

Case Edwards
Central District Secretary 2019-2020

Membership

Treasurer's Newsletter

Hey Central District FFA! On behalf of the 2019-2020 Central District Officer Team, We hope that your chapters are off to a great start to a great school year. The Central District Officers and I have been hard at work at attending chapter visits and preparing chapter officers to increase membership in their own chapters. We would like to encourage all chapters and their officers to set a goal for chapter membership, if you haven't already, and strive to accomplish those goals. Please feel free to contact any of the officers if there is anything we can do to help you or your chapters. We hope this year is full of success and that you achieve all of your chapter's goals!

Serving you,

Brianna Payne

Brianna Payne
Central District Treasurer 2019-2020



2019-2020 Alabama FFA Central District Officer Team: (l-r)

Reporter: Trinity Rucker - Pleasant Valley
Secretary: Case Edwards - Wetumpka
President: Taylor Moore-Jones - Marengo Co.
Vice President: Trace Strock - Billingsley
Treasurer: Brianna Payne - Lincoln
Sentinel: Brooke Perry - Pell City



Give the Gift of Blue!!!

Did you remember the first time that you put on your Corduroy Jacket? You could bless someone with the same amazing feeling! When a member Gives the Gift of Blue, you give someone a chance to wear a piece of history to experience the pride of wearing their own blue jacket. How awesome is that?

Career Development Events

Reporter's Newsletter

Hey Central! I hope your year is off to a phenomenal start. Last year, our district was very successful in Career Development Events in the State Contests. I believe that we will definitely live up to our legacy this year and hopefully surpass it. I strongly encourage you and your chapters to get involved in Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events, and Talent Development Events. Being a part of these different teams and activities not only prepares you for the future, but also provides you with memories and skills that will last you a lifetime. If you or anyone in your chapter are interested in more information about any CDE, LDE, or TDE, feel free to contact any of us officers and we would be more than happy to assist you. ☺

Proudly Serving You,

Trinity Rucker

Central District Reporter 2019-2020

SAE for All and Agriscience Fair

Sentinel's Newsletter

SAE for All is now up and running for FFA members! It was created to give members who better clarification on their SAE area. SAE for All acts as a roadmap to assist students on the SAE path that will best benefit their future career choices. Parents, students, and advisors can rely on SAE for All while working to better educate themselves on numerous SAE areas. Students grow and develop skills, as well as identify or spark new interests by exploring everything SAEs have to offer. Real experiences lead to real profit, which paves the way for students to find jobs centered around their career interests that they could really enjoy. FFA Agriscience identifies students in grades nine through twelve who study and apply knowledge from different scientific and technological agricultural areas. Students may compete as an individual or team in one of six division areas at county, state, and national levels.

Forever Blue,

Brooke Perry

Central District Sentinel 2019-2020

