

# NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

# New York Agricultural Education Team



## New York Agricultural Education Staff

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**Top Row:** Derek Hill, Director, New York Association of FFA; Bill Waite, Program Director, Oswegatchie Educational Center; Rolland Krohn, Ropes Course Director, Oswegatchie Educational Center; Terry Hughes, Program Specialist, New York Agricultural Education; Todd Lighthall, Director, New York FFA Foundation. **Not pictured:** Chike Nnabugwu, NYS Representative for Agricultural Education, New York State Department of Education

## NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

provides professional development opportunities for teachers K-12, educates students about the agricultural fields, and develops leaders with soft skills that make young people marketable to potential employers. Agricultural Education strives to aide in creating an agriculturally literate generation to fill positions in the ever growing agricultural workforce.

## Where We Are

### PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS WITH AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

From a school district with 200 K-12 students, to the largest school district in the United States, agricultural education is in a school near you!



## Programs in New York State

### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS

## Educators Impact

One New York Agricultural Educator directly impacts eighty-eight students





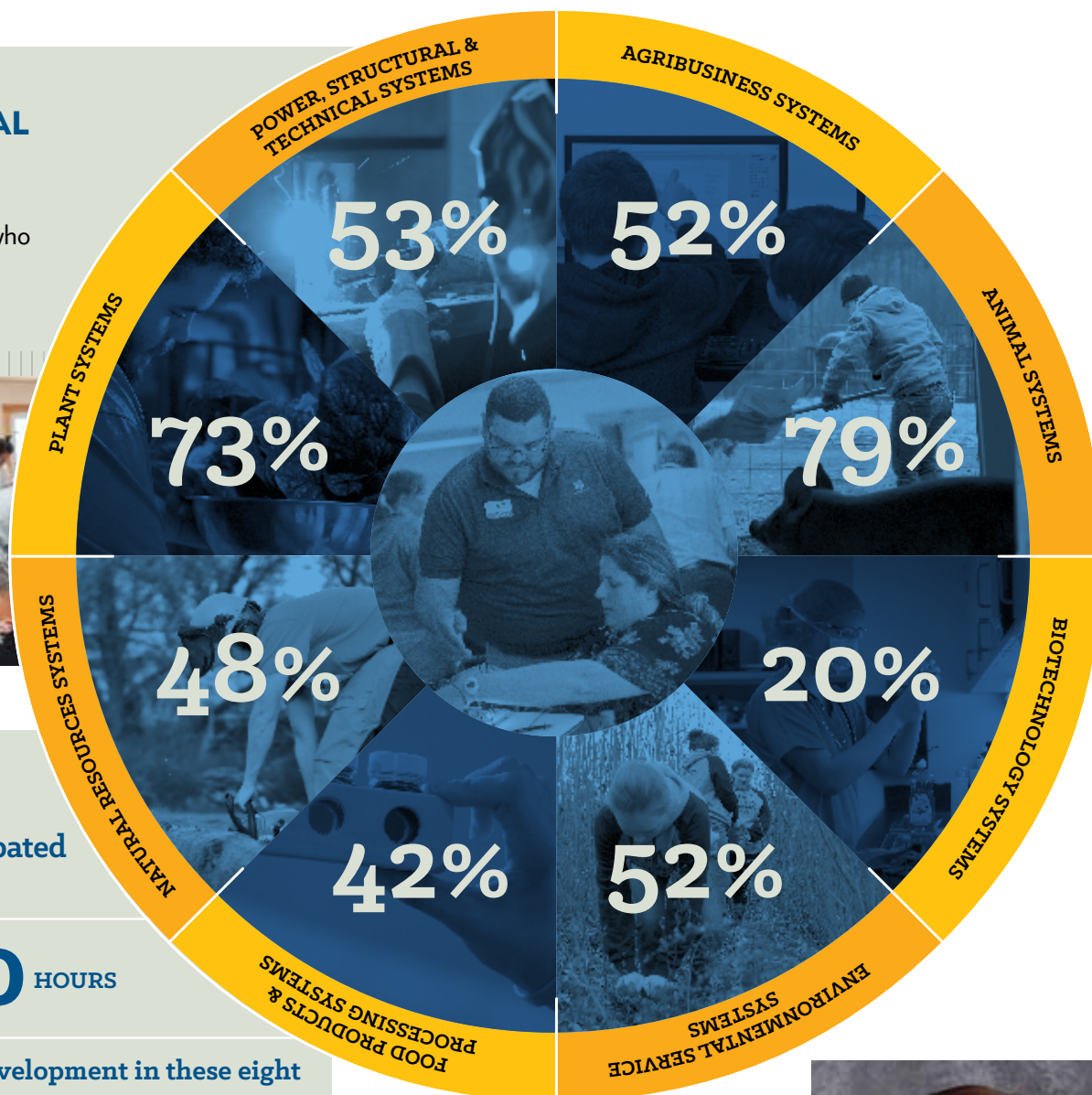
# What do New York Agricultural Education Programs Teach?



**OVER 320 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS** teach the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Content Career Cluster standards at 211 middle and/or high schools across the state so that more than 10,000 students can gain an in-depth understanding of the different sectors of the agriculture industry.

## NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PATHWAYS:

Percent of students who participate in each education pathway



New York Agriculture teachers participated in over

**7,670** HOURS

of professional development in these eight pathways sponsored by the New York Association of Agricultural Educators and Cornell University.



"The love for, scope of, and intertwining variety of the agricultural subject matter made choosing agricultural education an easy career choice. Where else can you educate the next generation about plants, animals, careers, and mechanical abilities using the applications of ELA math, science, and history?"

**Gleason Walley, NYAAE President**



## Message from our State FFA Officers



When New York State FFA was formed in 1926, students were given an opportunity to immerse themselves with leadership and agriculture skills that they would gain through this association. Ninety-three years later, FFA members have benefited from the actions taken that year. With nearly 140 chapters across the state, over 7,000 members, and many supporters, New York State FFA is excited to grow and continue its success.

As a state officer team, our number one goal is to increase our membership across the state. This year we would like to charter fifteen new chapters and increase our membership to 10,000 members by March of 2020. Schools are very interested in adding agricultural education and FFA programs to their curriculum. During 2019, we have already chartered eleven new chapters. Steps have already been taken to achieve and then exceed our 10,000 membership goal. In late 2018, New York became an affiliate state, which makes every student enrolled in an agriculture course a member of FFA. This factor, in addition to the significant increase in interest from schools that have gone on and started new chapters, is the reason why at the 92nd National FFA Convention, New York was recognized as having the largest percentage of growth for 2019! This year we have challenged FFA chapters to continue growing our association. The chapter with the greatest percentage increase in members by March 1st, will be recognized at State FFA Convention in May.

During the 2019 National FFA Convention, New York FFA accomplished a goal that it had set two years ago. At the delegate session, we were able to successfully

make an amendment to the National FFA Constitution changing the requirements

of the state degree to make it so that more students will have the opportunity to be able to receive their Empire Degree before they graduate high school. The 2017-2018 state officer team put forward this promising plan for change. In 2019, delegates from across the country cast their vote in favor of this amendment which will make the FFA experience so much more memorable and valuable to thousands of students.

This year, as we keep our convention theme in mind, **Dare to Be**, we need to continue to challenge ourselves and push beyond our limits in order to move our organization forward in a positive direction. **Dare to Be** bold and make that change you want to see in yourself. We are excited to see what this next year has in store and hope to see you at one of our many events this year!

With anticipation,

Brandon Phelps  
Emily Carey

Noah Weiler  
Leyton Fontaine

Taylor Rollins  
Valerie Lewis



## Our Chapter of the Year: Tully FFA

The Tully FFA Chapter located in Tully, New York was selected as the 2019 New York State FFA Chapter of the Year. Tully FFA and the agricultural education program has gone above and beyond to serve their students, community and the state by participating in the Tully Community Day, creating a display in the FFA Building at the Great New York State Fair, and volunteering to park cars at Empire Farm Days, to name a few! Tully FFA was recognized by the National FFA Organization as one of New York's two 3-Star Chapters on the National level. The Chapter represented New York in the Hall of States at the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana where they met with FFA members, supporters, alumni and friends from across the nation to talk about their program, New York agriculture and the FFA.



### FFA CHAPTERS

As of November 15th, 2019,  
11 new FFA Chapters were  
chartered in New York

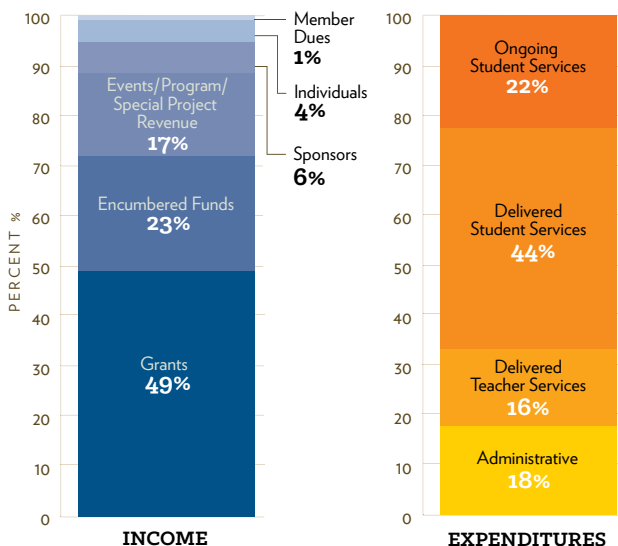
# 30%

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE OVER 2018



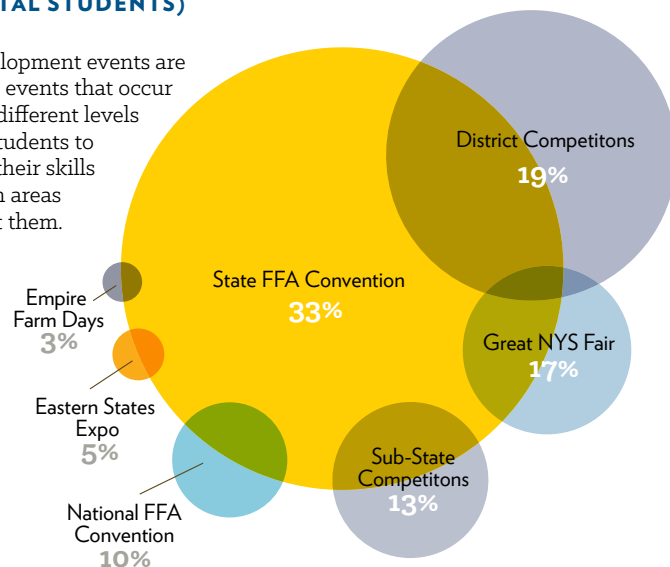
## New York Agricultural Education and FFA By the Numbers

### NY INCOME AND EXPENDITURES (BY %)



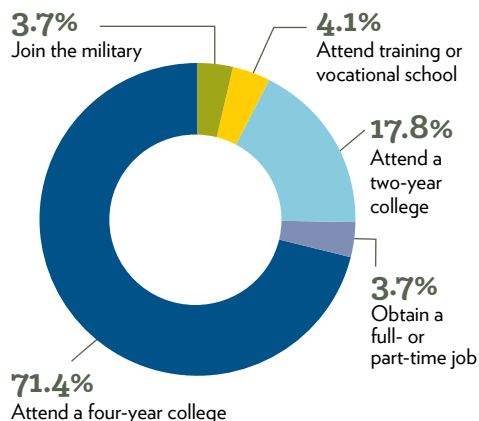
### STUDENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS ATTENDANCE (% OF TOTAL STUDENTS)

Career development events are competitive events that occur at multiple different levels that allow students to hone in on their skills and shine in areas that interest them.



### FFA STUDENTS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Based on a survey by the National FFA Organization and Purdue University



### FFA TESTING SCORES

	National Average	FFA Members
ACT	20.8	23.5
SAT	1068	1152

### KEY POINTS

The results of this study with Purdue University indicate that FFA members are high achievers in the classroom and in terms of their future careers.

- Involvement in FFA is correlated with academic success.
- Involvement in FFA is correlated with higher career readiness.
- FFA members have specific plans for after high school.
- FFA members have the desire to stay involved in agriculture as they go into their careers.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES

Over 7,500 FFA members participated in state Leadership Development Conferences over the last year.

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Number of students attending events in 2019.

212/360 Conference	759
State Convention	1390
National Convention	750
Big E	50
Actions Influence Members	35
ELPs	135
Camp Oswegatchie	856
State Leaders Experience	100
Chapter Visits	1500
State Officer & District President Candidates	50
State Officer Tour	1000
State Fair	925



# New York Agriculture in the Classroom



## NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Twenty-seven New York educators traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas for the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference to participate in experiential learning workshops, explore local agriculture on traveling workshops, and collaborate with over 450 teachers also passionate about providing their students authentic learning experiences through agriculture.

New York Agriculture in the Classroom fully funded twenty of the teachers to attend the premier professional development conference about teaching through a lens of food and agriculture.



"I have always had an appreciation for agriculture and understood its importance. However, as a result of the Agriculture in the Classroom conference, I have gained an even more in-depth understanding and gratefulness for agriculture and how it impacts our everyday lives."

Amy Gosier,  
Ballston Spa Central School

"The students are actively engaged and love being part of the unique experiences that our Agriculture in the Classroom is able to offer; from grants to participating in conferences where I can expand my learning and share it with my students."

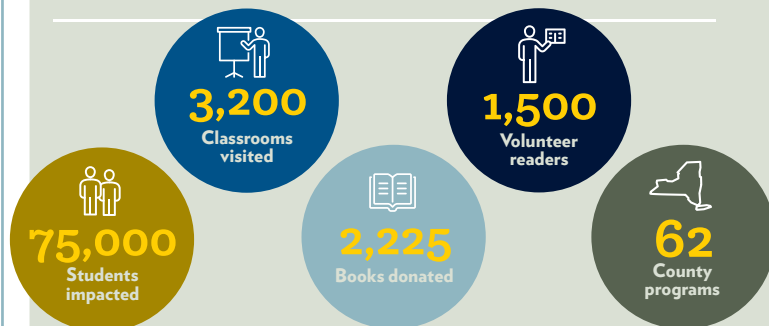
Stephanie Locke,  
DeRuyter Central School



## AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK

Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort to educate students about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives, achieved by volunteers visiting schools to read an agricultural-themed book to first through third graders and lead a paired hands-on activity.

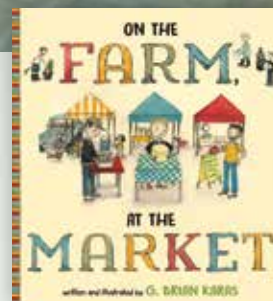
### 2019 AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK BY THE NUMBERS



Congressman Antonio Delgado visits a classroom in his district to read for Agricultural Literacy Week.



NYAITC Advisory Committee member, Kate Downes, reads to Homer Elementary School.



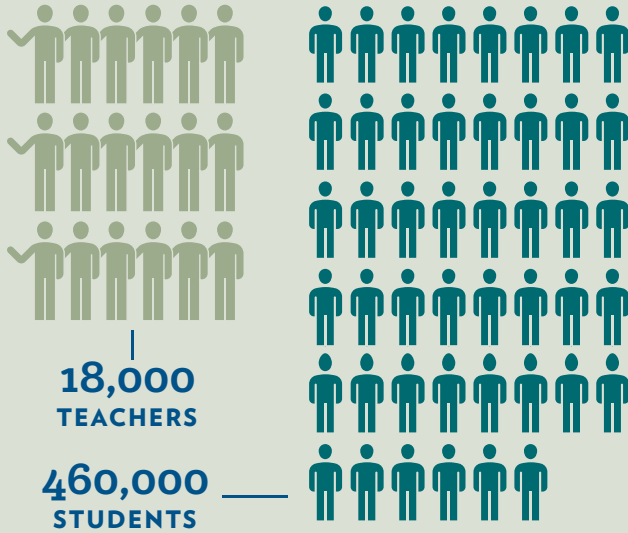
*On the Farm, At the Market* by G. Brian Karas captivated students as they learned about the steps it takes to grow, harvest, or produce food to be sold at a farmer's market.



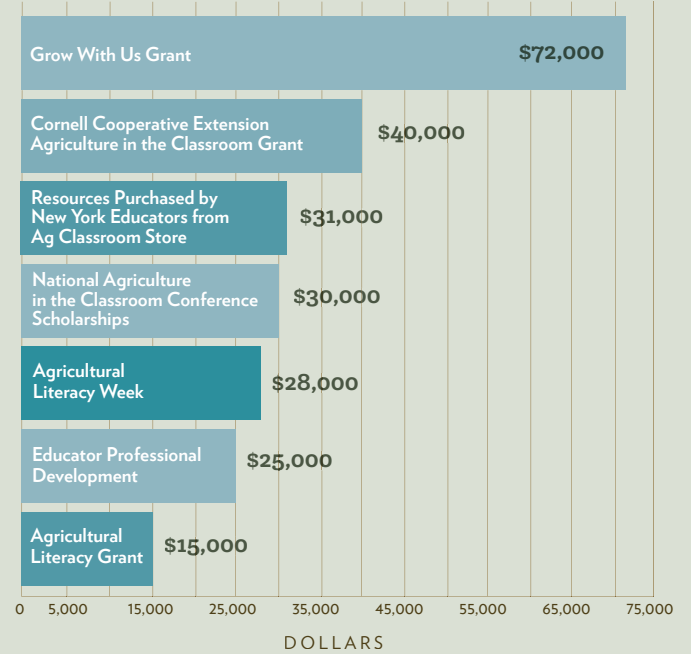


## PROGRAM IMPACT

Number of PreK–12 teachers and students reached in 2019



## DOLLARS INVESTED



## GROW WITH US GRANT

Integrating food, agriculture, and nutrition in schools was made relevant and successful for twenty-one teachers across the state with New York Agriculture in the Classroom's second annual Grow with Us Grant. The goal of the Grow with Us Grant is to provide teachers the tools to extend the school gardening season to facilitate experiential-learning opportunities with agriculture. Teachers earned one of two indoor grow systems.

**"We have had success with our growing systems. It is a perfect addition to our school and gives us a chance to collaborate with colleagues across curriculum, age level, and learning abilities. All of my students are very interested in the plants on a daily basis. The tower garden has allowed for several teachable moments in my classroom which has been a wonderful experience for my students and I."**

**Melinda Martin, Morristown Central School**



# Financial Support of the NY FFA Foundation



Financial contributions are the key to success of the NY FFA Foundation. Over the past eighteen months, we have generated a record level of contributions due in large part to our Capital Campaign for Oswegatchie, but also for general support of the NY FFA. This report is not broken down by categories this year, rather we have listed alphabetically the 600 names of donors who made an impact between January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. At the conclusion of the 2019 funding year, a supplemental report will be shared showcasing the levels of support and our lifetime donors. Thank you to our donors, whose investment of every size, make a daily impact in the lives of New York FFA members.

## INDIVIDUAL GIVING

**RANGE OF GIFTS \$5  
TO \$162,000**

Greg Abdo  
Carl & Inge Aiken  
Scott & Carol Aikens  
Claudia Oliphant Albin  
Brandon Aldous  
Robert & Anne Allen  
John Allen  
Jamie Aloï  
Michael & Terry Aloï  
Beth Sussman Anastasi  
Emily & Clay Anderson  
Bonny Angus  
Brenden Archer  
Wayne Arnold  
Jim & Katina Aucter  
Crystal & Brian Aukema  
Dave Bader  
John Bagdovitz  
Baideme Farm  
Philip & Carol Baideme  
Jennifer Barber  
Roger Barkman  
David & Kelly Bartholf  
John & Karla Bates  
Richard & Joyce Bates  
Heather Bates  
John Bates Jr  
Eileen Baukus  
Jack Baylis  
Gloria Bear  
Sarah Beretz Lloyd  
Arthur Berkey  
Anna Bica  
Nicholas & Jessica Bickford  
Ethan Billman  
Meredeth & Michael Bilow  
Leon & Susanne Bilow  
Chris Bilow  
Robert Bishop  
Allen Bitter Memorial  
Billy Blackburn  
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Jackie & John Boerman  
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Carlie Bossard  
Douglas Bowne  
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Hauk Boyes  
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Mitchell & Rebecca Breese  
Patrick Brennan  
Cathy Jones Brimmer  
Seth Browe  
Joshua & Megan Brown

Niles Brown  
Duane & Becky Brown  
Terry & Cyndee Burton  
Warren & Jean Burton  
John Busekist  
Julie King Bushart  
Charles & Joan Button  
Levi & Debi Cahan  
William "Zip" Cain  
Richard Campany  
Dave Canfield  
Katie Carpenter  
William & Agnes Carr  
Coleen Carroll  
Kara Case  
Heather Caswell  
Bill Catania  
David Chamberlain  
Sam & Barb Chamberlain  
Alfred & Joan Chapin  
Malcom Chapin  
Christy Charise  
Jason Chartrand  
Richard Chase  
James Chorman  
Kiehl Christie  
Dick & Joyce Church  
Jon & Rachel Clayson  
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Timothy & Leslie Comings  
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David Dodge  
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Jon & Kate Downes

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Michael & Patricia Drahos  
Logan Drake  
Howard & Brenda Eaton  
Kaylie Eaton  
Sherri Eccleston  
Charlene Eddy  
Adam & Kelly Eick  
Todd Eick  
Meghan Eiermann  
Walter & Mary Elmore  
Lori Von Seydewitz Emmons  
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Denise Hopkins  
Lauren Hopkins  
Brett Horr  
Lyle Hotis  
Terry & Lois Hughes  
Sarah Hulick  
Danny & Jen Hunt  
Rachel Hunt  
Travis & Molly Huttar  
Richard Ingraham  
Mary & Jose Interiano  
Lucas Irwin  
Terry Ives- Greenview Farms  
Jarret Jacobs  
Michelle Jacobsen  
Tina Miner-James  
Charlie Jenison  
Renee Johnson  
Richard & Kathleen Jones  
William Jones  
Hannah Jones  
Donald Jones  
Kimberly Hallock Jones  
Allyson Jones-Brimmer  
Susan Karalus  
Jennifer Karelus  
Lewis Kargman  
Lori Kashorek  
Christine Keet  
Norman & Carol Kehl  
Michaela Kehrer  
Chris & Stephanie Kelley  
Paul & Jennie Kelly  
Partick Kelly  
John & Dianne Kemmeren  
John Keough  
Amy Kesler  
Gerald & Carolyn Killigrew  
Richard Kimmich  
Priscilla & Steven King  
David Knight  
Karen Koenig  
Koerner Family  
David Kohl  
Chris & Jennifer Kraeger  
Charlie & Dot Krause  
In Memory of Judy Krause  
Augie  
Martin Krause  
Jeannette Kreher  
Adam & Elizabeth Krenning  
Butch & Tricia Kritsberg  
Denise Krohn  
Brian LaChausse  
Noah Lacy  
Patrick LaFollette  
Beth, Neil & Megan Lamb

Eric Larsen  
Jennifer Laubscher  
Mark & Beth Lay  
Audra Leach  
Sam & Ester Leadley  
Gerald LeClar  
Dick LeClar  
Kate Costa Leming  
Teresa Lenert  
Mo Lepine  
Cassie & Jim Lewis  
Diane Lewis  
Raymond & Barbara Lighthall  
Todd & Shari Lighthall  
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Nate Lundquist  
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Lynn Stacy Lyndaker  
William Mack  
Christine MacNeil  
Katie & Evan Mankoff  
John Mann  
Fred & Margot Marcus  
Mari Angers Martin  
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Dayton & Amy Maxwell  
Kathlyn McCarthy  
James & Judy McClay  
Kimberly McKown  
Robin McLean & Gino  
Battersby  
Than Mehlenhacher  
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Karl Oertel  
Carol Ohara  
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 Elle Webster  
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 Rick Welsh  
 Anna Western  
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 Jerry & Shirley Witter  
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 Kathy Yoachim  
 Bonabash Young  
 Julie Young  
 Tracy Young  
 Wayne & Kay Youngs  
 Fr Tom Zaferes  
 Jessica Zeh

## **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY SUPPORT**

### **RANGE OF GIFTS \$50 TO \$20,000**

Aerial Equipment Service  
 Alfred State University  
 Agro Liquid  
 Atlas Ag Services, LLC  
 Attica Vet Associates PC  
 Basset Healthcare Network  
 Beardsley Architects  
 Bessies Best Compost, LLC  
 Buckingham Hardware  
 Butternut Valley Grange  
 Byrne Dairy, Inc.  
 Catania Chiropractic  
 Cayuga Milk Ingredients  
 CNY Community Foundation  
 Co. Bank  
 Community Bank, NA  
 Cornell University  
 CSX  
 Custom Ag Solutions, Inc.  
 Eastern Crown, Inc.  
 Erie & Niagara Insurance  
 Farm Credit East, Burrrville  
 Branch  
 Farm Credit East, ACA  
 Ferry & Griep Veterinary Svcs.  
 Florida Agricultural Marketing  
 Assoc  
 Florida Fruit Association Inc.  
 Geronimo Energy  
 Greenville Saw Service, Inc.  
 Harden Foundation  
 Hudson River Tractor  
 Company, Inc.  
 Ideal Dairy, LLC  
 Impact Pro Parts Inc.  
 Jack Miller & Family Trucking  
 John B Martin & Sons Farm Inc  
 John Clark - NASF  
 Kast Farms Inc  
 Krehers Farm Fresh Eggs, LLC  
 LandVest, Inc.  
 Morrisville State University  
 National FFA Foundation  
 NBT Bank- In Honor of Ed  
 Coates  
 New York Agricultural  
 Outreach Program  
 New York Forest Owners  
 Association  
 New York State FFA Alumni  
 New York State Grange  
 Northeast Agribusiness & Feed  
 Alliance Inc.  
 Northeast Dairy Producers  
 Association, Inc.  
 Northrup Farm Supply  
 NYAAE Teacher Auction  
 NYS FFA Association  
 NYS FFA Endowment Fund  
 Oswego State University  
 Paul Smith's College  
 Pee Jays Fresh Fruit

Pikeside Ag Machinery, LLC  
 Poulin Grain  
 Pratt-Northam Foundation  
 Purcell Construction  
 Corporation  
 RAENY  
 Shaver-Hill Farm  
 Sidney ROTARY  
 Smith Farm Management  
 Sorbellos  
 Stewart's Shoppes  
 Successful Practices Network  
 Syracuse Crunch  
 SUNY Cobleskill  
 SUNY Delhi  
 Tractor Supply Company  
 Tri-County Supply  
 United States Army  
 United Wire Technologies, Inc.  
 VanSlyke Heritage Farm, LLC  
 Wayne Goldstein Foundation  
 Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.  
 Wel-Dun, Inc.  
 Willis E. Kilbourne Agency  
 Wood Products Council of  
 New York

Medina FFA  
 Mt. Markham FFA  
 Northwest Regional H.S.  
 Otselic Valley FFA  
 Oxford FFA  
 Penn Yan FFA  
 Pine Plains FFA  
 Pioneer FFA  
 Pioneer Jr. FFA  
 Remsen FFA  
 Salem FFA  
 Salmon River FFA  
 Schoharie Valley FFA  
 Sherman FFA  
 Sidney FFA  
 Sidney FFA Alumni  
 South Jefferson FFA  
 South Lewis FFA  
 Southern Cayuga FFA  
 Springville FFA  
 Stockbridge Valley FFA  
 Stockbridge Valley FFA Alumni  
 Tri Valley FFA  
 Unadilla Valley FFA  
 VVS FFA & Alumni  
 Waterville FFA

## **FFA CHAPTER**

### **RANGE OF GIFTS \$250 TO \$25,000**

Adirondack FFA  
 Afton FFA  
 Albion FFA  
 Alexandria Bay FFA  
 Attica FFA  
 Beaver River FFA  
 Beekmantown FFA  
 Belleville Henderson FFA  
 Berne Knox Westerlo FFA  
 Byron Bergen FFA  
 Canton FFA  
 Carthage FFA  
 CG May FFA  
 Clymer FFA  
 Cobleskill Richmondville FFA  
 Delaware Academy FFA  
 Finger Lakes Tech & Career  
 Center  
 Fonda Fultonville FFA &  
 Alumni  
 Greenville Jr. FFA  
 Greenville Sr. FFA  
 Greenwich FFA  
 Groton Ag Adviosry Board  
 Hamilton FFA  
 Homer FFA  
 Indian River FFA  
 Jasper Troupsberg Ag Advisory  
 Committee  
 Jasper Troupsberg FFA  
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 Madison FFA  
 Marathon FFA  
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## **FARM BUREAU**

### **SUPPORT**

### **GAVE A COMBINED \$18,700 IN SUPPORT**

Broome Co. Farm Bureau  
 Cortland Co. Farm Bureau  
 Franklin Co. Farm Bureau  
 Genesee Co. Farm Bureau  
 Greene Co. Farm Bureau  
 Jefferson Co. Farm Bureau  
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 Livingston Co. Farm Bureau  
 Long Island Farm Bureau  
 Madison Co. Farm Bureau  
 New York Farm Bureau  
 Oneida Co. Farm Bureau  
 Ontario Co. Farm Bureau  
 Orleans Co. Farm Bureau  
 Tompkins Co. Farm Bureau  
 Washington Co. Farm Bureau  
 Wyoming Co. Farm Bureau



## Oswegatchie Summer Camp 2019



### Last Supper Success

On August 10th alumni and supporters attended a celebration at Oswegatchie to honor the replacement of the Widrick dining hall. Proceeds from the event benefited the Capital Campaign. In total \$75,000 was raised from attendee fees and an auction.

83%

of campers were  
FFA members

56

Chapters  
represented

21,586

Meals served

### Capital Campaign



All time record  
high attendance!

857

Total campers

#### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Thanks to your support, the dining hall project has begun! September was a month of site preparations. October's focus has been the foundation. We are looking forward to November which will bring the shell of the structure and allow work to continue inside all winter. We will continue to share the progress your sponsorship has made achievable. Updates will be on Facebook at "Oswegatchie Educational Center (NYSFFA)". Anticipated opening date is July 5th, 2020.

#### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Because of your generous support we are proud to report that **\$1,170,000** has been raised by over **450** individuals and organizations to date. Our goal is to continue the campaign until April 26, 2020. We still have a gap of \$130,000 to raise. If you have not made your pledge or donation, please know there is still a need. We will soon unveil the plan for the donor wall of recognition that will highlight those who have given \$1000 or more.



Site foundation: October 2019



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## New York FFA Alumni and Supporters Year in Review

**NEW YORK STATE FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS** has had a busy year! From making chapter visits to help new chapters get started, volunteering at events, planning a four-bus trip to the 2019 National FFA Convention and Expo, and more- we are grateful for an exciting and full year to reflect on.



January- Maple Conference at NYS Fairgrounds Horticulture Building



Regional Development Conference in Dover, New Hampshire



February- Bob Watson Toy Auction- "Anything but a basket challenge" for FFA chapters to help raise funds for their chapters



Alumni with Josh Rusk from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters at Camp O for the teachers' conference



Alumni at Canton FFA helping out at their annual craft and rummage sale



NYS Convention- Three of our four scholarship winners were awarded on stage at the New York FFA State Convention. Scholarships made possible by money raised at the Bob Watson Memorial Toy Auction



Helped to sponsor the Maple Experience Mobile Trailer- This mobile unit is used by the NYS Maple Producers Association to travel across New York for demonstrations and tastings. This also includes visits to elementary schools as part of New York's successful "Agriculture in the Classroom" program



2019 FFA National Convention- Outstanding Alumni and Supporters State Association  
2019 Eastern Region Finalist

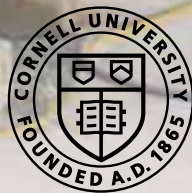
### OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

The NYS FFA Alumni and Supporters worked in conjunction with the NYFFA Association to secure funding for students who are interested in attending various FFA events throughout the year. These funds were set aside with a knowledge that registration costs can be expensive and may limit FFA members from being able to attend all of the FFA activities that promote career success, personal growth and leadership development in students.

Many of our NYS FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters received grants from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters to promote their yearly activities, these chapters were: Byron-Bergen, Canton, Granville, Lowville, Madison, Mount Markham, Marathon, and Unadilla Valley.

Check out the newly redesigned New York FFA Alumni and Supporters site at [www.nysffaalumni.org](http://www.nysffaalumni.org) to learn more about all of the opportunities offered by the NYFFA Alumni and Supporters!

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