



IOWA ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS



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News Release

IAAE 2nd Annual Letter of Intent Signing Day

AMES – The Iowa Department of Education for the 2016-2017 school year has once again identified Agriculture Education as a teacher shortage area. The Iowa Association of Agriculture Educators (IAAE), as part of a Teach Ag grant program, are focusing efforts to combat this shortage.

High school seniors and college transfer students who are committing to pursue a degree in Agricultural Education (Teacher Certification) will be participating in the 2nd Annual Letter of Intent Signing Day for Future Agriculture Teachers at the 89th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on April 10, 2017 on Iowa State University's Campus in Hilton Coliseum.

The purpose of the event is to recognize those students who are pursuing an Agriculture Education degree at the institution of their choice and committing to teach upon completion of their degree. The signees will receive a cap from the college they will be attending, a Teach Ag t-shirt, a Teach Ag Hootie Owl, a lapel pin, and more.

Last year, Iowa was the first in the nation to conduct a signing event for a Letter of Intent to Teach. This year, 30 students are committing to Teach Agriculture and pursue a degree in Agricultural Education (Teacher Certification) at: Iowa State University, Northwest Missouri State University, and Oklahoma State University.

The Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference is the fifth largest state FFA Conference in the nation, reaching attendance of nearly 5,000 students, parents, educators, and agriculture industry leaders.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

A complete list of Letter of Intent Signing Day for Future Agriculture Teachers is included on page two of this release.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,700 student members as part of 232 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.

About Iowa Associations of Agricultural Educators

The Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators' vision is "To be the premier professional organization for advancing agricultural education." The mission statement is "To foster a network of professionals that values and supports the advancements of agricultural education."

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2017 Iowa Teach Ag Signing Day Participants

First	Last	School	Post-Secondary	Instructor(s)
Brianna	Angstman	Hampton-Dumont High School	Ellsworth Community College, Iowa State University.	Sarah DeBour
Maeci	Baumfalk	Murray	Northwest Missouri State University	Taylor Clark
Rachel	Beary	Twin Cedars High School	Kirkwood Community College, Iowa State University	Mrs. Miranda Johnson
Alexis	Boes	Atlantic High School	Northwest Missouri State University	Eric Miller
Carlee	Brent	Pleasantville	Kirkwood Community College, Iowa State University	Monty Collins and Erin Cook
Riley	Brown	Wayne High School	Northwest Missouri State University	Dan May
Caitlyn	Clarkson	North Cedar High School	Kirkwood Community College, Iowa State University	Alexa Scherer
Myla	Dakin	Knoxville	Northwest Missouri State	Tiffany Johnston
Lauren	Dirksen	Hampton-Dumont High School	Ellsworth Community College, Iowa State University	Sarah DeBour, Kevin Butt
Hunter	Eden	Mid-Prairie HS	Kirkwood Community College, Iowa State University	Elsa Schmidt
Macy	Evans	Creston	Iowa State University	Kelsey Bailey
Gabby	Ferguson	North Mahaska	Iowa State University	Brett Hutchinson
Nelson	Findling	Clay Central Everly	Ellsworth Community College, Iowa State University	Betsy Schoelerman
Carli	Grau	Newell-Fonda	DMACC & Iowa State University	Heidi Hain & Crystal Nieland
Grace	Hansen	CAM	Iowa State University	Haley Wollum
Aaron	Johannsen	Harlan Community School	DMACC, Iowa State University	Justine McCall and James Shughart
Adam	Koch	Osage High School	Iowa State University	Melissa Moretz
Montanna	Krogman	Northeast	Iowa State University	Joel Frost
Alicin	Leager	Moulton-Udell	Iowa State University	Hannah Johnson
RyAnn	Mattison	Iowa Valley	Iowa State University	Marcia Kilgard
Sierra	McCullough	Knoxville	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College/Iowa State University	Tiffany Johnston
Brooke	Mead	Pleasantville	DMACC, Northwest Missouri State University	Monty Collins and Erin Cook
Megan	Pansegrau	East Marshall High School	Iowa State University	Caitlin Remington
Cole	Reiman	Graettinger-Terril HS	DMACC, Iowa State University	Caryn Graham
Jane	Roberts	Belmond- Klemme	Iowa State University	Debbie Barkela
Kylee	Smith	Rudd Rockford Marble Rock	Iowa State University	Jym Hansen
Cole	Spain	Postville	Iowa State University	Nick Zuercher
Jenna	Steffen	Waverly-Shell Rock	Hawkeye Community College, Iowa State University	Amy Mitchell
Riane	Vickery	Sibley-Ocheyedan High School	Oklahoma State University	Brian Gottlob & Jacob Fox
Logan	Zaabel	Newton	Iowa State University	James Horn

Signing of the letter of intent will take place as part of the 89th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on Monday, April 10, 2017 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.