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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 5, 2020

TO: **State Winners** of Outstanding Early Career Teacher, Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher, Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program, Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program, Teacher Mentor, Ideas Unlimited, CASE Awards and Teachers Turn the Key

FROM: Alissa F. Smith, NAAE Associate Executive Director *AFS*

SUBJECT: Announcement of 2020 NAAE National Award Recipients

On behalf of the NAAE Board of Directors, it is with pleasure that I announce the names of the NAAE award winners for 2020. As usual, the competition for these awards was intense. I congratulate all of you on your outstanding accomplishments as state winners. You are, indeed, individuals who make our association strong and our profession proud.

The following are the **2020 National Award Winners** who will be recognized December 1st-5th at the 2020 NAAE Convention:

Outstanding Early Career Teacher	Region I	Brooklyn Bush, OR
	Region II	Ashley Gaff, OK
	Region III	Tanasha Wanner, ND
	Region IV	Ashley Rogers, KY
	Region V	Brittany Coleman, FL
	Region VI	Thomas Mazzone, MD
Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher	Region I	Nicole Lebsack, ID
	Region II	Robby Branscum, OK
	Region III	Darren Swartz, WI
	Region IV	Nancy Bell, IN
	Region V	Clair "Missy" Hammond, TN
	Region VI	Holly Oberholtzer, PA

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Outstanding Middle/ Secondary Ag Ed Program	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	St. Helena High School, CA Edmond High School, OK Badger High School, WI Elsberry R-11 High School, MO Dyer County High School, TN Nonnewaug High School, CT
Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program	Region I Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Columbia Basin College, WA Chippewa Valley Technical College, WI University of Kentucky, KY Newton County Young Farmers Program, GA Riverheads Young Farmers Program, VA
Teacher Mentor	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Lance Hill, OR Hope Berry, LA Dr. Brad Greiman, MN Pamela Shultz, OH Stena Meadows, TN Mark Anderson, PA
Ideas Unlimited	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Allison Meadows, OR Kadie Smith, OK Breanna Bregel, ND Liz Harris, IL April Davis, GA Elizabeth Duncan, VA
Lifetime Achievement	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Steve Wilder, ID Jack Staats, OK Paul Larson, WI Dr. Steve Brown, MO Gary Farmer, GA Robert Orrock, VA
Outstanding Cooperation	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	CALS, University of Idaho, ID Dr. Gaea Hock, Kansas State University, KS Culver Franchising System, LLC, WI Compeer Financial, IL Georgia Forestry Commission, GA Center for Professional Personnel Development, The Pennsylvania State University, PA

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Outstanding Service Citation	Region I	Marc Beitia, ID
	Region II	R.J. Curry, OK
	Region III	Rachel Sauvola, WI
	Region IV	Dr. John Tummons, MO
	Region V	Dr. James Woodard, GA
	Region VI	Teresa Lindberg, VA

CASE Model School Award	Worland High School, WY Grace Godfrey
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CASE Innovation Award	Keely DiTizio, NJ
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Teachers Turn the Key	Region I	Jaimee Brentano, OR
	Region I	Taylor Rieniets, WY
	Region I	Cheyenne Reid, UT
	Region I	Shaun Kamida, HI
	Region I	Kelsey Bender, ID
	Region I	Kyle Gavin, MT
	Region I	Samantha Sims, WA
	Region I	Keely Hall, CA
	Region II	Andrea Mattas, KS
	Region II	Tanner Miller, OK
	Region II	Cassandra Goff, NM
	Region III	Tess Mittag, IA
	Region III	Emma Huber, WI
	Region III	Alysha Kientopf, SD
	Region III	Rebecca Cronk, MN
	Region III	David Leier, ND
	Region III	Catherine Chmelka, NE
	Region IV	Abbey VanTyne, OH
	Region IV	Tori McCreary, IN
	Region IV	Logan Layne, KY
	Region IV	Jenny Troyer, MI
	Region IV	Breanne Brammer, MO
	Region IV	Marissa Modglin, IL
	Region V	Sarah Lawrence, NC
	Region V	Hannah Smith, GA
	Region V	Kayla Walters, MS
	Region V	Rachel McClanahan, TN
Region V	Caroline Snellings, SC	
Region V	Shelby Ball, FL	

Region VI	Richard Stonebraker, MD
Region VI	Kylie Smith, NY
Region VI	Douglas Ramsey, VA
Region VI	Allyson Balmer, PA
Region VI	Anthony Brooks, DE

All special award regional winners and recipients of Teachers Turn the Key will be recognized at the 2020 NAAE Convention, December 1-5, 2020. Award winners will receive specific information regarding convention by email in the coming weeks. **Outstanding Early Career Teacher, Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher, Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program, Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program award winners and Teachers Turn the Key recipients should not take any action regarding travel, hotel, or registration arrangements until they receive further instructions from NAAE. If you have already pre-registered for convention, you will be reimbursed by NAAE. Please contact Sarah Warren (swarren.naae@uky.edu) to take care of your reimbursement as soon as possible.**

cc: NAAE Board of Directors
State Ag Teachers' Association Presidents
State Executive Directors and Secretaries

****NOTE****

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