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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 2024

TO: National Association of Agricultural Educators Membership

FROM: Alissa F. Smith, NAAE Chief Executive Officer *AFS*

SUBJECT: Announcement of 2024 NAAE National Award and Scholarship Recipients

On behalf of the NAAE Board of Directors, it is with pleasure that I announce the names of the NAAE Award and Scholarship Recipients for 2024. As usual, the competition for these awards was substantial. The following are the **2024 National Award and Scholarship Recipients** who will be recognized December 3-7 at the 2024 NAAE Convention.

Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award

Region I Teague Teece, OR
Region II Tim Taylor, OK
Region III Rachel Moe, MN
Region IV Caseelynn Shimmin, IL
Region V Brett Wasden, FL
Region VI Patricia Smith, NJ

Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award

Region I Kristin Sheehan, CA
Region II Kimberly Clark, KS
Region III Sandra Dykes, WI
Region IV Trenton Taber, IL
Region V Ashley Rivers, GA
Region VI Matthew Nanny, VA

Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award

Region I	Surprise Valley High School, CA
Region II	Junction City High School, KS
Region III	Muscatine Community School District, IA
Region IV	Blue Ridge High School, IL
Region V	Corinth Holders High School, NC
Region VI	Cumberland Valley High School, PA

Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program Award

Region I	Montana State University, MT
Region III	Fox Valley Technical College, WI
Region IV	University of Illinois, IL
Region V	University of Georgia, GA

Ideas Unlimited Award

Region I	Hannah Schneider, WA
Region II	Jake Rutledge, KS
Region III	Toni Rasmussen, NE
Region IV	Annagrace Ligons, KY
Region V	Leigh Vinson, GA
Region VI	Mandy Curry, VA

Teacher Mentor Award

Region I	Jeff Papke, OR
Region II	Laura Miller, KS
Region III	Denise Reeser, MN
Region IV	Nick Nordwald, MO
Region V	Christopher Hicks, NC
Region VI	Dr. Jessica Jones, VA

Lifetime Achievement Award

Region I	Elaine Lewis, WA
Region II	Dr. Robert Terry, OK
Region III	David Laatsch, WI
Region IV	Duane Huges, IN
Region V	Jim Satterfield, TN
Region VI	Cynthia & Jacques Roszel, NJ

Outstanding Service Award

Region I	Western National Rangeland Education, ID
Region II	John Stahley, CO
Region III	Bradley Schloesser, MN
Region IV	Heather Eberlin, MO
Region V	Steven Gass, TN
Region VI	Ronald Frederick, PA

NAAE Upper Division Scholarships

Recipients of the NAAE Upper Division Scholarships will be recognized at the Alpha Tau Alpha National Conclave held in connection with the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. Attendance is not required to receive the scholarship.

Region I	Lauren Bigler, Montana State University Cassie Moody, University of Idaho Reilly Rich, University of Arizona
Region II	Marexy Guerra, Texas Tech University Abby Kenjura, Texas A&M University Riley Luginbill, Oklahoma State University Rachel Sebesta, Kansas State University
Region III	Abigail Blagg, Iowa State University McKayla Carlson-Hughes, North Dakota State University Madison Stracke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Kathleen Zimmer, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Region IV	Julia Hamblen, Purdue University, Josie Kurtz, University of Kentucky Morgynne Lunsford, University of Kentucky Casey Montgomery, University of Kentucky Annamarie Stone, University of Missouri-Columbia Carmen Trotta, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
Region V	Harrison Falcofsky, University of Tennessee-Knoxville Kamren Vaughn, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Region VI	Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Pennsylvania State University

Please note that NAAE XLR8 and Teachers Turn the Key program participants will be notified separately.

All special award regional winners will be recognized at the 2024 NAAE Convention, December 3-7 in San Antonio, Texas. 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, and Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program award winners 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 Katie Wood (kwood.naae@uky.edu) to take care of your reimbursement as soon as possible.**

cc: NAAE Board of Directors
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State Executive Directors and Secretaries