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## The View From My Front Porch Agricultural Education—"It's Our Baby"

Jeff Maierhofer, NAAE President

I've seen a lot of changes from the front porch, mostly this week. A few inches of snow from last Thursday was covered by some ice on Monday. Today it hit 61 degrees, turning the snow/ice to slop. The two inches of rain tonight will create deeper slop and then the sub zero predictions for Friday will create deep frozen slop. It might be a good time to stay inside and catch up on my advocacy work with the NAAE.

I wonder if my ancestors who lived in this house were able to be involved with decision makers and were able to make a difference. This old house was home to school board members, precinct committeemen, farmer's

union board members, local zoning officers and other members of boards too numerous to mention.

However, I doubt they had the capabilities to affect policy in this county like we can today.

I simply turn on the laptop, log on to the wireless network, go to [www.naae.org](http://www.naae.org), type my zip code into the Capitol Advantage icon and it takes me right to my elected leaders' contact information. It's comforting to know

have an abundance of knowledge of agricultural education. I further doubt that anybody except those in ag education and career and technical education will be informing him either. I've invited him to my school and informed him that I'll be in DC in March to meet him or his staff.

For many of us, agricultural education is our life; it's our baby. When I look in from the front porch, I see Levi, my baby, needing help. He doesn't feed himself. He doesn't change his own diaper. He doesn't change his own clothes. Just like my wife and I have to take care of our baby, those of us in agricultural education have to take care of "our baby."

If you have a freshman congress person, now would be a great time to invite them to your front porch or offer to go visit them on theirs. You certainly are welcome to visit me on mine.



Jeff Maierhofer, Illinois, 2004-05 NAAE President

*... those of us in agricultural education have to take care of "our baby."*

that anybody in this country—no matter where they are, what their title is, or what their resources are—have the ability to contact a public official from their front porch.

I took the time tonight to introduce myself to my new Senator, Barack Obama. He or his staff members will be receiving the first of many contacts from me. Senator Obama is originally from Hawaii and currently lives in Chicago. He readily admits to not having an agricultural background but is ready and willing to represent farmers and agribusiness in Illinois. I'm surmising that he doesn't

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Because of his students' excitement about the television program "Junkyard Wars," **Jim Clifton**, the agricultural teacher at Selah High School in Selah, Washington, developed a project referred to as "Barnyard Wars" for his agricultural mechanics class. The students are expected to use teamwork to design and build a product guided by specific parameters. "Barnyard Wars" was developed into a career development event (CDE) to help the students utilize shop skills learned throughout the year. The objective, timeline, materials available, parameters and rules were mailed to participating schools before the scheduled contest. The products were judged based upon the planning process and end product.

Through the project, students enhance their mathematical skills through measuring, reasoning and communicating mathematically. They also gain science skills, such as the properties of steel, its different shapes and metallurgy.

For more information about this innovative idea, contact **Jim Clifton**, 2004 Ideas Unlimited Region I winner, at (509) 697-0800 or by e-mail at [jimclifton@selah.k12.wa.us](mailto:jimclifton@selah.k12.wa.us). For more information about the NAAE Ideas Unlimited award program, contact the NAAE office by calling (800) 509-0204 or by sending e-mail to [NAAE@uky.edu](mailto:NAAE@uky.edu). The Ideas Unlimited Award Program is sponsored by **Delmar Thomson Learning**.



**Jim Clifton (WA)**, center, received the NAAE Region I Ideas Unlimited award from **Dave Rosenbaum, Delmar Thomson Learning (right)** and **Roger Teeple, NAAE President (left)**.

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## New Organizational Members

NAAE is pleased to welcome two new Organizational Members.

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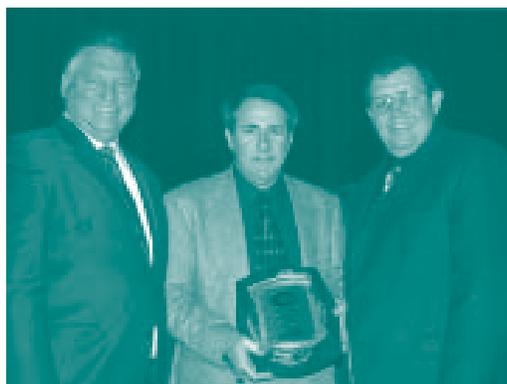
Please be sure to go to the NAAE website at <http://www.naae.org> click on Organizational Members, and visit the websites of our new and existing Organizational Members.

# Teacher Mentor

During his career as an agriculture instructor at Eldorado High School in Eldorado, Illinois, **Bill Kittinger** has mentored many first-year teachers and student teachers. Most recently, he served as the mentor teacher for Mandy Brandenburg, the agriculture instructor for Clay City High School. Brandenburg nominated Kittinger for the Teacher Mentor Award.

Kittinger has assisted Brandenburg in establishing curriculum for her classroom and lab facilities, developing Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs, training Career Development Event (CDE) teams and completing award applications. The two teachers communicate through face-to-face meetings, phone calls and e-mail. Although responsible for his own agricultural education program, Kittinger is always available when other agriculture teachers need assistance.

For more information about successful teacher mentoring ideas, contact Bill by calling **(618) 273-2881** or by sending e-mail to **bkittinger@eldorado.k12.il.us**. For more information about the NAAE Teacher Mentor award program, contact the NAAE office. **CEV Multimedia**, Lubbock, Texas, sponsors this award program.



**Bill Kittinger, IL (center)**, received the 2004 NAAE Region IV Teacher Mentor award. **Gordon Davis, CEV Multimedia (left)** and **Roger Teeple, NAAE President**, presented the award.



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# Teacher Spotlight

**Kate Hawkins**, the agriculture instructor at Strasburg High School, Strasburg, Virginia, strives to develop well-rounded individuals who are capable of critical thinking and succeeding in the real world. In order to accomplish this, she strives to offer an innovative and varied curriculum. Students have had the opportunity to listen to loan officers, lawyers, small business owners and farmers share about their profession. Additionally, Hawkins is on the forefront of integrating educational technology in the classroom.

Hawkins also instills a sense of civil conscience in the classroom. The students initiated a paper-recycling program at the high school that has expanded to include the elementary school. Over three tons of paper have been recycled so far. All the money that is raised from recycling is donated to a local charity. Hawkins' leadership class also organizes an annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

**Kate Hawkins** was named as the 2004 Region VI Outstanding Young Member. To learn more about Kate and the program at Strasburg High School, contact her at **(540) 465-3875** or via e-mail at **kmhawkins@shenandoah.k12.va.us**.

For more information about the NAAE Outstanding Young Member Award award program contact the NAAE office at **(800) 509-0204** or via email at **NAAE@uky.edu**. The Outstanding Young Member Award Program is sponsored by **John Deere**, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.



**Kate Hawkins (VA)**, center, received the NAAE Region VI Outstanding Young Member award from **Cheryl Salley, John Deere (right)** and **Roger Teeple, NAAE President (left)**.



# 2004 Teacher Mentor Awards

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Left to right: Dr. Gordon Davis, CEV Multimedia, James Craddock, VA, Region VI; Tom Sawyer, NC, Region V; Bill Kittinger, IL, Region IV; Todd Marks, SD, Region III; Dale Horton, OK, Region II; James Summers, ID, Region I and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.



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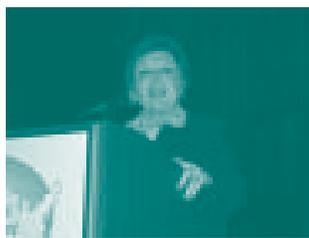
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## 2004 NAAE Convention Highlights

Attendees at the 2004 NAAE Convention had a variety of experiences available to help with “*Focusing on the Future.*” Members participated in hands-on workshops during the professional development seminars and made connections with NAAE Organizational Members and Partners during the Friday reception. Attendees had the opportunity to attend pre-convention tours with a behind the scenes look at the Bellagio and Mirage horticulture departments—an opportunity only available to NAAE mem-

bers. Saturday’s closing session included guest speaker, Dr. Ann Benson, and the election of Jeff Maierhofer to the office of NAAE President and Allan Sulser to President Elect. Convention attendees also had the opportunity to experience the ACTE Convention, with a large trade show and great guest speakers. Plan on joining us December 6-10, 2005 for the 2005 NAAE Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.



### LANDSCAPE DESIGN: IT'S NO DIRTY BUSINESS

By Steve Waddell

Agri-business has been urban for quite a while. More and more city kids are seeing the opportunities in agriculture. The strongest growth in FFA membership is in the urban and suburban parts of the United States. Even though agriculture has been urban and suburban for years, it still seems that many (non-Agricultural Educators) just don't get it. Well, here are some thoughts and statistics to help everyone to become aware of one of agriculture's fastest growing segments. A large agricultural industry that has literally been at their feet for years, and if people would take time to stop and smell the roses – well it would all be very, very clear.

Landscape design is now a 61 billion dollar industry—that's right, I said *billion*—in the U.S. alone. Over 70,000 landscape companies now do business here, and the growth rate is astronomical. In the state of Kansas, for example, horticulture is now the third highest grossing “crop,” right behind wheat and corn. Georgia boasts around a 4 billion dollar landscaping industry, and Florida's Horticulture and Landscape industry is over 10 billion dollars strong.

That high growth means lots of good-paying jobs for high school graduates in the next 10 years. The *Best Jobs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* lists Landscape Architect in the top 20 best-paying jobs in the nation for self-employed workers, with average annual earnings of \$37,930. The business opportunities also abound in the landscape design field. *Best Jobs* also says that 22% of workers in this field are self-employed. Not too bad. Self-employed landscape contractors regularly earn a six-figure annual salary, depending on their initiative and skill.

Even better, landscape design has something for every level of education. From GED equivalency to Ph.D., anyone who enjoys working with plants—or just working outdoors—can find a satisfying career path in landscape design. Soil scientists optimize soil conditions. Turf specialists strengthen the grass base at sports stadiums and golf courses. Plant scientists develop new varieties of flowers, grasses, and plants that specialize in surviving the growing conditions of different regions. But for kids who love technology, there are plenty of computer-related jobs as well—such as the design and layout of a public space in a new commercial development.

But what exactly is landscape design? Landscape design is a specialized branch of horticulture that has grown rapidly in the U.S. in recent years. Horticulture is the science of improving plant culture methods to the interior and exterior areas of homes, commercial businesses, and public spaces. It can also involve the optimization of crop quality and yields. Currently, the horticulture industry is split into two main fields: landscape practices, which focus on design, installation, and maintenance; and nursery practices, which focus on plant propagation and distribution. Both of these fields are heavily utilized in the landscape design industry.

Landscape design is a great way to teach kids about math, science, language, and art concepts. It is a topic that offers the traditional and non-traditional agriculture student a way to be creative, out of doors and empowered to make a positive impact on the environment. For the educator it can be a fun way to get across the principles of environmentalism, entrepreneurialism, soil science, and design, without lecturing or focusing on the negative aspects of eco-destruction. It supports the initiatives of the FFA. And it's the first step in a financially lucrative—and enjoyable—career outdoors or working with the environment, and making the world a better place for all.

*Editor's Note: Steve Waddell works for I Support Learning, LLC, and is part of the development team that created an interactive curriculum on Horticulture and Landscape Design. You can reach Steve at [swaddell@isupportlearning.com](mailto:swaddell@isupportlearning.com).*

# Regional Updates

## Region I

Howdy and Hi from Region I-

I hope the holidays refreshed and recharged everyone for the upcoming new year! It was great to see the large delegation at NAAE National Convention. We had excellent participation with 501 paid registrations in Las Vegas. Strong support carried a dues increase, and I will do my best to see that we utilize it to strengthen our advocacy work. Congratulations to all national award winners. You deserve a pat on the back for your dedication to agricultural education. Jeff Papke was elected as our Region I Secretary and will do a great job representing our region.

James Perey and the Arizona delegation have been busy organizing our Region I conference. The conference dates are set for April 20-23, 2005 in Prescott, Arizona. Highlights include a pre-conference tour of the Grand Canyon on Wednesday and later conference workshops and tours of a fish hatchery, greenhouse and a nursery. Information and registration can be found at [www.ag.arizona.edu/aed/WRAEC.htm](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/aed/WRAEC.htm).

February will hopefully find each state sending a representative to the Team Ag Ed National Ag Ed In-service in Indianapolis at the Hilton Downtown Hotel on February 3-5, 2005. Please take advantage of this professional opportunity.

I encourage you to contact me with any issues or concerns you may have. I am your voice on the NAAE Board and want to carry your message.

Kevin Fochs, Region I Vice President

## Region IV

Thanks to everyone who attended the National Convention in Las Vegas. Congratulations to each state and their leaders as we were all recognized as Distinguished Professional State Associations. Keep up the quality work that you do within your state for the advancement of Agricultural Education. Congratulations also to the regional award winners who were recognized at the annual convention. Now is the time to be preparing applications for the 2005 Convention. Remember they are located on the NAAE Website along with their due dates.

As you plan your summer calendar, I would encourage you to make plans to attend the Region IV Summer Conference at Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, June 27-29, 2005. Chad Berger and the rest of the Indiana crew have an excellent conference planned starting with a golf scramble on Monday morning. Tuesday will be tour day with tours to Sound Bend Chocolate Factory, Delmonte Foods, Maple Leaf Duck Farms and Purina Mills. The business meetings will be held on Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. For registration, housing and additional information see the Region IV Webpage that is part of the NAAE website. Remember to bring your state's applications for Outstanding Cooperation Award, Outstanding Service Citation, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

As I continue in my second year, I am pleased to again be working with Greg Curlin (IN) as Regional Secretary. Please contact either Greg or myself if we can be of assistance.

Harold Eckler, Region IV Vice President

## Region II

My congratulations again to all of the outstanding individuals and programs who were recognized at the convention in Las Vegas. Our profession ought to be proud of the accomplishments of all of the people and organizations we recognized. I especially want to recognize the winners from Region II. We are proud of all of you!

I know that there are many more outstanding teachers and programs in every region that are worthy of recognition. Don't put it off, the deadline for applying for this year's awards will be here before you know it. Start working on that application now!

As we head into the second semester, with all of its activities, I want all of you to add another activity to your calendar. Each of us as members needs to stay up to date on legislative activities, both on the national and the state level. We made a good effort to help get Perkins through in the last session, and we need to get it done! Budgets are tight everywhere, but we need to speak up as a profession to make sure that the voice of agricultural education is heard. Even after the current crises are over, we need to continue to develop relationships with legislators and their staffers. Invite your legislators to come to your school for special events. Help them to put a face on what career and technical education is, what it can be, and the difference it is making in the lives of our students.

I look forward to seeing all of Region II at our summer conference June 19-23, 2005, at the Howard Johnson's in Thibodeaux, Louisiana. I know that our friends with the Louisiana association have put in a lot of work getting ready for us and it looks to be an outstanding conference. Make plans now to attend!

Dr. Bill Hunter, Region II Vice President

## Region V

Greetings to all. I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and are anxious to get the New Year going strong. It was great to see many of you in Las Vegas for the NAAE/ACTE Conference. I am sure that each of you will agree that we had an outstanding conference and I hope that all of you were able to take information that will improve your programs back to your states. I am looking forward to a busy spring representing you in conducting the business of NAAE.

I would like to congratulate Dennis Deaton for his service as our Regional Secretary the past two years and welcome John Allen Bailey as our newly elected Regional Secretary, I am sure he will do a fine job. We were proud of our regional award winners and again congratulate them. Please take a minute and check our NAAE web page for award application deadlines. May 15, 2005 is the deadline for most award applications. Please be getting those individuals in line to submit those applications.

Make sure your calendar has our Region V Summer Conference dates on it. The dates are June 21-23 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. I am sure the South Carolina delegation will "put on the dog" for us during our conference. I will be getting out more information very soon about the conference.

Thank each of you who attended that NAAE Conference for your patience with me while I was under the weather with a sinus infection. Make a note that my school office phone number has changed; 662-285-4155 is the new number. Have a great spring and if I can be of service in any way please contact me.

Lee J. James, Region V Vice President

## Region III

Greetings Region III-

I am sure this newsletter finds you busy with award applications, speaking contests, and other FFA/PAS activities. I want to thank everyone who attended and helped make our NAAE National Convention in Las Vegas a huge success. Congratulations especially to the award winners and our new Regional Secretary Tom Hofmann! Planning is already underway for our next convention in New Orleans.

I hope many of you are planning on heading North this summer to beautiful North Dakota for our Region III Conference. The dates are June 21-23 in Beulah, ND. This is the heart of coal country, which should provide for great tours and sites of interest. The North Dakota Association has things well planned for teachers and families to have a great trip to North Dakota. Hope to see you there.

I also hope you all have designated a state leader to attend the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC March 6-8. This will be a tremendous opportunity to have a leader trained on advocacy strategies and how to enhance state involvement on advocacy for Agricultural Education. The NAAE will pay for one registration fee (\$260 value) for each state to send someone. Please take advantage of this great opportunity and bring home benefits of this great program.

Looking forward to working with all of you throughout the year and as always if I can be of any assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

Paul Larson, Region III Vice President

## Region VI

I wish to thank Terry Hughes for the outstanding job that he has done representing our region over the past several years. Terry has always been willing to help and encourage individuals and state associations throughout the region with his leadership and dedication to our profession. I believe that our region has become stronger and, hopefully, we will be able to build on the momentum and enthusiasm that Terry ignited.

Congratulations to all of our Region VI winners and thank you to those members who served as committee members at the convention. It was wonderful to meet and work with our members at the NAAE Convention in Las Vegas. I was glad to see that several of our members were elected into committee leadership roles. Krista Pontius was elected as our new Regional Secretary and I am sure that she will do a wonderful job representing the region.

The Region VI Conference will be hosted by the Connecticut Association of Agriculture Educators, July 5-8, at the Mohegan Sun Resort & Casino. Registration for the conference is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cheryl Matthewson is the conference chair and more information about the conference can be found at [www.caaeonline.org](http://www.caaeonline.org). Please consider filling out one of the various award applications that NAAE has to offer, and try to encourage a young member from your state to take advantage of the Teachers Turn the Key Program.

It is hard to believe that another school year is half over, and it seems like this is often the busiest time of year for agricultural educators. Please try and remember that it may be several years before the students you are helping complete applications and train for CDE events understand the difference that your time and dedication has made in their lives. I look forward to serving as your Region VI Vice President for the next three years.

Andy Seibel, Region VI Vice President



## Coming Attractions in the 109th United States Congress

The 109th United States Congress is now in full swing. There are already some very positive signs coming from Capitol Hill for career and technical education. However, the early signs from the Administration are once again quite troubling.

The President and officials of the U.S. Department of Education have been making speeches lately regarding their new plans for high schools in the United States. As one would expect, the emphasis is on academic achievement. Frankly, we cannot argue with this. Increasing academic achievement of all high school students would be a great thing. As career and technical educators, the challenge that we face is that the administration apparently does not recognize career and technical education as a way to enhance student academic achievement (higher education enrollment) and, at the same time, prepare students for careers and to become productive citizens in the communities in which they choose to live.

Unfortunately, we must recognize that this rhetoric is going to continue from the current Administration and we are going to have to deal with this for four more years. No Child Left Behind is the hard and fast policy of this Administration and they will be willing to sacrifice any and all other education funding to benefit No Child Left Behind initiatives.

The good news is that we have many great friends in the United States Congress. For example, during the confirmation hearings for the new Education Secretary, Margaret Spellings, Senator Enzi, chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) committee inquired about the then Secretary-Elect's positions toward career and technical education. Since that time, the Senate has introduced "sense of the Senate" language in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) reauthorization (S. 9) that indicates the Senate's strong support for career and technical education.

On the U.S. House of Representatives side of Capitol Hill, the House has already introduced its version of the Perkins reauthorization legislation (HR 366 -- the "Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act"). What is most interesting about the HR 366 is that it was introduced prior to the release of the President's budget proposal, which will come out on February 7.

At the time of this writing, we don't know what will be in the President's budget proposal regarding career and technical education for FY 2006 and beyond; however, we expect full well that the President's budget proposal will once again slam career and technical education. In fact, the FY 2006 executive budget proposal for our programs is likely to be much worse than the FY 2005 executive budget proposal -- and the FY 2005 proposal was very unkind to our programs. (Remember how upset we were about this time last year?!!)

We must keep in mind that the battle to preserve and enhance our programs will be fought in the United States Congress -- not in the White House -- not in the U.S. Department of Education. Given this fact, we all must strengthen our efforts in communicating positive messages about our programs to our respective Congressional delegations.

Each and every member of NAAE needs to contact their two Senators and their Representative and tell them about their excellent programs. Members of Congress are accountable for the funding they provide to our programs. We must educate our elected officials about the strengths of our programs so that they will insist on continuing our programs and expanding the federal support for them.

And, please don't assume that your elected officials automatically make the connections between the Perkins legislation, career and technical education, and agricultural education. We are educators ... and we must educate our members of Congress about our programs.

Further, encourage your FFA alumni members, advisory councils, parents of your students, young and adult farmers, agribusiness leaders, other community leaders, school officials, and others to join you in communicating positive messages to Congress. Only the constituents of the respective elected officials can be influential with them! Your vote is important to your elected officials!

To get regular updates on agricultural education advocacy, be sure you are subscribed to the U.S. Ag Ed Listserv (go to <http://www.naae.org> for details) and check the NAAE website often at <http://www.naae.org>, including the "Contact Congress" links.

### TOTALLY TUBULAR!



Pictured left to right, Back row: Jeremy Johns, Carol Crowe, Anthony DeBoard, Cody Spencer. Front Row: John Kelle (Manger, Kelle Oil), Josh Hargis (Advisor), Travis Campbell, Kayla Kincaid, Greg Panach, Kris Spencer, Steve Kelle (Owner, Kelle Oil).

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## 2004 Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher Awards

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**Left to right:** (Front Row) **Michael Schrag**, WA, Region I; **Kurt Dillon**, KS, Region II; **Dennis Mottl**, NE, Region III; **Don Wheeler**, MI, Region IV; (Back Row) **Anne Burt**, Syngenta, **John Blankenship**, TN, Region V; **William Davenport**, CT, Region VI; and **Roger Teeple**, NAAE President.



## 2004 Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Ed Program Awards

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**Left to right:** (Front Row) **Brian Anderson** and **Ryan Edgecomb**, Fort Scott Community College, KS, Region II; **Peter Neigebauer**, **Bruce White**, **Bob Cramer**, and **Brad Schloesser**, South Central Technical College, MN, Region III; (Back Row) **Anne Burt**, Syngenta; **Jim Caudle**, Spoon River College, IL, Region IV; **Chris Corzine**, Crescent Young Farmer Program, SC, Region V; **Axel Linde**, Solanco Young Farmer Program, PA, Region VI; and **Roger Teeple**, NAAE President



## 2004 Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program Awards

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**Left to right:** (Front Row) **Mike Wallace & Jacque Church**, Quincy High School, WA, Region I; **Shirley and Mike Stephens**, Chickasha High School, OK, Region II; **Mark Zimmerman**, Spencer Public Schools, WI, Region III; **John Kallash**, **Bruce Werkmeister** and **Brock Bailey**, Bowling Green R-1, MO, Region IV; (Back Row) **Roger Teeple**, NAAE President; **David Harris**, Charlotte Emerson and Tom Williams, Union County High School, FL, Region V; **Cindy Walstedt**, **William Davenport**, **Eric Birkenberger**, Nonnewaug High School, CT, Region VI; and **Dennis Hann**, CNH.



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## 2004 Outstanding Young Member Awards

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**Left to Right:** Bill Becker and Cheryl Salley, John Deere; Kate Hawkins, VA, Region VI; David Harris, FL, Region V; Grace Anderson, IN, Region IV; JoDee Free, ND, Region III; Joseph Ham, AR, Region II; David Wilson, UT, Region I; Curt Linke, John Deere and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.



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Following are the names of the 2004 Teachers Turn the Key Award recipients:

## Region I

Daniel Foster, AZ  
Stacie Hewitt, CA  
Jessica Stapelman, ID  
Scott Blain, MT  
Kari Hanson, MT  
Dustin Dayley, UT  
Kerry Moody, UT  
Travis DeVore, WA  
Dustina Nash, WA  
Kattlyn Wolf, WY

## Region III

Nathan Marting, IA  
Seena Glessing, MN  
Betsy Jensen, MN  
D.J. Mottl, NE  
Kristyn Harms, NE  
JoDee Free, ND  
Beau Anderson, ND  
Jody Gittings, SD  
Mark Roelfsema, SD  
Rachel Zabel-Sauvoula, WI

## Region V

Sarah Killgore, FL  
Erin Johnson, FL  
Bo Adams, GA  
Shawn Collins, GA  
Danny Johnson, MS  
Frankie Farbotko, NC  
Nicholas Armendariz, NC  
T.M. Willingham, SC  
Wesley Blankenship, TN  
Bradley Hunt, TN

## Region II

Chad Mooney, AR  
Cory Wedel, CO  
Amy Allen, KS  
Mandy DeLaune, LA  
Colby Cagle, OK  
Christy Jennings, OK

## Region IV

Andrew Thoron, IL  
Mandy Brandenburg, IL  
Aaron McMillan, IN  
Kimberly Gauck, IN  
Leigh Osentoski, MI  
Kyle Fiebig, MI  
Ty Crain, MO  
Tiffany Rouse, MO  
Carmen Hartzell, OH

## Region VI

Virginia Keith, CT  
Amy Maxwell, NY  
Diane Glock, PA  
Stephanie Chick, VA  
Emily Nester, VA

# 2004 Outstanding Service Awards

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**Left to right: Darryl Foster** (accepted by **Jeff Perry**), NY, Region VI; **Ralph Barnett**, TN, Region V; **Leon Crowe**, IN, Region IV; **Douglas Hanson**, MN, Region III; **Troy Buck**, AR, Region II; **Clinton Sams**, WA, Region I and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.



## 2004 Outstanding Cooperation Awards

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**Left to right:** Dennis Wolff, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, PA, Region VI (accepted by Krista Pontius); Ed Tonore, Southern Heritage Fundraising Co, MS, Region V; James Ogden, OH, Region IV; Cliff Jensen, The Leadership Center, NE, Region III; Darrell Mendez, Ford Division Southwest, TX, Region II (accepted by George Krejci); Ronald Shopbell, ID, Region I and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.



## 2004 Lifetime Achievement Awards

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**Left to right:** David Meisinger, National Pork Board; Clifford Day, PA, Region VI; Jerry Cooper, TN, Region V; Brenda Oldfield, KY, Region IV; Richard Aide, WI, Region III; Walter Upton, AR, Region II; Robert Gappmeyer, UT, Region I; and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.



## 2004 Ideas Unlimited Awards

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**Left to right:** Dave Rosenbaum, Delmar Thomson Learning; Sally W. Shomo, VA, Region VI; Amanda Johnson, MI, Region IV; Dave Olson, NE, Region III; Jerry Schmidt, KS, Region II; Jim Clifton, WA, Region I; and Roger Teeple, NAAE President.  
**Not Pictured:** Joe Green, GA, Region V.



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NAAE Region II Meeting — June 19-22, 2005 — Thibodeaux, Louisiana

NAAE Region III Meeting — June 21-23, 2005 — Beulah, North Dakota

NAAE Region V Meeting — June 21-23, 2005 — Hilton Head, South Carolina

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