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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2022

TO: National Association of Agricultural Educators Membership

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

SUBJECT: Announcement of 2022 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 2022. As usual, the competition for these awards was intense.

The following are the **2022 National Award and Scholarship Recipients** who will be recognized November 29 – December 3 at the 2022 NAAE Convention.

Outstanding Early Career Teacher Award

Region I	Anthony Drumonde, CA
Region II	Bailey Kliewer, OK
Region III	Andrew "Andy" Jensen, SD
Region IV	James Kash, KY
Region V	Tori Cardea, NC
Region VI	Deanna Miller, NJ

Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award

Region I	Kathy Mayfield, OR
Region II	Jonathan Walden, OK
Region III	Diane Morgan, WI
Region IV	Kate Skirvin, IN
Region V	Mary Lett, MS
Region VI	Darla Romberger, PA

Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award

Region I	Imbler High School, OR
Region II	Chickasha High School, OK
Region III	Staples Motley High School, MN
Region IV	Sycamore High School, IL
Region V	West Rowan High School, NC
Region VI	Pequea Valley High School, PA

Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program Award

Region III	MN West Tech College, MN
Region IV	Murray State University, KY
Region V	North Carolina State University, NC
Region VI	University of Maryland, MD

Ideas Unlimited Award

Region I	Trevor Motley, MT
Region II	Ethan Beeman, CO
Region III	William Fritz, ND
Region IV	Fallon Jackson, KY
Region V	Nancy Sell, GA
Region VI	Todd Eick, NY

Teacher Mentor Award

Region I	Jessica Grundy, UT
Region II	Kim O'Byrne, NM
Region III	Randy Vlasin, NE
Region IV	Steve Keown, IN
Region V	Laura Moss, TN
Region VI	Tara Berescik Burke, NY

Outstanding Service Citation

Region I	JoAnna Kotar, MT
Region II	Allen Miller, OK
Region III	Cheryl Zimmerman, WI
Region IV	Jeff Maierhofer, IL
Region V	Elizabeth Flanagan, TN
Region VI	Jeffrey Perry, NY

Outstanding Cooperation Award

Region I	Joe Godinho, WA
Region II	Larry Peck, OK
Region III	Minnesota State Fair, MN
Region IV	Jennifer Waters, IL
Region V	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, GA
Region VI	Todd Lighthall, NY

Lifetime Achievement Award

Region I	Thomas "Tom" Clifton, ID
Region II	R. J. Curry, OK
Region III	Gary Thome, MN
Region IV	Lisa Evans, MO
Region V	Glenn Goulder, TN
Region VI	John Neyhart, NJ

Teachers Turn the Key Professional Development Scholarships

- Region I Corinne Henderson, AK
 Bret Kindall, ID
 Taylor Standley, MT
 Tess Hamby, OR
 Courtney Henderson, UT
 Melissa Rauch, WA
 William "Bill" Dalles, WY
- Region II Jazmine Zuniga, CO
 Trevor Wax, NM
 Megan Thormodsgard, OK
- Region III Amy Ewing, IA
 Ethan Dado, MN
 Bailey Hawbaker, ND
 Sarah Hebda, NE
 Matti Boomgaarden, SD
 Cierra Essock, WI
- Region IV Kindra Callahan, IL
 Lindsey Williams, IN
 James "JT" Payne, KY
 Natalie Holbrook, MI
 Jordan Gerlemann, MO
 Abigale Campbell, OH
- Region V Brett Wasden, FL
 Sarah Beth Hammond, GA
 Matthew Breland, MS
 Paul Young, NC
 Hunter Morton, SC
 Kelsey Swirka, TN

Teachers Turn the Key Professional Development Scholarships (continued)

Region VI Rene Boardman, CT
 McKenzie Hardy, DE
 Stacy Eckels, MD
 Kylie Naylor, NJ
 Ashley Wightman, NY
 Brandon Witmer, PA
 Alice Cox, VA

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 Kiara Benavides, California Polytechnic State University
 Madison Galvez, California Polytechnic State University
 Clayton Sheehan, California State University – Fresno
 Shelby Watts, California Polytechnic State University– San Luis Obispo
 Drew Weaver, University of Idaho

Region II Sarah Beavers, Stephen F Austin State University
 Stephanie Bushnell, West Texas A&M University

Region III Danie Brandl, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Trent Marshall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Clayton Thomas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Region IV Alexis Carroll, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
 Helen Eaglin, Purdue University
 Brittany Gonzales, Purdue University
 Noah Hamrick, Purdue University

Region VI Morgan Bear, Pennsylvania State University

All special award regional winners and recipients of Teachers Turn the Key will be recognized at the 2022 NAAE Convention, November 29 – December 3 in Las Vegas, Nevada. 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 Katie Wood (kwood.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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