DATE: August 1, 2022

TO: National Association of Agricultural Educators Membership

FROM: Alissa F. Smith, NAAE Chief Executive Officer

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

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### Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award

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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” Dalle, 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.naee@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

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