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AGRICULTURE FUTURE OF AMERICA SELECTED AS A 2019 NATIONAL TEACH AG CHAMPION

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK – As part of the annual National Teach Ag Day celebration, the National Teach Ag Campaign recognizes those who play an important role in agricultural education as Teach Ag Champions. Those recognized play an integral part in the recruitment and retention efforts of the National Teach Ag Campaign, in order to address the national demand for agriculture teachers.

The 2019 Teach Ag Champions were selected based upon their commitment to agriculture teacher recruitment and retention and their unwavering willingness to promote the National Teach Ag Campaign's message of ensuring a quality and diverse supply of agriculture teachers. This year, Agriculture Future of America, was named one of the four 2019 National Teach Ag Champions.

Agriculture Future of America is an organization that builds transformational leaders in food and agriculture. Based in Kansas City, Missouri, the AFA Leaders Conference includes a special agricultural education session for those pursuing careers to become agriculture teachers. In 2018, 52 preservice agricultural educators participated in this special professional development opportunity. The conference also offers resume support and a special breakfast for agricultural education majors from across the nation.

Agriculture Future of America will be recognized for its outstanding accomplishments during the National Teach Ag Day live celebration on Thursday, September 19th, at the BASF headquarters, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

National Teach Ag Day is a nationwide celebration that encourages others to consider a career teaching agriculture, while recognizing the contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. Agriculture teachers are key to developing essential career and life skills in students, so that they will be successful problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists. To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit naae.org/teachag.

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provided by the CHS Foundation, Corteva Agriscience™, Growth Energy, and BASF as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain high quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture, and celebrate the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. For more information about the National Teach Ag Campaign, visit www.naae.org/teachag.

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