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The 5th annual **Ag Ed Institute** is planned to kick off on Thursday, June 15th at 6pm at the FL FFA State Convention.



Students can register by following:

https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_56LDwGfRa2pywZf

Share this link with your students that need to become or should give consideration to becoming an Ag Teacher

This is Florida's part in the National Teach Ag Campaign. This year we will host the event at the State FFA Convention followed by at least one follow-up session in the fall and final session held in the spring. **The planned follow-up programming dates are:**

- **Fall - Sept. 22nd or 23rd**
- **Spring - April 26th or 28th**

Final date selection will depend on input provided from students during registration in the above link.

Each high school agriculture program is asked to submit the names of 2 students to participate in the Ag Ed Institute to be held at the State FFA Convention! This

event will take place at 6:00pm on Thursday, June 15th at State FFA Convention. A light meal will be provided to the participants and the program will conclude no later than 7:45 pm. Submit your best teaching candidates, your brightest, your most driven, and the ones that need to learn more about the opportunities in becoming a teacher of agriculture and advising a local FFA chapter! If there are more than 2 students from a local chapter, more names can be submitted and we will contact the teacher if we have limited space.

The details:

- Participants need to attend the FL FFA State Convention
- Participants need to be able to attend the workshop from 6:00 to 8:00 – Thursday, June 15th
- UF-AEC is looking for 2 students, from each high school program, that you believe to be good candidates and have the potential and interest in becoming an agriscience teacher.

If you have additional students to enter, take into consideration the following:

- Additional participants may apply (first consideration is given to the top 2 in each program) This is an annual program (there will be opportunities the following year)

Much like last year:

- Near the end of our session there will be a call to Rise Above to become an Agriculture Teacher!
- Participants will be asked if they would like to apply to the Ag Ed Institute's year-long program that develops and hones their commitment and skills.
- Participants that accept the challenge that will RISE ABOVE by signing a "*Letter of Intent*" and be recognized on state during the **8th General Session** of the 89th Florida FFA State Convention. (Friday's morning session)
- We ask that their agriscience teacher accompany them following the Thursday session for pictures and to support of their student's decision and agree to work with them during their remaining time in the program. Participants are choosing the most noble profession – TEACHING

- Each participant will be assigned a UF Ag Ed Faculty Mentor that will provide one-on-one support and mentorship going forward and through their first years of teaching.

Additional Planned Events:

- In the fall of the year, programming will continue with workshops and meetings held for those in the continuing program.
- During the spring the Ag Ed Institute participants will again convene, reflect, and charge forward as they learn more about becoming an agriscience teacher.

Please provide input on the additional workshop days - during the week or a Saturday?

If you have questions please feel free to contact Andrew Thoron
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