Dear FFA Members and Supporters,

It is with heavy hearts that we as a team write to you. The pandemic of COVID-19 spreading across the world has caused devastation for many people, not only in our organization, but for many others in our state & nation.

We realize the disappointment that you all must be experiencing for the postponement of the most prominent event that we have in the Oklahoma FFA Association, the State FFA Convention. While there is no definite cancellation of convention, postponing it will create an uncharted situation for all of us, and it will not be quite the same. Nevertheless, the show must go on.

If any of you attended the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Leadership Camp this past year, then hopefully you will remember how important and valuable the time you spent with your small group was. In one of the sessions, your SGL talked to you about how “it is never our responsibility to make any situation perfect, but it is our responsibility to make every situation the best it can be.” We realize this situation will not be perfect, but that doesn’t mean that we are going to give in, wave the white flag and call it quits. Instead, we are devoting our time, energy and effort into finding ways to make this situation the best it can be.

Our hearts go out to the seniors this year – those who may not walk across the stage for graduation or play in a state tournament game or have various events for which they have spent an enormous amount of time preparing. We know that you all do not compete for the sake of recognition, but we want to spotlight those who have gone above and beyond the past five years as FFA members. So if you are a senior who is receiving your state FFA degree, we need your help. We want to spotlight you over these next few months to share with the world the prestigious members that Oklahoma FFA has.

If you will please send us the following:

• One senior photo and one photo of you in Official Dress or with a CDE/LDE team.
• Your favorite FFA activities.
• 1-3 sentences of what you were involved in through FFA.
• Your plans.
• A quote or some words of encouragement for the rest of the association during this difficult time. (optional)

Send these things with your name and FFA chapter to dhardaway@okffa.org with the subject line “Senior FFA Member Spotlight.” We plan to share your story with the rest of the world over our state FFA officer social media during these next few weeks.

Every member of our association continues to make us extremely proud with hard work and passion for this organization. Our hope is that through this project, we will be able to deliver recognition where it is deserved. As a reminder, the work you have done for our association does not go unnoticed.

We appreciate each and every one of you and want to remind you that we are still here to help in any way we can.

**Although our current situation is not ideal, let’s make it the best it can be.**

*With Love,*

2019-2020 State FFA Officer Team