



NEWS RELEASE

**86th Annual State FFA Convention
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Local FFA Member Receives Scholarship

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_____ (name) of the _____ (name of chapter) FFA chapter is among the 43 Oklahoma FFA members statewide to receive a scholarship to attend the 2012 Washington Leadership Conference program in our nation's capitol June 3-11, 2012.

These FFA members will be recognized during the 86th Annual State FFA Convention held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

The sponsors of the WLC scholarships are The Craig Foundation (6), T & D Meats (1), C.M. Trailers (1), Idabel FFA Alumni Association (1), Independent Insurance Agents of Oklahoma (2), the Dupy Family Trust (1), Alfred and Anita Green(1), Larry & Helen Harvey (1), Mike Stephens Memorial (1), Farm Credit of Enid (1), Ralph and June Dean (1), Raymond Cockrum (1), Chesapeake Energy Corporation (2), Oklahoma LP Gas Research Marketing and Safety Commission (2), Pioneer Telephone Company (1), Blue & Gold Sausage Company (1), and the Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association (21).

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Over 2,300 FFA members from around the nation will experience the unique and rewarding opportunity to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Students are challenged to take their leadership skills to the highest level by learning how to solve local problems, build relationships, develop their character and truly live to serve others.

FFA members will tour our nation's capitol, visit with members of Congress and perform a service learning project within the Washington, D.C. area, while building friendships with fellow FFA members from across the nation.

The Oklahoma FFA Alumni Association sponsors three charter buses to the conference each summer for the scholarship recipients and approximately 100 other FFA members who pay their own way or find local sponsorships to attend.

FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education Division of Oklahoma's Career Tech system. The Oklahoma FFA Association is the sixth largest state association in the nation with more than 23,000 members, and is proud to be the home of the 2010-2011 national FFA president, Riley Pagett, from Woodward, Okla. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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