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ALABAMA FFA CELEBRATES 91 YEARS OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Top Winners Will Represent Our State at the Upcoming 2019 FFA Nationals in Indiana

Montgomery, Ala. – Excited students, teachers, and parents will travel to Auburn and Montgomery next week, to participate in state competitions, career development expos, and much more at the 2019 Alabama FFA State Convention, June 4-7.

Over 2,000 students and teachers will attend this event being held at Opelika High School and Auburn University (June 4), and the Montgomery Renaissance Convention Center (June 5-7).

Learn more about these events at http://www.alabamaffa.org/state_convention.htm.

FFA is dedicated to preparing students for careers in agriculture-related occupations. Students attending this year’s state convention will have opportunities to earn awards in 80 competition areas including forestry, landscaping, wildlife management, and prepared public speaking. Top competition winners will represent our state at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October.

“Nationally, the FFA organization serves more than 650,000 high school, college, and professional members – we are focused on preparing students for a lifetime of success,” says FFA Executive Secretary Andy Chamness. “Students attending this year’s convention will test their skills in exciting state-level competitions, build their leadership skills in fun convention workshops, and network with peers and professionals from across the United States.”

Highlights of Tuesday’s state competition (Auburn) include: Aquaculture, Livestock, Safe Tractor Driving, Agricultural Mechanics, Creed Speaking, Horse Evaluation, Nursery/Landscape, Meats Evaluation, Floriculture, Agricultural Construction and Maintenance, Extemporaneous Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Veterinary Science, Forestry, Parliamentary Procedure, and the Poultry competition – all starting at 9 a.m.

Wednesday’s events (at the Renaissance Convention Center) include: the String Band Finals at 9 a.m.; Opening Session at 2 p.m.; Star Farmer Ceremony and the awarding of Alabama’s Honorary State FFA Degrees at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, state competition winners will be recognized during two awards ceremonies, starting at 8:30 a.m., and 7 p.m.

To see a copy of the full 2019 Alabama FFA event agenda, visit this link: http://www.alabamaffa.org/StateConvention/2019/Tentative%202019%20Program.pdf

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The National FFA Convention is the largest gathering of students in the world and the second largest convention in the United States – similar in size to the Democratic and Republican national conventions.

**Sponsors of the 91st Annual Alabama FFA Convention include:**


*Our state currently has over 15,000 FFA members.* Alabama’s career and technical education (CTE) programs offer students opportunities to participate in seven student organizations, including FFA.

To learn more about our state’s exciting FFA Association, contact Andy Chamness, Alabama FFA Executive Secretary at (334) 844-5595, or visit the Alabama FFA website [www.alabamaffa.org](http://www.alabamaffa.org).

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