Boswell Foundation Gives Largest Single Donation

With a strong belief in developing future leaders, Jim Boswell presented the California FFA Foundation with its largest single donation of $250,000 at the 86th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference. Throughout the day, FFA members had the opportunity to share their story with Mr. Boswell and the important role the FFA has played in their success. The state conference visit included time spent at the AgriScience Fair visiting with students about their experiences. The state conference visit included time spent at the AgriScience Fair visiting with students about their experiences.

“IT was an honor for me to be included in this year’s state convention. The commitment and dedication of all of the people I met make us proud to be associated with California FFA. Congratulations on an exciting event and we look forward to our partnership with the future.” ~ Jim Boswell

Coming Together to Support California FFA

Not new to supporting FFA, the Farm Credit Associations have a long history of supporting FFA both in California and on the National level. The first printing of the FFA Student Handbook in 1977 was made possible by a grant from the Production Credit Associations (PCA’s) of the United States through their 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks. Through this grant, 8,072 FFA Chapters

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A this time last year, I wrote about what an exciting time it was to be a supporter of the California FFA Foundation and to know that your support comes at a critical time in agricultural education. Little could I predict the challenges and accomplishments that would follow.

As most of you know, agricultural education has been presented with a new challenge by the Governor’s proposal to eliminate the Agricultural Incentive Grant. All of us in agriculture know that challenges create opportunities. This new challenge has allowed those who have benefited from the FFA, and those currently enrolled, to work hand-in-hand in educating decision makers about what this program means. At Capital Ag Day, over 1,800 FFA members converged on the steps of the Capitol to voice their concerns. Seeing that many FFA jackets surrounding legislators as they voiced their support for the program was inspiring. In addition, thousands of letters have been written to legislative representatives and countless numbers of town hall meetings have taken place locally. I thank the ag teachers, parents and community leaders for the role each is playing in orchestrating this support.

Social media has also played an important role in our effort. Yet again, a new opportunity has been created for us to share the importance of this program. If you haven’t already done so, check out our website at www.saveffa.com.

Outside of the Capitol efforts, the Foundation has been hard at work creating new opportunities for partners to join our effort to support FFA. At the State FFA Convention, I was extremely pleased to announce our newest partner, the James G. Boswell Foundation. With your help, we will continue to make FFA the premier youth leadership program in California. Please visit our website or contact us at (209) 744-1969 for donor information.

This is a new era for FFA and the California FFA Foundation. We will continue to work tirelessly to meet the challenges facing agricultural education while also creating new opportunities for future students.

Louie Brown, Chair

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Introducing the 2014-2015 California State FFA Officer Team!

left to right: Vice President: Haley Warner, Brent Hartt, Secretary: Sierra Bryant, Templeton, Treasurer: Roman Waskiewicz, Pleasant Grove, Reporter: Ellen Van Noy, Nevada Union, President: Dipak Kumar, Tulare, Sentinel: Luis Sanchez, Gonzales

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Ag Plate Support

A though long overdue, it is no less sincere for the thanks and support of the following companies and individuals who supported the California FFA efforts in achieving the required 7,500 quota to make the California Ag license plate a reality. Thank you for going beyond by registering multiple company vehicles!

Over 75 vehicles registered
- American Ag Credit, Santa Rosa
- Farm Credit West FLCA - Yuba City, Visalia, Woodland
- Ponderosa Telephone Company, O’Neals
- Valley Pacific Petroleum Services, Stockton

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Investing in the Future of FFA

For 86 years, California FFA has enjoyed a wonderful tradition of excellence. As former members and current students chart a course into the future to even greater achievements, private supporters will play an increasingly important role in our success.

There are several ways you can partner with the California FFA Foundation to provide much-needed assistance. In addition, some methods of giving may provide attractive financial and tax benefits. For information about giving, or to make a donation, please contact our office at (209) 744-1969.

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Modesto Regional Luncheon

Over 60 business and industry supporters turned out to hear Gregorio and Downey FFA students share their stories of success and how FFA has impacted their lives. Dining in the outdoor patio of Galletto’s Restaurant, Ripon High School Ag Advisor, Sherry Johns, explained the three-circle model of agricultural education that connects the classroom to handson learning. Special thanks to event co-sponsors Wayne and Beth Glassier, and Tom and Karen Gallo.

"California FFA Foundation"
Toosje Van Warmerdam - Koll

Toosje currently serves as Managing Director of the Sacramento office of Resources Global Professionals (RGP). RGP is a multi-regional firm that provides seasoned professionals to help solve business issues for Global 1000 companies in the areas of accounting and finance, human capital, information management, supply chain, internal audit/ risk management, and legal services on a project basis. As head of the Sacramento practice, Toosje oversees the office’s business development, recruiting and client service initiatives. She regularly interacts with local businesses and is seen as a business partner and peer throughout her company and the community.

Prior to joining RGP, Toosje spent 13 years with Deloitte & Touche as a senior audit manager. Toosje’s sector experience spans agri-business, manufacturing, distribution, retail, high-tech, financial services, gaming, state and local governments and nonprofits.

Toosje has served as Chair of the Board for the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO), and been a board member since 2004. During this time, she has served as Treasurer, while also serving on the SACTO Finance and Audit committees. She has also served on the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. In addition, Toosje currently serves on the UCP Foundation Board of Directors, is a member of the College of Business Administration Advisory Council for California State University, Sacramento, and is a member of the Sacramento Sutter Club where she serves on their Finance Committee.

Toosje Koll grew up on a dairy farm in the Elk Grove area and received a B.S. in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento. She is an alum of the Elk Grove FFA Chapter where she served as Chapter Treasurer and Vice President. Toosje participated in County and State Fairs exhibiting her dairy cows. Toosje earned her State Farmer Degree and was a member of the Farm Records team winning at the local, state and national levels. The California FFA Foundation welcomes Toosje to the board.

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  - Let PG&E pay up to 50% of your pump repair costs
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### Zoetis / Animal Health
- Zoetis / Animal Health were recognized for their donation of $12,767 from the company’s 1% qualified purchase Give Back Program.

### Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer
- Creatively supporting the California FFA through involvement and support, Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer launched their Give Back Program by announcing a donation of $1 for every 50 gallons of Agro-Culture Liquid products sold in California between January 1 and June 30, 2014.
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