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## David C. Hinson Middle School FFA Named National Chapter Award Winner

INDIANAPOLIS – The David C. Hinson Middle School FFA Chapter of Daytona Beach, Fla., was named “Outstanding Middle School” Model of Innovation winner at the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

The nation’s top 10 three-star gold chapters in the middle school development division competed for the award. The chapter received a plaque in an onstage ceremony during the convention’s second general session on Thursday, Oct. 22. Top chapters were also selected from student, chapter and community development divisions.

Members of the Hinson FFA have stepped up their agriscience skills. The entire chapter of seventh and eighth graders participated in an online curriculum on planting science, and 37 percent of the chapter members developed agriscience fair projects based on their online learning.

In a drive to increase chapter recruitment, Hinson FFA members created a recruiting video and presented FFA information to local elementary schools through a series of FFA visits, playing up the long list of chapter activities for potential members.

Hinson FFA members also partnered with the county’s environmental services department and marine science center to work restoring and replanting mangroves along the county’s shoreline for ecosystem replenishment.

The Models of Innovation awards are sponsored by the National FFA Foundation. It is one of the many ways FFA members accomplish the FFA mission and succeed in making a difference in their communities and the lives of others.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50

states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. 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. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) for more information.

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