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Twenty Students named Collegiate Ambassadors

INDIANAPOLIS – The National Collegiate FFA Organization has selected twenty college students, to serve as a National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador for the next year. The focus of the program is to develop and implement a sustainable agricultural awareness plan among teachers and students on the local level and to share the importance of agriculture. The students, who are currently enrolled in colleges and universities across the nation, will deliver presentations to high school classes, community organizations and other groups interested in learning about the agriculture industry. These presentations will focus on economic importance, environmental stewardship, sound science, and sustainable agriculture.

The ambassadors participated in a four-day training during the month of August, where they concentrated on enhancing their presentation skills and received training on the current agriculture issues. This training took place at the National FFA Organization's headquarters in Indianapolis.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,439 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. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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2009-2010 Ag Ambassador Team

Alabama

Matt Barton, Gadsden
Oklahoma State University

Arizona

Chelsea Schlittenhart, Flagstaff
University of Arizona

California

Jimmy Pierce, Santa Maria
California State University-Fresno

Cole Rojewski, Clovis
California State University- Fresno

Beau Williamson, Clovis
Purdue University

Colorado

Tim Martini, Larkspur
Colorado State University

Florida

Rusty Hartline, Plant City
University of Florida

Illinois

Nate Dobbels, Galva
Iowa State University

Ashlee Lambrich, Geff
Southern Illinois University

Ashley Mason, Canton
Western Illinois University

Maine

Katy Sartwell, Farmington
University of Maine

Minnesota

Caitlin Kasper, Owatonna
University of Minnesota

Missouri

Shane Kinne, Eagleville
University of Missouri

Julia Shuck, Perry
University of Missouri

Ohio

Lauren Schwab, Somerville
Miami University (Ohio)

Tennessee

Cody Norton, Martin
University of Tennessee-Martin

Lauren Rogers, Brighton
University of Tennessee

Texas

Michelle Newton, Hale Center
Texas Tech University

Wisconsin

Molly Heintz, New Richmond
Iowa State University

Kayla Schmidt, Gresham
University of Wisconsin