Team AgEd met on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Arizona Department of Education for the second time. The agenda for the meeting was to develop Vision and Mission Statements for Team AgEd, identify priority areas for the team, establish goals to advance each priority area, and consider primary stakeholders to lead each goal. Dr. Matthew Mars, University of Arizona, facilitated the meeting.

Vision Statement: Team AgEd is a collaborative alliance that facilitates the highest quality Agricultural Education in Arizona.

Mission Statement: Team AgEd coordinates communication and develops partnerships that lead to quality agricultural education programs across Arizona.

The following seven priority areas and underlying goals were identified, discussed, and agreed upon by the Team: Product Development, Assessment Standards for Program Quality, Curriculum, Teacher Development, Marketing and Advocacy, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, Broaden and Engage Students.

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Team Ag Ed Establishes Vision and Mission Statement

Over 1,400 FFA members gathered on the University of Arizona Campus on Friday, March 6, 2014 for the Arizona FFA Annual Spring Conference to participate in developing their future through participating in Career Development Events (CDEs). Throughout their high school careers, many students will ask their teachers, "When will I ever use this in the real world?" Students enrolled in agricultural education have discovered that CDEs are the answer. Since 1928, FFA has worked to create CDEs that demonstrate the meaningful connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA, and are an outgrowth of the curriculum taught in each agricultural education program. They are designed to develop individual responsibilities, foster teamwork and promote communications while recognizing the value of ethical competition and individual achievement. Most events include appropriate team activities where two or more members from one chapter work cooperatively.

By delivering an integrated model of education through classroom learning, real-world work experience and activities designed to promote personal growth, FFA and agricultural education help students discover and plan their own unique route to future success. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting. CDEs test the abilities of individuals and teams in major areas of agricultural instruction. Career development events give young people the knowledge they need for more than 300 diverse careers in the food, fiber and natural resources industries. Real-world skills learned through FFA prepare members for a range of futures in such fields as marketing, law, science, international business, veterinary medicine and golf course management.
On February 22, 2014 the Arizona Agricultural Education/FFA Foundation held the 3rd Annual Benefit Trap Shoot at Casa Grande Trap and Skeet Club! We were excited to welcome 56 participants to the event. Everyone had a great time! We raised nearly $2,000 thanks to our generous participants. We would like to thank our sponsors and donors:

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Taking place on June 6th, 2014, this annual event is held in conjunction with the Arizona FFA State Leadership Conference at the Marriott University Park Hotel prior to the evening conference session. The important goals of this event are to thank you, our generous sponsors, and to raise additional funds to support Arizona Agricultural Education programs and the FFA. This dinner also honors the top FFA members in the state for their hard work and dedication. The recipients of the 2013 FFA Scholarships will be awarded in addition to State Farmer’s Degrees and Star Farmers. We will meet the 2014-2015 Arizona FFA State Officer team and say fairwell and offer our appreciation to the departing officers. This will be a night of great food, great company and a great view of the future of Arizona Agriculture!

**Tickets**
$60—Individual

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**Event Sponsor**—$1000 - One Table* with marker, identified on event webpage, listed in program and event signage, promotional items in participant gift bags. Mention on event webpage and Foundation’s website. *Table seats can be donated to FFA members and their parents.

**Silent Auction Item Donor**—Contribute item or service to be auctioned off at reception. Name listed on event signage.

For tickets and sponsorship information please contact foundation@azffa.org or go to the event website at http://www.azffa.org/foundation/FoundationDinner.php.

Blue Jackets and Golden Opportunities Dinner Coming Soon!
Terisha Driggs grew up in central Tucson and was raised with her three siblings by a single mother. She followed her older sister and love of animals into the FFA program by chance. At that time the Amphitheatre High School FFA was a fantastic program that includes a 6 acre land lab and greenhouse, lead by legendary ag teacher Jose Brunall.

Not being one to wade in lightly, Terisha immersed herself in the FFA. She raised several sheep, a steer and began participating in the Food Science, Prepared Public Speaking and Agribusiness career development events. She developed an unbreakable bond with Mr. Brunell, who became her mentor and father figure. He continuously encouraged her to do more and do better. He challenged her to run for Greenhand office, then chapter office, and suggested she pursue public speaking and eventually state office and her American FFA Degree. It was through that positive experience within the FFA that Terisha found her understanding and passion for all things agriculture.

She ran for state office and was elected Vice-President, and she really came into her own as a state officer. She recalls it being a life changing experience that challenged her to succeed everyday of her year long term. The training and confidence she received that year gave her skills and opportunity well beyond her years. Being a state officer gave her the ability to speak in any situation comfortably. It taught her valuable life lessons about hard work, prioritizing and confidence. It introduced her to the invaluable network of Arizona agricultural leaders and decision makers.

Upon completing her term in state office, Terisha focused on her education. She received her bachelor’s degree from the Morrison School of Agribusiness & Resource Management at Arizona State University. From there her resume includes an internship at Salt River Project and the Department of Agriculture, three years as the office manager of the Agribusiness Council of Arizona and a brief stint as a Business Analyst for Advanced Food Systems Technologies. She received her master’s in agribusiness from Arizona State University. After that Terisha went to work for the Morrison Family Companies where she is currently employed.

Through her position at the Morrison Family Companies and assisting Richard Morrison who specializes in water law, Terisha had the opportunity to review legal documents including trusts, sales, and operating and purchase agreements. It also gave her the opportunity to mediate intercompany disputes and negotiate solutions. As time passed and the more knowledge she gained Terisha realized that her future was in law, specifically water law.

She enrolled in the Sandra Day O’Connor School of law and has found that to be a tremendously rewarding experience. It really opened her eyes to the great need for agriculture to have more representation at the table.

In all of her water law or environmental resource classes she found she was the only student in the room with any knowledge or concept of agriculture. A scary proposition indeed as we move into the fifth generation of water planning. It’s vital for the future of agriculture that we have people making decisions who are informed and educated and have a working knowledge of what agriculture is and what it requires.

Today Terisha is also an active alumnus of Project Centrl serving on the selection committee. She is still a presence within the Arizona FFA and its Alumni Association. She is a member of Cattle Growers, Arizona Agribusiness Council and YF&R and; she is actively involved and engaged in the ag community throughout Arizona.

As of May 13, 2014 she is a graduate from the Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law at ASU! She will soon be attempting the bar exam and returning to work for the Morrisons managing the family’s companies and trust. Terisha is an ex-CONTINUED NEXT PAGE...
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exceptional example; she is bright, articulate and resourceful. Undoubtedly she would be successful in her own right regardless of the path she chose. But I believe that Terisha is the perfect example of what the Arizona FFA does best, creating advocates for agriculture. In my opinion we surpass every other ag organization in terms of our recruitment and retention of non-traditional ag students. We provided Terisha the tools and opportunities to reach success and she ran with it.

That’s what is great about the Arizona FFA. We provide a ladder for success for students and we offer activities and awards that help them earn scholarships and create opportunities for success. Through her positive experience with FFA she will also be a fierce defender of agriculture. Be it in a classroom, a courtroom or a boardroom Terisha truly exemplifies what it is to be an advocate, to be of service and to love agriculture. Creating a future crop of students like Terisha is what we do and what we do better than any other organization and that is why you should support the Arizona FFA: Growing Arizona’s next crop of leaders...

Shamrock Farms Supports the FFA Foundation

Shamrock Farms, the largest family owned and operated dairy in the Southwest has joined the Arizona FFA Foundation’s donor list! Shamrock will generously be sponsoring the Dairy Foods and Food Science career development events for the coming year. Shamrock will also be seeking reliable FFA members to provide tours of the farm tours on weekends at the Stanfield location. Part time paid positions will be available. Interested applicants can contact Micaela at foundation@azffa.org or 602-705-9211.

AZ FFA Alumni Golf Tournament

The Arizona FFA Alumni Association hosted the 4th Annual FFA Alumni Classic Golf Tournament on Saturday May 10th at the Arizona Grand Golf Resort in Phoenix. The event was sold out and a great time was had by all. A special thanks to our Gold Level sponsors: Empire Cat, Elite Windows and Doors, Greer Aftermarket Parts, LLC and the Helios Education Foundation. We invite you out to join us next year on May 9th, same time and same place! For more information on becoming a member of the Arizona FFA Alumni Association (whether you were an FFA member or not, you can join the alumni association) go to: http://www.azffa.org/alumni/basics.php
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