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# Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association

## From the Desk of the President

Dear Friends, Family and Alumni,

My name is Nathan DeYoung, and I am currently serving as the 2017-18 Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association President. On the behalf of myself and the executive board, thank you so much to everyone who made the first year as an association possible. Your commitment to Shenandoah FFA and Shenandoah High School agricultural education is truly humbling.

Last year at the Annual Shenandoah FFA Chapter Awards Banquet, I challenge our affiliate to take action and transform it into purpose, but amplify the gifts we received. I am extremely proud of what our affiliate could accomplish. Not only did we make an impact in the local community, but also on a national level. In our first year, we provided three scholarships to FFA members wanting to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. and one for the pursuit of higher education. Shenandoah FFA Alumni also was honored with a Local Support Grant from the National FFA Organization for improvements to school and farm safety. Additionally, the Shenandoah FFA Alumni homepage online, which can be found at [www.shenandoahffa.org/alumni](http://www.shenandoahffa.org/alumni), won best website design of alumni affiliates nationally.

The vision and mission of the Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association is make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Together, Shenandoah FFA and FFA Alumni, value agriculture as an essential part of society and our community.

This coming year I am challenging our affiliate to continue give the fundamental support provided this past year but work to step up to new challenges and goals. The National FFA Organization's theme for 2017-18 is "I Can. I will." As president, I see our affiliate continue to blossom with the growing interest in FFA from students and the community. As a National FFA Organization affiliate, joining our affiliate is easier than ever. Suggested membership fees have now allowed a for a growth in Alumni membership and participation.

I am also strongly encouraging our affiliate to take a stronger stance on supporting the classroom components of agricultural education. That would be by helping meet the needs of the advisors of Shenandoah FFA. Curriculum diversity within Shenandoah Schools and FFA has open some opportunity for community volunteers to share their skills and knowledge with students. In addition, Shenandoah FFA's chapter membership is now affiliate, meaning every student in an agricultural education class is an FFA member. Unfortunately, the cost associated with some of FFA programs and activities can be taxing. I am encouraging Alumni to begin and help with the rigorous process of pursuing potential sponsors to support FFA members, chapter programs and financial needs. Thank you for you continued support and I cannot wait to see you attend our first meeting of the 2017-18 school year.

Best Regards,

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