

Southern Region Agricultural Education

Weekly Update

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I. Current AgEd News & Updates

- 1. Welcome – Two New Chapters** – Southern Region welcomes two new chapters to the Southern Region – Lakeside Middle School lead by Tricia Digenan and Valley Center Middle School headed by Katherine Curt.
- 2. SLE and Sub Committee Chairs Apps DUE:** Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE) and State FFA Conference Sub-Committee Chair Applications due **Dec. 1**. Applications are an online application.
- 3. National FFA Living To Serve Grants:** Several Southern Region chapters were awarded service learning grants: Citrus Hill (\$3,000), San Marcos (\$1,200), and Norco (\$400).
- 4. Southern Region CATA Awards – Due December 5**
A reminder that the following Southern Region CATA Award applications are due at the Dec. 5. Region In-service (Roadshow):

Outstanding Young Member
Outstanding Teacher
Outstanding Ag. Mechanics Teacher
Outstanding Agriscience Teacher
Outstanding Program (1 person, 2-3 person, 4+ person)
Outstanding Mentor Teacher

They can be found on the Southern Region Website <http://www.srffa.org/cata/index.htm>

Please only use the Southern Region applications, not those found on the state CATA or NAAE websites.

5. **Star FFA Degree Application** – It has been announced that starting this year – California will use the Star application available on AET. AET will be creating a California specific Star application in the next couple of weeks. I will have details soon of which parts will be required for Section and Region. (similar to what we do for Proficiencies).
6. **State Degree and Proficiency Applications** – I know many of you have started on your State Degrees and many more of you plan to get started. Now is also a good time to start on Proficiency and Star Farmer apps. To assist you with the Proficiency apps, there is a matrix of the required pages to fill out for each level (Section, Region, State) on the Southern Region website, under CATA, Resources, and FFA Applications.
7. **American Degree** - Now is a good time to get your graduates started on completing their American FFA Degree application and record books. Many of them may be off to college, so the holidays are a good time to find them at home. The American Degree applications are now web based and can be accessed on the National FFA at www.ffa.org or AET.
 - I will still offer my services to complete the financial part of the application. (NOTE - If they are using AET as their record book, that system will do the entire application. It will fill in the financial information. I therefore will only need to review their AET books)
 - I will need your student to start an application online at the National FFA website or AET. They need to complete the “Cover”, “SAE Descriptions” and “Community Service”.
 - Send me the record books if they are paper copies AND/OR let me know if they are using the iBook.. I can access a student’s AET and iBook online without their password. I would not waste the time changing to AET. They will need books completed through December 31, 2017. I DO NOT need a 2018 book.
 - I can also access a student’s online application without passwords – as long as I know the student name and chapter.
 - Once I have completed the application, I will instruct you to print the application at your end, get the necessary signatures, and mail it to me.

Although applications are not due until May 18, 2018 now is a good time to get started.

8. Current Openings in the Southern Region:

- **Julian High School** – filled by Curtis Martineau

9. Due Bills: The following schools have not paid the following Region Past Due Bills (as of 11.20.17):

Mission Viejo	Fall CATA Mtg
Ramona	Fall CATA Mtg
Escondido - San Pasqual	Fall CATA Mtg
Serrano	Fall CATA Mtg
Westminster	Fall CATA Mtg

10. AIG and R2 Reports – The following table shows schools that have **MISSING** information. **AIG** is whether or not your *original, signed* Expenditure Report has been received. The **Grad** indicates if you have posted your graduate follow up report. **Roster** indicates you have posted your roster and they match your enrollment. (as of 11.20.17)

School	AIG	Grad	Roster
All Tribes	NA	N	N
Antelope Valley	N	X	X
Julian	N	N	N
Lucerne Valley	N	Y	Y
San Marcos	N	Y	Y

II. Previous and/or On-going AgEd News & Announcement

11. 100% Section CATA Dues: Imperial Section has joined the High Desert Section with 100% of the Secondary teachers paid CATA members! Congratulations and THANK YOU!

III. Things to Do for Department Chairpersons:

- CATA Award applications are due at the Region In-service Dec. 5. Please us the applications on the Southern Region website.

IV. Important Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 30 High Desert Job Interview Registration due 4:00 PM @ Apple Valley
- Dec. 1 Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE) Applications due
- Dec. 1 State FFA Conference Sub-Committee Chair Applications due
- Dec. 2 San Diego Section Field Day @ Fallbrook 8:00 AM
- Dec. 5 Southern Region December In-service @ Kellogg Conference Center – Cal Poly Pomona 8:30 AM
- Dec. 5 Southern Region CATA Award Applications due @ In-service
- Dec. 5 Riverside Section Job Resume and Letter of Intro due
- Dec. 6 High Desert Job Interview, Extemp. And Impromptu Contests @Apple Valley HS 3:00 PM
- Dec. 7 Imperial Section Creed and BIG @ Brawley HS 10:00 AM
- Dec. 9 Heritage Cup Field Day @ Heritage HS 8:00 AM
- Dec. 14 Riverside Section Job Interview and Impromptu Contests @ Norco HS 4:00 PM