

Southern Region Agricultural Education

Weekly Update

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I. Current AgEd News & Updates

1. **2018-19 Southern Region FFA Officers:** Congratulations to the following FFA members who were elected to serve as the Southern Region FFA Officer Team. The officer team's photo is posted at: <http://srffa.org/ffa/index.htm>
 - President:** Isai Soto, Fallbrook
 - Secretary:** Sarah Grizzle, Holtville
 - Vice President – High Desert:** Miriam Alvarado, Antelope Valley
 - Vice President – Imperial:** David Lopez, Holtville
 - Vice President – Orange:** Malia Arpon, Sunny Hills
 - Vice President – Riverside:** Cecilia Mandujano, Perris
 - Vice President - San Diego:** Jordyn Callahan, Poway

2. **Region Scrapbook Contest Results:** Congratulations to all the Scrapbook entrants. The top two scrapbooks will compete at the State Contest in Fresno during the Fresno Field Day.
 - 1. El Capitan
 - 2. Fallbrook
 - 3. Escondido
 - 4. Norte Vista
 - 5. Ramona

3. **Region Program of Activities Contest Results:** Congratulations to all the Program of Activities entrants. The top four scrapbooks will compete at the State Contest in Fresno during the Fresno Field Day.
 - 1. Holtville
 - 2. Westminster

3. Sunny Hills
4. Indio

4. **Region Chapter Website Contest Results:** Congratulations to all the Chapter website entrants.

1. Westminster
2. Indio
3. Buena Park
4. Sunny Hills
5. Apple Valley

5. **Exploring Farmer Cooperatives:** The CATA has printed copies of the current Exploring Farmer Cooperatives available. If you would like a class set of the booklets, please send your request to kstockton@calagteachers.org.

An electronic copy is also available online at http://calagteachers.org/CCode/2017-2018/AgCouncil_CoopBookletWeb.pdf.

6. **DEKALB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THEIR ONGOING SPONSORSHIP OF THE DEKALB AGRICULTURAL ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD.** For 70 years, this award has been presented to FFA students who exemplify scholarship, commitment and work ethic. To nominate a deserving student in your chapter, Ag Educators should visit <https://www.aganytime.com/dekalb/performance/Pages/DEKALB-agAccomplishment-Award.aspx> from now until May 1, 2018.

7. **Free Proficiency, Star, and CDE Metals.** In an effort to better meet the needs of today's FFA chapter, the National FFA Organization is pleased to offer free chapter level medals. Advisors can now complete the medal/certificate requests online for one of the following options each year:

- Standard Assortment includes 1 packet of 45 proficiency medals, 1 packet of 9 Star/CDE medals, 1 packet of certificates (100 ct.)
- Large Chapter Assortment includes 2 packets of 45 proficiency medals, 1 packet of 9 Star/CDE medals, 1 packet of certificates (100 ct.)
- Small Chapter Assortment includes 1 packet of 9 Star/CDE medals, 1 packet of certificates (100 ct.) Certificates Only (100 ct.)

The free medal form can be found on the proficiency program page, under Medal and Certificate Requests <https://www.ffa.org/participate/awards/proficiencies> (must be signed in to access).

8. **Current Openings in the Southern Region:**

- **San Jacinto High School:** Replacement in a two person department. The teaching position is full time with flexibility on courses taught, most likely would be floral and biology unless they feel strong in chemistry. Extended Contract. Apply on edjoin. Closes April 9. For more information, contact Lindsey Stiff, Dept. Chair, lstiff@sanjacinto.k12.ca.us
- **Hemet High School:** The Hemet High School Agriculture Department is seeking replacement Agriculture Science Teacher. We have a year round active 2+ acre school farm with various SAE's from market animals to vegetable/crop production. We are looking for someone who is passionate about opening opportunities to students in all areas of Agriculture and leadership. Possible courses to be taught are Agriculture Mechanics (building and expanding), Ag Chemistry, Agriculture Biology, Veterinary Science, Advanced Sustainable Agriculture.

Course flexibility would depend on the candidate's strengths. The ideal candidate should be willing to share FFA responsibilities and build on strengths of students and the Agriculture program. There is an extended contract available. Apply on www.edjoin.org, search under "Hemet". For furthermore questions and information please email Ralph Mosqueda, Dept. Head at rmosqued@hemetusd.org.

- **Holtville High School** – is seeking a replacement in a two person department. Located in the Imperial Valley, we have great community support in a strong agricultural area. The position is for either of our two pathways depending on the strengths of the applicant: Ag mechanics or Ag Science. There is current Ag Mechanics pathway including intro to Ag mechanics, Ag wood construction, Ag welding and fabrication, and ROP farm shop mechanics. There is current Ag Science pathway including Ag Science, Ag Biology, Vet Science, Advanced Agriscience and Ag Econ/Govt. Expectations will also include supervising FFA and SAE projects. Position includes a 30-day extended contract. Apply at www.edjoin.org Holtville Unified School District. Application Deadline: Open until filled. For more information contact Lindsey Cox, Dept. Head. 530-979-0442
- **Julian High School** – filled by Curtis Martineau
- **Snowline USD (Serrano HS)** – Closed, will not fill.

9. Due Bills: The following schools have not paid the following Region Past Due Bills (as of 4/9/18):

Calexico	SOCAL	Lakeside Middle	SOCAL, Dec. In-service
Citrus Hill	Dec. In-service	Valley Center	Dec. In-service

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

III. Things to Do for Department Chairpersons:

- Register for CATA Summer Conference

IV. Important Dates to Remember:

- April 12 High Desert FFA Officer Screening @ Apple Valley HS 3:30 PM
- April 13 San Diego Section FFA Officer Applications due
- April 19 State FFA Leadership Finals @ Fresno
- April 20 State FFA Parli Pro Finals @ Fresno
- April 22-25 State FFA Conference @ Anaheim
- May 1 Riverside Section CATA In-service & Planning Mtg. @ San Jacinto 9:00 AM
- May 1 Riverside Section FFA Officer Apps due
- May 1 Imperial Section FFA COOP Quiz & Officer Screening & CATA Mtg. @ Imperial HS 4:00 PM
- May 2 San Diego Section Project Comp Banquet @ All Tribes
- May 3 High Desert CATA Planning Mtg. & FFA Officer Elections & Project Comp @ Serrano 3:30 PM
- May 4-6 Citrus Fair @ El Centro Park – La Habra
- May 5 State Judging Finals @ CP-SLO
- May 7 Orange Section FFA Officer Screening @ Fullerton HS 4:30 PM
- May 8 Riverside Section FFA Officer Elections @ Hemet HS 4:30 PM
- May 8 San Diego Section Officer Screening – Escondido HS 4:00 PM
- May 10 Riverside Section FFA Volleyball @ Jurupa Valley HS 4:00PM

- May 12 Imperial Section CATA Planning Mtg. & FFA Officer Elections @ Blythe 8:00 AM
- May 13-20 Lakeside Fair
- May 14 Orange Section FFA Officer Elections & CATA Mtg. @ Don Lugo 4:30PM
- May 15 Riverside Section FFA Officer Elections @ Hemet HS 4:00 PM
- May 18 American Degree apps due in Region office
- May 19 – 28 San Bernardino County Fair @ Victorville
- May 23 San Diego Section CATA Planning Mtg. & FFA Officer Election @ Julian 4:00 PM
- June 1 National Delegate, Band, and Chorus apps due in State FFA Office
- June 1-3 FFA Region Officers Retreat
- June 24 Agri-skills – Two Sessions @ CP-SLO
- June 24-28 State CATA Summer Conference @ CP-SLO
- June 28 Agri-skills – One Sessions @ CP-SLO