



# National Association of Agricultural Educators

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 1, 2018

**TO:** **State Winners** of Outstanding Early Career Teacher, Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher, Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program, Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program, Teacher Mentor, Ideas Unlimited, CASE Awards and Teachers Turn the Key

**FROM:** Alissa F. Smith, NAAE Associate Executive Director *AFS*

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of 2018 NAAE National Award Recipients

On behalf of the NAAE Board of Directors, it is with pleasure that I announce the names of the NAAE award winners for 2018. As usual, the competition for these awards was intense. I congratulate all of you on your outstanding accomplishments as state winners. You are, indeed, individuals who make our association strong and our profession proud.

The following are the **2018 National Award Winners** who will be recognized at the convention in San Antonio, Texas, November 27 – December 1, 2018:

Outstanding Early Career Teacher	Region I	Katelyn Titus, CA
	Region II	Lauren Emerson, LA
	Region III	Tyler Warren, MN
	Region IV	Bryan Schullian, IL
	Region V	Jillian Ford, NC
	Region VI	Meagan Slates, PA
Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher	Region I	Wes Crawford, OR
	Region II	Carolyn Piguette, OK
	Region III	Neil Pearson, MN
	Region IV	Tamara Hyatt, MI
	Region V	Matthew Dettloff, FL
	Region VI	Holly Hufford, DE

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Outstanding Middle/ Secondary Ag Ed Program	Region I	Clovis East High School, CA
	Region II	Royal Valley High School, KS
	Region III	York High School, NE
	Region IV	North Huron School, MI
	Region V	Bagley Middle School, GA
	Region VI	Wamogo High School, CT
Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program	Region I	University of Idaho, ID
	Region II	Aims Community College, CO
	Region III	Northland Community & Technical College, MN
	Region IV	Lake Land Community College, IL
	Region V	Wayne County Young Farmers Program, GA
	Region VI	The Pennsylvania State University, PA
Teacher Mentor	Region I	Elaine Lewis, WA
	Region II	Marty Coulson, OK
	Region III	Jamie Propson, WI
	Region IV	John Poulson, OH
	Region V	Dr. Phil Fravel, SC
	Region VI	Sherry Heishman, VA
Ideas Unlimited	Region I	Bridget Goodner, AZ
	Region II	Samantha Reese, CO
	Region III	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, ND
	Region IV	Mike Keilholz, MO
	Region V	Brandi Baade, GA
	Region VI	Melvin Phelps, NY
Lifetime Achievement	Region I	Jim Summers, ID
	Region II	Kent Boggs, OK
	Region III	Dr. Dan Kvalheim, WI
	Region IV	Harold Eckler, MO
	Region V	Dr. Gary Moore, NC
	Region VI	Terrie Shank, MD
Outstanding Cooperation	Region I	Eugene & Shawn Smith, Culver's, ID
	Region II	Dr. Catherine Shoulders, AR
	Region III	Kevin Dahlman, MN
	Region IV	Richard Roller, MO
	Region V	Georgia FFA Foundation, GA
	Region VI	Ron Saacke, VA

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Outstanding Service Citation	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Dr. James Connors, ID James Cannon, AR David Black, KY Scott Johnson, IN Dr. Jim Flowers, NC Joseph Linthicum, MD
CASE Model School Award		South Winneshiek High School, IA Melissa Hageman
CASE Innovation Award		Ryan Maiden, WA
Teachers Turn the Key	Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I Region I  Region II Region II Region II Region II  Region III Region III Region III Region III Region III  Region IV Region IV Region IV Region IV Region IV Region IV  Region V Region V Region V Region V Region V Region V	Cody Beus, AK Brody McGuire, AZ Nicole Borba, CA Samuel Hoffman, ID Lindsey Fox, MT Charmi Pommerening, NV Krysta Sprague, OR Niccole Morfin, UT Austin Baker, WA Liz Withers, WY  Brittany Cockreham, CO Anthony Meals, KS Haley Montes, NM Amber Yandell, OK  Jennifer Westphal, IA Elizabeth Johnson, MN Tanasha Wanner, ND Sara Colombe, SD Stacey Kunde, WI  Riley Hintzsche, IL Shelbi Louck, IN Ashley Rogers, KY Casie Forbush, MI Alicia Asher, MO Erin Wollett, OH  Amanda Forstater, FL Callie Holloway, GA Mary Lett, MS Caroline Tart, NC Desiree Still, SC Brittany Davis, TN

Region VI	Karolyn Card, CT
Region VI	Quinn Cashell, MD
Region VI	Jenny Allen, NJ
Region VI	Taylor Clifford, NY
Region VI	Kathryn McMichael, PA
Region VI	Eric Rotondo, RI
Region VI	William Metzler, VA
Region VI	Zachary Tennant, WV

All special award regional winners and recipients of Teachers Turn the Key will be recognized at the 2018 NAAE Convention in San Antonio, Texas, November 27 – December 1, 2018. Award winners will receive specific information regarding convention travel arrangements by email in the coming days. **Outstanding Early Career Teacher, Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher, Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program, Outstanding Postsecondary Agriculture Program award winners and Teachers Turn the Key recipients should not take any action regarding travel, hotel, or registration arrangements until they receive further instructions from NAAE. If you have already pre-registered for convention, you will be reimbursed by NAAE. Please contact Katie Wood ([kwood.naae@uky.edu](mailto:kwood.naae@uky.edu)) to take care of your reimbursement as soon as possible.**

cc: NAAE Board of Directors  
State Ag Teachers' Association Presidents  
State Executive Directors and Secretaries

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