

# News Release

## Wisconsin Association of FFA

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### \_\_\_\_\_ FFA MEMBERS HELP THE BLUE AND GOLD GO GREEN!

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This June Wisconsin FFA will be celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In order to commemorate this, the Wisconsin State FFA Officers are challenging FFA members to plant 80,000 trees throughout Wisconsin. This act of service is just one of many that Wisconsin FFA has led over the past eighty years.

This remarkable event will take place in April, coinciding with Earth Day. Not only are we beautifying our communities with these trees they will also make Wisconsin a better place to live by creating oxygen, improving erosion rates, and saving energy.

“As FFA members, we need to have a good understanding of the agriculture industry. Most people would define agriculture as farming, but we understand it includes production agriculture, agricultural manufacturing, natural resources, and service,” said BJ Chrisler, State FFA Vice President. “Agriculture education is a constantly changing subject. From basic vocational education in the 1950’s to in-depth agri-science such as biotechnology and environmental science, agriculture is training students to become good stewards of the land.”

The State FFA Officers are students graduated from high school that are volunteering their time this year. They visit every one of the 250 FFA Chapters in the state, put on leadership workshops, meet with industry leaders, and act as ambassadors for the Wisconsin Association of FFA. Their term lasts 12 months and they will log thousands of miles traveling across the State of Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA comprised of 250 local chapters in high schools across the state, prepares nearly 18,000 students for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology sectors of agriculture. FFA activities and programs complement instruction in agriculture education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in classes. FFA's mission is to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Contact your local FFA Chapter for more information about this and other great opportunities found in the FFA.

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