

NYFEA UPDATE

May—June 2015

Agricultural Friends;

During the next few months, the University of West Alabama and NYFEA will be preparing the details and recruiting participants for a “mentoring conference” for this fall. The conference will bring young people to the campus and allow them to have exposure to opportunities that are available in an agricultural career. To illustrate the opportunities, the conference will feature active and successful farmers and agribusiness professionals. These individuals will serve as mentors with the responsibility of sharing “hints on how to be successful.”

Two student leaders from the University of West Alabama will be the interns that lead the grassroots effort to host the program: Shelby Ashley and Shechinah Adams.

They will recruit sponsors, student participants and mentors from the community. As the program is developed, they will prepare a written summary for “how the program can be replicated.”

Long term goals for the program will be to have an educational impact and for it to be easily available for others to utilize. An-

other goal will be for the program to have a different target audience of participants for each year.

A value of being associated with the University of West Alabama is that the institution provides a respectable link that gives credibility to an audience of participants that may not be familiar with NYFEA. Another eventual outcome for the conference is to provide exposure to the value of a university education for a group of young people that may not see the natural connection.

The topics to which the young participants will be exposed include:

1. Models of successful behavior in an agricultural career,
2. Reasons to be a lifelong learner,
3. Financial desirability of agricultural jobs,
4. Quality of life impact received through a career in agriculture,

To become eligible for the program, a person must simply complete the form that is included below and let NYFEA know of your interest. Thanks for your desire for more information!

God Bless, Gordon



A Day of Mentoring & Agricultural Leadership Participant Interest Survey

PARTICIPANT SURVEY General Information

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 (send to NYFEA, Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120 — nyfea-main@nyfea.org)

Interest Survey

1. Are you a member of your school or local chapter of 4H, FFA, or other agriculture organization?

2. Do you feel that organizations such as Future Farmers of American can help you develop leadership skills necessary for success in life? _____
3. What are some of your favorite hobbies or activities? _____
4. Why does the agriculture or farming field of study interest you? _____
5. Are you interested in attending college that offers agriculture and mechanical programs?

6. Do agricultural or related classes or summers camps interest you? _____
7. What is your definition of agribusiness? _____
8. Would you like to have a mentor that talks with you about the agricultural experience?

9. Have you had the opportunity to work on a farm or in an agriculture environment?

10. What excites you the most about the agricultural experience?
