



INDIANA FFA ASSOCIATION

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Indiana FFA recognizes Honorary Degree Recipients

Four members of the agriculture education community tabbed for exceptional service to Indiana FFA.

West Lafayette, IN (June 21, 2023) – Indiana FFA recognized four people for their dedication to agriculture education and FFA at the 94th Indiana FFA State Convention on Wednesday. Annette Applegate, Joe Dunn, Terry Finley, and Pam Meyer were recognized.

Mrs. Annette Applegate has served Indiana for 16 year as an Ag Educator. During her time, she has impacted the direction for our state greatly. With two of her former students becoming ag teachers within the same county as Annette, she continues to serve them as a leader and mentor. On top of her day to day duties as a teacher, she has also volunteered to test run the new state curriculum standards in her classroom. Annette is determined to provide her students with the best opportunities and even spent much of her time during the summer at a variety of CASE Curriculum trainings, of which she is currently trained in five courses. We are proud to honor Annette Applegate with her Honorary Hoosier Degree.

As an Ag Educator in Indiana for the last 14 years, Mr. Joe Dunn, continually strives to better prepare students to get involved in their local communities. His work for agriculture isn't confined to the four walls of his classroom. Joe has worked diligently to develop a unique "Farm to Fork" program at Indian Creek where his students raise cattle to be processed for beef and used in the school lunch program. His passions lie with the youth of the agriculture industry, even reaching his influence into local 4-H programs in Johnson County. His leadership on the state level is unmatched, serving IAAE and the Indiana FFA Board of Trustees as President, he has received the Outstanding Young Member, Outstanding Agriculture Teacher, and the Outstanding Ag Program Awards. To say this individual is dedicated to Indiana Ag Education would be quite the understatement. It is our honor to present Joe Dunn with his Honorary Hoosier Degree.

Mr. Terry Finley has been the backbone of the Indiana FFA Small Engines CDE for over 18 years. Owning a small engine parts store, he started out by helping the local chapters prepare for their Small Engines Contests, until he was asked to help run and organize the event for District V. Growing into a position of leadership in which Terry now runs the State Small Engines Contest wasn't a position he gained by accident. He has continually offered his own time and money to make the contest run smoothly and effectively. Since taking over the contest, Terry has helped the contest grow from 10-12 teams a year to over 25 each year. By pursuing what is best for the students to learn, Terry works personally with a small engine specialist to revamp the contest into a real life, teaching event that allows students to develop skills and knowledge that will help them for the future. It is our distinct honor to present Terry Finley with his Honorary Hoosier Degree.

Mrs. Pam Meyer has the unique ability to see the full potential of her students, something each of her former students admires her for. Because of her impact, many of her students have gone on to pursue careers in agriculture as farmers, seed dealers, grain accountants, business owners, and a few as ag educators themselves. Her dedication to the future of agriculture hasn't gone unnoticed, earning her the Purdue Agriculture Education DAM Award. Retiring after 35 years as an Ag Educator, doesn't mean Pam ever stopped serving Indiana FFA. Since retirement, she has continually volunteered her time to the FFA chapter & her community. It is our pleasure to present Pam Meyer with her Honorary Hoosier Degree.



The Honorary Degree is to recognize teachers who have created high-quality agricultural education programs which inspire and motivate their students to strive for success and individuals who have provided exceptional service on a national level to agriculture, agricultural education, or FFA.

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