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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist

CC: Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

Re: **Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day – NEW FORMAT & LOCATION in 2017!!**  
**Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:00 AM– 3:30 PM**  
The College of New Jersey (Music Building)  
2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618

Join us for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day! ALLD is a leadership event that brings New Jersey's FFA chapter leaders, ag industry leaders, and key decision makers together in celebration of National FFA Week. Chapter members will have the opportunity to meet and talk with New Jersey's leaders during a Mix & Mingle. Invited guests will include New Jersey State Governor; Secretary of Agriculture; Commissioner of Education; and New Jersey Team Agricultural Education Leaders. Several New Jersey colleges and organizations will also be invited to this event to help students plan for success after high school. During the Symposium, participants will hear from key leaders and interact with a panel of specialists. In the afternoon, students will participate in workshops that will develop their leadership and advocacy skills. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day is a chance to embrace the FFA mission of premier leadership, personal growth and career success. This year's theme is "**proAGtive**".

**New Schedule:**

9:00 am – 10:30 am – College & Career Fair and Mix & Mingle (with continental breakfast)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm – Symposium

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Lunch Break

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Large Group Workshop

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Small Group Breakouts

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Closing Session

All students will participate in a workshop called "Be ProAGtive" facilitated by Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President; Renee Stillwell, State FFA Secretary; Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Treasurer; and Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Parliamentarian. Following this workshop, students will participate in one break-out session that will further develop their leadership and advocacy skills. Break-out sessions will be randomly assigned. These workshops are:

- "Hashtag, what?" – Zuri Richmond, State FFA Reporter & Josh Loew, State FFA Sentinel
- "What's the Buzz?" – Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President & Renee Stillwell, State FFA Secretary
- "Write On!" – Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Treasurer & Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Parliamentarian

**PARTICIPANT COSTS:**

LEADERSHIP RESOURCES:	\$9.00
MEALS & Other INCIDENTALS:	\$19.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28.00</b> – to be paid to “Treasurer, State of New Jersey”

Participant cost for the event is \$28 and includes continental breakfast and leadership materials. Chapters with Gold Affiliation will receive up to a \$250 discount on ALL Leadership Resources for students. (Fees for teachers/chaperones are not waived). These discounts will be taken off on the participant list. Registration will begin at 9:00 am in the lobby of the Music Building.

Please make your check payable to: **Treasurer, State of New Jersey** and send it to the **Office of Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0330**. Registration is due **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**. Please use the online participant form found at <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/ALLD>. Official dress/business attire is required.

**LUNCH:**

There will be a one-hour break for lunch. **Lunch is on your own.** However, for an additional \$8.38, you can pre-order meal tickets for the Eickhoff Hall cafeteria. Meal tickets CANNOT be ordered on site and MUST be pre-ordered. You can bring your own lunch or dine at the various other locations on campus:

Campus Town

- Panera Bread
- Mariachi Grill
- Yummy Sushi
- Piccolo Pronto

Brower Student Center

- The Lion’s Den
- Fresh Pride Café
- Traditions

**PARKING**

*Information regarding bus parking will be shared closer to the event. All other vehicles will park in lots 5, 6 or 7 (must obtain parking permit).*

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**From the North using the Turnpike:** Using the New Jersey Turnpike, travel south to exit 7A, Trenton and Shore Points. Follow signs toward Trenton onto I-195 West. Follow signs marked 295 Princeton/Camden. Exit at "I-295 North/Route 1/95 South/Princeton." Continue on I-295 (becomes I-95 South) to exit 4. Turn left at the exit ramp onto Pennington Road/Route 31 South toward Ewing. At the fourth traffic light (about 1.5 miles), make a left into the College entrance.

**From the South using the Turnpike:** Using the New Jersey Turnpike, travel north to exit 7A, Trenton and Shore Points. Follow signs toward Trenton onto I-195 West. Follow signs marked 295 Princeton/Camden. Exit at "I-295 North/Route 1/95 South/Princeton." Continue on I-295 (becomes I-95 South) to exit 4. Turn left at the exit ramp onto Pennington Road/Route 31 South toward Ewing. At the fourth traffic light (about 1.5 miles), make a left into the College entrance.

