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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**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2018 9:00 AM– 3:30 PM**  
The College of New Jersey (Brower Student Center)  
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 "**Find Your Path.**"

**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

**WORKSHOPS:**

All students will participate in a workshop called "Fast Lane: Your Guide to Ag Careers" facilitated by Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President; Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary; Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer; and Allison Finn, State 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:

- "**Climbing the Hill: An Advocacy Adventure**" – Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President & Ariel Norbeck, State Reporter
- "**STEM Out of Your Comfort Zone**" – McKenna Moore, State Sentinel & Allison Finn, State Parliamentarian
- "**Check Points on Your Way to Success**" – Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary & Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer

**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 invoice provided after the participant list is submitted. Registration will begin at 9:00 am in the lobby of the Brower Student Center.

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 **Thursday, February 1, 2018**. 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 \$9.26, 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
- Mexican Mariachi Grill
- Yummy Sushi
- Piccolo Pronto

Brower Student Center

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

Other Locations on Campus

- The Library Café
- Education Café
- T-Dubs Dining

**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.

