



Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

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Ag foundation reflects on 2015; donors, teachers recognized

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- The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) held its Annual Meeting Nov. 17, 2015 at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center in Manhattan. Thirty-five donors, teachers, board members and staff attended the celebration.

KFAC board chairman, Trent Winter, welcomed guests and offered thanks and congratulations to everyone involved in promoting agriculture in Kansas classrooms over the past year. Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director, recognized the Kansas crop commission sponsors including Kansas Corn Commission, Kansas Grain Sorghum, Kansas Soybean Commission and Kansas Wheat, for their continued support of KFAC. Additionally, agriculture advocate supporters were presented with certificates of appreciation for their donations to the Foundation in 2015.



During the 2015 KFAC Annual Meeting, donors and sponsors of the Foundation were recognized for their support in 2015. Pictured above is Jim Weaver (left) of Frontier Farm Credit accepting a certificate of appreciation from KFAC retiring chair, Trent Winter.

After hearing an update on the Foundation, attendees heard presentations by Ray Huff, 2016 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year, and Audra McCurdy and Amanda Rensink, both recipients of the 2016 Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Excellence in Teaching award. These teachers shared how they make agriculture a core component of their teaching methods and activities and the impact it has on students.

As recipients of the award, Huff will receive an all-expense paid trip sponsored by High Plains Journal and AG am in Kansas to the National Agriculture in the Classroom (NAITC) conference. McCurdy and Rensink will receive their choice of a \$600 scholarship for the NAITC conference or a \$200 cash prize, sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, to be used to purchase agriculture supplies for their classrooms.

The K-State Department of Animal

Science and Industry Graduate Student Association catered a luncheon following the meeting. Attendees received the 2015 KFAC Annual Report as well as a profit and loss statement indicating the current financial situation of the Foundation.

For more information about KFAC or the Annual Meeting, visit www.ksagclassroom.org.

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Audra McCurdy, an agriculture enrichment instructor at Williamsburg Elementary in Williamsburg, Kan. and a 2016 recipient of the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Excellence in Teaching award, shared her efforts to incorporate agriculture in her lessons with attendees of the 2015 KFAC Annual Meeting.

About Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. KFAC was founded in 1982 as part of a nationwide initiative to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. For more information, visit www.ksagclassroom.org or phone (785) 320-4350.

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