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**FFA Members to Attend Washington Leadership Conference; Develop Skills for Future Leaders**

INDIANAPOLIS (*Day, date, year/National FFA Organization*) – This summer, members from around the country will converge in Washington, D.C., to evaluate their personal skills and interests, develop leadership talent and create service plans that will make a difference in their communities.

 XX members of the XXX FFA Chapter, will be among those students traveling to D.C. this summer. Students will attend the conference the week of xxxx. They will spend the week under the guidance of professionals, counselors and FFA staff. In workshops, seminars and small groups, members will focus on identifying and developing their personal strengths and goals while undergoing comprehensive leadership training that will help them guide their local FFA chapters. The capstone of the event will be a civic engagement activity where participants apply what they have learned to a hands-on activity.

Members will also analyze the needs of their communities, develop wide-ranging and high-impact community service initiatives and implement their plans with the help of their FFA chapters upon returning home. Students in recent years have promoted agricultural literacy; brought attention to abuse; collected and distributed shoes to individuals in Haiti; created a hunger awareness plan and more. In 2020 and 2021, the conference was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FFA members will experience the history of our nation’s capital and tour landmarks including the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums and the U.S. Capitol, among others. Members will also have an opportunity to participate in congressional visits during the week.

Students who will be attending the conference are:

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