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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2012
TO: NAAE State Leaders
FROM: Alissa F. Smith, NAAE Associate Executive Director *AFS*
SUBJECT: Announcement of 2012 NAAE National Award Recipients

On behalf of the NAAE Board of Directors, it is with pleasure that I announce the names of the NAAE award winners for 2012. As usual, the competition for these awards was intense. I congratulate all of the applicants for their outstanding accomplishments as state winners. They are, indeed, individuals who make our association strong and our profession proud.

The following are the **2012 National Award Winners** who will be recognized at the convention in Atlanta, Georgia, November 27-December 1, 2012:

National Agriscience Teacher of the Year	Region I Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Wes Crawford, OR Roger King, WI Jesse Faber, IL Amy Kidd, NC Bethany Royer, CT
Outstanding Young Member	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Jessica Grundy, UT Carmelita Goossen, KS Candice Olson, WI Sarah Heilers, IL Jill Wagner, MS E. Sherisa Nailor, PA
Outstanding Teacher	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Larin Crossley, ID Lance Jagers, CO Adam Wehling, WI Dennis Riethman, OH Bill Waldrep, GA Tina Miner-James, NY

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Outstanding Middle/ Secondary Ag Ed Program	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Snohomish High School, WA Cushing High School, OK Mt. Horeb High School, WI South Shelby High School, MO Pendleton High School, SC Cazenovia Central High School, NY
Outstanding Postsecondary/ Adult Ag Ed Program	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Blue Mountain Community College, OR Pontotoc Technology Center, OK Des Moines Area Community College, IA Linn State Technical College, MO Effingham County Young Farmer Association, GA State College High School, PA
Teacher Mentor	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Todd Rightmire, WA Rodney Arthur, OK Tim Larson, MN Alan Merriman, IL Bob Melton, TN Tina Miner-James, NY
Ideas Unlimited	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Trent Van Leuven, ID Tanner Thompson, OK Jim Melby, WI Zach Crew, MO Robert Bollier, SC Sally Shomo, VA
Lifetime Achievement	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	James Cooney, NV David Maxey, OK Duane Fisher, IA Terry Heiman, MO Wilbur Chancellor, MS Ronald Frederick, PA
Outstanding Cooperation	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region VI	Marshall Judy, WA Ron Hays, OK Robert "Bud" Johnson, IA B. Allen Talbert, IN Travis Park, Cornell Ag Ed Outreach, NY
Outstanding Service	Region I Region II Region III Region IV Region V Region VI	Jim Barbee, NV Tim Vanover, OK Brenda Scheil, WI Jay Runner, IL Roger Teeple, NC Tracy Hoover, PA

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Teachers Turn the Key	Region I	Casey Lunceford, MT
	Region I	Joshua Perkins, MT
	Region I	Meghan Biggs, OR
	Region I	Bibiana Giffit, OR
	Region I	Joshua Krieg, WA
	Region I	Jason Hubbard, WY
	Region I	Christin Shorma, WY
	Region II	Clayton Sallee, KS
	Region II	Anna-Maria Bauler, NM
	Region II	Dexter Matlock, OK
	Region II	Wendy Slusher, OK
	Region III	Amy Grantz, IA
	Region III	Jordan Pollock, MN
	Region III	Jessica Rehak, MN
	Region III	Desiree Severance, ND
	Region III	Bridget Twedt, SD
	Region III	Charlene Weber, SD
	Region III	Jeanna James, WI
	Region III	Jennifer Schultz, WI
	Region IV	Ann Ochs, IL
	Region IV	Lisa Oellerich, IL
	Region IV	Sara Rapp, IN
	Region IV	Tamara Miller, KY
	Region IV	Stacy Vandefifer, MI
	Region IV	Jenna Genson, OH
	Region V	Keri Milligan, FL
	Region V	Brittany Bearden, GA
Region V	Susannah Lanier, GA	
Region V	Meredith McCurdy-Rhodes, MS	
Region V	Ashley Yopp, NC	
Region V	Christina Alexander, SC	
Region V	Jessica Cummins, TN	
Region VI	Danielle Jefferies, CT	
Region VI	Alison Scott, DE	
Region VI	Dale Cruzan, NJ	
Region VI	Tiffany Morey, NJ	
Region VI	Johanna Fox-Bossard, NY	
Region VI	Ayla Detwiler, PA	
Region VI	Elizabeth Duncan, VA	

All special award regional winners and state recipients of Teachers Turn the Key will be recognized at the 2012 NAAE Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, November 27-December 1, 2012. Award winners will receive specific information regarding convention travel arrangements by mail in the coming weeks. **National Agriscience Teacher, Outstanding Young Member, Outstanding Teacher, Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program, Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Ed Program award winners and Teacher Turn the Key recipients should not take any action regarding travel, hotel, or registration arrangements until they receive further instructions from NAAE. If you have already pre-registered for convention, you will be reimbursed by NAAE. Please contact the NAAE office to take care of your reimbursement as soon as possible.**

****NOTE****

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