



Welcome to the Alvin FFA Alumni 2022-2023 school year

On behalf of the Alumni officer team, let me be the first to welcome you into the exciting world of FFA and our 1st Alumni meeting of the 2022-2023 school year. We typically meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6pm and meetings typically last from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

I would like to introduce you to our new board members this year. Mrs. Caryn Voorhies is our Vice President, Mrs. Sabrina Windholtz is our Secretary, Mrs. Jennifer Edwards our Treasurer, Mrs. Kristin Elsner is our Reporter, and Mr. Larry Bottoms is our Advisor. I am Stacy Gates, serving as your President.

Before we get to any official business, I would like to give you a little background and information on what the Alumni is all about.

As Alumni, we are here to support the teachers and students in several aspects. We hold fundraisers to pay for fair activities, travel expenses, equipment as needed, awards, advertising resources, scholarships, and the annual banquet. Outside of financial help, we volunteer our time at different events and functions. This is probably the most important role we have.

As **paid** members of the alumni you are able to participate in the voting process and run for office positions. New officers are voted in at the end of each school year. Also, you will receive info from the National FFA organization. Not only do we represent the Alvin FFA chapter but also the State and National FFA Alumni Organizations.

I'll go over a few of the events the Alumni has planned for this year:

We have the Brazoria County Fair coming up in October. With the help of many sponsors, we provide a food trailer and resting spot for our families to relax and get something to eat. At our workshop meeting we will collect fees that will go towards the expense of stocking the trailer and the cost of renting the spot from the fairgrounds. This requires many volunteers to run and maintain throughout the week of the fair. We will need parents to help prepare and/or pickup food, setup and cleanup daily, and monitor students. More details will be given this evening.

Our next event follows right after the Brazoria County Fair. This is the "Alvin ISD Livestock Show and Auction" and is scheduled for October 29th (tentatively). We will be teaming up with the rest of the district again this year and it will be held here at our show barn. This allows those students who did not make the auction at Brazoria County to show their animal a second time and sell. In the past, we have assisted with preparing the buyers dinner and decorations. We are still in the planning stages and will share additional information as it becomes available.

We have the annual banquet held in May. This is where families and community leaders can watch students receive awards for all of their hard work throughout the year. Also, as the Alumni we honor community members that have donated their time or resources to the program. Things that are involved in preparing for this event: lining out

dinner, decorations, organizing the live and silent auction, and setup and clean up. Also during this event the Alumni awards Heiserman Awards for those students who volunteer their time and stand out on behalf of the Alvin FFA Organization. The award of a Belt Buckle is given to one Sr. member and one Jr. member. We also award a \$100 gift card to the Jr member and Sr member that have the highest sales amount from the meat sale. Heiserman awards are given and an Honorary Membership is announced. The due dates for these applications will be announced when the time gets closer.

Lastly, we will have our Annual Gotta Be Good Prospect show. This fundraiser will require obtaining sponsorships as well as lots of marketing in order to make it successful. We will need several volunteers at the event and set up for the show days.

As you can see there are lots of opportunities for each of you to get involved and assist. We will ask for volunteers throughout the year. Most of this is sent through email with a signup genius link to volunteer. If it's your first time and you are not sure what to do, we will be there to assist you along the way. For the new parents, please be sure to ask the questions or get clarification, there is likely another parent with the same question. Each of the committee members look forward to working with each of you during this school year.

One final note, I have provided you with our contact information for the Alumni board members. Please feel free to contact any of us with your questions or concerns.

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