

Hello and welcome to Connecticut FFA's 75th Celebration Blue and Gold Breakfast. My name is Mindy Crane and this year I am serving as State President. Would the other officers please stand and introduce themselves.

But our mission is so much more than that phrase premier leadership, personal growth, and career success...and it embodies more than learning doing, earning and living I say, our mission is to have a vision for the future of agriculture and America I say, our mission is to guide our industry with perseverance I say, our mission is one of service, and to serve our own and the public needs I say, our mission is to keep integrity in every dealing with encounter I say, our mission is one of tradition, and keeping the great belief in the industry of agriculture and in the belief in student achievement I say, our mission in the FFA is much like the mission of many of you in the room.

We are assembled here this morning to celebrate a 75 year history of shaping young people through premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Legislators and the adults in the room if you could just take a moment and remember the people, organizations, and activities you did yourself to be where you are today. Think of all the time you spent preparing for contests in school, or working extremely hard at your job for that raise, and the teachers, friends, and mentors that have shaped you into the person you are now. Just as that is a past memory for you, it is the present continuous learning process that these students are enduring right now.

The students with you today are of an extremely high caliber but not because they won certain accolades and medals. It is because they have taken on the challenge of developing their skills and character to make them worthy of winning the award. These students have spent months if not years on achieving their personal best which has molded them into the people they are today. These students next to you are future of America's number one leading industry. Thank you and I would now like to introduce Amy for our invocation.

Closing Blue and Gold

I would like to thank you all for attending our celebration breakfast. But leave you with a challenge- now that you have become a better person from all of your experiences and hard work it is time to use it. Please use your talents to serve the needs of others for there is no greater deed than that. Students look up to your legislators for advice and guidance for they have the experience to give you amazing direction. Legislators- thank you for continuing to support our organization which is creating the leaders of tomorrow today. Thank you.