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Palo Verde Valley High School  
Home of the Yellow Jackets

Annual State MFE/ALA Leadership Conferences – January 26,-27, 2018

November 24, 2017

To: Palo Verde Unified School District Board of Directors

From: Mr. Mullion and Mrs. Maxfield/Blythe FFA Advisors/Twelve Blythe FFA Members

Board Members,

The 2017 State FFA MFE and ALA Leadership Conferences are right around the corner. Exciting educational opportunities are waiting our students in Ontario, California. We will leave Blythe on Friday January 26th at 7:00am and return to Blythe on Saturday January 27th at about 4:00pm. All registration fees have been paid for with, Agriculture Incentive Grant and District Matching funds. The registration fee includes dinner Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch money for Friday and Saturday. Travel will be by PVUSD vans and Agriculture Department Truck.

We are requesting approval of this two day one night, overnight travel to attend the 2017 California State FFA, MFE and ALA Conferences in Ontario, California. We have eight students registered for MFE, and four for ALA. The conferences and overnight accommodations are at the Double Tree Airport, 222 N Vineyard Avenue, Ontario, CA 91764

Mr. Mullion and Mrs. Maxfield will be chaperoning this event.

Information for both conferences along with a conference schedule, and hotel confirmation are attached.

Respectfully,

Mark Mullion  
Agriculture Instructor PVHS/Blythe FFA Advisor

The FFA Mission

FFA Makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.



# California FFA Association

## INVOICE

10/4/2017

Bill To
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Pay To
<b>California FFA Association</b> Attn: MFE and ALA Registration PO Box 460 Galt, CA 95632

Description	Price
<b>Made for Excellence (MFE) &amp; Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA) - Ontario</b> (Jan. 26-27, 2018) Event Confirmation #10290	\$1,125.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>

Event Details	Price	Quantity	Sub-Total
MFE Students	\$75.00	8	\$600.00
ALA Students	\$75.00	4	\$300.00
FFA Advisors Mary Maxfield; Mark Mullion	\$75.00	2	\$150.00
Other Adults (Non FFA Advisors)	\$75.00	1	\$75.00
Submitted on: 10/4/2017 11:06:00 AM			

OK TO PAY  
from Carl Perkins  
TOTAL of 1,050

MR. Mullion Paid 75.00  
for other Adult



## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

TO: FFA Chapter Advisors  
FROM: Mr. Josiah Mayfield, Assistant State FFA Advisor  
Ms. Hannah Garrett, State FFA Leadership Development Coordinator  
Ms. Jennifer Stockton, State FFA Membership Services Director  
SUBJECT: 2018 **MADE FOR EXCELLENCE** CONFERENCES

Once again, we are pleased offer the second program in our leadership and personal growth continuum, Made For Excellence (MFE) for our second-year members. To participate in this program, students must be a sophomore in High School and enrolled in an Agricultural Education course.

### **Made For Excellence**

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."

**Who:** Sophomores

**When:** 8 Conferences in January and February

**What:** Each student will:

- Define leadership and identify how to be a leader in one's home and community
- Explore the role of choices and integrity in character development
- Investigate personal strengths and interests
- Identify specific opportunities for involvement in Agricultural Education
- Explore tools for continued leadership and personal growth, including "sharpen the saw"
- Revise the personal plan of action, first introduced at the Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC)

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### **Changes for 2018:**

**Hotel Reservations:** This year FFA Advisors will be booking the hotel rooms they need directly with the hotel. California FFA has organized a block of rooms for each conference on a first-come, first-served basis. Please look at the hotel list and booking information. Once the hotel block is full, chapters will need to look for lodging at neighboring hotels.

We hope this change will make registration easier. A few benefits include:

- FFA Advisors are not required to identify student names when registering.
- FFA Advisors will have more control of their own rooming lists

**Electronic Check-In/ Registration.** The computer based check in for chapters on site will continue.

### **Registration:**

Conferences for 2018 will be hosted at 6 locations, delivering 8 conferences throughout the state (the list of sites and dates is included in this packet).

Registration opens October 2, 2017. In order to qualify for early registration cost of \$75 per participant **online registration must be submitted AND check or purchase order must be postmarked by Friday, December 15, 2017 OR submitted on CalAgEd.org on that date by 5:00pm.** We do not accept faxed or emailed forms. Registrations submitted after deadline will pay the full registration cost of \$100 per student and advisor participant. If approved purchase order or check is not received by deadline, chapter will be charged full registration cost.

A maximum of 200-250 seats, depending on location, will be available at each conference. To be certain you secure the number of seats you need, complete the registration materials and mail payment immediately. Each conference will begin promptly at 1:00 pm and conclude at 11:45 am the next day. All conferences will include a dinner and breakfast.

### **ALL REGISTRATIONS HANDLED ON A FIRST-COME BASIS.**

*Liability Waiver - California FFA is not directly responsible for students, advisors or chaperones attending events sanctioned by the state association. Local school districts and designated advisors/chaperones are responsible for the oversight and management of themselves and their students. Local management also includes securing proper insurance and medical waivers as designated by a chapter's local school board.*

#### **General Questions**

*Mr. Josiah Mayfield  
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*Ms. Hannah Garrett  
State Leadership Development Coordinator  
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#### **Registration Questions**

*Ms. Jennifer Stockton,  
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# **ADVANCED LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

## *Conference Schedule*

12:00 – 12:45 pm	<b>Conference Registration, T-Shirts</b> <i>Complete digital check in on computers to confirm accurate names and gender to State Staff. Shirts are available immediately for pick up. Room keys are not available until 5pm at the earliest. Certificates will be printed at approx. 6pm.</i>	
1:00 pm	<b>Session 1 – “A Brave New World!”</b>	<i>Opening &amp; Welcome</i>
2:00 pm	<b>Session 2 – “Focus on our Purpose!”</b> Break	<i>Purpose of Ag Ed &amp; FFA</i>
3:30 pm	<b>Session 3 – “Analyze our Purpose!”</b> Break	<i>Issue Analysis</i>
5:00 pm	<b>Session 4 – “Strengthen our Relationships!”</b>	<i>Strengths &amp; Conflict</i>
6:00 pm	Dinner – 60 minutes	
7:15 pm	<b>Session 5 – “Plan our Strategy!”</b>	<i>Project Plan of Action</i>
8:30 pm	Hotel Room Break/ Change for Dance	
9:00 pm	Dance – 90 minutes	
11:00 pm	Curfew	
7:00 am	Breakfast – 45/60 minutes Luggage out of rooms	
8:15 am	<b>Session 6 – “Establish our Influence!”</b> Break	<i>Advocacy &amp; Buy-In</i>
10:30 am	<b>Session 7 – “A New Vision!”</b>	<i>Celebration &amp; Final Challenge</i>
11:45 am	Adjourn Conference	



# **MADE FOR EXCELLENCE**

## *Conference Schedule*

12:00 – 12:45 pm	<b>Conference Registration, T-Shirts</b> <i>Complete digital check in on computers to confirm accurate names and gender to State Staff. Shirts are available immediately for pick up. Room keys are not available until 5pm at the earliest. Certificates will be printed at approx. 6pm.</i>	
1:00 pm	<b>Session 1 – “Welcome to Adventure!”</b>	<i>Opening &amp; Welcome</i>
2:00 pm	<b>Session 2 – “Courage – Leadership!”</b> Break	<i>Introduction to Leadership</i>
3:15 pm	<b>Session 3 – “Courage – Integrity!”</b> Break	<i>Choices &amp; Integrity</i>
4:30 pm	<b>Session 4 – “Power – Strengths!”</b>	<i>Strengths-Based Living</i>
6:00 pm	Dinner – 60 minutes	
7:15 pm	<b>Session 5 – “Power – Opportunities!”</b>	<i>Interests &amp; Opportunities</i>
8:30 pm	Hotel Room Break/ Change for Dance	
9:00 pm	Dance – 90 minutes	
11:00 pm	Curfew	
7:00 am	Breakfast – 45/60 minutes Luggage out of rooms	
8:15 am	<b>Session 6 – “Wisdom – Goals!”</b> Break	<i>Goal Settings &amp; Plan of Action</i>
10:30 am	<b>Session 7 – “A Successful Journey!”</b>	<i>Celebration &amp; Final Challenge</i>
11:45 am	Adjourn Conference	

