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This edition of the IFYE UPDATE was compiled to recap the accomplishments of 2018 and provide a look at some of our goals for 2019.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Although our goal was to have 12 qualified IFYE participants in 2018, we selected nine to be IFYEs. Their experiences were shared in the [December IFYE NEWS](#) and on the IFYE website. Our goal for 2019 is to select 20; you can help by telling your IFYE story to friends who may know a young adult who would benefit from an IFYE experience. Our IFYEs who returned in 2018 are available for presentations and can be reached by email to schedule a presentation. Below is a list of our 2018 IFYEs with their current state location and email address.

- Hannah Nordby, ND hnordby13@gmail.com
- Katherine Knight, NC kknight2014@gmail.com
- Riley Flom, ND rileyflom@gmail.com
- Laura Jensen, MD jens1619@umn.edu
- Kate Garrity, MI kategarrity3@gmail.com
- Jennifer Moran, MN moran356@gmail.com
- Amanda Braun, IL wasabiginger14@gmail.com
- Sage Rodgers, CO sagepf@yahoo.com
- Jarrod Young, OH jarrodyoung95@yahoo.com

The IFYE Program Committee, in cooperation with State Coordinators, updated the Coordinator Handbook. The updated handbook is available on the Coordinators' website portal. Efforts in 2019 will include focus on creating country handbooks for our outbound IFYEs.

A \$500 incentive was announced in 2018 for anyone who recruits a person who completes the IFYE interview, is selected, completes the national IFYE orientation, and lands in the host country. This incentive continues for 2019.

IFYE implemented a Program Enhancement Project (PEP), that provided two job shadowing opportunities; one for an inbound IFYE from Germany, and one for two of our Outbound IFYEs. Lisa Schmid, from Stendal, Germany, spent time job shadowing with three employees of agribusiness Syngenta. Two of our outbound IFYEs job shadowed work at Café Montaña in Costa Rica. Work on this program enhancement and possible expansion continues for 2019. Read more about this program in our [December 2018 IFYE NEWS](#) available on the IFYE website.



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New photos and updates to the IFYE website were completed in 2018. Work also was completed on the website to ease the IFYE application process. The website optimization efforts continued, and Google Ads were created to drive interest in the IFYE website.

A beneficial relationship with the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) was obtained so that each outbound IFYE was provided a name and contact information of the FAS representative who is either in their host country or has responsibility for that country. Additional efforts to further align with USDA will continue in 2019.

Efforts to develop relationships with commodity and other associations as a source for candidate applications will continue for 2019. Cooperative agreements with collegiate associations such as Agriculture Future of America (AFA), Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), and Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR), have allowed IFYE experiences and news items to be published and promoted within these association newsletters and at their events.

The Organizational Capacity Campaign (OCC) Reached its Goal! With the strong support of alumni across the country, 40 pledges of \$5,000 per year for 2018, 2019 and 2020 were obtained. Those who made pledges are sincerely thanked for their support to stabilize IFYE's finances. We also wish to thank those who continue to support IFYE through their membership and other regular contributions. Working together helps ensure IFYE's future and growth.

The annual IFYE Board meeting was held in Indianapolis on July 6-8, 2018. Personnel matters and program policy were discussed, and decisions were made to continue strengthening the Association.

Additional funding sources from foundations and corporations are regularly being sought. If you have an idea for a company or organization that may be a good fit to provide funding to IFYE –please contact our Executive Director via email at kgordon@ifyeusa.org.

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- I wish to support IFYE with an annual Membership fee. \$30 for 2019 annual membership**
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 - **ALL life and annual members** have access to the Member area on the website.
 - You can be a member with your \$30 annual membership only, but all contributions (by non-life members) above \$30 membership will count as a general donation.

I wish to become a **Life member** _____ \$1000 paid in one sum _____ \$200 paid over each of the next five years

Enclosed is \$20 for the postal mailing of two IFYE NEWS and eight issues of the IFYE UPDATE published during 2019.

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