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Oklahoma FFA Association Nomination Committee to Meet

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. – The Oklahoma FFA Association Nomination Committee will meet in downtown Oklahoma City Feb. 8 through Feb. 10. Applicant interviews will start at 8 a.m. Feb. 9.

The committee will narrow the Oklahoma state FFA officer applicants to choose the top three candidates for each of FFA's eight state offices. These applicants are high school seniors from all over Oklahoma. The chosen finalists will campaign until the Oklahoma FFA State Convention in May, where they members will elect a new state officer team.

"I think this year we will see a bigger group of state officer candidates than we have in the past because this class is really strong in the south and north both," said Brandon Baumgarten, Oklahoma state FFA president. "We feel that this year will be a really big year for our nomcom team to pick and choose."

The committee is made up of 10 people: five adults and five high school students. Each student is from a different FFA district and is chosen by that district's vice president. The committee members will begin with orientation Friday evening, and will conclude with their final decision Sunday evening. Interviews consist of four parts: a five-minute one-on-one interview between each committee member and applicant; a five-minute interview between the applicant and whole committee; a written test; and a written letter.

The Oklahoma FFA Association is a division of the National FFA Association. The state FFA officer team dedicates their time travelling across Oklahoma to help high school students develop stronger leadership skills. For more information please visit us at www.okffa.org.

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Alpha Gamma Rho Nominating Committee Workshop

STILLWATER, Okla. – The men of Alpha Gamma Rho will hold a workshop for potential Oklahoma FFA state officer candidates Noble Research Center in Stillwater, Okla., Feb. 2.

The workshop is designed to strengthen the potential officer candidates before next week's Nomination Committee. There will be a workshop over the interview process and speeches. Previous state officers and officer candidates will moderate mock interviews with the candidates.

“The purpose of this clinic is to create a more level playing field among all candidates,” said Dalton Downing, workshop coordinator. “We hope that the end product of the seminar is a more qualified and well-developed state officer slate.”

Former National FFA president Riley Pagett will be the guest speaker.

Downing said the workshop is provided to all potential candidates free of charge as a philanthropic effort of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, in conjunction with the volunteer efforts of FFA alumni. Participants may stay at Oklahoma State University's Atherton Hotel, but must make their own reservation and payment. The workshop will adjourn at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Since 1921 Alpha Gamma Rho has dedicated its efforts to build better men at Oklahoma State University. Its members sponsor many community and campus service work. The organization's goals are to maintain high values while “Making Better Men.” For more information contact Dalton Downing at mitchdd@okstate.edu.

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