

LIA Briefs ♦ ♦ ♦

Big News! The LIA Auction Grand Prize has been **changed**. Thanks to the hard work of **Mary Pierson, LIA Class 31**, **Jeff Williams, Class 10**, CEO of Glanbia Foods, Twin Falls, and Glanbia Foods, Inc. DETAILS . . .



September 2012 – ALL EXPENSE-PAID TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND

You read correctly – plane tickets, lodging, and meals for 9 days!

You will travel with producers, employees and leaders from Glanbia Foods, Inc out of Twin Falls.

You will also have free time and be responsible for some meals and of course any souvenirs you may want to secure. Specific dates in September 2012 have not been set at this time.

Cost of the Auction raffle tickets - \$25/each or 5 for \$100

NEWS OF LIA ALUMNI:



Congratulations to **Dustin Carter, LIA Class 31**, who had the opportunity to interview for a supervisor position at FSA in Blackfoot. Dustin wrote, *"Thanks to my new-found skill of presenting myself and speaking I learned through LIA; I did an excellent job in my interview and they selected me for the position"*. Dustin will now be the Blackfoot FSA Farm Loan Manager beginning Monday, January 17.



Julie Pipal, Class 18, was named last fall as the transportation business development lead at CH2M Hill in Boise. Pipal served 13 years in Idaho state government in various communications and government relation positions at the Idaho Transportation Department, Office of the Governor, and Idaho State Department of Agriculture where she was employed at the time she went through LIA.



Tom Mikesell, Class 27, finished his term as Twin Falls County Commissioner and is investing a great amount of time in his new venture – Explorer Technologies Corporation. ETC, a limited energy electrical contractor. To learn more contact Tom at tmikesell@explorertech.net.



Jeff Kent, Class 29, formerly with Glanbia Foods Inc in Twin Falls has relocated to Baraboo, WI as Director of Sales and Marketing for Foremost Farms. Best wishes in your new position, Jeff, and don't forget to come back to the Gem State for a visit from time to time.



Thanks to **Jim Miller, Class 29**, who shared the following announcement (next page) about an essay contest. Feel free to pass this around.

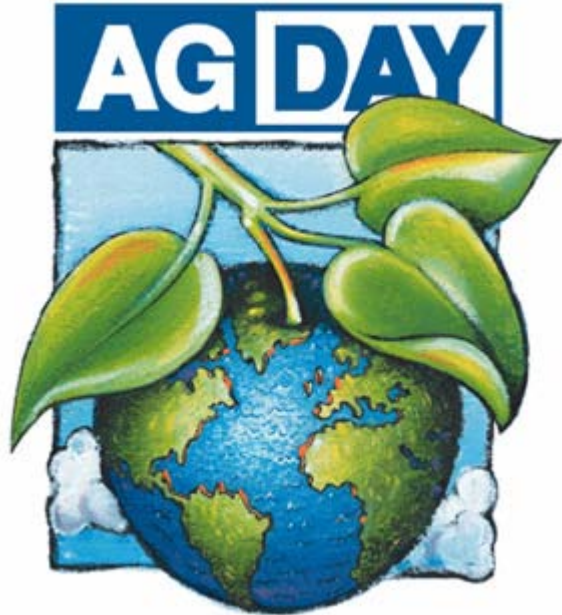
National Ag Day essay contest for students announces 2011 theme

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The [Agriculture Council of America](#) calls on ninth-to 12th-grade students to submit an original, **450-word essay** or a **two-minute video essay** about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "**American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer.**"

The theme "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer." presents an opportunity for students to address how the **agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population**. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a **safe, stable food supply** and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

"[CHS](#) believes in the mission of Ag Day," says Linda Tank, vice president marketing and communications, CHS. "The company is proud to help support the **2011 essay and video contest** for students. Today's youth are vibrant and resourceful. We want to recognize their ability to help **communicate agriculture's ever-important role in keeping our nation's food, fiber and energy systems strong**."



"We look forward to reviewing the written and video essays that students develop around the theme, 'American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer,'" she adds.

The national winners (one written, one video) **receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C.**, for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15 at Whitten Patio at the USDA. Students will either **read or show their winning entry during the event**, attended by industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and others.

The **Ag Day Essay contest is sponsored by** CHS Inc., [The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology](#), [High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal](#), [National Association of Farm Broadcasters](#), [National Agri-Marketing Association](#), [Country Living Association](#) and [McCormick Company](#).

Deadline for the essay contest is Feb. 4, 2011. Visit agday.org for complete contest information or visit the [Facebook page here](#).