

Dear FFA Family and Friends,

Thank you for your support and help over this first semester. I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed since the beginning of the school year. We had great success this past semester and I am truly proud of our accomplishments. With that being said, I would like to first apologize for the lack of communication over this past semester. While there are many exciting things happening within the program, I realize that without communication with you, our vision will not succeed.

This semester we are excited to continue our pursuit of success in various competitions. I am looking forward to traveling with your students to the San Angelo and San Antonio Stock Shows where we will be competing in the swine and doe shows. We are rapidly approaching the Uvalde County Junior Livestock Show where our students will be exhibiting their projects. To these exhibitors and their families, I wish you the best of luck and am excited for the opportunity to help in any way necessary.

We will also be competing in both Livestock Judging and Horse Judging this year. We plan on traveling to a few invitationals across the state and some of the major livestock judging competitions. I will attach a list of dates for these competitions for you to have. I hope that we can build a strong foundation this year in these two competitions to grow our program for the years ahead.

We also have students who are competing in Speaking Development Events this year. We look forward to traveling to San Antonio and to our District events sharing the speeches that our students are working on. I am excited for the opportunity to carry on a long history of SDE success here at Knippa.

Knippa FFA will be participating in community service this semester. We are helping the youth rodeo here in Uvalde the second Saturday of each month for the next three months. Knippa FFA will also be cleaning the section of highway that we have adopted before the end of the semester. I look forward to seeing you all there, where we will experience FFA's motto of "living to serve".

Thank you all again for your continued support for the Knippa FFA Program. Our success in LDE's this year is just beginning of the journey. I am extremely proud of our FFA members and their relentless pursuit for excellence. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the program, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. As always you can reach me via phone at (512) 966-9636 or by email at [garrett.hancock@knippaisd.net](mailto:garrett.hancock@knippaisd.net).

Very Respectfully,

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