



### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KENTUCKY'S YOUTH

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## 2023 KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

The Kentucky State Fair is always a celebration of all the hard work youth from across the Commonwealth have completed and this year was no different! In addition to celebrating the accomplishments of our youth, we honored the generosity of our donors during our Annual Appreciation breakfast, unveiled a NEW Cloverville Sponsor, presented the 2023 Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame Family award, recognized the service of Commissioner Ryan Quarles AND announced a

record breaking Ag Tag year. Kentucky Soybean even helped us host 1,000+ 4-H'ers with their country hams!!

The Foundation is grateful for the support of the many friends and alumni of Kentucky 4-H. Your faithful gifts of your time, talent, and treasure make an impact in the lives of youth, who are then ready and willing to serve their neighbors, communities, and world making our collective best, better.



Pictured Top Center:  
*Cloverville Stage Ribbon cutting ceremony for H&R Agri-Power at the 2023 Annual Appreciation Breakfast at the Kentucky State Fair*

Pictured Bottom Left:  
*Former Kentucky 4-H Vice President and current Kentucky Venues Agriculture Education and Outreach Manager, Walter Steely with former State Treasurer and current Kentucky 4-H Extension Agent, Dylan Gentry*

Pictured Bottom Right:  
*H.H. Barlow with Keith and Holly Rogers at the Friends & Alumni Ice Cream Social sponsored by Chaney's Dairy at the Kentucky State Fair.*

Join us for the second annual  
**Kentucky 4-H**  
Friends + Alumni Gathering  
at University of Kentucky's RoundUp

**September 30, 2023 | Culton Suite**  
beginning four hours before kick-off



TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:  
<https://bit.ly/RoundUp4H>





## 2023 AG TAG

This year, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Ryan Quarles announced a record amount donated by Kentucky Farmers to the Ag Tag program - \$735,815.88! That is the most money donated since the program started in 2016, bringing the total donations to more than \$5 million. These funds will be divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This year Kentucky 4-H will receive \$245,271.96 We are grateful for all of the generous donations made by Kentucky's farmers to the program.

"Kentucky 4-H is truly grateful to all those who chose to make the \$10 donation and support youth across the commonwealth," said Melissa Miller, Executive Director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "The Ag Tag dollars are instrumental in supporting 4-H programs in all 120 counties. These funds allow youth to thrive by growing, developing, and engaging in their communities."

The Ag Tag program supports 4-H



programs in all 120 counties. Half of the funds are given back to each county 4-H program that the donation was made in. This makes an even greater impact on the youth of Kentucky. The funds also help support Kentucky's 4-H youth through scholarships, program development, and leadership events.

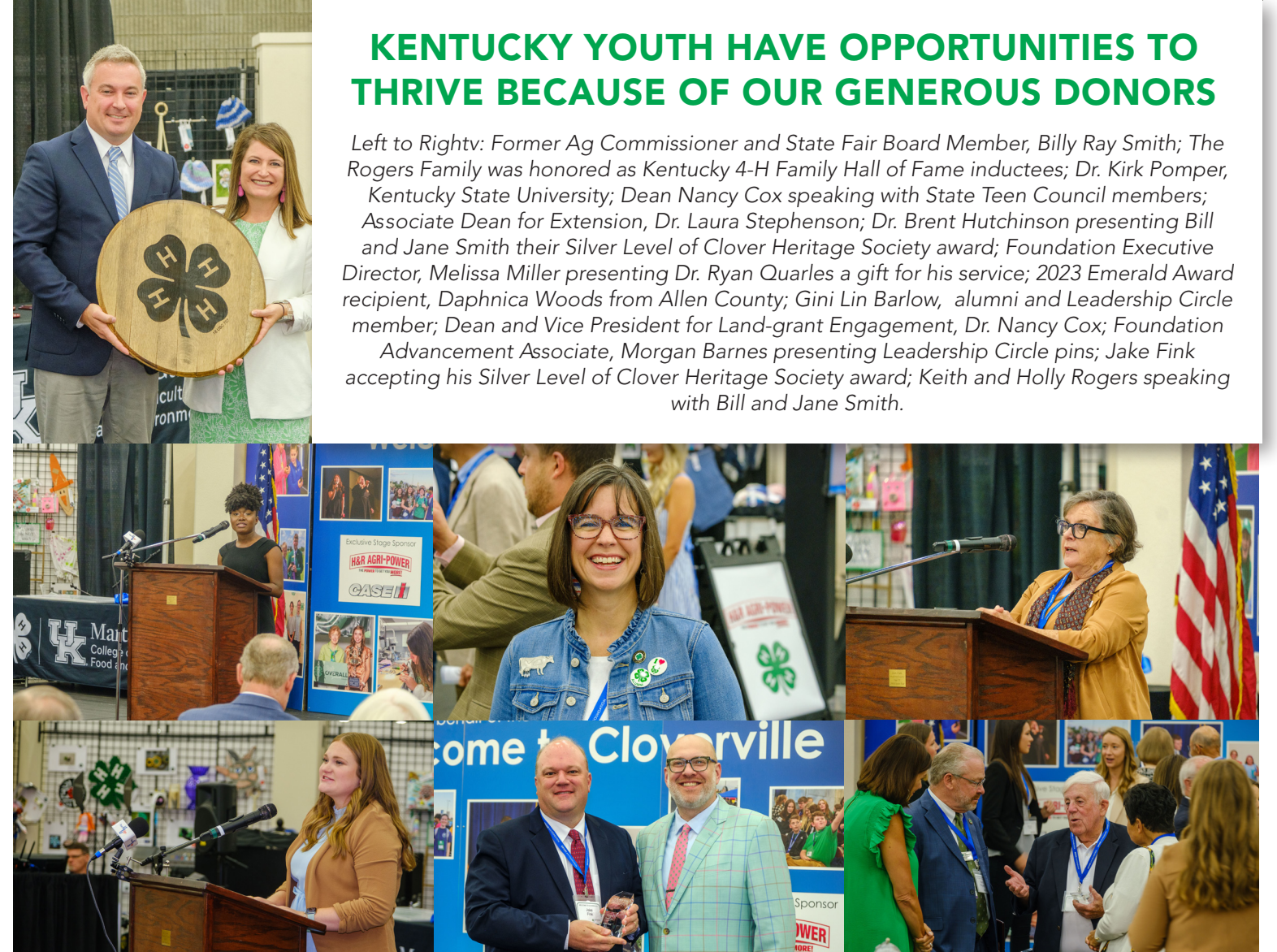
At the Foundation's Appreciation Breakfast the 2023-24 Kentucky 4-H State Officer Team accepted a ceremonial check from Commissioner Quarles for Kentucky 4-H's portion of the Ag Tag donations.

## APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

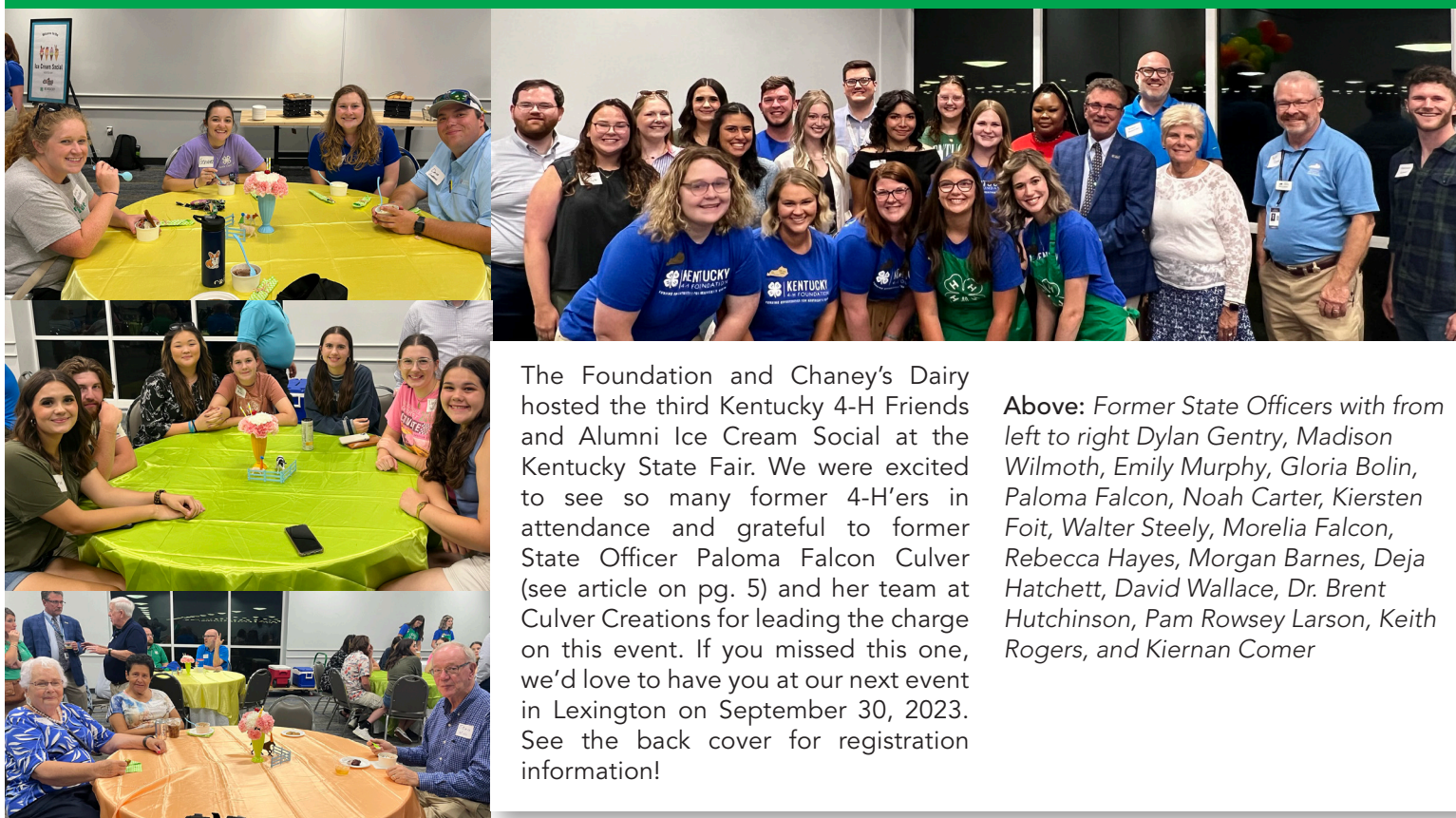


## KENTUCKY YOUTH HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE BECAUSE OF OUR GENEROUS DONORS

Left to Right: Former Ag Commissioner and State Fair Board Member, Billy Ray Smith; The Rogers Family was honored as Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame inductees; Dr. Kirk Pomper, Kentucky State University; Dean Nancy Cox speaking with State Teen Council members; Associate Dean for Extension, Dr. Laura Stephenson; Dr. Brent Hutchinson presenting Bill and Jane Smith their Silver Level of Clover Heritage Society award; Foundation Executive Director, Melissa Miller presenting Dr. Ryan Quarles a gift for his service; 2023 Emerald Award recipient, Daphnica Woods from Allen County; Gini Lin Barlow, alumni and Leadership Circle member; Dean and Vice President for Land-grant Engagement, Dr. Nancy Cox; Foundation Advancement Associate, Morgan Barnes presenting Leadership Circle pins; Jake Fink accepting his Silver Level of Clover Heritage Society award; Keith and Holly Rogers speaking with Bill and Jane Smith.



## 2023 FRIENDS AND ALUMNI ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The Foundation and Chaney's Dairy hosted the third Kentucky 4-H Friends and Alumni Ice Cream Social at the Kentucky State Fair. We were excited to see so many former 4-H'ers in attendance and grateful to former State Officer Paloma Falcon Culver (see article on pg. 5) and her team at Culver Creations for leading the charge on this event. If you missed this one, we'd love to have you at our next event in Lexington on September 30, 2023. See the back cover for registration information!

Above: Former State Officers with from left to right Dylan Gentry, Madison Wilmoth, Emily Murphy, Gloria Bolin, Paloma Falcon, Noah Carter, Kiersten Foit, Walter Steely, Morelia Falcon, Rebecca Hayes, Morgan Barnes, Deja Hatchett, David Wallace, Dr. Brent Hutchinson, Pam Rowsey Larson, Keith Rogers, and Kiernan Comer



**GREETINGS FROM THE HEAD CLOVER: DR. RACHEL GUIDUGLI**



setting goals, achieving goals, and developing their aspirations. As we embark on our new program year, I encourage you, and thank you, as you help us continue meeting youth where they are through our hands-on approach to positive youth development.

I truly believe 4-H has the power to transform, illuminate, educate, inspire, and motivate. Let's help youth thrive in the 2024 program year! #illuminateky4h



Illuminate Kentucky 4-H, the tagline for the 2024 Kentucky 4-H Program Year. When I think about illuminating our beloved organization, I think about our people, youth, volunteers, agents, donors, and supporters. Our people make all the outstanding opportunities available through 4-H possible.

Through your commitment, our young people can build confidence through

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- 95.1%**  
of 4-H youth are comfortable being a leader
- 96%**  
of 4-H youth can identify things they are good at
- 94.9%**  
of 4-H youth think about how their choices affect others
- 97%**  
of 4-H youth get along with those who are different than them

*\*Source: National 4-H Council, National Call for Data: College & Career Readiness*

**GRATEFUL FOR OUR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS**



L to R: Dr. Brent Hutchinson, Board President with outgoing members Ruth Ann Hendrick, Madison Wilmoth, Eric Comley, and Dennis Cannon

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Kentucky 4-H Foundation board members for their unwavering dedication and exemplary service. Your tireless commitment to empowering Kentucky's youth through 4-H programs has made a profound impact on countless lives - shaping the leaders

of tomorrow. Your contributions will be cherished and remembered as we continue to strive for excellence in nurturing the potential of our young individuals. On behalf of Kentucky 4-H, thank you for your service to the youth of our Commonwealth.

**FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**MEET MOLLIE KATE WEBB, KENTUCKY 4-H STATE PRESIDENT**



from Carter County, Mirabella Koralia is the current Treasurer from Jefferson County, Kailyn Stokes is the current Reporter from Crittenden County, and I am Mollie Kate Webb, serving as the current President from Barren County.

Our tagline for the next program year is "Illuminate Kentucky 4-H" which we believe embodies our goal of showcasing the astonishing work of our bright young people, as well as the people they have grown to be through the Kentucky 4-H Program. While each officer on our team has different interests and upbringings, we have all been transformed into phenomenal young people because of the power of Kentucky 4-H. Because of this, we have made it our mission to serve Kentucky 4-H well through the inclusion of all members and by striving to create a comfortable environment that promotes personal growth and illuminates Kentucky 4-H by authentically broadcasting how our lives have been changed by the impact of the 4-H program.

Hello! On behalf of the 2023-2024 Kentucky 4-H State Officer Team, thank you for your investment in Kentucky 4-H and the betterment of our Commonwealth's young people! I am Mollie Kate Webb, the current Kentucky 4-H State President, and I have the pleasure of introducing you to this year's State Officer Team. As a brief introduction, Avery Cole is the current Vice President from Warren County, Kenzie Owens is the current Secretary

We have had a fantastic year so far serving our great commonwealth and we are ecstatic about what else the upcoming year will bring. Please reach out to our officer team if you have any questions about our goals, plans, and programs for the year, as we would be more than happy to connect with you! Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Kentucky 4-H program as we unwaveringly strive to "make the best better."



**2022 EMERALDS VISIT WASHINGTON DC**

Recently, three of the four 2022 Emerald Award winners had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. for National 4-H Conference. During their visit, Luke Carter, Sidney Sowder, and Isaac Hosay were able to visit their legislators including U.S. Rep Andy Barr.

"This was my third trip to D.C. and it proved that there is always something to see," said Luke Cater. "The night tour of our nation's Capital was vibrant and exciting. My favorite part of the trip was not the location, but the experience and knowledge gained. I was involved

in a round-table session where I gained extensive knowledge about nutrition and healthy living in the United States before the group presents it to the USDA."

A special thank you to UK CAFE's Director of government relations, Christ Crumrine, who helped schedule visits and prepare youth for meetings.



**INTERESTED IN SERVING KENTUCKY 4-H? LET US KNOW!**

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## 2023 FAMILY HALL OF FAME: THE ROGERS FAMILY



Kentucky 4-H consist of agents, volunteers, alumni and supporters who choose each day to assist youth in finding their spark and helping them thrive; these individuals play a vital role in the life of a child and/or youth.

In 2018 the Kentucky 4-H Foundation established the Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame to honor those families who created exceptional legacies of service by contributing their time, resources and leadership to the betterment of the Kentucky 4-H program on a local, regional and state level.

The longevity, continuing success and relevance of the Kentucky 4-H Program is due in great part to the leadership and support provided by generations of 4-H families and many others throughout the Commonwealth. To date, we have inducted seven families into this prestigious group, and this year we inducted another outstanding family – the Rogers Family – including Charles and Jacqueline Rogers, Keith and Holly Rogers and Lorie and Jim North.

The Rogers family legacy within the Kentucky 4-H program begins in Hardin County where Mr. and Mrs. Rogers served as volunteer leaders for their own children, Keith and Lorie, as well as many other generations of young people. Mrs. Rogers was a Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent for 33 years in Hardin County. But even before that, she was a successful 4-Her winning the 4-H Clothing Achievement Program in 1950 and going on to win national honors. Their dedication to the core values of 4-H has paved the way for countless young minds to discover their potential, embrace responsibility, and contribute



positively to their communities.

“Jacquie was a professional woman who was married with two children and that was difficult to find, so she was a role model for myself and my two sisters,” says Wendy Stivers, Retired University of Kentucky Specialist for Kentucky 4-H. “All three of us majored in home economics at the University of Kentucky because of Jacquie and the kind of person she was a family member and community member.”

As adults, Keith and Lorie continue to carry on the values and lessons instilled in them by their parents – often via Kentucky 4-H. Keith was the State 4-H President in 1977-78. Notably, Keith helped build a strong Foundation for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, serving as the Executive Director from 2008-2015, when he left to serve as Chief of Staff to the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture. Lorie has carried Kentucky 4-H’s mission of service to others with her through life, raising her children to be active and engaged in their communities.

During Keith’s tenure at the Kentucky 4-H Foundation many programs that are vital to the success of Kentucky 4-H can be contributed to his visionary efforts and leadership including Ag Tag; a program that not only benefits 4-H youth but also FFA and Kentucky Proud. He also made his mark with a grant from the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board to

establish an endowment to fund three crucial programs within 4-H – the Achievement Program, the agriculture mini grants and out of state travel for 4-Hers to compete and attend conferences.

“It isn’t the apron, the tractor driving, the raffle, or whatever; it is the comradery, understanding of how to work with people, and how to put yourself in the best position to move forward that is the real gift of Kentucky 4-H,” said Lorie North.

These eight families in the Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Family have generationally made an impact on the youth across the Commonwealth helping them thrive in their communities. The Rogers Family demonstrated how to make the best better by mentoring and selflessly serving youth they encountered in Hardin County and across the Commonwealth. Today, we have the chance to do the same, how will we choose to make our mark on Kentucky’s youth?

Congratulations to the Rogers Family!



## CLOVERVILLE: H&R AGRI-POWER



This year H&R Agri-Power was Cloverville’s first ever stage sponsor. H&R joins existing Cloverville sponsors, Kentucky Farm Bureau, Churchill Downs, Wright Implement, The Philippo Family, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, David and Roberta Wallace, and the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. This generous gift allowed 4-H’ers from across the Commonwealth to come together, compete in various competitions, be recognized for their



hard work and shine bright on the Cloverville Stage. H&R is a longtime supporter of Kentucky 4-H at both the county and state level. This year they even purchased the champion 4-H ham at the annual Commodity Breakfast. Mr. Hunt and team have not only been willing to financially support Kentucky 4-H, they also take an active role in offering opportunities for 4-H’ers to learn about agriculture, leadership, and dreaming BIG!



The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is grateful for all Mr. Hunt and the H&R Agri-Power team do to help Kentucky youth THRIVE!

*L to R: State Officers Mollie Kate Webb, Kaylin Stokes, and Mirabella Koralia at the H&R photo display; Mr. Hunt speaking with Kaylin and Mollie Kate; Mr. Hunt speaking to the State Officer team while on a tour of H&R’s Hopkinsville location; Mr. Hunt and team with State Officers, while on a tour of a H&R Agri-Power location.*

## ALUMNI THRIVING: PALOMA FALCON

Remaining active in Kentucky 4-H after aging out can be highly beneficial for us as alumni and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. There are many reasons why being an active alumni is important to me, but these are just a few. As an adult, Kentucky 4-H alumni events allow me the opportunity to network with like-minded individuals who share common values and goals. My favorite advice ever given in life is “You are like the top 5 people you spend time with.” Those individuals that I’ve met within 4-H and have grown up with and around are the reason why I am the way I am today. By remaining active within this amazing youth organization it allows me to continue building and maintaining these valuable connections and in turn has helped me to grow my career development, job referrals and collaborations. It’s a full circle effect! Since Kentucky 4-H invested in my leadership growth now I in return want to do the same with my

time and talents. I highly encourage any and all Kentucky 4-H Alumni to attend one of the many events the Foundation facilitates. These events not only serve as reunions, but in turn they create opportunities for former members to reconnect, reminisce, and strengthen their bonds as leaders. Let us continue to support a wonderful organization that grows leaders by giving back with our time and talents! Let’s keep growing leaders!



### SAVE THE DATE:

# *Emerald Gala*

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