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Karen Nelson Heavin elected to serve as Indiana FFA Foundation President



TRAFALGAR, Ind. (August 22, 2013) – Karen Nelson Heavin of Greencastle was recently elected to serve a one-year term as President of the Board of Directors for the Indiana FFA Foundation.

Heavin, a highly experienced community leader and effective FFA and agriculture education champion, currently serves as the Student Services Coordinator for the Area 30 Career Center, where she teaches career and college development, English ECA remediation and serves as the school's Career Pathway Coordinator to high school juniors and seniors from Cloverdale, Eminence, Greencastle, North Putnam and South Putnam.

Heavin is a former member of the South Putnam FFA Chapter in District VII, and served as Indiana FFA Association State President in 1991-92. She is a recipient of the Hoosier Farmer Degree and American FFA Degree.

“I am honored to have been selected as President of the Indiana FFA Foundation and am looking forward to my year of service,” Heavin said. “Our board is committed to growing partnerships in effort to support the students of Indiana’s largest youth organization.”

Besides Heavin’s leadership role with Indiana FFA, she serves as a Warren Township Trustee in Putnam County, Director for the Putnam County Community Foundation Board and Chairman of the Putnam County Lilly Scholarship Selection Committee.

Heavin is married to Anthony Heavin, M.D. They have two boys, Garrett and Brock. The Heavins also operate a 130-acre cattle farm with her father, Darywn Nelson, in Putnam County. She is a graduate of Franklin College.

In addition to Heavin, other newly elected officers were John Bradley, Division Manager for CSX Transportation, and Raylee Honeycutt, Marketing Coordinator for CountryMark, as Vice



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President and Secretary, respectively. Bryan Webb, Accountant for Damping Technologies, Inc., was re-elected as Treasurer.

The Indiana FFA Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Indiana FFA Organization, which provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to over 10,000 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 200 local FFA chapters across Indiana.

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About the Indiana FFA Foundation

The Indiana FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government and individuals to secure financial resources that support the efforts of the Indiana FFA Association, recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agriculture education for over 10,000 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 200 local FFA chapters across Indiana. Governed by a 19-member board of directors comprised of business leaders, educators and individual donors, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. For more, visit the Indiana FFA Foundation at www.indianaffa.org/foundation.