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Chase Rose Named 2009-2010 National FFA Central Region Vice President

INDIANAPOLIS – Some of Chase Rose’s fondest memories involve blue jackets – even when he was too young to wear one. The son of an agricultural education teacher, Rose happily tagged along with his father and the “big kids” to their FFA and livestock events. He knew, from an early age, that agriculture was going to play a huge role in his life. And on this day, at the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., he has achieved the ultimate: For the next year, the Shields Valley High School FFA Chapter member from Clyde Park, Mont., will motivate and inspire more than 500,000 fellow FFA members as the 2009-2010 National FFA Central Region Vice President. He was among six individuals selected from a field of 39 to hold a national office. He is the son of James and Catherine, and his FFA advisor is his father.

Fulfilling his position will require traveling more than 100,000 miles; meeting top leaders in business, government and education; visiting approximately 40 states; and participating in an international experience tour to Japan. His responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization and promoting agricultural literacy.

The national FFA officer selection process is intense and represents an assessment of years of academic and extracurricular accomplishments made by each student running for office. Nominees must first qualify on the state level to represent their particular state FFA associations. They then submit a thorough application, detailing their accomplishments and contributions to the community, along with an essay explaining their desire to be elected to national office. Once at the convention, candidates participate in five rounds of interviews, take an in-depth written test on the organization and agricultural education topics and complete two writing exercises.

The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education.

A panel of nine state FFA officers comprises the nominating committee that proposes the slate of six officers for approval by the convention delegates.

Rose attends Montana State University in Bozeman, with a double major in agriculture business and commercial aviation. While in high school, he was a member of the basketball and track teams, student council, served as his FFA chapter's president and was president of his 4-H chapter. In 2008 he was elected president of the Montana FFA Association.

As a member of FFA, Rose stays active, participating in three supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. He has raised market hogs, worked in pest control at an exclusive guest ranch, and designed a website and started an Internet sales division for Way Out West, a feed and Western wear store. Rose also has many FFA awards under his belt, including being named Montana's Star in Agricultural Placement, first place in the state agricultural sales career development event (CDE), second place in the state extemporaneous speaking CDE, and a host of others throughout his FFA career.

"I believe that I can have a significant impact as a national officer to continue to expand FFA on the national level and increase opportunities for each and every FFA member," said Rose. "It is my goal that the more than 500,000 FFA members will be able to be proud of who they are when they graduate high school."

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 506,199 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,429 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st Congress of the United States, and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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