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## Press Release

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### **Former Northeast HS Students Receive National FFA Degrees**

**Baton Rouge, LA. – Two former Northeast High School students, Kevin Forbes and Beau Parrish, recently received the American Future Farmers of America (FFA) Degree at the 2008 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.** The award was for **work they had done with FFA while enrolled at Northeast High School.** It is the highest degree awarded by the national organization and recognizes students' demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

**Less than one in 200 high school FFA chapter members nationally advance through their local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn this national degree.** Both men studied under **Barret James Hargrave**, Northeast High School's agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor. "To my knowledge, there have been **only three students here**, including these two, who have received this honor in the history of the school," Hargrave said.

Forbes and Parrish received a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate to commemorate the achievement. The recognition program is sponsored by BASF, Case IH, The Farm Credit System and Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Convention is the nation's largest annual youth gathering open to students, parents and educators from across the United States.

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