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## 3rd Annual Dean Singleton Legacy Grant Awarded to Colorado FFA Foundation

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### ***\$50,000 grant will support the Supervised Agricultural Innovation Grant program***

Denver, CO - October 6, 2016 - The Denver Post Community Foundation presented its 3rd Annual Dean Singleton Legacy Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to Colorado FFA Foundation on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016.

This year's grant will assist FFA students to start or enhance an enterprise through a supervised and mentored program. By providing grants to students, they can explore areas of agriculture of interest to them as well as look at innovative projects and practices or niche markets. Students will apply in the fall for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 and if selected, will work with their agricultural education instructor as well as community mentor to develop and grow their project.

"The Colorado FFA Foundation is near and dear to my heart. I am so proud that The Denver Post Community Foundation is able to support the Supervised Agricultural Innovation Grant program this year," said Dean Singleton, the Legacy Grant namesake. "The work being done by FFA students is so important to our community and this grant will help encourage new and improved ideas. I was honored to be an FFA member in my younger days and encourage all current and future student members to be proud of the values represented by wearing the blue jacket. I know I am, 50 years later."

"This grant will be transformational for many students and FFA Chapters across the state. It will provide the needed funding to help students gain experience in innovative entrepreneurship experiences," said Don Thorn, Executive Director of Colorado FFA Foundation. "This is just what we needed to get this program off the ground. Many thanks to The Denver Post Community Foundation and Dean Singleton for providing us this opportunity."

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The Dean Singleton Legacy Grant is named after William Dean Singleton, who built the nation's second-largest newspaper company. Dean retired as chairman of MediaNews Group Inc., owner of The Denver Post, in 2013. He currently serves as non-executive chairman of The Denver Post and sits on the Board of Directors for The Denver Post Community Foundation.

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### ***About Denver Post Community Foundation***

The Denver Post Community Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, raises and distributes funding to Metro Denver nonprofit organizations focusing on arts and culture, education and literacy, children and youth, and human services throughout Colorado. The Foundation raises funds primarily through eight signature events and programs including: Basket of Joy, Cheyenne Frontier Days Train, Colorado State Spelling Bee, Passport to the Arts, Pedal The Plains Bicycle Tour, Pen and Podium Series, Ride the Rockies Bicycle Tour, and Underground Music Showcase. To learn more about Denver Post Community, visit [denverpostcommunity.com](http://denverpostcommunity.com).

### ***About Colorado FFA Foundation***

In 1983, a group of volunteers organized the Colorado FFA Foundation to provide a strong support system for Colorado FFA Association and its student members. In 1989, the Foundation was incorporated as a nonprofit entity and began actively seeking funds to support Colorado Team Ag Ed and its members by funding leadership development, personal growth and career success activities, events and scholarships. In the past five years, the Foundation has raised and invested more than \$500,000 in Colorado's young people. To learn more about Colorado FFA Foundation, visit [coloradoffafoundation.org](http://coloradoffafoundation.org).

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