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Austin Large Named Executive Director of the Texas FFA Association

AUSTIN, TEXAS – The Texas FFA Association proudly announced on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 that Austin Large will become the new executive director effective Feb. 13, 2017.

Texas FFA Board of Directors Interim Chair, Ray Pieniasek shared the news with agricultural education teachers, students and stakeholders, saying, “We are excited to have Mr. Large join the Texas FFA Association. I know he will be a great fit to lead this organization into its next level of achievement.”

Large, a former FFA member, brings strong leadership and programmatic development perspective, as well as an educator’s outlook to the organization. Previously, he served as an agricultural science teacher and FFA advisor in California and worked with the California FFA Association as an independent contractor. His tenure also includes serving as the Texas FFA Association Leadership Development Coordinator which provided him extensive knowledge of all the association’s programs and services. He currently serves as an Educational Specialist with the National FFA Organization concentrating on the 212^o and 360^o Leadership Conferences, the National Leadership Conference for State Officers and the Blast Off program. He also develops and facilitates the National FFA Convention’s student workshops and coordinates the national delegate process.

Large succeeds outgoing Executive Tom Maynard, who retired Jan. 9 after leading the organization for the past 17 years during an era of dramatic growth and success.