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## Neuman Named New Texas FFA Leadership Development Coordinator

Austin, Texas – The Texas FFA Association is proud to announce that Kelli Neuman will become the new Leadership Development Coordinator effective May 15, 2017.

Texas FFA Executive Director, Austin Large stated, "We are excited to welcome Miss Neuman to the Texas FFA! Her leadership philosophy, drive for personal growth and passion for developing student leaders will help continue the positive momentum we have of providing hands-on leadership development opportunities for our members."

Neuman, a native of Winnie, Texas, served as a Texas FFA State Officer in 2011-2012. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Communications and a minor in Political Science in May 2015.

Neuman has interned in the U.S. House of Representatives with the Committee on Agriculture, as well as with National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Dow AgroSciences, Rodeo Austin, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She is currently a Project Coordinator at Soderquist Leadership, working in the delivery of leadership development programs. She is a Soderquist Leadership Fellow and will graduate with a Master of Science in Leadership and Ethics from John Brown University's business school in May.

"Neuman's experience with Soderquist Leadership has equipped her with a unique perspective and network which will push Texas FFA leadership programming efforts to the next level" Large said.

The Texas FFA Association is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The organization has evolved from focusing primarily on production agriculture to a broader-based encompassing organization that addresses the needs and interests of students in urban and suburban schools, in addition to the rural communities. For more information about the Texas FFA Association, visit www.mytexasffa.org.

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