

Ohio FFA Association 2005~2006 Annual Report





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The FFA

The FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Local, state, and national activities and award programs provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom. The Ohio FFA Association has 23,140 members.

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.

FFA Motto:

Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve.

2005-2006 Ohio FFA Board of Trustees:

The Ohio FFA Board of Trustees serves as the policy-making body for the Ohio FFA Association. All new programs or major revisions of existing programs and activities are approved by the board of trustees. The board of trustees determines what items of business will be forwarded to the convention for delegate action and all actions taken by the delegates at the state FFA convention shall be summarized and placed on the agenda of the next board meeting for ratification.

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Living to Serve

Living to serve: three short words that pack immense clout. The final line of the FFA motto is perhaps the most important, and over the past year, our members have exemplified its meaning. Whether performing community service, helping out in their schools, or educating the public on the importance of agriculture, the Ohio FFA has experienced a successful year of serving others.

Among other achievements, in 2005-2006, the Ohio FFA Association:

- Reached a statewide membership of 23,140, placing us fifth in the nation.
- Boasted 258 American FFA Degree recipients.
- Praised Brandon Hawkins, of the Liberty Union FFA Chapter, for receiving a national proficiency award.
- Congratulated local chapters on their selfless efforts to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- Donated \$13,904.50 to Children's Hospital.
- Honored 568 members with the State FFA Degree.
- Enjoyed record-breaking attendance at the State Convention.

At the root of these honors was the innate desire to make local communities and chapters stronger. Cumulatively, these chapters' actions have contributed to our organization's strength. In fact, chapters have transformed a meager group of 33 farm boys into a strong alliance of over 465,000 across the nation in the past 78 years. We continue to attract new demographics by aligning with the times and focusing on classic concepts, such as service.

Of course none of this would be possible without our agricultural education instructors. Because of teachers, today's students are learning what is required to be successful in tomorrow's global economy. Through hands-on learning, students develop a passion for agriculture and more importantly leadership skills that will carry all of us far into the future. Educators are setting a solid example for their students to follow, with experiential learning and service intricately weaved into their teaching.

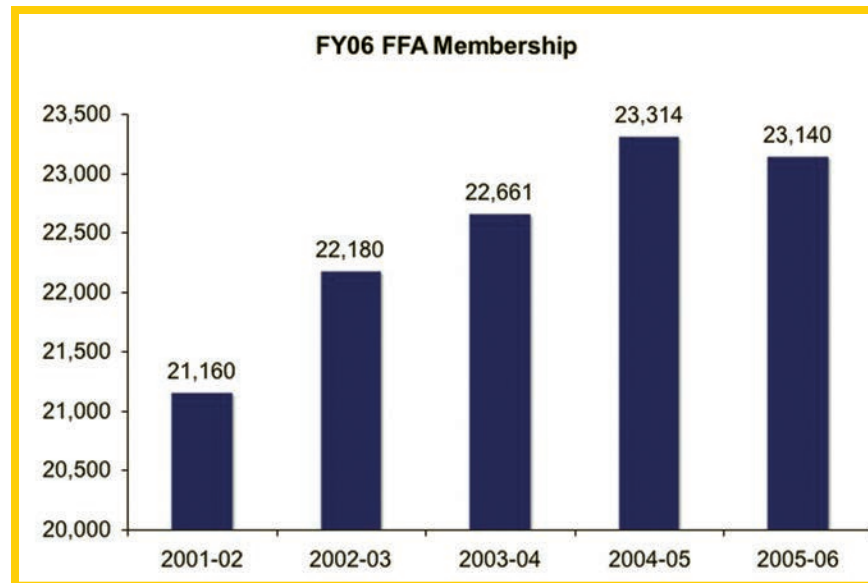
In short, the agricultural education and FFA program in Ohio is thriving. Members are exemplifying the theme of "Living to Serve," and advisors, parents, and supporters are encouraging them in that quest. This year was a testament to your work, and we know that the next will be even better. Congratulations again on an impressive year.

Submitted By: Dr. Isaac Kerhaw, State FFA Advisor and Dr. Steve Gratz, State Executive Secretary.



Membership Report

Today, there are 490,017 FFA members, aged 12-21 in 7,210 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. During the 2005-2006 academic year, the Ohio FFA Association had 23,140 members in 315 chapters.



Here are some statistics about membership nationwide:

- 38% of FFA members are female; women hold more than 50% of state leadership positions.
- 77% of our membership is Caucasian; 17% is Hispanic and 4% is African-American
- 89% of FFA members are in grades 9-12; 6% are in grades 7-8; 5% are high school graduates.
- 27% of FFA members live in rural, farm areas; the remainder live in rural non-farm (39%), urban and suburban areas (34%).
- FFA chapters are in 11 of the 20 largest cities, including New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.
- The top five membership states are California, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma and Ohio.

Chapter Officer Leadership Training

Sponsored By: Mathile Foundation

Ten districts visited in two weeks. The 2004-2005 Ohio FFA Officer Team blanketed the state when presenting the spring COLT conferences. These conferences were aimed at preparing newly elected chapter officers for their upcoming year. Two workshops and a meal later, officers learned how to be a team player and servant leader.

Whereas the spring COLT came to each district, the fall COLT was a statewide event held at the Columbus Convention Center. Nationally renowned writer, radio broadcaster, and motivational speaker Andrew McCrea worked with the 2005-2006 Ohio FFA officers to produce a quality

program. Many remembered him as a keynote speaker from the 77th Ohio FFA Convention, where he spoke about stepping outside comfort zones to do the impossible.

McCrea echoed his message from the state convention when again he urged the chapter



officers and leaders to step outside their comfort zones. The state officers reinforced this point in their workshop when they stressed time management and values.

When the day was complete, students not only had fun and met new people, but also they took home valuable advice for the year ahead. Together, the spring and fall COLT conferences were quality programs in a fun environment for chapter officers and leaders to learn fundamental skills. Perhaps more importantly than that, these conferences provided a way for students to meet with leaders from other schools in order to share ideas for activities, fundraisers, and other events. Whatever the reason for attending, one thing was certain: students had a great time while learning, meeting new people, and exchanging ideas.

Submitted By: Julie Watson
2005-2006 Ohio FFA President

2005 National Convention Report

Our officer team geared up for an exciting week at the 78th National FFA Convention, the largest youth gathering in the country. Held in Louisville, Kentucky, for the final year, over 50,000 members from all 50 states and Puerto Rico joined in on the action. We were excited and humbled to be part of the festivities.



State officers and delegates, a total of 475 in all, helped decide the future of the FFA by serving on delegate committees. We discussed nine issues ranging from official dress and the national charter to a biogenetics Career Development Event and increasing money requirements for the American Degree. While the process for



change is lengthy, our work at the convention will impact the National FFA Organization down the road, and we will look forward to seeing how our actions influence our organization.

After delegate business, the convention sessions kicked off with speakers, awards, and National Officers' retiring addresses. Australian native Amanda Gore lit up Freedom Hall



with her message to be positive, build a bridge to get over problems, and let people know they are special. When “Chalk Man” Sam Glenn took the stage, the audience laughed at his stories and took note of his inspirational message. These speakers got the audience to their feet with lasting messages.



To mark the 50th anniversary of the adoption of E.M. Tiffany’s creed, five people presented the creed, beginning and ending in English. The middle three paragraphs, however, were in Spanish, Native American, and Native Hawaiian to represent the diversity in our organization.

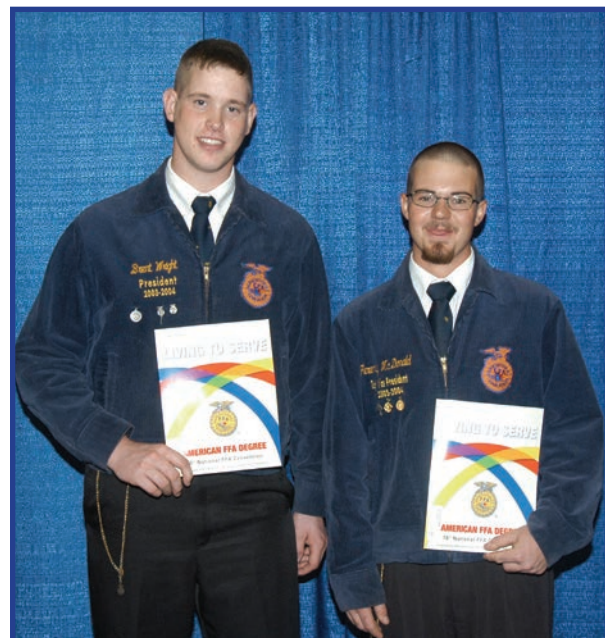
Also at the sessions, Ohioans cheered on our national award winners, and congratulated them on years of success. We watched as members and adults alike

graced the stage and were recognized for their efforts.

And of course, who could forget the Buckeye Bash? 1,200 members, advisors, and guests danced away and showed Convention attendees what Buckeye spirit is all about.

After a week full of energy and motivation, the convention closed with the election of the 2005-2006 National FFA Officer Team. With the convention behind us, our team became reinvigorated and ready to tackle our association’s business at full speed.

Submitted By: Julie Watson
2005-2006 Ohio FFA President



2005 National Proficiency Winners

In 2005, Ohio had another proud representation at National Convention. Seven members competed in the National Proficiency Award program. Winners in their respective areas receive \$500 and an opportunity to attend an all-expense paid international travel seminar. Congratulations to all who competed!

National Proficiency Award Program

John Grauer, Crestview FFA
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

Curtis Grimm, Cardington Lincoln FFA
Grain Production - Entrepreneurship

Brandon Joseph Hawkins, Liberty Union FFA
Turf Grass Management - Placement

National Winner!

Jeremy Hupman, Greenville FFA
Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship

Kodie Weaver, Upper Sandusky FFA
Forage Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

Aaron Louis Wulber, Versailles FFA
Vegetable Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

Logan Wyse, Archbold FFA
Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems



Other National Convention Results

National Career Development Events Results

Talawanda FFA

1st Place Food Science Team
Brittany Boggs- 2nd Place Individual
Christine Pellegrini- 4th Place Individual

North Union FFA

3rd Place Dairy Products Team

Ashland FFA

4th Place Agronomy Team

Eastwood FFA

General Livestock
Hyatt Frobose- 2nd Place Individual

Buckeye Trail FFA

Prepared Public Speaking
Shaylyn Bennett- 5th Place Individual

Libery Benton FFA

Job Interview
Christine Noyes- 5th Place Individual



Agriscience Student Recognition Program – National Finalist

Laura Bruner, Pettisville FFA

Honorary Degrees

Dr. Dwight Armstrong
Mr. Fred Dailey
Mr. Jack Fisher
Mr. John Lawyer
Dr. Isaac Kershaw
Rep. Steve Reinhard
Mr. Michael Wagner
Mr. Wayne Weber
Mr. Dan Zimmerman

VIP Award

Mr. John Miley



2005 American FFA Degrees

Rodney Adams, Hardin-Northern
Seth Andrew Ando, Lancaster
Jacob T. Angle, Elida
Shireen Bagheri, Miami Trace
Michael Allen Baker, Miami Valley
Margee Ballah, Madison Plains
Justin Barhorst, Fort Loramie
Richard Baughman, Ben Logan
Brendan Bayliss, Ben Logan
Erica Lane Beathard, London
Whitney Marie Beck, Pettisville
Frank Bever, Sheridan
Jennifer Bickel, Spencerville
Paul R. Bicker, Hillsdale
Brandon Bingham, Ben Logan
Amanda Marie Bisesi, Hillsdale
Nicole E. Bisher, Otsego
Tony Bonifas, Delphos
Todd Bricker, United
Joseph B. Briggs, Madison Plains
Scott Alan Brill, Twin Valley South
Justin Brosey, Talawanda
Katie Buchert, Miami East
Danielle Burns, Arlington
Erin Burns, Fairbanks
Kevin Bushman, Eastwood
Matthew Cain, Anna
Brian Caldwell, Gallipolis
Katelynn Carr, Northmor
Jay C. Carter, Elmwood
Steven Casey, Elmwood
Rachel Catanzaro, Greenon
Jared Chester, Miami Trace
J.D. Christy, Mowrystown
Haley Clark, Talawanda
Dan Clinker, Fairview
Ryan Congrove, Zane Trace
Eric M. Conkey, Lancaster
Keith Tillman Conn, London
Nathan William Copesey, Tinora
Jeremy William Corkle, Wauseon
James Nicholas Craft, Gallipolis
Sarah Criswell, Elgin
Jill K. Dagger, Urbana
Jessica A. Daniels, River Valley
Erin Dapra, Teays Valley
Ryan Daulton, Georgetown
Brian Deaton, National Trail

Cole DeLong, Ben Logan
Ashley Dilworth, Delphos
Angela Dinneen, Madison Plains
Jeremy Allen Draper, Shelby
Rose Dudgeon, East Knox
Jason A. Duff, Miami Trace
Jessica Eilenfeld, Lucas
Craig Ellerbrock, Leipsic
Kyle Ellis, Warren
Lori Lynn Epley, Liberty Union
Bryan Etzler, Lincolnview
Scot Fauber, East Clinton
Zach Faust, Cardington-Lincoln
Luke Fike, Leipsic
Amy Fleming, United
Katie Flickinger, Hillsdale
Jake Foltz, Fairfield Union
Alec Fourman, Miami East
William Foxworthy, Wilmington
Becky Marie Fravel, Centerburg
Anthony J. Freed, Arlington
Andrea E. Freshwater, Arlington
Mary Beth Fulk, Crestview
Amanda Gamble, Parkway
Craig Gandert, River Valley
Jason Geise, Fort Loramie
Brittany Gibson, Western Brown
Jodie Ann Gilcher, Buckeye Trail
Brandon Good, Bellevue
Joy N. Goodwin, Mt. Gilead
Jeremy Douglas Goyings, Paulding
John D. Grauer, Crestview
Tricia Green, Elmwood
Curtis Grimm, Cardington-Lincoln
Adam Grooms,
Ohio Valley Vocational
Brad Guckian, Preble Shawnee
Caroline Hall, Western Brown
Kara Hamilton, Northwestern
Alan Hanna, Van Buren
Kayla Marie Hansel, Utica
Jayme Harris, Ripley
Brandon Haselman, Leipsic
Eric D. Haudenschild, Kenton
Brandon Hawkins, Liberty Union
Molly Hawkins, Greene Co. CC
Dennis Hays, Eaton
Miranda Heald, Utica

Eric Hendricks, Cardington-Lincoln
Kelly Herbolt, Western Brown
Ryan Hesterman, Archbold
Aaron Andrew Higgins, Centerburg
Elisha Ann Higgins, Arlington
Ted Hivnor, Morgan
Melissa Hockensmith, Marysville
Megan Holbrook, Lynchburg-Clay
Greg Holthaus, Fort Loramie
Shawn Howell, Shelby
Danielle Marie Hulit, Crestview
Daniel Hutson, Fairbanks
Joe Iams, Fairfield Union
Bradley Michael Jackson, Indian Lake
Carla Jagger, Mt. Gilead
Angela Jenkins, Madison Plains
Ashley Jordan, Fairbanks
Jason D. Julian, Johnstown- Monroe
Matt Kaverman, Delphos
Brandon Kelch, Eastern Brown
Jessica Marie Kelly, Miami Trace
Trisha Marie Kick, West Holmes
Andrew Kimmet, Sentinel
Tiffany Kirby, Upper Sandusky
Stephanie Klosterman, Wapakoneta
Kurt Kremer, Fort Recovery
Ryan Krieg, Firelands
Andrew Jon Kuck, New Bremen
Timothy Lamb, West Liberty-Salem
Kar-Lyn Lambert, Canal Winchester
Illyssa Marie Leisure, East Clinton
J. Gregory Lifer, Clear Fork Valley
Craig M. Link, Fort Recovery
Meredith Logsdon, Upper Sandusky
Christin Lohstroh, Madison Plains
Hilary Long, Hillsboro
Chad Luersman, Delphos
Ali Marie Luttrell, Graham
Melissa Maltzbarger, Upper Sandusky
Adam Marshall, Madison Plains
Robert H. Massie, Gallipolis
Melissa A. Massy, Northwestern
Andrea Lorryne Maurer, Greenon
Josh McCormick, Liberty Union
Jaymeson McCoy, West Holmes
Jeremiah McDonald, River View
Daniel McFerren, Clear Fork Valley
Tom L. McGrain, Elmwood

Michael McMahan, North Union
Ryan McMichael, Spencerville
Amanda Meddles, Fairbanks
Jonathan C. Meeker, Western Brown
Jeremy Adam Meranda, Georgetown
David Merriman, Spencerville
Andrew Miller, Archbold
Andrew Lee Miller, South Central
John Miller, Margaretta
Jordan Miller, Old Fort
Kyle Paul Miller, Triway
Lance Miller, Talawanda
Nicholas R. Miller, Miami Trace
Tyler Francis Miller, Liberty Union
Craig Minges, Ross
Hannah Monroe, North Union
Jessica L. Murray, Hillsdale
Joshua Michael Myers, Margaretta
Tyler Myers, Mapleton
Justin Michael Nau, Caldwell
Beth Norton, Wellington
Aaron Oglesbee, Upper Scioto Valley
Seth Oglesby, Hillsboro
Scott Overman, Fort Recovery
Rachel Pahl, Bowling Green
Joshua Penhorwood, Ben Logan
Thomas Peterson, Eastwood
Ryan A. Pfeifer, Clear Fork Valley
Lisa M. Piwinski, Firelands
Nicholas A. Pontius, Teays Valley
Grant Porter, Marlinton
Jody Lee Poth, Liberty Union
Jessie L. Poulson, Pettisville
Ryan Powell, Liberty-Benton
Talyn Powers, North Union
Katie Prince, Fairlawn
Justin Pritchard, Fayetteville
Jeff Quilliam, Liberty Union

Robert Randall, Ayersville
Jill Recker, Eastwood
Nathan Reed, Fairbanks
Mike Reimer, Talawanda
Greg Reinhard, Fort Recovery
Ashley Reinhart, Mohawk
Leanne Risch, Oak Harbor
Amy Beth Robinson, Fredericktown
Eugene Robinson, Mt. Vernon
Kara Robinson, Northeastern
Cody Rodabaugh, Hardin-Northern
Michael Rodefer, National Trail
Joel Ruffer, Archbold
Tyler William Rupp, Norwayne
Doug Russell, Eastwood
Rusty Sarver, Eastwood
Brian Schlatter, Paulding
Theresa Schoultheis, Mowrystown
Dan J. Schroeder, Miller City
Derek John Schroeder, Leipsic
Carrie Schwochow, Fremont-Ross
Erik Scott, Georgetown
Nick Seger, Fort Loramie
Andrew Seward, Mt. Vernon
Joshua Sheets, North Union
Josh Sherrick, Elida
Tim Shipley, Carrollton
Travis Shirer, John Glenn
Ashley Shroll, Wynford
Jamie Sidders, Ben Logan
Derek Siesel, Margaretta
Charlie Slusher, Edgewood
Luke Smith, Delphos
Mark E. Smith, Southeastern
Andrew Snape, Talawanda
Cody Snider, Miami East
Jaci Snyder, Norwayne
Jordan Snyder, Ridgmont

Phillip Sparks, Madison Plains
Jace E. Spires, Amanda Clearcreek
Kevin M. Spreng, West Holmes
Tyler Springer, North Union
Jennifer Stafford, Mt. Gilead
Joshua Luke Steinmetz, Bellevue
Jennifer Stenger, Union Local
Jennifer Rae Stevens, Buckeye Trail
Benjamin Stoller, Norwayne
Dustin Stoller, Wayne Trace
Mark Strickland, Bowling Green
Julie Sullivan, Madison Plains
Bridgette Ann Terrell, East Clinton
Mark Ryan Thomas, Anthony Wayne
T. J. Thorpe, Centerburg
Curtis Tobe, Miller City
Trista Tredway, Morgan
Kelly A. Trimmer, Liberty Union
Peggy Trushel, Carrollton
Jimmy Vandre, Fairbanks
Lindsey VanGundy, River Valley
Craig von Stein, Cory-Rawson
Michael R. Wagner, River Valley
Melissa Walker, Hillsboro
Chelsie Weemhoff, Clear Fork Valley
Eric William Weitzel, Fort Recovery
Alan Will, Fort Recovery
David Willmann, Fort Recovery
Brent Adam Wright, River View
Tyler Wright, Mississinawa Valley
Brian D. Wuebker, St. Henry
Brett Wyse, Wauseon
Cassandra Yantis, Canal Winchester
Joshua Zehentbauer, United
Jamie Zimmer, Blanchester
Adam Zimmerman, Graham
Jason Zimmerman, Upper Sandusky
Benjamin Zucker, River Valley



Leadership Nights

FFA Members across the state were encouraged to “Celebrate What’s Right With The World” through the 2005-2006 Leadership Nights. With over twenty taking place all across the Buckeye State, Leadership Nights were a chance for FFA members to meet one another in an informal setting while enjoying a quality program. With refreshments, activities, and occasionally a ‘lock-in’ to follow, these activities were an opportunity for students to gain invaluable skills for leading their home chapters.

This year’s program prepared students to deal with change. “Instead of fearing change,” State Treasurer Elizabeth Custer explained, “we strove to equip members with the mindset to embrace it. By setting the framework for adaptation, hopefully we allowed Leadership Night participants the opportunity to begin looking at change as a positive addition to everyday life.”

The Leadership Nights were not simply discussions, however. They were jam-packed with hands-on activities and fun challenges. By working with FFA members in a laid-back atmosphere, we were more able to help them relate the lessons to their everyday lives.

Submitted By: Julie Watson
2005-2006 Ohio FFA President



Made for Excellence

Sponsored By: Wendy's International, Inc.

Hundreds of FFA members “Stepped Right Up” this year at the Ohio FFA Made for Excellence Conferences held at the Marriott in Columbus, Delphos High School, Union Local High School, and Miami Valley Career and Technology Center. The theme of the conference focused on combining talents, skills, and willpower to reach success.



Members participated in self-improvement workshops to identify their talents and skills. They then investigated what motivates them. By combining their choices in those areas, they learned that they could reach success. Other workshop topics focused on teamwork, trust, values, communication, goals, and teen issues. Members also discovered that positive communication and a SMART goal setting strategies are necessary for team success. One of the concluding sessions of the conference focused on teen issues and ways in which students can overcome peer pressure and be a positive influence for others.

During the conference students were given the opportunity to meet other FFA members from across the state, and each conference offered time for recreation and fun.

Made for Excellence is a two-day personal development conference designed primarily for freshman and sophomores. It focuses on personal growth by providing students with interactive opportunities. Members identify skills needed and desired for success. These activities provide participants with tools of motivation that are relevant to their everyday lives. Through fun and experiential learning students discover careers available in agriculture and the growth opportunities available within FFA. At the close of the conference and beyond, participants will be making more purposeful, meaningful choices that will lead them to excellence.



Submitted By: Elizabeth Custer
2005-2006 Ohio FFA Treasurer

Career Development Events

For students who ask their teachers “When will I ever use this in the real world?” Career Development Events (CDEs) are the answer. FFA has worked to create CDEs that demonstrate the meaningful connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction truly comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting.

Congratulations to all members who participated in a CDE in the 2005-2006 school year; your efforts will continue to reap benefits in the future. Here is a listing of all CDEs, along with the winning team and top-scoring individual. For a complete listing or for more information on Ohio’s Career Development Events, visit www.ohioffa.org or contact:

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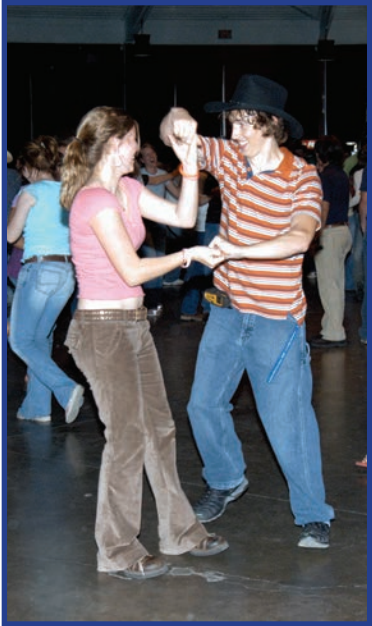


Contest	Top Team	Top Individual	Individual's School
Ag Communications	Versailles	Victoria Hays	Greenon
Ag Engineering	Wynford	Brett Sheets	Parkway
Ag Mechanic Skills	Miami Valley CTC	Brenton Brubaker	Miami Valley CTC
Ag Sales	Marysville	Jed Bookman	Hillsdale
Agronomy	Miami Trace	Matt Custer	Miami Trace
Animal Health	Akron Ellet	Brian Hendricks	Akron Ellet
Animal Management	Toledo Natural Science	Troy Dailey	Canal Winchester
Aquarium Management	Miami Valley CTC	Hannah Rousculp	Northeastern
Cooperative Education	Ashland	Stephanie Litten	Ashland
Dairy Cattle	Northwestern	Jason Miley	Northwestern
Dairy Handlers		Sam McKay	Miami Trace
Dairy Products	Lucas	Zack Kinnard	Lucas
Dog Grooming I	Medina County JVS	Stephanie Avellino	Akron Ellet
Dog Grooming II	Medina County JVS	Amanda Trent	Live Oaks CDC
Dog Obedience	Medina County JVS	Karri Pekar	Medina County JVS
Equine Management	Butler Tech	Annie Lord	Big Walnut
Farm Business Management	Crestview Convoy	Evan Wels	Crestview Convoy
Floriculture	Oregon-Clay	Sondra Martin	Pioneer CTC
Food Science Technology	Edgewood-Butler Tech	Ashley Abrams	Edgewood-Butler Tech
Forestry	Southeastern Ross	Steven Baxter	Southeastern Ross
General Livestock	Ashland	Alissa Malott	Margaretta
Grain Merchandising	Margaretta	Elliot Ward	A.B. Graham
Greenhand Quiz	Delphos	Leah Burch	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Job Interview			
Division 1		Elizabeth Heitkamp	Versailles
Division 2		Hannah Crossen	Hillsdale
Division 3		Jana Miller-Welch	Federal Hocking
Meat Science	Sheridan	Stacie Martindill	Fairfield Union
Nature Interpretation	Vinton County	Heath Tennant	Vinton County
Nursery and Landscaping	Hillsdale	John Sayers	Hillsdale
Parliamentary Procedure	Hillsdale		
Poultry	Margaretta	Melissa Reinhart	Mohawk
Public Speaking			
Creed		Alex Bowling	Hardin Houston
Beginning Prepared		Krysten Bachman	Bloom Carroll
Extemporaneous		Hannah Crossen	Hillsdale
Prepared		Callie Crum	Cardington
Rural Soils	New London	Kenny Thomas	Miami Valley CTC
Skills Classic Northeast	Trumbull County CC	Josh Barker	Ohio Hi-Point
Skills Classic Southeast	Federal Hocking	Brandon Forrider	Federal Hocking
Skills Classic Southwest	Miami Valley CTC	Jennifer Maiden	Miami Valley CTC
Small Gas Engines	Teays Valley	Tom Zeisler	Logan
Tractor Troubleshooting	Eastern Brown		
Urban Soils	Mowrystown	Chaz Russell	Gallia Academy
Wildlife Management	Oregon-Clay	Meredith Gilbert	Oregon-Clay

2006 State Convention

Record-breaking crowds gathered May 4-6 at the Ohio Expo Center for the 78th Ohio FFA Convention. This year's celebration again highlighted the success of members and chapters across the state.

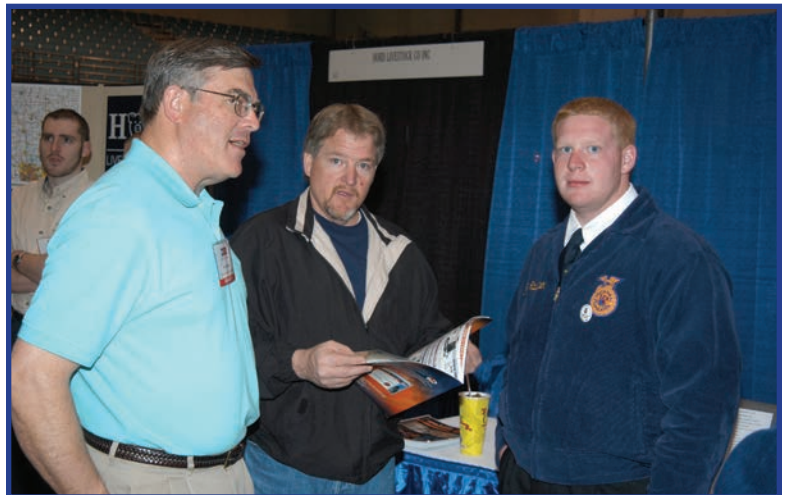
Throughout the weekend, attendees were entertained and inspired with enthusiastic speakers like Scott Friedman, Dr. Al Snyder, Ryan Peterson, and Julie Watson. Friedman, who had the audience roaring with laughter, helped members and guests understand the importance of humor in everyday life. His message was well received by people of all ages, as was that of Dr. Al Snyder. Snyder, a hypnotist, brought members, teachers, and state officers on stage to "perform" for the audience. National FFA Eastern Region Vice President Ryan Peterson spoke on the importance of agricultural education, while Julie Watson 2005-2006 Ohio FFA President, presented her retiring address during the last session. She compared herself to Martha Stewart and shared valuable lessons from the domestic diva's perspective.



Keynote addresses were just one minor aspect of the Convention experience. Of course the main purpose of recognizing achievement still rang true. Suspense was in the air during the second general session Friday, as the top chapters in Ohio were named. The National Chapter application determined the top 10 chapters in each area of the Program of Activities: student, chapter, and community development. As the results were revealed, cheers of congratulations

filled the convention hall. After awarding the winners in each division, the overall top 10 chapters were announced. The Delphos FFA Chapter walked away with top honors, as provided by Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kantner Endowment Fund, with Miami East, Blanchester, Versailles, and Fairfield rounding out the top five.

Not only were superior chapters recognized, but outstanding members also received proper credit. The top state degree recipients in each program area, with the support of Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, were named as Star State Degree winners. Of course, then one of



the highlights of State Convention was the conferment of the State FFA Degree. 568 deserving members were recognized for their leadership within the FFA and commitment to sound supervised agricultural experiences. Only 2.4% of the state membership received such accolades this year.



Between sessions, one was sure to catch members and guests enthusiastically browsing the career show or participating in one of many interactive activities. Over

50 businesses, organizations, and chapters filled the wing of the Celeste Center to showcase their products and services. Members took advantage of the opportunity to alleviate some stress as they enjoyed the games and music provided to fill the lull between sessions. Additionally, the top skill in the state took the stage for the annual River Brite Citrus talent show, where FFA members entertained us all.

As Convention came to a close, a new group of officers were elected to lead the Ohio FFA Association. The team took the stage with newly elected president Hannah Crossen leading the charge. 6,200 members and guests were witness to their instillation ceremony and more. In all, the Convention proved to be another shining success, illustrating the quality of agricultural education and FFA in Ohio.

Submitted By: Julie Watson
2005-2006 Ohio FFA President

National Chapter Awards

Congratulations to Ohio's top FFA chapters, as determined by the National Chapter Award application. Applications were scored at State Evaluation, with the top ten chapters in each area presenting to a panel of judges at State Convention. All gold medal chapters had their applications forwarded on for further evaluation at the national level, with the Canal Winchester chapter placing as a finalist in the community division.

Top Ten Chapters

Sponsored By: Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kantner

Delphos

Miami East

Blanchester

Versailles

Fairfield

Fayetteville

Bowling Green

Canal Winchester

National Trail

Anna



Gold Medal Chapters

Sponsored By: Ag Credit

Anna

Ansonia

Archbold

Blanchester

Bowling Green

Canal Winchester

Clyde

Delphos

East Clinton

Edgewood-Butler Tech

Fairfield

Fayetteville

Greenfield-McClain

Greenville

Indian Valley

Marysville

Miami East

Mississinawa Valley

Mowrystown

National Trail

Otsego

Smithville

Versailles

Top Ten Student Division

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2006 Chapter Officer Awards

Chapter officer awards are provided to encourage excellence in chapter leadership. Each chapter may enter its secretary, treasurer, and reporter books for competition. Books are evaluated on the district level and rated gold, silver, or bronze. The following officers earned a gold rating on their officer books and were recognized at State FFA Convention.

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Brock Allen, Lynchburg-Clay
Cory Lawson, Ripley
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Scott Milner, Wilmington

Bass Clarinet

Anna Wright, Clermont Northeastern
Nick Schwenk, Pymatuning Valley

Bassoon

Emily Rogalinski, Clyde
Mike Duncan, Fairfield Union

Clarinet

Sam Showalter, Buckeye Trail
Stephanie Taylor, Fairfield Union
Amy Richter, Gibsonburg
Kaitlin Kirk, John Glenn
Shelbi Boyd, Lynchburg-Clay
Kayla Norris, Mowrystown
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Danielle Begley, Preble Shawnee
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John Weiker, Clyde
Cody Rausch, Fairbanks
Troy Kinkler, Fairfield Union

Donovan Rippstein, Lynchburg-Clay
Shelly Schmachtenberger, Minerva
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Maria Wheeler, Northridge
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Donielle Crall, Wynford
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Anthony Hoffman, Lakota
David Lewis, Lakota
Derick Schmitt
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Jacob Wilson, Loudonville
Gerald Henning, National Trail
David Farmer, Ripley
Wesley Brown, Ripley
Ben Newbauer, Tri-Village

State Star Farmer

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Lee Stammen, son of Jim and Ann Stammen, is a member of the Fort Recovery FFA Chapter, where his advisors are Michael Gower and Joseph Hawk. Lee's Supervised agricultural experience includes a 3,000 acre grain farm, 250 head of beef cattle, custom silage chopping, custom square baling and a 45 sow farrow to finish operation. Lee is a recipient of the State FFA Degree, a participant in the tractor troubleshooting and agricultural engineering Career Development Events and has attended National and State Convention. His future plans include raising hogs and working on the family grain farm.



District Star Farmers

- District 1- Michael Schrock, Pettisville
- District 2- Christine Egner, Shelby
- District 3- Ben Scheibe, Wayne County Career Center
- District 4- Kodie Weaver, Upper Sandusky
- District 5- Lee Stammen, Fort Recovery
- District 6- Kerri Turner, Kenton
- District 10- Nathan Arnold, Warren

State Star in Agribusiness

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Levi Long, son of Bruce and Nancy Long, is a graduate of the Miami East FFA Chapter. His advisor is Marie Carity. He owns and operates Long's Lawn Care, his own small business. Through this business he does commercial and residential lawn mowing, general home repair and improvement, and snow removal. Levi had 64 customers in 2005, and had an average of \$289 return for each customer. He also earned money to purchase a truck and trailer for his business. Levi is currently attending Edison State Community College. He looks forward to continue developing his lawn care business.



District Stars in Agribusiness

District 4- Brock Williamson, Wayne Trace

District 5- Levi Long, Miami East

District 9- Dakota Shaw, Fayetteville

State Star in Taxonomy

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Derrick Elfrink, son of Mike and Jeanne Elfrink, is a member of Tolles Career and Technical Center FFA chapter where Jim Scott serves as his advisor. Derrick's SAE primarily consists of placements at various landscaping businesses, including Tartan Turf Care Company, Peabody Landscaping Group, and DME Lawn Care, along with volunteering in the school lab and community. Derrick has accumulated over 1,874 hours and \$12,800 since enrolling in the agricultural program. Derrick will attend The Ohio State University: Agricultural Technical Institute where he will major in Landscape Construction.



State Finalists

Food Science- Gary Pontones, R.G. Drage Career Center

Horticulture- Derrick Elfrink, Tolles Career and Technical Center

State Star in Agricultural Placement

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Ryan Rethman is the son of Tom and Linda Rethman and a member of the Versailles FFA Chapter where Dena Wuebker is his advisor. His Supervised Agricultural Experience consists of working at the Stucke Beef and Egg LLC where he earned \$34,245. Ryan's FFA activities include participating in the general livestock and tractor troubleshooting Career Development Events and attending State Convention.



District Stars in Placement

- District 1- Juli Lakumsky, Oak Harbor
- District 2- Jessica Ziegler, Bellevue
- District 3- Timothy Gresser, Smithville
- District 4- Thad Sinn, Wayne Trace
- District 5- Ryan Rethman, Versailles
- District 6- Corey Ledley, Ridgemont
- District 8- Steve Moore, Buckeye Trail
- District 10- Ryan Battrell, Alexander

2006 Honorary State Degrees

Honorary membership in the FFA is awarded to farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service to the organization.

Ruby Anderson, Ohio FFA Equine CDE, Animal Coordinator

Aaron Arnold, Teacher of Agriculture, Norwayne High School

Karen Burkholder, Outstanding Member, Ohio FFA Alumni, Wauseon

James Frantz, Math Teacher, Southeastern HS, FFA Volunteer and Supporter

Carol Girton, Superintendent, Monroeville Local Schools

David Gress, Retired General Manager for the Fruit Growers Association

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2006 State Degrees

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The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. In 2006, 568 deserving members received this honor. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in the FFA member's chosen occupation. Congratulations to all members who excelled to reach this monumental achievement. Because of your hard work and dedication, we are proud to recognize you.

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 Tiffany Hopkins, Hillsboro
 Rachel Kiser, Hillsboro
 Kyle Kisling, Hillsboro
 Megan Leach, Hillsboro
 Jessica Taylor, Hillsboro
 Tyler Warnock, Hillsboro
 Jedidiah Bookman, Hillsdale
 Greg Heiby, Hillsdale
 Thomas Kamenik, Hillsdale
 Carley Raubenolt, Hillsdale
 Celsey Raubenolt, Hillsdale
 Lindsey Raubenolt, Hillsdale
 Levi Trull, Hillsdale
 Melissa Whitcomb, Hillsdale
 Jessie Rager, Indian Valley
 Tyler German, John Glenn
 Nikki Chrysler, Johnstown-Monroe
 Nicholas Higgins, Johnstown-Monroe
 Trenton Watkins, Kenton

Kenny Traub, Lancaster
 Ashley Conner, Liberty Center
 Tiffany Meadows, Liberty Union
 Allyssa Miller, Liberty Union
 Brady Miller, Liberty Union
 Jeremy Shreyer, Liberty Union
 Leah Conner, Logan
 Kara Hicks, Logan
 Cathleen James, Logan
 Hilary Kessler, Logan
 Ashley Meyer, Logan
 Clayton Meyer, Logan
 Dustin Tschudy, Logan
 Brandon Watkins, Logan
 Jesse Ashby, Loudonville
 Cody Bowman, Loudonville
 Megan Chaney, Lynchburg-Clay
 Justin Davidson, Lynchburg-Clay
 Alysia Smith, Lynchburg-Clay
 Alex Hudson, Madison Plains
 Josh Huston, Madison Plains
 Jonathan Lohstroh, Madison Plains
 Courtney Mckenzie, Madison Plains
 Samuel Montrose, Madison Plains
 Zachary Smith, Madison Plains
 Eddie Vallery, Madison Plains
 Andy Ambrose, Mapleton
 Miranda Braun, Mapleton
 J.R. Keener, Mapleton
 Chrisy Koberstein, Mapleton
 Trent Kratzer, Mapleton
 John Rice, Mapleton
 Crystal Roth, Mapleton
 Brianne Spence, Mapleton
 Molly Steffen, Mapleton
 Andrew Yetter, Margaretta
 Zach Braithwaite, Marysville
 Grant Chrispin, Marysville
 Nicholas Leeper, Marysville
 Charity Nichols, Marysville
 Lyndsey Murphy, Mechanicsburg
 Abby Nelsh, Mechanicsburg
 Ashlie Price, Mechanicsburg
 Kellan Bolton, Miami East
 Tyler Church, Miami East
 Jake Coverstone, Miami East
 Amber Johnson, Miami East
 Brandon Lavy, Miami East



State FFA Degree Recipients Continued

Taler Mumford, Miami East
Kendal Schaefer, Miami East
Tyler Schindel, Miami East
Ashley Casto, Miami Trace
Katelyn Chester, Miami Trace
Sam Climer, Miami Trace
Sam Mckay, Miami Trace
Austin Melvin, Miami Trace
Kyle Stockwell, Miami Trace
Jill West, Miami Trace
John Vance, Miami Valley CTC

Amanda Wilhelm, Monroeville
Ben Bohrer, Mowrystown
Caleb Bohrer, Mowrystown
Victoria Bohrer, Mowrystown
Andrea Davidson, Mowrystown
Heath Edenfield, Mowrystown
Bradley Stevens, Mowrystown
Mark Carey, Mt. Gilead
Brooke Gompf, Mt. Gilead
Devin Shaffer, Mt. Gilead
Davin Sherman, Mt. Gilead

Ashley Smith, Northmor
Zachary Ayres, Northwestern Clark
Molly Fisher, Northwestern Clark
Andy Mcconnaughey,
Northwestern Clark
Tyler Wells, Northwestern Clark
Rilee Cherry, Northwestern
Paul Keener, Northwestern
Jesse Rose, Norwayne
Caryn Diefenthaler, Oak Harbor
Janene Gahler, Oak Harbor
Krista Galliher, Oak Harbor
Scott Rider, Oak Harbor
Amber Hackworth, Ohio Valley
Brandon Kuhn, Ohio Valley
Ian Louiso, Ohio Valley
Samantha Mcadams, Ohio Valley
Amy Morgan, Ohio Valley
Dusty Miller, Old Fort
Josh Berry, Otsego
Angie Green, Otsego
Kendra Smith, Parkway
Amanda Hahn, Patrick Henry
Heather Gottke, Paulding
Joseph Rose, Paulding
Rena Schlatte, Paulding
Adam Schlegel, Paulding
Tara Spangler, Paulding
Holley Kanuth, Penta CC
Justin Beck, Pettisville
Kelsey Burkholder, Pettisville
Paula Cimprich, Preble Shawnee
Bradley Ellington, Preble Shawnee
Tj Mack, Preble Shawnee
Ashley Rumpke, Preble Shawnee
Carrie Woodard, Pymatuning Valley
Lindsey Zaebst, Pymatuning Valley
Gary Pontones, R.G. Drage JVS
Jay Cowell, Ridgedale
Adam Wixtead, Ridgedale
Jessica Friermood, Ridgemont
Ashley Gossard, Ridgemont
Corey Ledley, Ridgemont
Cor Quant, Ridgemont
Cody Carnes, Ridgewood
Shea Emslie, Ridgewood
Brandon Gosser, Ridgewood
Josie Grace, Ridgewood



Karl Beining, Miller City
Katie Warniment, Miller City
Shelly Schmachtenberger, Minerva
Paul Snyder, Minerva
Doug Bensman, Minster
Adam Bruns, Minster
Michael Hackmoeller, Minster
Chad Riethman, Minster
John Steinemann, Minster
Molly Bateman, Mississinawa Valley
Beth Brooks, Mississinawa Valley
Jennifer Gehron, Mississinawa Valley
Allen Schmitz, Mississinawa Valley
Stacy Schmitz, Mississinawa Valley
Heather Stump, Mississinawa Valley
Katherine Daniel, Mohawk
Emily Kuenzli, Mohawk
Clint Lease, Mohawk
Jessica Schafer, Monroeville
Joseph Scheid, Monroeville

Aaron Harter, National Trail
Cristine Homan, New Bremen
Katy MCGovern, New Bremen
Staci Boley, New Lexington
Jacob Bowers, New Lexington
Ross Davis, New Lexington
Wes Wiseman, New Lexington
Mitchell Wyer, New Lexington
Thomas Cramer, New London
Brian Riley, New London
Matthew Kiesel, New Riegel
Luke Brill, North Union
Adam Conrad, North Union
Nikki Erwin, North Union
Jennifer Mc Namee, North Union
Tyler Patton, North Union
Jessica Lampe, Northeastern
Jessie Beck, Northmor
Spencer Carr, Northmor
Paige Morrison, Northmor

Jesse Hoobler, Ridgewood
Lindsay Mccullough, Ridgewood
Ryan Medley, Ridgewood
Zach Myers, Ridgewood
Tyler Zimmerman, Ridgewood
Bernadette Bahnsen, Ripley
Tim Bender, River Valley
Austin Duprey, River Valley
Jacob Mantey, River Valley
Marc Mantey, River Valley
Josh Zucker, River Valley
Katie Croft, River View
Josh Hamric, River View
Ben Young, River View
Joe Greene, Riverside
Mary Jo Schappacher, Ross
Chris Goshe, Seneca East
Tony Ruffing, Seneca East
Jeff Fox, Sentinel CC
Christina Egner, Shelby
Kayla Mckee, Shenandoah
Jeff Cannon, Sheridan
Mike Koblentz, Sheridan
Megan Severance, Sheridan
Michael Sweeney, Sheridan
Timothy Gresser, Smithville
Jarrod Miller, Smithville
Benjamin Van Zile, Smithville
Victoria Bacon, South Central
Arielle Hord, South Central
Dan Nething, Southeast
Tim Wyszynski, Southeast
Tony Channell, Southeastern
Joshua Brown, Southern Local
John Belt, Spencerville
Ashley Kill, Spencerville
Grant Mcmichael, Spencerville
Nick Wolford, Spencerville
Jeffrey Hart, St. Henry
Gelhaus Joshua, St. Henry
Andrew Lefeld, St. Henry
Kevin Nieport, St. Henry
Douglas Wuebker, St. Henry

Katie Frey, Stryker
Rebecca Capper, Symmes Valley
Timmy Humphrey, Symmes Valley
Aaron Beckman, Talawanda
Sarah Butterfield, Talawanda
Calen Osborne, Talawanda
Lauren Schwab, Talawanda
Will Vaughn, Talawanda
Mark Weber, Talawanda
Ben Balthaser, Teays Valley
Jd Woodruff, Teays Valley
Kendra Zwayer, Teays Valley
Katie Maassel, Tinora
Derrick Elfrink, Tolles CTC
Kayla Jones, Tri-Valley
Rachel Berry, Triad
Lauren Donohoe, Triad
Wesley Funderburgh, Triad
Beau Graham, Triad
Megan Leiter, Triad
Jenni Smith, Triad
Adam Fair, Triway
Elizabeth Sidle, Triway
Danica Pavlic, Trumbull CTC
Eric White, Union Local
Chad Cowden, United
Chad Raber, United
Jessica Lucas, Upper Sandusky
Devin Dye, Upper Scioto Valley
Jesse Burns, Upper Valley JVS
Amy Randall, Urbana
Peter Fovargue, Utica
Megan Lash, Valley View
Dan Gordon, Vantage CC
Craig Bergman, Versailles
Carl Bohman, Versailles
Benjamin Eilerman, Versailles
Maria Goubeaux, Versailles
Kelly Grieshop, Versailles
Luke Kremer, Versailles
Ryan Langenkamp, Versailles
Joanna Puthoff, Versailles
Ryan Rethman, Versailles

Justin Rismiller, Versailles
Brian Schwieterman, Versailles
Jamie Stucke, Versailles
Josh Brown, Wapakoneta
Adam Greve, Wapakoneta
Kelly Haehn, Wapakoneta
Clayton Kantner, Wapakoneta
Courtney Whetstone, Wapakoneta
Casey Eichhorn, Waterford
Shannon Hill, Waterford
Bradley Lang, Waterford
Jonah Neill, Waterford
Tyler Borck, Wauseon
Gwen Bruner, Wauseon
Katy Corkle, Wauseon
Kattie Miller, Wauseon
Bradley Myers, Wauseon
Lester Orndorf, Wauseon
Tiffany Schroeder, Wauseon
Andy Wagner, Wauseon
Jeff Snyder, Wayne County CC
Jermy Wellert, Wayne County CC
Lucas Gordon, Wayne Trace
Kim Wenninger, Wayne Trace
Chris Wilcox, Wayne Trace
Jessup Ball, Waynesfield-Goshen
Keaton Lorentz, West Holmes
Alexander Yoder, West Holmes
Landon King, West Liberty-Salem
David Miller, West Liberty-Salem
Richard Bolden, Western Reserve
Matt Fritz, Western Reserve
Brad Hahn, Western Reserve
Justin Albright, Willard
Annette Benich, Willard
Sabrina Featheringill, Willard
Emily Heywood, Wilmington
Kirk Massey, Wilmington
Rachel Myers, Wilmington
Josh Pinkerton, Wilmington
Clay Cooper, Wynford
Nick Frombaugh, Wynford
Abby Snyder, Zane Trace



2006 State Proficiency Winners

Accounting

Sponsored By: Oles and Associates, LLC

ANDY WAGNER

Wauseon



Agricultural Communications

Sponsored By: Ohio's Country Journal

ERIC COOK

Greenville

National Finalist



Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Sponsored By: Kubota Tractor Corporation-
Northern Division

BEN PULLEY

Ridgewood



Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: OMEDA

SHAWN BLACKBURN

Fayetteville

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance- Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

TRAVIS REGULA

Ridgewood



Agricultural Processing

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

KURT ELLIS

Ridgewood

National Winner



Agricultural Sales- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: OHIGRO, Inc.

CORY GILLETTE

Alexander



Agricultural Sales- Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio AgriBusiness
Association

DALE MAYER

Miami Trace

Agricultural Services

Sponsored By: Riley Tractor Parts Inc.

LEVI LONG

Miami East High School



Agri-Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Cathy Nofziger, Independent Contractor, Home Interiors and Gifts and agincubator.org foundation

JACOB HARSTEL

Southeastern



Agriscience Student of the Year

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastic Products

ABBY SNYDER

Zane Trace



Beef Production- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation

CHRISTINA EGNER

Shelby

Beef Production- Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio Cattlewomen's Foundation

RYAN RETHMAN

Versailles



Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: COBA Select Sires

CURTIS BICKEL

East Clinton



Dairy Production- Placement

Sponsored By: Dairy Farmers of America and Dairy Association Mid-East

EMILY KLEIN

New Bremen



Diversified Agricultural Production

Sponsored By: Ohio Seed Improvement Association and Ohio National Farmers Organization

MICHAEL SCHROCK

Pettisville

State Proficiency Winners Continued

Diversified Crop Production- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio Association of
Independent Crop Consultants

KODIE WEAVER

Upper Sandusky

National Finalist



Diversified Crop Production- Placement

Sponsored By: Central Ohio Farmers Co-op

KYLE CROFT

River View



Diversified Horticulture- Placement

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastic Products
and Florida Fruit Association

DERRICK ELFRINK

Tolles Career & Technical Center



Diversified Livestock Production- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio Corn Marketing

CODY HERMAN

Delphos

Diversified Livestock Production- Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio Soybean Council

CRAIG BERGMAN

Versailles



Emerging Agricultural Technology

Sponsored By: Royster-Clark, Inc.

BERNADETTE BAHNSEN

Ripley



Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management

Sponsored By: Advanced Drainage Systems

JOHN VANCE

Miami Valley CTC

National Finalist



Equine Science- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio Quarter Horse
Association

KRISTINE CONNER

Bowling Green

Equine Science- Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

ASHLEY KNIPP

Woodmore



Fiber and/or Oil Crop

Production

Sponsored By: Ohio Soybean Council

DAVID CARR

Miami Trace

National Winner



Floriculture

Sponsored By: BFG Supply Company

KATY CORKLE

Wauseon



Food Science and Technology

Sponsored By: Hirzel Canning Company

LAURA BRUNER

Pettisville

National Finalist



Forage Production

Sponsored By: Alfagreen Supreme

ASHLEY GOMPF

Mt. Gilead

Forest Management and Products

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

MICAH BRENTLINGER

Delphos



Fruit Production

Sponsored By: Fruit Growers Marketing Association

BROCK WILLIAMSON

Wayne Trace



Grain Production-

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Pioneer Hi-Bred International

AMANDA HILL

Miami East



Grain Production- Placement

Sponsored By: Sunrise Cooperative

CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN

Amanda Clearcreek

State Proficiency Winners Continued

Home and/or Community Development

Sponsored By: Southard Supply Company

NATHAN ARNOLD

Warren

National Finalist



Landscape Management

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastic Products

BRAD HEINLEN

Wynford



Nursery Operations

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

JACQUIE KELLER

Liberty Union



Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored By: Gander Mountain

ANTHONY JORGENSEN

Benjamin Logan



Poultry Production

Sponsored By: Ohio Poultry Association

KYLE FORTKAMP

Fort Recovery

Sheep Production

Sponsored By: Ohio Sheep and Wool Program and Fulton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee

JUSTIN NEWTON

East Clinton



Small Animal Production and Care- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Loveland Pet Products

DEVON BRANIGER

Ridgewood



Small Animal Production and Care- Placement

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastic Products

ERIN HINES

Fairfield Union



Specialty Animal Production

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastic Products

TIM BENSMAN

Minster

Specialty Crop Production

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

KATIE MILLER

Wauseon



Swine Production~

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio Pork Producers Council

LEE STAMMEN

Fort Recovery



Swine Production~

Placement

Sponsored By: The Cooper Family Foundation

SHANE POULSON

Pettisville



Turf Grass Management~

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Scott's Lawn Service

NICHOLAUS NESSLEY

Lancaster

Turf Grass Management~ Placement

Sponsored By: George Ackerman Company

ADAM HAMILTON

Eastern Brown



Vegetable Production

Sponsored By: Rupp Seeds

JOSIAH STOLLER

Wayne Trace



Wildlife Management~

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

ZACH SIMMONS

Eastern Brown



Wildlife Management~

Placement

Sponsored By: Ohio FFA Foundation

AMY BAUMAN

Margaretta

Congratulations to All Proficiency Winners!



Children's Hospital

S MACK! This sound could be heard at the waterfront of FFA Camp Muskingum as the winning camp chapter plastered a pie in the face of many FFA advisors, state officers, and camp staff on the final afternoon of camp. They were treated to pies in the eyes as part of a fund-raising effort to donate money to Children's Hospital of Columbus. Money was also raised by chapters who donated money through a live auction held on the last evening of FFA camp. Items included clothing signed by the state officer team, FFA Camp Muskingum memorabilia, and a chapter visit by Ohio FFA President, Julie Watson. Each of these events garnered a total of \$11,642 for the main charity project of the Ohio FFA Association. This total was added to the generous contributions of other chapters in Ohio for a valuable donation to Children's Hospital.

FFA camp isn't the only place where FFA members raise money for Children's Hospital; chapters also raise money for the cause. At the 2006 Ohio FFA State Convention, the following chapters were recognized for raising at least \$200 through the 2005-2006 school year:

A.B. Graham	Miami East
Amanda Clearcreek	Miami Trace
Benjamin Logan	Mississinawa Valley
Blanchester	Mowrystown
Bowling Green	Mt. Vernon
Buckeye Valley	National Trail
Cardington Lincoln	New London
Clear Fork Valley	North Union
Clyde	Norwayne
Colonel Crawford	Paint Valley
Continental	Parkway
Cory Rawson	Pettisville
Delphos	Ridgewood
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Sentinel
Elmwood	Southeastern
Fairfield	Upper Sandusky
Fairfield Union	Urbana
Federal Hocking	Versailles
Ft. Recovery	Wapakoneta
Franklin Monroe	Wauseon
Fremont Ross	Wayne Trace
Greenfield-McClain	Westfall
Hillsboro	West Liberty Salem
Indian Valley	Western Brown
Kenton	Zane Trace
Liberty Union	



Submitted By: Nathan Arnold
2005~2006 Ohio FFA Sentinel

Church World Service/CROP

The Church World Services's CROP WALK slogan, "We Walk Because They Walk," clearly illustrates the message this outstanding organization works for each year. CROP/Church World Service was again approved as one of the official charities for the Ohio FFA Association in 2006. CROP/Church World Service works to provide support for developmental projects around the globe. This year, tens of thousands of Americans will walk through their communities to raise money to fight against local and global hunger.

During FFA Camp this summer, FFA members from across the state of Ohio, along with the Ohio FFA Officer Team and Camp Muskingum Staff, were able to collect "school kits" to donate to the organization. The packs included paper, pencils, crayons, a ruler, scissors and an eraser. Over 100 kits were donated and presented to Ms. Jane Gray, director of Church World Services in Columbus, at the end of the summer by camp director Mr. Todd Davis.

CROP Walks and kit donations are just one way that FFA Chapters across the buckeye state have worked to raise money for our official charity. Each year, chapters donating \$200 or more to CROP/Church World Service are recognized at the State FFA Convention. At the 78th State FFA Convention, the following chapters were recognized for their contributions:

Benjamin Logan	Pettisville
Bloom Carroll	Ridgedale
Buckeye	Ridgewood
Buckeye Hills	River Valley
Cardington	Shelby
Colonel Crawford	Smithville
Delphos	Tolles Technical Center
East Clinton	Utica
Edgerton	Warren
Elmwood	Wauseon
Evergreen	Westfall
Fairfield Union	Zane Trace
Kenton	
Marlington	
Meigs Local	
Mississinawa Valley	
Morgan	
New London	
Northwestern Wayne	
Paint Valley	
Parkway	
Penta Career Center	



Submitted By: Jesse Branner
2005-2006 Ohio FFA Vice President

2005~2006 Ohio FFA Officer Team



Front Row, Left to Right

Meagan Laird
District 6 President

Allison Gortner
District 3 President

Courtney Lang
District 4 President

Jesse Branner
Vice President

Mary Will
District 5 President

Meredith Logsdon
Secretary

Second Row, Left to Right

Hannah Crossen
District 2 President

Amy Moran
District 9 President

Elizabeth Custer
Treasurer

Becky Fravel
District 7 President

Kurt Ellis
District 8 President

Back Row, Left to Right

Nathan Arnold
Sentinel

Krista Cape
District 1 President

Christine Noyes
Reporter

Julie Watson
President

Ohio FFA Officer Team Report

It was May 2005, and an exciting and challenging year awaited us. We had just been elected to serve Ohio's 23,000 FFA members, and the words 'surreal' and 'unforgettable' cannot quite capture all of our feelings at that moment. But with little time to reflect, and still reeling from the excitement of the convention, the 2005-2006 Ohio FFA Officer Team plunged head first into preparations for the upcoming year, and especially for the five camp sessions that began the following month. After a weeklong meeting in early June filled with hard work and planning, our officer team was ready for the summer at FFA Camp Muskingum. Nothing, however, could quite prepare us for the incredible dances, games, leadership activities, and fond memories we would share with over 1,100 FFA members and their teachers from across the state.



After a successful summer at camp, we were eager to begin the next and largest stage of our year: chapter visits. We compiled our lesson plans, practiced our activities, and beginning in September, we set out to visit Ohio high schools and career centers with one primary goal in mind: to spread the message of FFA through workshops and activities that stressed the development of life skills such as teamwork, leadership, cooperation, and communication. These visits to over 200 schools took place simultaneously with Fall Camps, including Greenhand Camp, Fall Orientation Camp, and Ag Careers Camp. It was a busy but fun autumn, and next up on our agenda was the National FFA Convention.

Our officer team was excited for our journey to the 78th and final National FFA Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, and for our role as convention delegates, thereby helping to shape the future of FFA. Amid the hustle and bustle of over 56,000 members donning the blue jackets, our team spent one evening of the convention with only Ohio FFA members. That's right—dressed in Scarlet and Gray and supporting our favorite Ohio State Buckeyes, we rocked it out and danced the night away at the 3rd annual Buckeye Bash alongside nearly 3,000 Ohio members. Following a week of great speakers, exciting events, and empowering messages at the convention, we were ready and motivated to apply FFA's new theme – Living to Serve – to the remainder of our year.



We got our opportunity to do just that because in addition to camp and chapter visits, Leadership Nights marked

our next major series of events. With over twenty taking place all across the Buckeye State, Leadership Nights were a chance for FFA members to meet one another while enjoying a quality program entitled, “Celebrating What’s Right With the World.” With refreshments, activities, and occasionally a ‘lock-in’ to follow, these activities were an opportunity for students to gain invaluable skills for leading their home chapters. These, in addition to the Made for Excellence conferences encouraging members to “Step Right Up” to develop their leadership potential for success, allowed members to learn the necessary skills and techniques to take their leadership capabilities to the next level.

The winding down of chapter visits and Leadership nights in early spring meant the picking up of banquet speeches and State Convention preparations. The fourteen of us once again hit the road to share with FFA members, teachers, parents, and guests across the state our stories of success and motivation. In return, these banquets exemplified for our team what the FFA is all about, highlighting the activities and accomplishments of our local chapters.

One year later – that’s 10 total camp sessions, 24 Leadership Nights, 39 degree ceremonies, 54 banquet speeches, 250 chapter visits, and numerous other activities – the culmination of our team’s efforts resulted in the 78th Ohio FFA Convention. A year spent on the road, in the schools, and in many cases, in the homes of FFA members, led us back to where it all began – at the Ohio Expo Center. From May 4-6, 2006, FFA members enjoyed guest speakers, talent performances, award presentations to deserving FFA members and chapters, the bestowing of proficiency and state degrees, and finally, the election of the new officer team.



Our year as officers is one we will forever hold in our hearts. But what made it so special is the friendships and memories made possible thanks to the FFA members, advisors, parents, sponsors, and others who continually support the FFA program. We hope that FFA Camp, and the chapter visits, Leadership Nights, and banquet speeches were as much fun for each of you as they were for all of us.

Submitted By: Julie Watson
2005-2006 Ohio FFA President

FFA Camp Muskingum Highlights

Camp Director- Todd Davis

FFA members from all across the state of Ohio were transformed from “zeroes to heroes” at FFA Camp Muskingum this summer. Over the course of five different camp sessions, students became superheros and learned how to become better leaders in the FFA.

Located near Carrollton, Ohio on Leesville Lake, the camp had much to offer to all those who attended. Campers were able to participate in recreational activities such as water and shooting sports as well as participating in tournaments. The tournaments brought out competitive natures as teams played each other in basketball, volleyball, tetherball, horseshoes, softball and even corn hole. Though there was only one championship team, all campers seemed to have fun.

When not competing or enjoying free time, campers took part in workshops planned and presented by the state officer team. Topics covered included decision making, goal setting, communication and teamwork. Each workshop taught leadership and life skills through hands-on activities. State officers shared personal accounts from their own lives and encouraged campers to remember the lessons taught at camp and to take them home to their school’s FFA chapter.

Older and more experienced campers had the opportunity to participate in special activities that challenged them both mentally and physically. Older campers divided into teams and were assigned to make a catapult using the tools and materials provided, but without the aid of detailed instructions or diagrams. At the end of the week, all catapults were tested to see which could launch an egg the farthest. This experienced group also participated in the high ropes course, an activity that challenges campers to step outside their comfort zone and realize their strengths.

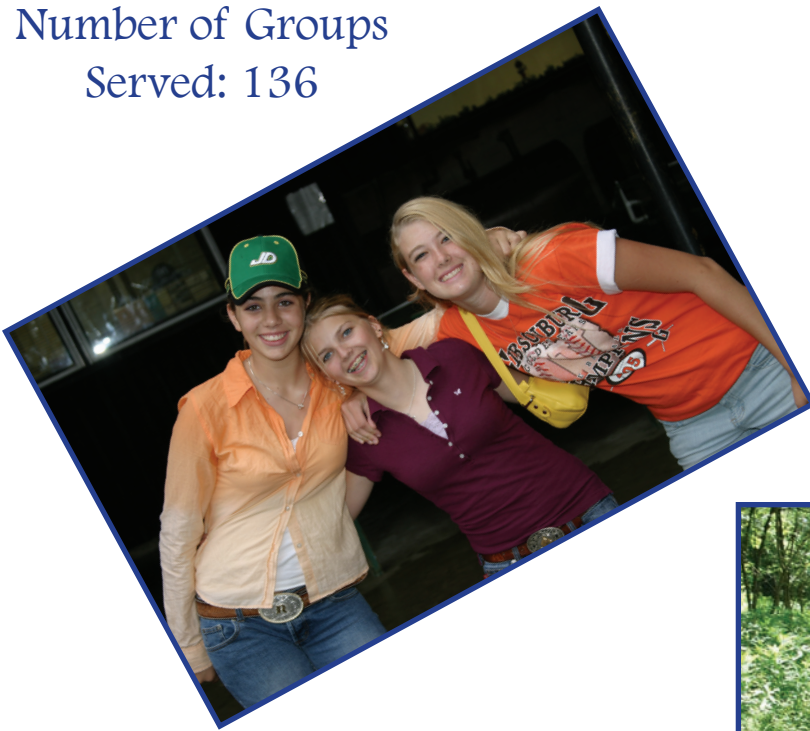
Although each session of camp was unique, one of the most popular events at every session was pie-in-the-eye. Over the course of the week, campers could “buy” rubber ducks assigned a number. If their number was chosen during the duck lottery, that lucky camper had the chance to throw a pie in the face of a teacher, state officer or member of camp staff. There were no hard feelings; in fact, many who were pied later commented that it “tasted good”. All money raised through pie-in-the-eye was donated to Children’s Hospital.

At the end of the summer, many FFA members returned home with new friendships, new lessons learned and new memories. Starting at the beginning of camp with Adventure Valley and continuing through the course of the week with flag raisings and lowerings, workshops, campfires and a huge assortment of recreational activities, the underlying theme of leadership was carried through. FFA camp was truly a great experience and all members were able to return home as the heroes they didn’t know they could be.

Number of Groups
Served: 136

Total Individuals
Served: 11,160

Total FFA
Attendance: 1,586



Major Renovations to the Facility:

- Shoreline Improvement
- Staff House Remodeled
- Expanded Parking Lots



Thanks for a great year!

Ohio FFA Alumni

Executive Secretary~ Lexie Poulson

FFA Alumni Affiliates serve to provide a structure to mobilize and empower community volunteers to support and assist agricultural education programs in providing quality educational experiences.

Purposes

- To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on the local, state and national levels.
- To provide a vital support link to the FFA that will assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve FFA supporters in worthy activities.
- To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
- To promote and maintain an appreciation of the free enterprise system.
- To promote the personal development aspects of the FFA program.
- To promote premiere leadership, personal growth and career success among all FFA members.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone who supports agricultural education and the FFA. As a member you will take an active part in building your community at the local, state, and national level. Your commitment helps ensure the continued success of Ohio's and America's premier leadership organization. Annual dues are \$15 and lifetimes dues are \$150.

WLC Scholarships

For every 500 members the Ohio FFA Alumni receives a WLC scholarship for students. We are very close to 3,500 members, which would give us another \$550 scholarship. Check out the alumni section under the Ohio FFA website about becoming an alumni member.

National State Leaders Conference

Ohio hosted the 2005 State Alumni Leaders Conference. Tours included: Scott's Research, OSU Ag College, Longaberger, the Ohio State Fairgrounds, Easton Town Center and the Wilds. Affiliates assisting were: Anthony Wayne, Ashland, Bellevue, Big Walnut, Federal Hocking, Hillsdale, Johnstown, Licking Valley, Northridge, Norwayne, River View, Smithville, Utica and Wayne Co. Mech.

Annual Meeting Results

- Ashland won the Coaching Award with Lucas runner-up
- Anthony Wayne won the Ag Ed Promotional Award with Bellevue runner-up
- Dena Henney, Bellevue, was named the Outstanding Member, with Karen Burkholder, Pettisville runner-up.
- Bellevue was named the Outstanding Affiliate, with Pettisville runner-up.

Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members

Front Row, Left to Right

John Juhasz

Bruce Henney

Second Row, Left to Right

Lexie Poulson

Sherrie Schulte

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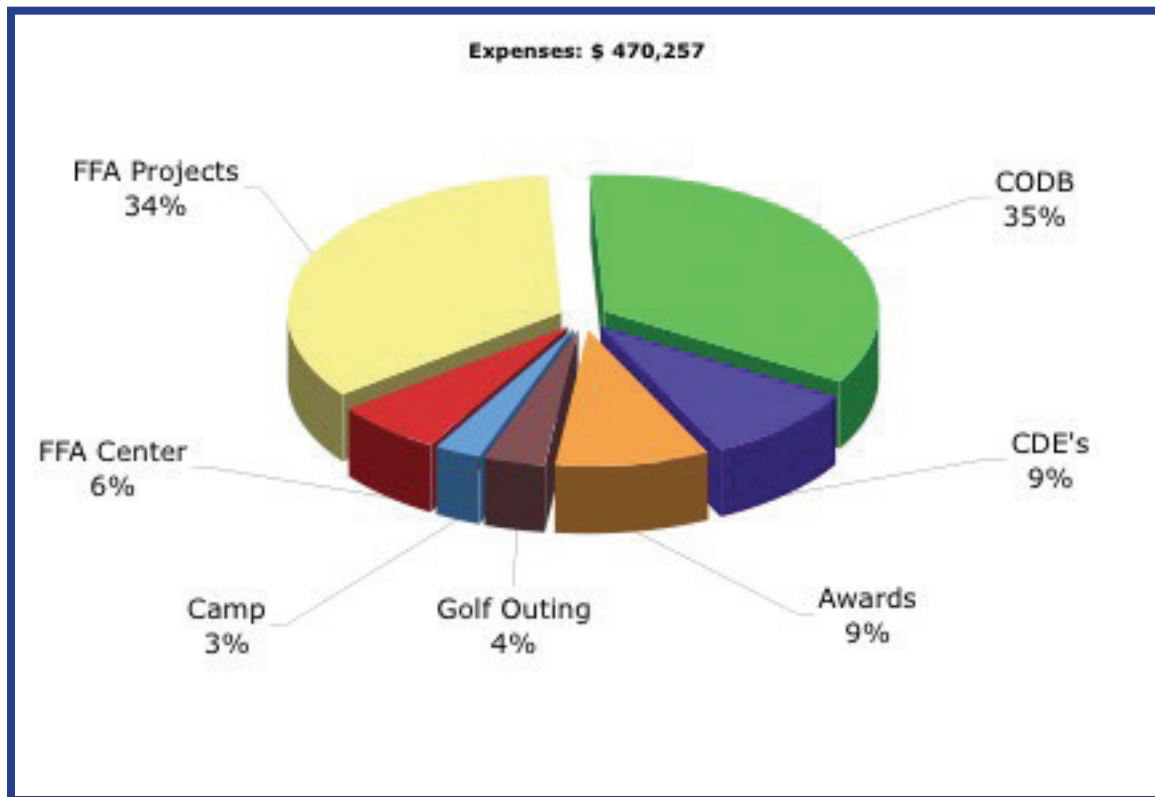
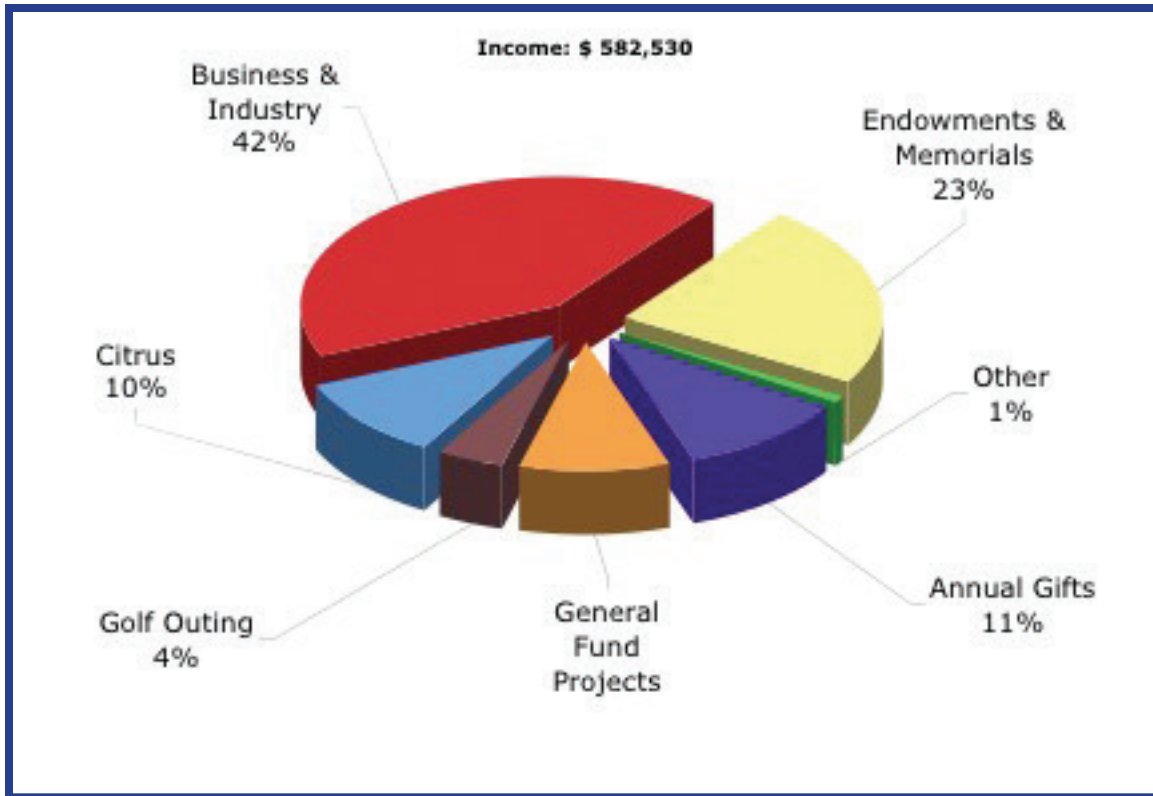
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