

Ohio FFA Association

2008 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.

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.

2007-2008 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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Blue Jackets - Bright Futures

I *believe in the future of agriculture...* This opening line of the FFA creed is easily recognizable to the thousands of agricultural education students who have memorized it since its adoption in 1930. Although five paragraphs in length, the first line truly encapsulates the spirit of agricultural education and the FFA. While we honor our history and celebrate past accomplishments, we realize that our achievements of the past serve only as an indicator of our future possibilities. For those of us fortunate enough to be in this industry, it is clear to see the future of agriculture is bright because of those who wear the blue jackets.

This past year, Ohio FFA members have proven this once again by raising the bar and reaching great success. Among other achievements, in 2007-2008, the Ohio FFA Association:

- Reached a statewide membership of 23,364 FFA members.
- Congratulated 271 American FFA Degree recipients.
- Donated more than \$15,000 to Children's Hospital and CROP/Church World Services.
- Honored 591 members with the State FFA Degree.
- Enjoyed record-breaking attendance at the 80th Ohio FFA Convention.

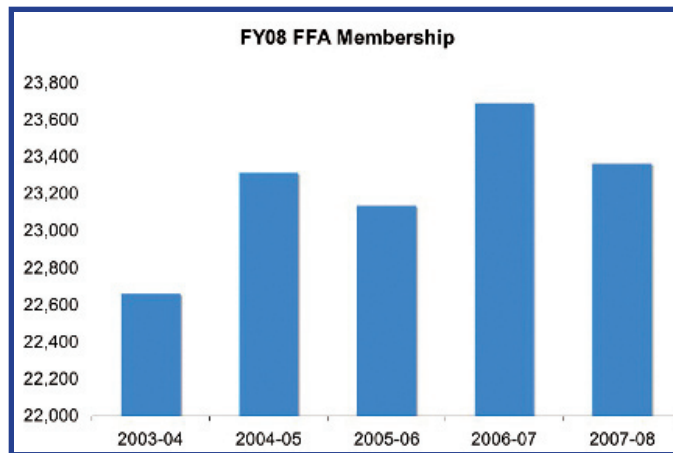
Based on these successes, and the countless other unmentioned achievements, it is evident that the future of the agricultural education and FFA program in Ohio is bright. Congratulations Ohio FFA! Let's continue the tradition of Blue Jackets—Bright Futures.

*Submitted by Dr. Isaac Kershaw, State FFA Advisor and
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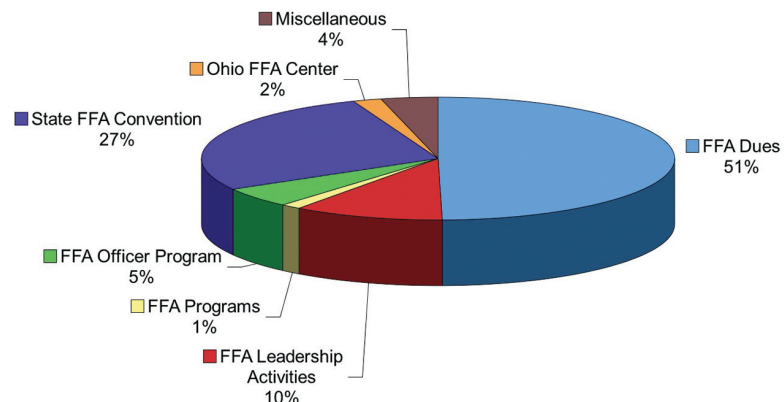
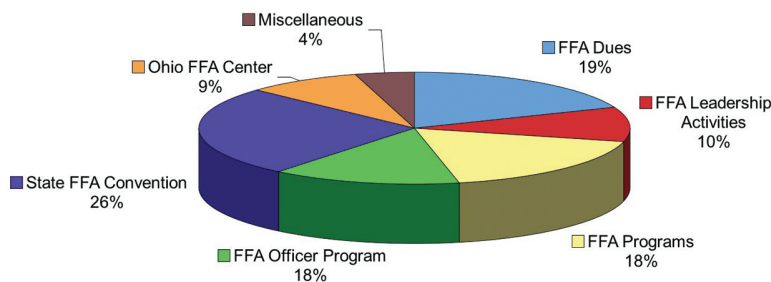
Membership & Financial Report

Today, there are 507,763 FFA members, aged 12-21 in 7,439 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the Ohio FFA Association had 23,364 members in 311 chapters.



Here are some statistics about membership nationwide:

- 41% 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 graduates.
- 27% of members live in farm areas; 39% in rural, non-farm areas; 34% in urban and suburban areas.
- The top five membership states are California, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma and Ohio.



Chapter Officer Leadership Training

Sponsored by Mathile Foundation

On a crisp, cold, fall morning, FFA officers and members from across the Buckeye State trekked to Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) in September. This conference, held at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center, featured Rhett Laubach, a past Oklahoma FFA State President. Rhett presented his Personal Leadership Insight program which taught innovative skills, masterful communication, integrity, and goal processing; all instrumental tools of successful leaders. One such activity, the "Jacket Exchange," required members to switch their blue corduroy with other members, forcing students to communicate and meet others while introducing themselves as the person's jacket they were wearing.



Following the morning's presentation, members traveled up the road to the Ohio Statehouse to meet with their local representatives and senators. The students served as ambassadors for agriculture education and the agriculture industry, discussing such issues as vocational funding, ethanol, and subsidies. After spending the morning with Rhett Laubach and meeting with legislators, chapter officers set goals and envisioned their future serving the members in their FFA chapter.

When spring arrived, many chapters elected new officers to serve in the upcoming year. One of the first activities these newly elected officers participated in was Chapter Officer Leadership Trainings at their district spring meetings. Just like in the fall, chapter officers participated in leadership workshops presented by local teachers and students in the Agricultural Education Society at The Ohio State University. The sessions taught chapter officers about their respective roles and how to implement them into their officer team. Whether officers attended the fall or spring conference, both provided a vehicle that officers could use as a tool to a successful year.

*Submitted by Tyler Church
2007-2008 District 5 President*

2007 National Convention Report

Adding more than 55,000 people to a city in a single week may be fairly undetectable to typical city bystanders used to the influx of conventions and conferences. However, put the 55,000 in blue corduroy, shut down an entire street in downtown Indianapolis and rename it “FFA Way”, plaster the city in blue and gold (the good kind of blue and gold), and inject the city with electricity, and these same citizens may realize this isn’t your typical event! The 80th National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, drew one of the largest crowds in our rich history and recognized the achievements and growth of the FFA organization. This year’s theme of “Blue Jackets, Bright Futures” offered the promise that through our blue corduroy jackets, the future of our members, organization, country and our world will continue to shine bright with hope and prosperity.

Among the many opportunities FFA members participated in while in Indy, none were quite as influential as the National Days of Service. These days pair FFA members, from across the nation, with numerous community organizations to promote civic engagement and give back to the city of Indianapolis for her hospitality. Ohio FFA members may have found themselves building a house for Habitat for Humanity, clearing brush and landscaping at Agape Therapeutic Riding Resources, or preparing meals at Second Helpings, a soup kitchen that rescues extra food, which would otherwise be disposed, and prepares it for the needy.

Tuesday began the state officers’ delegate training and work. Each year, states send an appropriated number of delegates, with a total of 475 across the nation, to the convention to deliberate and discuss issues throughout our organization, and to serve on committees pertaining to the major issues. These issues ranged from the possibility of creating a National FFA Week of Service, to establishing more freshmen awards and contests at the national level, to enhancing middle school opportunities. Later in the convention, the entire delegate body convened to vote on constitutional amendments and the proposals presented by each of the committees.

While the state officers were in delegate meetings most of Tuesday and Wednesday, FFA chapters from across Ohio began descending upon Indianapolis. Some chapters ventured beyond Indianapolis and visited sites such as the Chicago Board of Trade, Dow AgroSciences, and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Members also had the opportunity to roam the Career and Trade Show to meet and greet with industry representatives and colleges from across the nation. Of course, no trip to the Career and Trade Show is successful without a bag full of freebies and a stomach stuffed with free food samples. Wednesday evening also presented top country group Montgomery-Gentry, featuring Danielle Peck, in a Mega Concert for FFA members. The RCA Dome was nearly packed with eccentric FFA members, teachers, and bursting with good ol’ country music.

Thursday was the first full day of convention sessions, housed in Conseco Fieldhouse, and a memorable day for Ohio FFA chapters. Both the Blanchester and Delphos FFA chapters were

finalists for the National Chapter Models of Innovation, Community Development division. But what truly made this an unforgettable session was when Blanchester was named the top chapter in the nation in Community Development! Ohio also had many chapters receive the National Chapter Award citation for their achievements. However, no true Buckeye FFA member can deny that the most unique and exciting event at National Convention is not held during the day, but on Thursday night. Thursday was the Buckeye Bash dance, hosted by the Ohio FFA Association, for any Ohio FFA members in Indianapolis. If a stranger would have walked into the ballroom, they probably would have thought a cult had convened - hundreds of students dressed in scarlet and gray, chanting to some song called "Hang on Sloopy", and spelling out OHIO with their hands. Actually, that's what we call real Ohio fun!

Friday was another special day for Ohio, as numerous individuals were recognized for their devotion to our organization and industry. Dr. Bryl Shoemaker and Dr. Darrell Parks, co-founders of Joint Vocational Schools (JVS)/Career Technical Centers (CTC) in Ohio, were awarded VIP Citations. Also, Mr. Jeff Byers and Mr. Russ Griggs both received their Honorary American Degrees, a very prestigious honor granted to very few people nationally. Tyler Church, Wesley Vanscoy, and Michael Williams were also recognized with Agri-Entrepreneurship Awards. In the Proficiency/Supervised Agricultural Experience area, Abby Snyder won the Food Science and Technology award and Cody Clifton took first in Specialty Crop Production, not to mention that Abby was also a finalist in the Agriscience Student of the Year competition. Jesse Branner, Ohio's National Officer Candidate, was also introduced on stage and supported by a thunderous cheer from the Ohio delegation.

Beginning bright and early on Saturday morning in the RCA Dome, housing the last FFA event to be held there as the site is scheduled for demolition, 271 Ohio FFA members received the highest degree a member can obtain, the American FFA Degree. After a rousing last session and the election of the 2007-2008 National FFA Officer team, everyone said their last goodbyes and headed for home.

"O-H!" "I-O!". Although masses of blue jackets roamed the city of Indianapolis during the last week of October, it's never hard to distinguish those hailing from the great Buckeye State! Ohio FFA members found not only their bags a bit fuller with clothing bought from the shopping mall, free goodies from the Career and Trade Show, and trophies and plaques from a very successful year on the ride home, but also brains bursting with new ideas to improve their chapter and communities, and hearts reenergized with the FFA.

*Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 Ohio FFA President*

2007 National Proficiency Winners

The Ohio FFA Association was proudly represented at the 2007 National FFA Convention. Eight 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

Amanda Beck, Archbold FFA

Grain Production- Entrepreneurship

Cody James Clifton, Eastern Brown FFA

Specialty Crop Production (National Winner)

Samantha McAdams, Ohio Valley Vocational FFA

Small Animal Production and Care

Sara Nichols, Buckeye Trail FFA

Sheep Production

Tyler Schindel, Miami East FFA

Emerging Agricultural Production

Dakota Shaw, Fayetteville FFA

Agricultural Sales- Entrepreneurship

Abby Snyder, Zane Trace FFA

Food Science and Technology (National Winner)

Brock Williamson, Wayne Trace FFA

Vegetable Production

Other National Convention Results

National Career Development Event Results

Amanda Clearcreek

Ag. Communications, 3rd Place Team
10th Place Individual- Jodi Roush

Anna

Prepared Public Speaking
2nd Place- Dustin Homan

Crestview Convoy

Farm Business Mgmt., 3rd Place Team
5th Place Individual- Colton Short
8th Place Individual- Matt Larue

Hillsdale

Dairy Cattle, 7th Place Team
Poultry, 10th Place Team
10th Place Individual- Hannah Fulk

Jackson

Nursery/Landscaping
10th Place Individual- Michael Davis

Logan

Forestry, 6th Place Team
6th Place Individual- Racheal Sams

North Union

Agronomy, 2nd Place Team
4th Place Individual- Adam Conrad
5th Place Individual- Tyler Smith
9th Place Individual- Kyle Gravatt
10th Place Individual- Grant Smith

Honorary Degrees

Mr. Jeff Byers
Mr. Russell Griggs

VIP Citations

Dr. Darrell Parks
Dr. Bryl Shoemaker

National Model of Innovation

Blanchester FFA, Community Development Division National Winner
Delpho FFA, Student Development Division Finalist

National Chapter Award Program

Three-Star Chapters

Anna

Blanchester

Bowling Green

Clyde

Crestview

Delphos

East Clinton

Edgewood-Butler Tech

Elida

Fairfield

Fayetteville

Fort Recovery

Greenfield McClain

Hardin Northern

Hillsboro

Indian Valley

Marysville

Miami East

Mowrystown

National Trail

New Bremen

New London

Otsego

Ridgemont

River Valley

Smithville

Talawanda-

Butler Tech

Versailles

Wauseon

2007 American FFA Degrees

Megan Andrews, Fairlawn
Heather Bailey, Logan
Hilary Bailey, Logan
Andrea Baldinger, River Valley
Lucas Baldwin, River Valley
Jessup Ball, Waynesfield-Goshen
Nathan Barhorst, Fort Loramie
Justin Leroy Barnhart, Kalida
Ryan Battrell, Alexander
Dustin Bayles, River Valley
Wade Beam, Greene County CC
Samantha Bechley,
Clear Fork Valley
Jordan Beck, Pettisville
Matthew Bennett, Benjamin Logan
Timothy Bensman, Minster
Arin Bentley, Ohio Valley
Kimberly Bergstedt, Liberty Center
Jordan Bertsch, Canal Winchester
J. D. Bethel, Mechanicsburg
Nichole Bisel, Plymouth
Jason Boeke, Edgerton
Victoria Bohrer, Mowrystown
Joel Bourne, Versailles
Greg Brackman, Fort Recovery
Jesse Branner, Federal Hocking
Micah Brentlinger, Delphos
Brandy Brinson, Lynchburg-Clay
Jacob Brown, Ashland
Joshua Brown, Southern Local
Douglas Bruns, Minster
Ashley Bubeck, Versailles
Jarrett Burga, Barnesville
Jesse Burns, Upper Valley JVS
Sara Campbell, Eastern Brown
Jeff Cannon, Sheridan
Krista Cape, Edgerton
Rebecca Capper, Symmes Valley
Ezekial Carl, Marysville
David Carr, Miami Trace
Anthony Channell, Southeastern
Cody Clifton, Eastern Brown
Shon Compston, Carrollton
David Coons, Versailles
Katy Corkle, Wauseon
Chad Cowden, United
Andrew Cramer, Bowling Green
Hannah Crossen, Hillsdale
Heather Davis, Firelands
Stefen DeLong, Benjamin Logan
Aaron Derr, Carey
Ryan Derr, Upper Sandusky
Scott Duncan, Fairfield
Tracy Dye, Federal Hocking
Heath Edenfield, Mowrystown
Christina Egner, Shelby
Erin Ehman, River View
Andrea Eilenfeld, Lucas
Benjamin Eilerman, Versailles
Emily Ekleberry, Upper Sandusky
Derrick Elfrink, Tolles CTC
David Elson, Mapleton
Amanda Esbenshade, Crestview
Matthew Finney, Colonel Crawford
John Fisher, New Lexington
Maranda Fisher, Fairfield Union
Kelsi Fissell, Mt. Gilead
Jason Fitzcharles, Edgerton
Daniel Fitzenrider,
Edon-Northwest
Christopher Fitzpatrick,
Ohio Valley
William Flinn, Kenton
Matthew Forry, Ridgedale
Kyle Fortkamp, Fort Recovery
Peter Fovargue, Utica
Tyler Frazier, Fayetteville
Amanda Frey, Stryker
Ross Friend, Fairfield Union
Josh Gaerke, Fort Recovery
Alison Gallagher, East Knox
Ashley Gamble, Parkway
Kimberly Gardner, Shelby
Jerri Garrett, Logan
Megan Gates, Monroeville
John Gauche, Fayetteville
Letitia George, Fairbanks
Renee Gerber, East Clinton
Cory Gillette, Alexander
Ashley Gompf, Mt. Gilead
Heath Goodman,
Cardington-Lincoln
Chelsie Goyings, Paulding
Spencer Gray, South Central
Sherri Gress, Triway
Joshua Griffin, Mohawk
Amanda Hahn, Patrick Henry
Robert Hall, Sentinel CC
Adam Hamilton, Eastern Brown
Katie Hanawalt, Canal Winchester
Jeffrey Hart, St. Henry
Jayna Hartzler, Norwayne
Amanda Haynes, Miami Trace
Edward Hazlett, Hillsdale
Melissa Heidlebaugh, Spencerville
Kelli Hendricks, Margaretta
Richard Herbolt, Western Brown
Matt Herman, Edgerton
Kimberly Herrington, Carrollton
Ashley Hines, Harrison Central
Daniel Hipp, West Holmes
Bryan Hoersten, Delphos
Ashley Hoffmaster, Buckeye
Carey Hofner, Otsego
Mark Homan, New Bremen
Eric Hoying, Anna
Tim Hozalski, Firelands
Gregory Huber, Fairfield Union
Alex Hudson, Madison Plains
Darrin Hulit, Crestview
Dane Jeffers, Ridgemont
Kristen Jenkins, Hillsboro
Caleb Jones, Shelby
Kurtis Jones, Ridgemont
Quinton Keeran, Liberty Union
Darin King, Archbold
Katie King, Parkway
Adam Kirian, Arcadia
Kyle Kisling, Hillsboro
Brandon Kisseberth, Arlington
Amanda Kissick, Western Brown
C. Stewart Kitchen, Kenton
Emily Klein, New Bremen
Tony Knapke, Coldwater
Michael Koblentz, Sheridan
Heather Kocher, Colonel Crawford
Samuel Krill, Edgerton
Brandon Kuhn, Ohio Valley
Jared Kuntz, Wauseon
Brittney Lacy, River View
Meagan Laird, Marysville

Ryan Langenkamp, Versailles
Courtney Lasko, Meadowbrook
Corey Ledley, Ridgemont
Elizabeth Lennartz, Fort Recovery
Tyler Levering, River Valley
Joshua Line, Arlington
Jennifer Link, Fort Recovery
Stephanie Litten, Ashland
Jonathan Lohstroh, Madison Plains
Levi Long, Miami East-MVCTC
Brent Looser, Delphos
Lindsay Manecke, Elmwood
Lynn Marchal, Fort Loramie
Lindsey Matheny, Fredericktown
Lindsay McCullough, Ridgewood
Katherine McGovern, New Bremen
Katie McGrain, Elmwood
James McIntosh, East Clinton
Jill McMahan, River Valley
Megan McPherson, Ridgewood
Cory Meek, Elmwood
Jill Meyer, Fort Loramie
Kattie Miller, Wauseon
Ryker Miller, Hillsboro
Zach Miller, Delphos
Katy Miller-Coblentz, Ashland
Fred Mills, East Knox
Emily Monnier, Fairlawn
Wesley Montgomery, Miami Trace
Bradley Myers, Wauseon
Neil Myers, Laurel Oaks ODC
Michael Neal, Triway
Ashley Nee, Indian Lake
John Neider, Carrollton
Trevor Newby, Elmwood
Jesse Noffsinger, Wayne Trace
Christine Noyes, Liberty-Benton
Kevin Obrecht, Hillsdale
Lester Orndorf, Wauseon
Kayleesue Patton, Hillsboro
Adam Perry, Edgerton
Gwen Poepelman, Fort Loramie
Janelle Poepelman, Fort Loramie
Jason Post, Fort Recovery
Shane Poulson, Pettisville
Kyle Purvis, River Valley
Felicia Quaintance, Parkway

James Rader, Patrick Henry
Katie Recker, Eastwood
Melissa Reinhart, Mohawk
Ryan Rethman, Versailles
Todd Rickenberg, Northridge
Theresa Robbins, Fayetteville
Drew Rupp, Norwayne
Don Russell, Eastwood
Kimberly Saylor, Firelands
Johnathan Schaeffer, Margaretta
Jessica Schafer, Monroeville
Evan Schlatter, Paulding
Travis Schlatter, Paulding
Terry Schram, Eastern Brown
Douglas Schweiterman,
New Bremen
Blake Seaman, East Clinton
Janelle Seger, Fort Loramie
Rachel Sharrock, Ada
Todd Sherman, Kenton
Jeremy Shreyer, Liberty Union
Ben Skaggs, Colonel Crawford
Danelle Smith, Marysville
Matthew Snider,
Miami East-MVCTC
Tara Spangler, Paulding
Sydney Spencer, Benjamin Logan
Lee Stammen, Fort Recovery
Amanda Steele, Buckeye Trail
Andy Steinke, Anna
Bradley Stevens, Mowrystown
Brian Stickel, Eastwood
Josiah Stoller, Wayne Trace
Thomas Stull, Hopewell-Loudon
Ryan Stump, Zane Trace
Amber Sudhoff, Coldwater
Jessica Suman, Parkway
Adam Sutter, Fort Recovery
Megan Swaney, Fairbanks
Bethany Taylor, Wayne Trace
Adam Thomas, Otsego
Jill Townsend, River Valley
Ryan Trader, Ross-Butler Tech
Alan Trentman, Delphos
Kristie Turner, Delphos
Stefanie Turner, Fairfield Union

Debra Van Camp,
Canal Winchester
Benjamin Van Zile, Smithville
Julie Vandre, Fairbanks
Shane Vannatta, Liberty Union
Janda Vest, Miami Trace
Amy Wagner, River Valley
Caleb Wakefield, Fairfield Union
Adam Walter, Colonel Crawford
Wade Walters, Ayersville
Luke Warner, Anthony Wayne
Tyler Warnock, Hillsboro
Ben Watercutter, Anna
Dakotah Waugh, Southeastern
Branen Weade Miami Trace
Amanda Weaver, Liberty Union
Mark Weber,
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Matt Weemhoff, Clear Fork Valley
Stephen Welling, Eastwood
Callie Wells,
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Stacie Wenig, Bowling Green
Kim Wenninger, Wayne Trace
Katie Wentling, Carey
Chris Wilcox, Wayne Trace
Kelsie Will, Fort Recovery
Mary Will, Fort Recovery
Rachel Will, Fort Recovery
C. J. Williams, Federal Hocking
Lauren Williams, Hillsboro
Brock Williamson, Wayne Trace
Rusty Winland, Barnesville
Adam Wixtead, Ridgedale
Thomas Wolfer, Fayetteville
Becky Wolford, McComb
Adam Wuebker, St. Henry
Aaron Wulber, Versailles
Logan Wyse, Archbold
Mallory Yake, Cardington-Lincoln
Nathanael Young, Mowrystown
Nathaniel Young Western Brown
Tara Zasadizinski North Union
Joe Zimmerman, Western Reserve
Tyler Zimmerman, Ridgewood
Nicolas Zumberger, Versailles

Leadership Nights

What does one think when asked the question, “What is a leader?” So many ideas and answers pop into mind as to what a leader might be. Fortunately, Ohio FFA members found it quite easy to define a leader at the 2007-2008 Ohio FFA Leadership Night series, hosted by nearly 30 high schools. The Ohio FFA Officers gave FFA members the chance to unlock the “LEAD” code during these leadership nights.

Each program began by dividing the FFA members into three groups. These groups were sent to three different stations—on a mission to crack the “LEAD” code. Each station consisted of an activity and workshop, giving hints to help the members unlock the code.

The first breakout session covered the topic of “Describe a Leader.” Members were asked to come up with some qualities that would describe a leader. After the brainstorming process, the members were split into teams and were given the task to build a leader based off of the qualities they determined. In order to build this leader, they were given different materials, such as balloons, popsicle sticks, and pipe cleaners. Each part of this creation had to represent a quality of that leader.

The theme of the second breakout session was “Discover Everything, Everyone, and Everywhere.” During this activity, each member had a sheet of paper on his or her back that had the words “car,” “ice cream flavor,” “color,” and “occupation” written on each sheet. They then went around the room writing on each other’s sheet what they thought best described that person: what color they might be, what ice cream flavor they are, the kind of car they would drive, and their future career. Afterward, members were asked to come up with different characteristics of a leader.

In the third session, members were asked to figure out how they could “Design an Avenue” using the qualities and characteristics they came up with in the first two sessions. In other words, they were to determine what different things a leader could do while connecting his or her qualities and characteristics; in a sense, building a bridge between the two, or, designing an avenue.

Finally, the members were brought back together for one last activity that would put all of the workshops together and drove home the final point: “Dodge Direction.”

At the conclusion of the evening, the “LEAD” code was revealed, and the answer, the members found out, was actually given throughout the night. Putting together the following phrases cracked the code: “Describe a Leader,” “Discover Everything, Everyone, Everywhere,” “Design an Avenue,” and “Dodge Direction.” These letters formed the mnemonic device, “L-E-A-D,” the “LEAD” code. This way, if a member was asked to define what it means to be a leader, this code would help him or her unlock the true meaning of leadership.

*Submitted by Nicholas Higgins
2007-2008 District 7 President*

Made for Excellence

Sponsored by Wendy's International, Inc.

Leadership is... Influence! FFA members who attended last year's Made for Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conferences know this phrase well. Hundreds of members attended the conferences at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus on January 12 and 13, 2008, and left with new perspectives on leadership.

The Ohio FFA Association hosted two different conferences at the Crowne Plaza this year that were facilitated by staff from the National FFA Association. The curriculum of MFE was intended for freshmen and sophomores, while ALD was created for juniors and seniors. The increased opportunity for involvement by older FFA members was very successful this year.

The objectives of MFE included encouraging students to strive for excellence and achievement. The students completed talent assessments and worked to turn their personal interests into goals for success. The workshop presenters also placed emphasis upon opportunities available through the FFA for students in high school.



ALD took leadership to the next level and taught students that they can lead their peers through their influence and choices. The members worked to discover areas in need of leadership in their schools and FFA chapters and explored the benefits of using teamwork to overcome challenges.

The FFA members in attendance attended the workshops on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and they participated in a dance on Saturday night to meet new people and have a good time.

There were also two lock-in MFE conferences at Ohio high schools on February 23 and 24. These were located at Elmwood and Union Local High Schools.

*Submitted by Jodi Roush
2007-2008 Ohio FFA Reporter*

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 2007-2008 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	Amanda Clearcreek	Kara Bihn	Bowling Green
Ag Engineering	Crestview Convoy	Matthew Larue	Crestview Convoy
Ag & Industrial Diagnostics	Eastern Brown		
Ag Mechanic Skills	Lorraine County CC	Abram Benedict	Miami Valley CTC
Ag Sales	Hillsdale	Jeff Stimmell	Hillsdale
Agronomy	Southeastern Ross	Lacey Culwell	Southeastern Ross
Animal Health	Miami Valley CTC	Michelle Cochrane	Northwest Career Center
Animal Management	Medina County JVS	Michael Armstrong	Medina County JVS
Aquarium Management	Medina County JVS	Stephanie Gebhard	Medina County CTC
Cooperative Education	Ashland	Alicia Smith	Ashland
Dairy Cattle	Triway	Dan Nichol	Fairbanks
Dairy Handlers		Keri Bickel	East Clinton
Dairy Products	Hillsdale	Toby Culler	Lucas
Dog Grooming I	Akron Ellet	Dani Reedy	Akron Ellet
Dog Grooming II	Akron Ellet	Katelyn Bolton	Medina County JVS
Dog Obedience	Miami Valley CTC	Miranda Shields	Hardin-Northern
Environment Natural Resources	Hardin Northern		
Equine Management	Ross-Butler Tech	Laura Wessel	Ross-Butler Tech
Farm Business Management	Crestview Convoy	Austin Wise	Crestview Convoy
Floriculture	Sylvania Southview	Jeffrey Czech	Toledo AgEd Center
Food Science Technology	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Kelsey King	Hillsdale High School
Forestry	Logan	John Geiger	Logan
General Livestock	Miami Trace	Kyle Nickels	Loudonville
Grain Merchandising	Elmwood	John Schoenhals	Archbold
Greenhand Quiz	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Lacey Price	Greenon
Job Interview			
Division 1		Malana Ledley	Ridgemont
Division 2		Kristy Klingenberg	Logan
Division 3		Alannah Abrams	Liberty Benton
Division 4		Krystin Bachman	Bloom-Carroll
Division 5		Jenny Warrick	Anthony Wayne
Meat Science	Lucas	Erin Moore	Federal Hocking
Nature Interpretation	Whitmer	James Morones	Miami Valley CTC
Nursery and Landscaping	Wauseon	Philip Hatfield	Apollo Career Center
Parliamentary Procedure	Hillsdale		
Poultry	Margaretta	Chris Gehret	Margaretta
Public Speaking			
Creed		Lara Staples	Western Brown
Beginning Prepared		Kelly Guthrie	River Valley
Extemporaneous		Jodi Roush	Amanda Clearcreek
Prepared		Krystin Bachman	Bloom-Carroll
Rural Soils	Northmor	Eric Billman	Norwayne
Skills Classic Northeast	Trumbull County CC	Michael Klingman	Ohio Hi-Point
Skills Classic Southeast	Delaware JVS	Mike Craft	Delaware JVS
Skills Classic Southwest	Miami Valley CTC	Chris St. Felix	Benjamin Logan
Tractor Troubleshooting	Greenville		
Urban Soils	Wauseon	Piper Layman	Talawanda
Wildlife Management	Hardin Northern	Jeb Bowman	Hardin Northern

2008 State Convention

“ALL ABROAD...ah ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!” The merging echoes of Ozzy Osbourne’s “Crazy Train” and thousands of screaming Ohio FFA members gush through the Celeste Center, on the Ohio State Fairgrounds, like water bursting through a dam. Some people call it a resonating hub of contagious electricity; others, however, would wonder how thousands of students had been brainwashed to wear blue corduroy jackets. Regardless, the 80th Ohio FFA Convention, held May 2nd – 3rd, 2008, brought together thousands of FFA members spanning from the Anthony-Wayne FFA Chapter in Northwest Ohio, to the Warren FFA Chapter in Southeastern Ohio, and everywhere in between for one purpose – to celebrate the “Bright Futures” of more than 24,000 Ohio FFA members wearing the “Blue Jackets”.

The first session of the 80th Ohio FFA Convention kicked off on Friday morning, and the convention concluded with the fifth session, on Saturday afternoon, by conferring the highest degree a state can bestow upon its members, the coveted State FFA Degree, to 591 members and also the announcement of the new 2008-2009 Ohio FFA Officer Team. Packed in between, thousands of members, representing hundreds of FFA chapters, walked across the stage and trekked home with memorabilia recognizing their outstanding service and accomplishments in continuing to grow our organization.



Highlights of the convention included announcing the individual and team winners of the Career Development Events (CDEs) and recognition of FFA chapters that donated to our official charities – Children’s Hospital and CROP/Church World Service. Altogether, nearly \$35,000 was raised for both charities in 2008. The top ten chapters in the state were announced in each of the development divisions – student, chapter, and community – as well as the top ten chapters overall. Congratulations to the Versailles FFA Chapter – the number one chapter in the state! The top Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs, established and conducted by FFA members, were awarded through Proficiency Awards; chapter secretaries, treasurers

and reporters were recognized for earning a gold rating on their respective officer books; and the Star State and Star American Degree recipients were recognized as the top members in their designated agricultural area.

Members and guest gathered in the Celeste Center also had the opportunity to hear from two renowned motivational speakers – Mark Scharenbroch and Shawn Harper. During the second session, Mark’s message of embracing others and change left attendees in stitches with his dead-on impersonations of teenagers and his orchestral conduction of a rousing “Boomba-Hey” with the audience. Friday evening, former NFL player and Ohio native Shawn Harper showed off

his linebacker power by tearing City of Columbus phone books in half and twisting a skillet into a burrito while also retelling accounts of overcoming insurmountable odds, such as poverty and learning disabilities, to become a professional athlete.

While some members were enjoying the convention sessions, others found themselves competing in Career Development Events such as Grain Merchandising, Meats Evaluation, or the Greenhand Quiz (for first year members) or the Agriscience Fair. Still, other members were tuning their voices and instruments for the Ohio FFA Band and Chorus performance or attending leadership workshops. Of

course, no convention is complete without obtaining some free merchandise from the Career and Trade Show, held in the Ohio Building. From holding a snake, courtesy of Hocking College, to munching on some fresh fruit and peanuts from the Florida Farm Bureau, to visiting with admission counselors and students from The Ohio State University, to ordering a new FFA jacket or updating an old one at The Universal Lettering booth, the first manufacturer of the original FFA jacket, the Career and Trade Show had something for everyone.

From the first scream to the last ovation, the 80th Ohio FFA Convention brought together thousands of members, teachers, and supporters from every corner of the state to celebrate the accomplishments of those “Blue Jackets” and charter a path towards a continuing “Bright Future” for our 80 year young organization.



*Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 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.

Top Ten Chapters

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Blanchester	Miami East-MVCTC
Bowling Green	Ridgemont
Elmwood	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Fairfield-Leesburg	Versailles
Fayetteville	Wauseon

Gold Medal Chapters

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Anna	Hardin Northern
Cardington	Indian Valley
Clyde	Mechanicsburg
Crestview	Miami Trace
Delphos	Mississinawa Valley
East Clinton	Mowrystown
Edgwood-Butler Tech	National Trail
Elida	Otsego
Fort Recovery	River Valley
Greenon	Smithville
Greenville	Xenia-GCC

Top Ten Student Division

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Blanchester	Mississinawa Valley
Bowling Green	Ridgemont
Elmwood	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Fairfield-Leesburg	Versailles
Fayetteville	Wauseon

Top Ten Chapter Division

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Blanchester	Miami East
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Mississinawa Valley
Fairfield-Leesburg	Ridgemont
Fayetteville	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Mechanicsburg	Versailles

Top Ten Community Division

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Blanchester	Miami East
Elmwood	Mowrystown
Fairfield-Leesburg	Ridgemont
Fayetteville	Smithville
Hardin Northern	Versailles

2008 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.

Gold-Rated Secretaries

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Alyssa Jenkins, Amanda Clearcreek
Kelli Barnhorst, Anna
Kylie Knick, Ansonia
Abby Curtis, Anthony Wayne
Jacob Lange, Archbold
Emily Miller, Bellevue
Rebekah Dodson, Benjamin Logan
Nicole Brush, Big Walnut
Mariah Black, Bloom-Carroll
Kalin Kale, Bowling Green
Leanna Jackson,
Brookville-MVCTC
Nicole Overholt, Buckeye Trail
Erin Cirincione, Buckeye Valley
Melinda Lee, Cardington-Lincoln
Leah Muhlenkamp, Coldwater
Molly Ellis, Crestview
Krista Youngpeter, Delphos
Keri Bickel, East Clinton
Justin Frost, East Knox
Amanda Sentney, Eastern Brown
Kate Bruning, Eastwood
Katie Shaw, Edgewood-Butler Tech
Emily Curtis, Elmwood
Casey Wilson, Fairbanks
Emma Dean, Fairfield
Madeline Long, Fayetteville
Rebecca Holle, Felicity-Franklin
Beth Poeppelman, Fort Loramie
Valerie Fortkamp, Fort Recovery
Jarryd Stump, Franklin-Monroe
Katie Keppler, Gibsonburg
Samantha Crabtree,
Greenfield-McClain
Caitlin Spears, Greenville
Kelsey Potter, Hardin-Northern
Carla Vangilder, Hillsdale
Stephanie Emery, Indian Valley
Sarah Medford, Lincolnview
Danielle Wallace, Madison Plains
Jennifer Nath, Margaretta
Courtney Wykoff, Marysville

McKenzie Callicoat,
Mechanicsburg
Sheena Roach, Miami East
Amy Frost, Miami Trace
Ashley Barker, Miami Valley CTC
Deven Thompson,
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Kathryn Wickline, Mowrystown
Katie Linder, Mt. Gilead
Kirstin Bryant, New Lexington
Taylor Jackson, New London
Andrea Frey, North Union
Lyndsie Woosley, Northridge
Derryck Hartong, Norwayne
Brittany Brough, Oak Harbor
Megan Monroe, Parkway
Kristen Michael, Pettisville
Wes Meadows, Ridgedale
Jill Jones, Ridgemont
Kimmie Schott, Ridgewood
Chelsea Woods, River Valley
Isaac Kauffman, Smithville
Amiee Walker, Southeastern
Caitlyn Russell, Southern Local
Storm Siefring, St. Henry
Jennifer Richardson,
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Hannah Woolever, Teays Valley
Shelby Shimp, Versailles
Loren Bell, Warren
Niasca McGee, Waterford
Crystal Van Pelt, Wauseon
Kristen Davies, Waynedale
Amanda Williams,
West Liberty-Salem
Janelle Young, Western Brown
Nichole Gillenwater,
Western Reserve
Lindsey Cook, Zane Trace

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Danielle Shook, Ansonia
John Schoenhals, Archbold
Angela Yingling, Bellevue
Jeremiah King, Benjamin Logan
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Carlos Cruz, Bloom-Carroll
Danielle Gerwin, Bowling Green
Diana Gardner,
Brookville-MVCTC
Paige Bucher, Cardington-Lincoln
Austin Kirk, Carrollton
Matt Dues, Coldwater
David Gerster, Crestview
Justin Rahrig, Delphos
Beth Ann McMillan, East Clinton
David Morningstar, East Knox
Candice Yockey, Eastern Brown
Joyce Grolle, Eastwood
Chelsey Caplinger, Eaton
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Edgewood-Butler Tech
Ethan Watkins, Elida
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Alayna Jones, Fairfield
Seth Erwin, Fayetteville
Nicole Stone, Federal Hocking
James Robertson, Felicity Franklin
Amy Sayler, Firelands
Lori Meyer, Fort Loramie
Tyler Huelskamp, Fort Recovery
Alex Best, Franklin-Monroe
Zach Kaser, Gibsonburg
Allen Beam, Greene County CC
Morgan Olaker,
Greenfield-McClain
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Clayton McGlothlin, Greenville
Jeb Bowman, Hardin-Northern
Addie Runkle, Hillsdale

Jorden Glass, Indian Valley
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 Joseph Julian, Johnstown-Monroe
 Austin Miller, Liberty Union
 Justin Owens, Lincolnview
 Megan Ashby, Loudonville
 Nathan Masters, Lucas
 Brenda Keltner, Lynchburg-Clay
 Matt Cline, Madison Plains
 Kristy Kline, Mapleton
 Lauren Homan, Marlington
 Ellen Keck, Marysville
 Amber Dewees, Meadowbrook
 Jessica Shanahan, Mechanicsburg
 Logan Pyers, Miami East-MVCTC
 Zachary Sollars, Miami Trace
 Amber Kemp, Miami Valley CTC
 Aaron Nelson, Morgan
 Tyler Butler, Mt. Gilead
 Cody Henning, National Trail
 Brooke Haberkamp,
 New Lexington
 Malaina Erswell, New London
 Heather Knisley, North Union
 Sebastian Jackson, Northwestern
 Noah Scott, Otsego
 Brenda Hanson, Pymatuning Valley
 Kristi Roszman, Ridgedale
 Niki Shaw, Ridgemont
 Dana Markley, Ridgewood
 Tyler McGlothlin, Ripley
 Lauren Prettyman, River Valley
 Michael Hedrick, River View
 Matthew Kelbly, Smithville
 Robert Gannett, South Central
 Chelsea Sagraves, Southeastern
 Cameron Brinker, Southern Local
 Stacey Uhlenhake, St. Henry
 Mat Collins,
 Talawanda-Butler Tech
 Will Sheets, Teays Valley
 Harley Kautz, Tri-Village-MVCTC
 Lynette Sell, United
 Ryann Dallas, Urbana
 Ryan Rose, Versailles
 Emily Shears, Warren
 Jesse Crock, Waterford
 Brian Pike, Wauseon
 Jamie Phipps, Waynedale
 Lauren Fehlman, Wellington
 Brant Duncan, West Holmes
 Colton Lowry, West Liberty-Salem
 Joshua Shumate, West Muskingum
 Sara Scheerer, Western Reserve

Leslie Hastings, Westfall
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Gold-Rated Reporters

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 Devon Ward, Big Walnut
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 Kara Bihn, Bowling Green
 Heather Weaver, Buckeye CC
 Kayla Rossiter, Cardington Lincoln
 Brittanie Logan, Carrollton
 Kristen Hetrick, Clyde
 Ashley Finney, Colonel Crawford
 Emily Mack, Crestview
 Trina Pohlman, Delphos
 Blair Baker, East Clinton
 Josie Rine, East Knox
 Sean Polhemus, Eastern Brown
 Beth Knott, Eastwood
 Elizabeth Krill, Edgerton
 Jenny Shaw,
 Edgewood-Butler Tech
 Cariann Newby, Elmwood
 Devan Bernard, Fairfield
 Lindsay Tussey, Fayetteville
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 Felicity-Franklin
 Meaghan Bari, Firelands
 Beverly Lennartz, Fort Recovery
 Amy McClelland,
 Greene County CC
 Ashlee King, Greenon
 Jonna Scheblo, Greenville
 Abbi Hastings, Hardin-Northern
 Kelsey Haas, Hillsdale
 Shelby Schupp, Indian Valley
 Daniel Ulry, Johnstown-Monroe
 Alannah Abrams, Liberty-Benton
 Shelby Koenig, Lincolnview
 Doug Wilson, Loudonville
 Naomi Blankenship,
 Lynchburg-Clay
 Diana Burton, Mapleton

Jarsiah Carl, Marysville
 Hannah Long,
 Miami East-MVCTC
 Bethany Boston, Miami Trace
 Brittany Smith, Minerva
 Lisa Breymier,
 Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
 Susan Daniel, Mohawk
 Kate Hubschman, Mt. Gilead
 Kayla Gibson, New Lexington
 Katie Morris, New London
 Holly Sheets, North Union
 Erin Hall, Northridge
 Kelsey Gahler, Oak Harbor
 Kacey Podolak, Otsego
 Travis Gugginbiller, Parkway
 Libbey Eicher, Pettisville
 Mallory Linebaugh, Ridgemont
 Kayla Finton, Ridgewood
 Ashton Sizemore, Ripley
 Tessie Richards, River Valley
 Tiffany Brown, Shenandoah
 Abigail Steiner, Smithville
 Joseph Pennell, South Central
 Kirsten Kolb,
 Talawanda-Butler Tech
 Sarah Scott, Teays Valley
 Raven Carroll, Tri-Rivers CC
 Meagan Cross, Urbana
 Natalie Oliver, Versailles
 Kayla Newell, Waterford
 Derek Bishop, Wauseon
 Jeneva Auble, Wellington
 Martin Overholt, West Holmes
 Becca Hall, Western Brown
 Heather Saylor, Western Reserve
 Samantha Boyer, Westfall
 Jennifer Miller, Wynford
 Tieana Steele, Zane Trace



State FFA Band

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Director: David Sapp; Assistant: Sarah Sapp

Alto Sax

Laura Winland, Barnesville
Scott Jackson, Fairfield Union
Zach Winegardner, Fairfield Union
Zachary Luhn, Hardin-Northern
Barrett Lawlis, Liberty Union
Sandie Cain,
 Mill-Creek West Unity
Amanda Stang, Monroeville
Ashley Frazer, Mowrystown
Alicia Dysert, North Union
Sarah Sundberg, Pymatuning Valley
Amanda Williams,
 West Liberty-Salem
Lara Staples, Western Brown

Baritone Sax

Chelsea Pryor, Barnesville
Mychal Taubken, Fairlawn

Tenor Sax

Scott Cathers, Liberty Union
Rusty Carnahan, Racine Southern
Chris Rinehart, River View

Bass Clarinet

Marie Arnold, Smithville
Lindsay Daniels, Symmes Valley
Mariah Wilson, Upper Sandusky

Bassoon

Kristin Heil, Kenton

Clarinet

Sarah Johnson, Bloom-Carroll
Jerica Baker, Buckeye Trail
Amanda McKibben, East Clinton
Austine Haeman, Fairlawn
Tori Rogers, Monroeville
Katie Linder, Mt. Gilead
Katie Phelps, Mowrystown
Ashley Timmons, Southeastern
Jessie Bickel, Spencerville

Flute

Lindsay Collart, Buckeye Trail
Elizabeth Waldruff, Greenon
Gina Hopper, Greenon
Hannah Shock, Hillsdale

Rebecca Binau, Kenton
Megan Hartley, Lakota
Chris Dahs, Monroeville
Danielle Marler, Mowrystown
Sara Brill, North Union
Amandra Haddix, Northeastern
Audrey Smiley, Paulding
Kelsey Hass, Urbana

Horn

Candace Ferguson, Fairview
Victoria Miller, Hillsdale
Audrey Nice, Paulding
Emily Lodwick, Western Brown

Oboe

Aubry Fowler, Bloom-Carroll
Caroline Weihl, Otsego

Percussion

Alex Davidson, Barnesville
Cody Rausch, Fairbanks
Casey Driskell, Fairlawn
Amanda Bacumel, Fairlawn
Abbi Hastings, Haroin Northern
Kelly Gwiner, Lakota
Jay Caldwell, Lakota
Tia Platte, Monroeville
Michelle Shepherd, North Union
Dustin Neff, Paint Valley
Kim Shepler, River View
Sean Davis, Smithville
Emilee Riegel, Southeastern
Brooke Perkins, Utica
Robert Grady, Warren
Nathanael Frank, West Holmes
Jimmy Hadley, Wilmington

Trombone

Patricia Cumbo, Bloom Carroll
Jason Hall, Franklin Monroe
Lyndsey Lawlis, Liberty Union
Monica Palmer, Mowrystown
Spencer Gross, Paulding
Stephen Wagner, Paulding
David Miller, Urbana
Laura Subler, Versailles

Trumpet

Luke Woofter, Barnesville
Kate Jones, Bloom-Carroll
Michael Moore, Carrollton
Clay Garrett, Eastern Brown
Alyssa Swinehart, Fairfield Union
Elizabeth Stowell, Greenon
Jacob Moore, Greenon
Lacey Price, Greenon
Megan Miller, Margaretta
Emily Anderson, McComb
Alyssa Herber, Monroeville
Brian Simmons, Mowrystown
Ashley Crone, Mowrystown
Mike Hannewald, Otsego
Steven Loane, Racine Southern
Dustin Smeck, Racine Southern
Eric Beatty, Riverside
Bridget Schaad, Spencerville
Colton Pennell, Utica
David Davies, Utica

Baritone

Ashley Jett, Bloom-Carroll
Andrea Wigal, Buckeye Valley
Scott Milner, Wilmington

Tuba

Jake Hernandez
Nick Ater, Adena
Rob Sparks, Fairlawn
Joey Everett, Fairlawn
Karri Stickle, Greenville
Kory Munk, Margaretta
Martin Overholt, West Holmes



State FFA Choir

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Alto

Lisa Meadows, Barnesville
Tricia Tracey, Benjamin Logan
Heather Bleininger, Benjamin Logan
Jessica Frazier, Benjamin Logan
Brooke Beam, East Clinton
Blair Baker, East Clinton
Alisha Baker, East Clinton
Becca Elder, Fairfield Union
Diana Foltz, Fairfield Union
Kelly Thein, Fort Recovery
Jessica Heitkamp, Fort Recovery
Jamie Knipp, Gibsonburg
Jamie Gossard, Hardin Northern
Amber Hoffman, Lakota
Kendra Gonso, Liberty Benton
Lacey Ridgeway, Loudonville
Katie Waggoner, Millcreek West Unity
Kendra Westrich, Mowrystown
Tasha Gregory, Mowrystown
Heather Thompson, Mowrystown
Hayley Clellan, Paulding
Patrice Kinnie, Paulding
Tachel Razo, Paulding
Casey Pollock, Southeastern
Kara McBride, St. Mary's
Eileen Gress, Triway
Eileen Lang, Upper Sandusky
Chyeynne McNutt, West Liberty Salem



Bass

James Wood, Edison
Dylan Herd, Fairfield Union
Stephen Wiley, St. Mary's
Nathanael Frank, West Holmes

Tenor

Travis Bollinger, Bellevue
David Matthew Strunk, Fairlawn
Michael Wigton, Mt. Gilead
Duane Stutzzzman, Riverview

Soprano

Amanda Betz, Barnesville
Julie Boies, Bellevue
Nicole Steinmetz, Bellevue
Mary Lockwood, Benjamin Logan
Angel Rutherford, Bloom-Carroll
Kate Jones, Bloom-Carroll
Ashley Green, Buckeye Valley
Shelby Wade, Buckeye Valley
Hannah Baker, East Clinton
Bryana Baker, East Clinton
Haley Wilson, Fort Recovery
Beverly Lennartz, Fort Recovery
Jenna Jutte, Fort Recovery
Karri Kreilick, Gibsonburg
Grace Poling, Hardin Northern

Rachel Scott, Kenton
Amy Frost, Miami Trace
Courtney Corey, Mowrystown
Kate Hubschman, Mt. Gilead
Becca Smith, North Union
Alyssa St. John, Paulding
Bridgett Black, Paulding
Kayla Shreves, Pymatuning Valley
Kara Summers, Pymatuning Valley
Emilee Jean Tucker, Pymatuning Valley
Kisha Helton, Upper Scioto Valley
Jennifer Snerry, Upper Scioto Valley
Rachel Currence, Upper Scioto Valley
Jordan Clark, Zane Trace

State Star Farmer

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Nathan Miller is the son of Doug and Linda Miller. He is a member of the Miami Trace FFA Chapter where his advisors are Bruce Bennett and Tracy Dendinger. Nathan's Supervised Agricultural Experience program consists of planting and harvesting 130 acres of corn, 109 acres of soybeans, and 22 acres of wheat. He has served as a chapter officer and has participated in contests such as public speaking and parliamentary procedure. He is a member of the Fayette County Jr. Fairboard, the OSU Crops and Soils Club, the OSU Weeds Judging Team, and the Heritage Memorial Church. His future plans include attending the Ohio State University earning a degree in crop science and agribusiness. He plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree and then return to the family farm to continue farming.



District Star Farmers

- District 2- Jason Hartschuh, Wynford
- District 4- Craig Reinhart, New Riegel
- District 5- John Steinemann, Minster
- District 6- Josh Clunk, Buckeye Valley
- District 7- Adam Dague, Johnstown
- District 8- Sarah Nichols, Buckeye Trail
- District 9- Nathan Miller, Miami Trace
- District 10- Brent Kasler, Alexander

State Star in Agribusiness

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Wesley VanScoy is the son of William and Sonja VanScoy. He is a member of the Ridgemont FFA Chapter where his advisor is Stephanie Jolliff. Wesley's SAE project has grown from 100 cucumbers to now raising more than 600 cucumber plants annually. Wesley has worked more than 4,500 hours at VanScoy Farms Hydroponic Tomato Greenhouse. He is a member of National Honor Society, Ridgemont Choir, School Musical Stage Crew, and the Honor Role at his high school. Wesley plans to attend the University of Northwestern of Ohio, majoring in agribusiness. His long-term goal is to become a recognized leader in the tomato and cucumber hydroponic fields, with the experience to become a paid consultant.



District Stars in Agribusiness

District 4- Craig Reinhart, New Riegel

District 5- Jake Coverstone, Miami East-MVCTC

District 6- Wesley Vanscoy, Ridgemont

State Star in Agricultural Placement

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Charles (C.J.) Rowe is the son of Greg and Jackie Rowe. He is a member of the Fayetteville FFA Chapter where his advisor is Matt Winkle. C.J.'s SAE consist of 5,360 hours of placement at Barber Farms, where he assists with tilling and harvesting corn, soybeans, and wheat. He also works with his family hog partnership. Some of his activities include the FFA fruit sale, Children's Hospital Breakfast, rural soil judging, farm business management contest, and attending state and national conventions. C.J. also is a member of the Pep Club and Spanish Club. His future plans include obtaining a 2 year degree in agronomy from Ohio State ATI. He intends on pursuing a career in soils and agronomy while expanding his current farming enterprise.



District Stars in Placement

- District 1- John Bruner, Pettisville
- District 3- Tyler Polchin, Pymatuning Valley
- District 4- Andrew Klopfenstein, Wayne Trace
- District 5- Kyle Brockman, Fort Recovery
- District 6- Matthew Vanscoy, Ridgemont
- District 7- Jodi Roush, Amanda Clearcreek
- District 8- Nathan McCormick, Buckeye Trail
- District 9- Charles Rowe, Fayetteville

2007-2008 Ohio FFA Officer Team



Ohio FFA Officer Team

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Anna

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Secretary, Anna Hall
Western Brown

Treasurer, Shalie Terrill
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District 5 President, Tyler Church
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District 7 President, Nicolas Higgins
Johnstown-Monroe

District 8 President, Liz Watson
Buckeye Trail

District 9 President, Kelly Shaw
Edgewood-Butler Tech

District 10 President, Justin Stiers
Waterford

2008 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.

Kevin Blakely, Communications Specialist, NEC Corporation

Betty Brandum, School Bus Driver & Cook, Cardington

Beth Carper, FFA Foundation Project Coordinator

Lisa-Marie Ehlerding, Project Manager, Butler Tech

Lowll Etzler, Mayor, Greenwich, Ohio

Cliff Hite, House of Representatives, 76th District

Steve Hull, Director, Tolles Tech

Rick Kennedy, Retired Teacher of Agriculture, Benjamin Logan

Chris Lynch, Farmer & Owner of Lynch Farm Construction

Marilyn Sue Mason, LPN, Fulton County Health Center

John Noonan, Farmer & Heavy Equipment Operator

Craig Norton, Retired Teacher of Agriculture, Firelands

Russell & Rena Rager, Paulding FFA Alumni Members

Butch Rutledge, Teacher of Agriculture, Laurel Oaks

Bruce & Michelle Short, Owners, Short's Hardware

Rosalind Maxine Swaisgood, Ashland County Soil & Water Conservation District

Steven Willeke, Superintendent, Crestview Local Schools

2008 State Degrees

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The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. In 2008, 591 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.

Trent Bass, Ada	Christopher Cronkleton, Benjamin Logan	Dylan Johnson, Cardington-Lincoln
Allison Wilson, Ada	Dylan Hasson, Benjamin Logan	Silas Jolliff, Cardington-Lincoln
David Yankee, Ada	Andrew Haun, Benjamin Logan	Melinda Lee, Cardington-Lincoln
Zach Crabtree, Alexander	Karri Holcomb, Benjamin Logan	Courtney Levering, Cardington-Lincoln
Brandon Daugherty, Alexander	Tylor Murray, Benjamin Logan	Katie Mosher, Cardington-Lincoln
Katie Grueser, Alexander	Jordan Shepherd, Benjamin Logan	Deirdre Christy, Carey
Kara Oberholzer, Alexander	Krystal Thompson, Benjamin Logan	Thomas Christy, Carey
Michael Reeve, Alexander	Jessica Weiss, Benjamin Logan	Robert McEntire, Carrollton
Jessie Berisford, Amanda Clearcreek	Anthony Whitford, Benjamin Logan	Connie McNutt, Carrollton
Ryan Davis, Amanda Clearcreek	Bryce Armstrong, Big Walnut	Adam Neider, Carrollton
Stacey Sams, Amanda Clearcreek	Casey Beacom, Big Walnut	Katie Rummell, Carrollton
Katelin Luthman, Anna	Sarah Piper, Big Walnut	Micah Snair, Carrollton
Derek McCracken, Anna	Devon Ward, Big Walnut	Chris Fielding, Centerburg
Whitney Zumberger, Anna	Brittany Brewer, Blanchester	Josh Retherford, Centerburg
Abby Curtis, Anthony Wayne	Christopher Stroud, Blanchester	Tom Sherman, Centerburg
Tina Haley, Anthony Wayne	Mariah Black, Bloom Carroll	Jacob Wollett, Centerburg
Casey Huepenbecker, Anthony Wayne	Carlos Cruz, Bloom Carroll	Zachary Carlin, Clear Fork Valley
Jamie Kaczor, Anthony Wayne	Scott Praither, Bloom Carroll	Sharley Southard, Clear Fork Valley
Brian Petrell, Anthony Wayne	Brian Kohler, Botkins	Troy Tingley, Clear Fork Valley
Michael Shriner, Anthony Wayne	Kalin Kale, Bowling Green	Miranda Clark, Clyde
Steven Bostelman, Archbold	Katie Sattler, Bowling Green	Jessica Stiltner, Clyde
Andrew Rupp, Archbold	Amanda Dash, Buckeye	Jenna Boeckman, Coldwater
Kelly Wasnich, Archbold	Samantha Meketa, Buckeye	Melissa Bruns, Coldwater
Emily Russell, Athens	Christopher Piatt, Buckeye	Nicole Griesdorn, Coldwater
Chris Colwell, Ayersville	Mark Szakacs, Buckeye	Craig Harting, Coldwater
Sam Jefferis, Barnesville	Evan Beckett, Buckeye Trail	Alex Uhlenhake, Coldwater
Chelsea Pryor, Barnesville	Eric Nichols, Buckeye Trail	Mitchell Alt, Colonel Crawford
Jennifer Sanford, Barnesville	Ellen Schott, Buckeye Trail	Jessica Bogard, Colonel Crawford
Grant Decker, Bellevue	Ryan Roll, Buckeye Valley	Doug Cramer, Colonel Crawford
Eric Eberhard, Bellevue	Shelby Wade, Buckeye Valley	Nick Kocher, Colonel Crawford
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Beth Ann McMillan, East Clinton
Justin Frost, East Knox
Brain Gallagher, East Knox
Eli Norris, East Knox
Josie Rine, East Knox
Jordan Shriver, East Knox
Josh Ayers, Eastern Brown
Brent Shupert, Eastern Brown
Candice Yockey, Eastern Brown
Karen Burris, Eastwood
Joyce Grolle, Eastwood
Matt Kaminski, Eastwood
Cody Panning, Eastwood
Stephanie Shaffer, Eastwood
Zach Welling, Eastwood
Amelia Alexander, Eaton
Derrick Buehner, Eaton
Brandi Fornshell, Eaton
Stacey Hughes, Eaton
Jacob Sorrell, Eaton
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Daniel Boeke, Edgerton
Frank Krill, Edgerton
Alex Sines, Edgerton
Cambell Parrish, Edon-Northwest
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Shane Troyer, Elida
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Kaye Bockbrader, Elmwood
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Andrew Green, Elmwood
Jacob Hamman, Elmwood
Marc Heinze, Elmwood
Chelsie Hosmer, Elmwood
Stacie Nagy, Elmwood
Ryan Rose, Elmwood
Kim Schnipke, Elmwood
Samantha Shaffer, Elmwood
Jacob Stearns, Elmwood
Lewis Stearns, Elmwood
Shannon Stewart, Elmwood
Derek Zyski, Elmwood
Rose Brill, Fairbanks
Austin Burns, Fairbanks
Kylie Daniel, Fairbanks
Ethan Nicol, Fairbanks
Cody Rausch, Fairbanks
Casey Wilson, Fairbanks
Ashley Adams, Fairfield
Tyler Ayres, Fairfield
Steven Evans, Fairfield
Courtney Zimmerman, Fairfield
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Britany Wendel, Fort Recovery
Tom Will, Fort Recovery
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Ethan Eddy, Frontier
Jamie Pethtel, Frontier
Teri Clagg, Gallia Academy
Megan Foster, Gallia Academy
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Danielle Sanders, Gallia Academy
Kaci Shoemaker, Gallia Academy
Evan Wood, Gallia Academy
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Amy Richter, Gibsonburg
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Samantha Crabtree, Greenfield-McClain	Brad Gerten, Leipsic	Derrick Harding, Mechanicsburg
Landry Faulconer, Greenfield-McClain	Jobe Schroeder, Leipsic	Betsy Neer, Mechanicsburg
Courtney Fetters, Greenfield-McClain	Tiffany Vollmar, Liberty Center	Miranda Rees, Mechanicsburg
Justin Brigner, Greenon	Clayton Bondurant, Liberty Union	Nicole Hill, Meigs
Allison Deady, Greenon	Jacob Kemmerer, Liberty Union	Shane Milhoan, Meigs
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Jeb Bowman, Hardin-Northern	Eric Bennett, Licking Valley	Amy Frost, Miami Trace
Abbi Hastings, Hardin-Northern	John Dillon, Licking Valley	Ike Garland, Miami Trace
Austin Hull, Hardin-Northern	Kirsten Bachus, Logan	Shannon Horn, Miami Trace
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Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro	Jessica Mckinley, Logan	Kyle Flatter, Miami Valley CTC
Abigail Helterbrand, Hillsboro	Natalie St. Clair, Logan	Joshua Hershberger, Miami Valley CTC
Will Shoemaker, Hillsboro	Newt Long, London	Amanda Jackson, Miami Valley CTC
Nolan Bicker, Hillsdale	Jason Salyers, London	Jeffery Lewis, Miami Valley CTC
Alison Dyer, Hillsdale	Tim Cottrell, Lorain County JVS	April Schoenling, Miami Valley CTC
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Heather Heffelfinger, Hillsdale	Sara Fisher, Madison Plains	Devin Winner, Minster
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Carla Vangilder, Hillsdale	Andrew Kimbler, Madison Plains	Anna Gilliland, Mohawk
Emily Brinkman, Holgate	Kyle Lahna, Madison Plains	Dustin Griffin, Mohawk
Tom Cunningham, Indian Valley	Megan Lohstroh, Madison Plains	Greg Reinhart, Mohawk
Eric Glazer, Indian Valley	Danielle Wallace, Madison Plains	Levi Morrow, Morgan
Caitlyn Dever, Johnstown-Monroe	Lizzy Wilson, Madison Plains	Aaron Nelson, Morgan
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	Laura Crumrine, Mapleton	Amber Frazer, Mowrystown
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Jacob Walters, New Lexington
Wagner Alec, New Riegel
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Nick Manion, Northeastern
Ashley Martin, Northeastern
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Erin Hall, Northridge
Lesley Hall, Northridge
Lyndsie Woosley, Northridge
Kelsey Bowers, Northwestern
Heather Dean, Northwestern
Racheal Gortner, Northwestern
Hillary Gracy, Northwestern
Kyle Schirm, Northwestern
Lisa Zavesky, Northwestern
Ryan Billman, Norwayne
Kirk Gasser, Norwayne
Catie Noyes, Norwayne
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Kelsey Gahler, Oak Harbor
Zach Moore, Oak Harbor
Vanessa Rischman, Oak Harbor
Veronica Blake, Ohio Valley
Dustin Crothers, Ohio Valley
Tyler Sparks, Ohio Valley
Dean Stacy, Old Fort
Rachel Asmus, Otsego
Jacob Brown, Otsego
Kacey Podolak, Otsego
Noah Scott, Otsego
Thomas Spoerl, Otsego
Jacob Benner, Paint Valley
Travis Gugginbiller, Parkway
Dee Dee Knapke, Parkway
Brandon Riley, Parkway
Brett Sheets, Parkway
Jenifer Thomas, Parkway
Kody Seemann, Patrick Henry
Mary Wilhelm, Patrick Henry
Annie Rhoads, Peebles
Brian Estevanes, Penta CC
Josh Bruner, Pettisville
Libbey Eicher, Pettisville
Luke Short, Pettisville
Tim Spiess, Pettisville
Bryce Stilwill, Pettisville
Jerid Stine, Pettisville
Andrew Brehm, Pike-Delta-York
Andy Fraker, Pike-Delta-York
Courtney Bisel, Plymouth
Katie Cottingim, Preble Shawnee
Joshua Berrier, Pymatuning Valley
Caleb Swisher, Ridgedale
Cade Weston, Ridgedale
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Olivia Ledley, Ridgemont
Kelsey Seiler, Ridgemont
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Kyle Stahler, Ridgemont
Matthew Vanscoy, Ridgemont
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Ryan Lahna, Ridgewood
Dana Markley, Ridgewood
Kayla Olinger, Ridgewood
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Dustin Patterson, Ridgewood
Garth Regula, Ridgewood
Clinton Schlarb, Ridgewood
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Josh Carey, River Valley
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Suzannah McMullen, River View
Maggie Gurney, Seneca East
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Tiffany Mckinney, Shelby
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Christopher Morgan, South Central
Joseph Pennell, South Central
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Ryan Beegle, Southern
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Mallory Hill, Southern
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Dustyn Johnson, Southern
Eric Perry, Southern
David Dawson, Southern Hills JVS
Cameron Brinker, Southern Local
Allen Miller, Southern Local
Caitlyn Russell, Southern Local
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Megan Herold, Spencerville
Jay Hiatt, Spencerville
Tyler Koenig, Spencerville
Tyler McConnell, Spencerville
Austin Schwartz, Spencerville

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Cody Rammel, St. Henry
Ryan Weitzel, St. Henry
Jason Durkee, St. Marys
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Seth Summers, Symmes Valley
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Zane Brown, Tri-Valley
Johnny Graham, Tri-Valley
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Morgan Ryan, Triad
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Laura Gordon, Triway
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Lacey Uhler, Triway
Victoria Balvin, Union Local
Allison Dunfee, Union Local
Megan Stenger, Union Local
Roger Bernet, United
Emily Huff, United
Ryan Rhoades, United
Joel Armstorng, Upper Sandusky
Rebecca Beamer, Upper Sandusky
Echo Frey, Upper Sandusky
Nicholle Lang, Upper Sandusky
Adam Sherman, Upper Sandusky
Eric Smalley, Upper Sandusky
Kaitlyn Smalley, Upper Sandusky
Seth Tschanen, Upper Sandusky
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Lacy Allen, Van Buren
Jason Rinker, Van Buren
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Natalie Oliver, Versailles
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Katie Greve, Wapakoneta
Tyler Shipp, Wapakoneta
Nathanial Shroyer, Wapakoneta
Brad Steinke, Wapakoneta
Jordan Whetstone, Wapakoneta
Paul Fleming, Warren
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Arthur Stoller, Wayne Trace
Chelsea Williamson, Wayne Trace
Travis Zartman, Wayne Trace
Candace Muir, Waynesfield-Goshen
Lauren Fehlan, Wellington
Nikkita Brown, West Holmes
Nikole Hanna, West Holmes
Linsey Howell, West Holmes
Katie O'Donnell, West Holmes
Becca Hall, Western Brown
Kyle Kissick, Western Brown
Emily Lodwick, Western Brown
Sam Nuss, Western Brown
Jessica Rowe, Western Brown
Tim Saylor, Western Brown
Zach Smith, Western Brown
Eleana Yarger, Western Brown
Matt Gillenwater, Western Reserve
Heather Saylor, Western Reserve
Evan Earich, Westfall
Patrick Garrett, Westfall

David Allen, Wilmington
Erin Curry, Wilmington
Brooke Frazier, Wilmington
Tasha Massie, Wilmington
Amanda Middleton, Wilmington
Scott Milner, Wilmington
Willie Murphy, Wilmington
Chris Murtland, Wilmington
Will Vance, Wilmington
Lindsey Cook, Zane Trace
Bekah Coretti, Zane Trace
Kendra Dalton, Zane Trace
Jenna Davis, Zane Trace



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Sponsored by Oles and Associates, LLC

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Ridgemont

Agri-Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Cathy Nofziger Home Interiors & The Agincubator.org Foundation

MARK JOLLY

Mowrystown

Agricultural Communications

Sponsored by Ohio's Country Journal

***ELIZABETH HEITKAMP**

Versailles

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Sponsored by Kubota Tractor Corporation- Northern Division

ERIC NICHOLS

Buckeye Trail

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance

Sponsored by Mayer Farm Equipment and AGCO Corporation

ANDREW KLOPFENSTEIN

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Agricultural Processing

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BROOKE BEAM

East Clinton

Agricultural Sales-Entrepreneurship

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Delphos

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Ridgewood

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ABBY SNYDER

Zane Trace

Beef Production-Entrepreneurship

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BRENT KASLER

Alexander

Beef Production-Placement

Sponsored by Ohio Cattlewomen's Association

ADAM BRUNS

Minster

***Dairy Production-
Entrepreneurship***

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Kyle Schirm

Northwestern

Dairy Production- Placement

Sponsored by Dairy Farmers of America and
Dairy Association Mid-East

CHAD RIETHMAN

Minster

***Diversified Agricultural
Production***

Sponsored by Ohio National Farmers
Organization

JASON HARTSCHUH

Wynford

***Diversified Crop Production-
Entrepreneurship***

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

MICHAEL SCHMITMEYER

Versailles

***Diversified Crop Production-
Placement***

Sponsored by Central Ohio Farmers Co-op

C.J. ROWE

Fayetteville

***Diversified Horticulture-
Placement***

Sponsored by Florida Fruit Association

PAUL SNYDER

Minerva

***Diversified Livestock Production-
Entrepreneurship***

Sponsored by Ohio Corn Marketing Program

CALEB BERNATH

Wauseon

***Diversified Livestock
Production- Placement***

Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Council

BRUCE SCHOEN

Fort Recovery

***Emerging Agricultural
Technology***

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation.

****WESLEY VANSCOY***

Ridgmont

***Environmental Science and
Natural Resources
Management***

Sponsored by Advanced Drainage Systems

DAVID FICKEL

Paulding

***Equine Science-
Entrepreneurship***

Sponsored by Ohio Quarter Horse Association

CALLIE ROLLISON

River Valley

Equine Science- Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

KARRA CONRAD

Georgetown

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JOHN STEINEMANN
Minster

Floriculture

Sponsored by BFG Supply Company

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Delphos

Food Science and Technology

Sponsored by Hirzel Canning Company

REBEKAH MELLER
Pettisville

Forage Production

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Forest Management and Products

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

BRIAN PETRELL
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Fruit Production

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CHELSEA WILLIAMSON
Wayne Trace

Grain Production- Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International

ANDREW BOND
East Clinton

Grain Production- Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

RICHARD LAHNA
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Home and/or Community Development

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Landscape Management

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Nursery Operations

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Organic Agriculture

Sponsored by Ohio Ecological Food and Farm
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JODI ROUSH
Amanda Clearcreek

Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

COREY JACOBS

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Poultry Production

Sponsored by Ohio Poultry Association

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Sheep Production

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

DANIEL KNAPKE

Parkway

Small Animal Production and Care

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Specialty Animal Production

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

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Specialty Crop Production

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

CALEB HOLTON

Eastern Brown

Swine Production-Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Ohio Pork Producers Council

ZACH BROWN

Wapakoneta

Swine Production-Placement

Sponsored by The Cooper Family Foundation

LAUREN SCHWAB

Talawanda-Butler Tech

Turf Grass Management

Sponsored by Scott's Lawn Service

ANDY SWISSHELM

Greene County Career Center

Vegetable Production

Sponsored by Rupp Seeds

NICK BARNEY

Anthony Wayne

Wildlife Management-Entrepreneurship

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JEB BOWMAN

Hardin Northern

Wildlife Management-Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

CODY McCONNELL

Ripley

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Church World Service/CROP

In 2008, FFA members stepped up to the challenge of helping the world by standing out from their peers. These members visited Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum to participate in a CROP Walk to help raise funds and awareness to fight hunger at home and overseas. CROP has been sponsoring walks for nearly 40 years, and has partnered with the Ohio FFA Association for over 50 years. These FFA members joined the ranks of more than five million who have participated in over 36,000 CROP Walks in some 2,000 communities just in the past two decades.

CROP began in 1947 as a subset of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946, the name was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, and its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty and supports and organizes interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by 21 CWS/CROP regional offices across the U.S. The “Helped Crop Stop Hunger” walk at FFA Camp Muskingum raised a total of \$1000 this year, during their one day effort. Since the first crop walk in 1969, CROP has been raising money for food banks, pantries, community gardens, and other local efforts nationwide and will donate 3.7 million dollars to efforts in the United States just this year.

Many chapters across the state don’t get the chance to participate in the CROP walk but instead set aside money or have specific fundraisers to donate money to Church World Services and will donate hundreds of dollars to the worthy organization this year. These charitable chapters were recognized on stage this year at the Ohio FFA Convention.

Mahatma Gandhi once said “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” By sacrificing their time and energy these members stepped up to the challenge of world hunger and are helping to make the world we live in a better place. The chapters recognized for their support and dedication are as follows:

Alexander	Fayetteville	Parkway	Upper Valley
Benjamin Logan	Fort Frye	Penta County CC	Urbana
Bowling Green	Gallipolis	Pettisville	Warren
Buckeye Central	Greenon	Plymouth	Wauseon
Caldwell	Hardin Northern	Ridgedale	Westfall
Cardington	Indian Valley	Ridgewood	Zane Trace
Colonel Crawford	Kenton	Riverside	
Delphos	Mechanicsburg	Smithville	
East Clinton	Mississinawa Valley	Upper Sandusky	
Edgerton	Newton		
Elgin	Ohio Hi-Point-		
Elmwood	Upper Scioto Valley		
Fairfield Union	Paint Valley		

*Submitted by Lyndsey Murphy
2007-2008 State Sentinel*

Children's Hospital

As an FFA member, community service plays a major role in the experience an individual can have. Chapters across all 88 counties in Ohio participate every year in numerous community service activities. Many of these activities include fundraising for Nationwide Children's Hospital located in Columbus.

At FFA Camp Muskingum members, camp staff, state officers, and advisors work together during five camp sessions to raise money to donate to Nationwide Children's Hospital. From day one, campers are encouraged to buy "rubber ducks" for the chance to "pie someone in the eye." Members are also very eager to donate money to see a certain state officer or advisor do the "polar bear jump," which includes jumping into a large trash can filled with ice and ice cold water.

Not only do the giving members of our organization donate money for Children's Hospital, but the FFA chapters from around our state work to raise their own funds so they can participate in the FFA camp auction at the end of each camp session. Just through the fundraising events at FFA Camp Muskingum, the members of the Ohio FFA Association raised \$13,424.00 for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

FFA Camp is not the only time the members and chapters of our state donate money to Children's Hospital. Individual chapters make donations, as well as host fundraisers all through the year for Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. This past year, a grand total of \$22,687.54 was raised for the charity. To recognize the individual chapters that raised at least \$200 throughout the 2007-2008 school year, the following chapters were awarded a certificate at the 2008 Ohio FFA State Convention:

Amanda Clearcreek	Firelands	Miami Trace	Ross-Butler Tech
Benjamin Logan	Fort Frye	Mississinawa Valley	Sentinel
Bowling Green	Fort Recovery	Morgan	Southeastern Ross
Buckeye	Fremont-Ross	New Bremen	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Cardington	Georgetown	New London	Upper Sandusky
Clear Fork Valley	Gibsonburg	North Central	Urbana
Coldwater	Greenfield-McClain	Northridge	Wapakoneta
Continental	Greenville	Norwayne	Wauseon
Delphos	Indian Lake	Paint Valley	Western Brown
Eastern Brown	Indian Valley	Parkway	Western Reserve
Edgerton	Kenton	Pettisville	Westfall
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Liberty Union	Pymatuning Valley	Xenia-Greene County
Elmwood	Lynchburg Clay	Ripley	Zane Trace
Fairbanks	Marysville	River Valley	
Fairfield Union	McComb	Riverside	
Fayetteville	Mechanicsburg		

*Submitted by Anna Hall
2007-2008 State Secretary*

Ohio FFA Officer Team Report

“Fame is what we get in life, but true greatness is what we give in life” – Mark Sanborn. Prior to the conclusion of the 79th Ohio FFA Convention, an array of 15 distinct individuals, from very diverse hometowns and a variety of agricultural backgrounds, were elected to a team to serve more than 24,000 Ohio FFA members. With no prior experience and few very previous encounters with each other, this myriad of individuals quickly bonded and dedicated a year of their lives to fulfilling a central mission – a mission to give back to an organization that had already given so much to each of us.

After the excitement and thrill of state officer elections during the final moments of the 79th Ohio FFA Convention, no time was wasted in preparing the new officer team for the monumental task that lie before us. Merely a week later, the team met for the first time, in Columbus, to begin the year-long preparation process of not only becoming high caliber state officers, but also embarking on a journey of remarkable personal growth for each individual. Our first gathering ushered a trip to Van Wert to visit the Universal Lettering Company, the first producer of the notable blue corduroy jacket, to tour the facilities and witness the production of our new jackets. After a pit stop at the Wayne-Trace FFA Chapter for a presentation, the team headed back home to prepare for the remainder of the summer and begin sifting through new materials and books.

Armed with finished assignments and a brain packed full of new literature, the team met again in Columbus for an intense weeklong training facilitated by Ms. Anita Estes, a former National FFA Officer, which included dining with faculty and staff from The Ohio State University and an etiquette dinner at the Athletic Club hosted by the phenomenal George and Cookie Ruff. The officers also volunteered an afternoon to help maintain the Ronald McDonald House next to Children’s Hospital. Along with a few sporadic trips to Cold Stone Creamery and thoughtful circle talks late at night, 15 individuals soon began to form one unified team.

With a bounty of new ideas and experiences bursting from our minds, the officers trekked to eastern Ohio a few weeks later, to the summer hub of excitement and recreation for the Ohio FFA – FFA Camp Muskingum. Spending over four weeks at camp, the officers conducted their first “official activity” with FFA members. Responsibilities included creating and presenting workshops, flags ceremonies, and campfires, facilitating activities, and, for a few officers, embracing their first experience at FFA Camp! During the fall, officers also ventured back to FFA Camp to help facilitate Greenhand Camp, exclusively for first year members, and Fall Orientation Camp, for career-tech/joint vocational school programs.

Only a week after the conclusion of the final camp session, Vice-President Allen Schmitz and I flew to Washington, D.C. to participate in the State Presidents’ Conference (SPC). Apart from touring the metropolitan area and establishing new friendships with other state officers from across the nation, Allen and I also had the opportunity to discuss new opportunities and issues effecting our organization, lobby for agricultural education to our legislators, and even meet President George W. Bush!

The remainder of July, August, and the beginning of September consisted of preparing and exhibiting livestock and other projects at the officers' county fairs and the Ohio State Fair, while also getting ready for the beginning of the upcoming school year. In mid-August, Tyler Church and I traveled to Northern Kentucky University to attend a breakfast recognizing Toyota's long and generous commitment to the FFA. Anna Hall and I also recorded a promotional commercial advocating agricultural education and the FFA. After a final re-group of the summer, which included a tour of the Ohio Capitol and a meeting with Representative Steve Reinhard, the officers parted ways to implement the skills they had acquired the past three months.

The most crucial task of the officer team is to promote agricultural education and the FFA by conducting chapter visits, delivering speeches, and presenting leadership workshops. A chapter visit allows an officer to spend an entire day at a FFA chapter presenting workshops, created and refined by the officer during the previous summer, and mingle with the members that we serve. With more than 300 chapters in the state, our goal was to visit at least half, or 150, chapters. We well exceeded that goal – visiting over 200 FFA chapters. The officers were also invited by many schools and other organizations to deliver keynote messages during ceremonies and banquets throughout the year. Finally, during the fall and winter, the officers teamed up in groups of three to present workshops at leadership nights hosted throughout the state.

Aside from crisscrossing the state, the officers also found some time to delve into some personal growth experiences by attending the Made For Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) Conferences facilitated by National FFA staff, as well as the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) featuring guest speaker Rhett Laubach. In late October, the officer team represented Ohio at the National FFA Convention by serving as our state's delegates. Responsibilities during convention included serving on committees, ranging from increasing middle school opportunities at the national level to developing bilingual FFA materials, developing proposals for organizational reform, and voting on crucial issues during the delegate sessions. Finally, additional duties for the six constitutional officers, president through sentinel, included attending regular Board of Trustees and Advisory Board meetings to discuss reform for our own state association.

In what seemed like the blink of an eye, March had arrived and preparations were already underway for State Convention. Throughout March and April, officers spent hours re-writing, memorizing, and practicing their convention parts, eventually leading up to the week prior to the convention when the officers met for the final time for a week of intense convention practice. With the final toppings in place, the gavel rapped to begin the 80th Ohio FFA Convention and rapped again a day later to signal the end of our officer era in the same place, and exactly one year, after it had begun.

*Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 Ohio FFA President*

FFA Camp Muskingum Highlights

By Camp Director - Todd Davis

The year 2008 was a very successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

- Total number of individuals served- 10,905 (Up 1,139 from 2007)
- Total camper days- 22,755.52
- Percent of camper days per program
 - Outside Groups - 37.5%
 - Nature's Classroom - 37.2%
 - FFA- 25.3%
- Total number of groups served -130 (Up 11 from 2007)
- Total number of FFA members at summer camp- 1,125 (Up 111 from 2007)
- Total number of FFA member at fall camp- 515 (Up 30 from 2007)
- FFA Chapters attending summer camp- 144 (Up 6 from 2007)
- Percent of school districts participating in a camp program – 48%
- Percent of FFA members attending summer camp- 4.8%
- Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall- 7.0%
- Percent of agricultural education instructors attending summer camp- 20.2%

Major renovations to the facility in 2008 included the continued renovation of the staff house. In 2008, we completely gutted and remodeled the living room and finished the dining room. Other improvements to the facility included the paving of the main road into camp from the main gate to Camp Aldersgate and the chip and sealing of all the parking lots at camp. We added new carpet to the conference room of the Conference Center and constructed a muzzleloading shelter. Thanks to Haviland Plastics, we were able to add a new sound system to the Assembly Hall. We were also able to landscape the steps to the Conference Center thanks to the hard work of the horticulture students from the Washington County Career Center.



Thanks for a great year!

Ohio FFA Alumni

By 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.

Affiliates

Ohio has 85 chartered affiliates, with Sylvania being our newest affiliate. Affiliates with more than 100 Lifetime Members receive their own WLC Scholarship. Those affiliates are: Anthony Wayne, New Lexington, Pettisville and River View.

WLC Scholarships

For every 500 members, the Ohio FFA Alumni receives a WLC scholarship for students. Check out the alumni section on the Ohio FFA website about becoming an alumni member.

Membership Project

Again this year we are striving to work with non-active affiliates. Our goal is to reconnect to those members and get them organized in supporting our programs.

Annual Meeting

The 37th annual Ohio FFA Alumni conference was held in January.

Award winners were:

- **Agricultural Education Promotional Award** - 1st- Hardin Northern; 2nd- Pettisville; 3rd- Anthon Wayne
- **Coaching Award** - 1st- Anthony Wayne; 2nd- Federal Hocking
- **Outstanding Member** - 1st- Marilyn Mason, Anthony Wayne; 2nd- Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern; 3rd- Jan Christenson, Pettisville; 4th- Edward Beeler, Talawanda, 5th-Gary Dilinger, Federal Hocking
- **Gold Medal Affiliate Award** - District 1- Ayersville, Edgerton, Anthony Wayne, Genoa, Liberty Center, Pettisville; District 2- Ashland, Mapleton; District 4- Hardin Northern; District 5- Anna, Miami East; District 6- Big Walnut, Kenton, Urbana; District 7- Licking Valley, Union Local; District 9- Edgewood, Miami Trace, Talawanda; District 10- Gallia, Racine
- **Scrapbook** - 1st- Hardin Northern; 2nd- Pettisville; 3rd- Anthony Wayne; 4th- New Lexington
- **Affiliate Basket Contest** - 1st- Pettisville; 2nd-Ohio River Producers; 3rd- Anthony Wayne; 4th- New Lexington; 5th- Talawanda; 6th- Ashland; 7th- Licking Valley; 8th- Lucas; 9th- Buckeye Valley; 10th- Ross; 11th- Big Walnut. The basket auction brought in \$1,220 total.

Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members

Front row (*l to r*): John Poulson, Lexie Poulson, Bruce Henney, Ron Tilford, Jason Fox, Jodi Hassan, Sylvester Furman

Back row (*l to r*): Dave Bishop, Jack Mason, Jason Damron, Jennifer Kilbarger

Not pictured: John Juhasz, Jesse Hamman, Maeanna Lindamood



Ohio FFA Foundation

By Foundation Director - Melissa Bell

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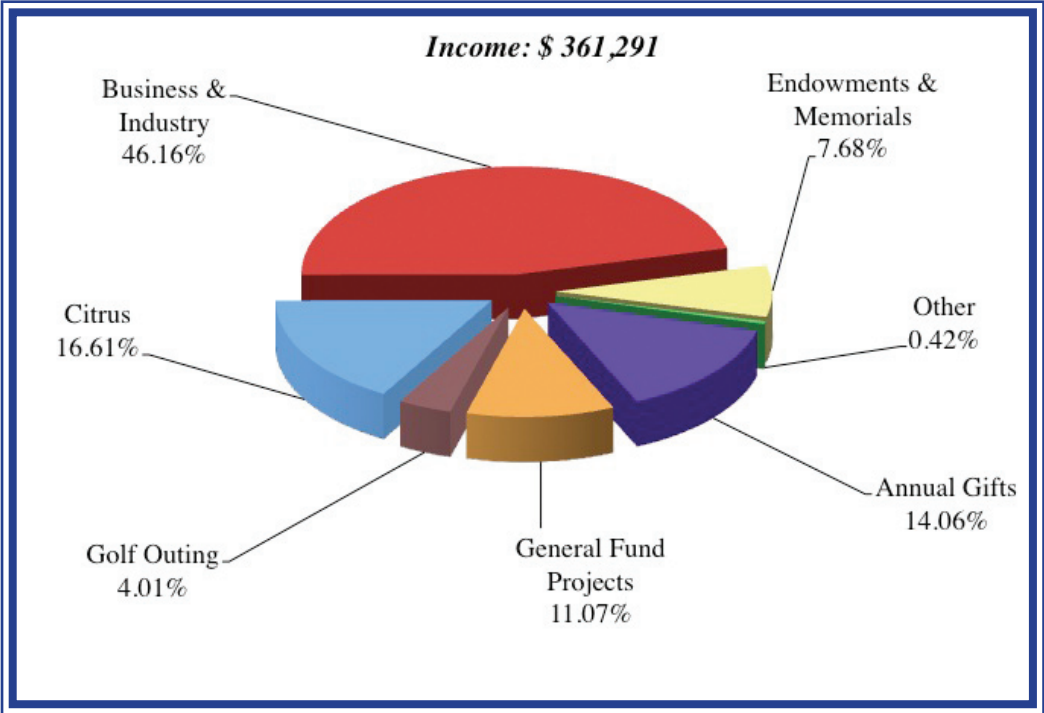
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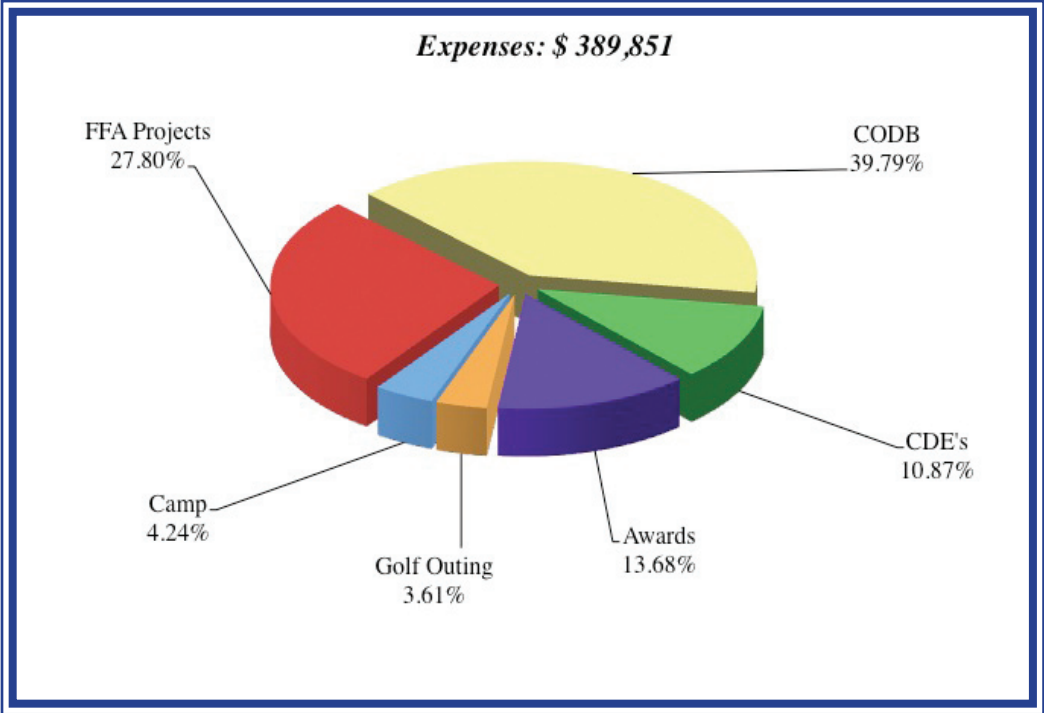
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1943-44

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