

Ohio FFA Association 2010 Annual Report

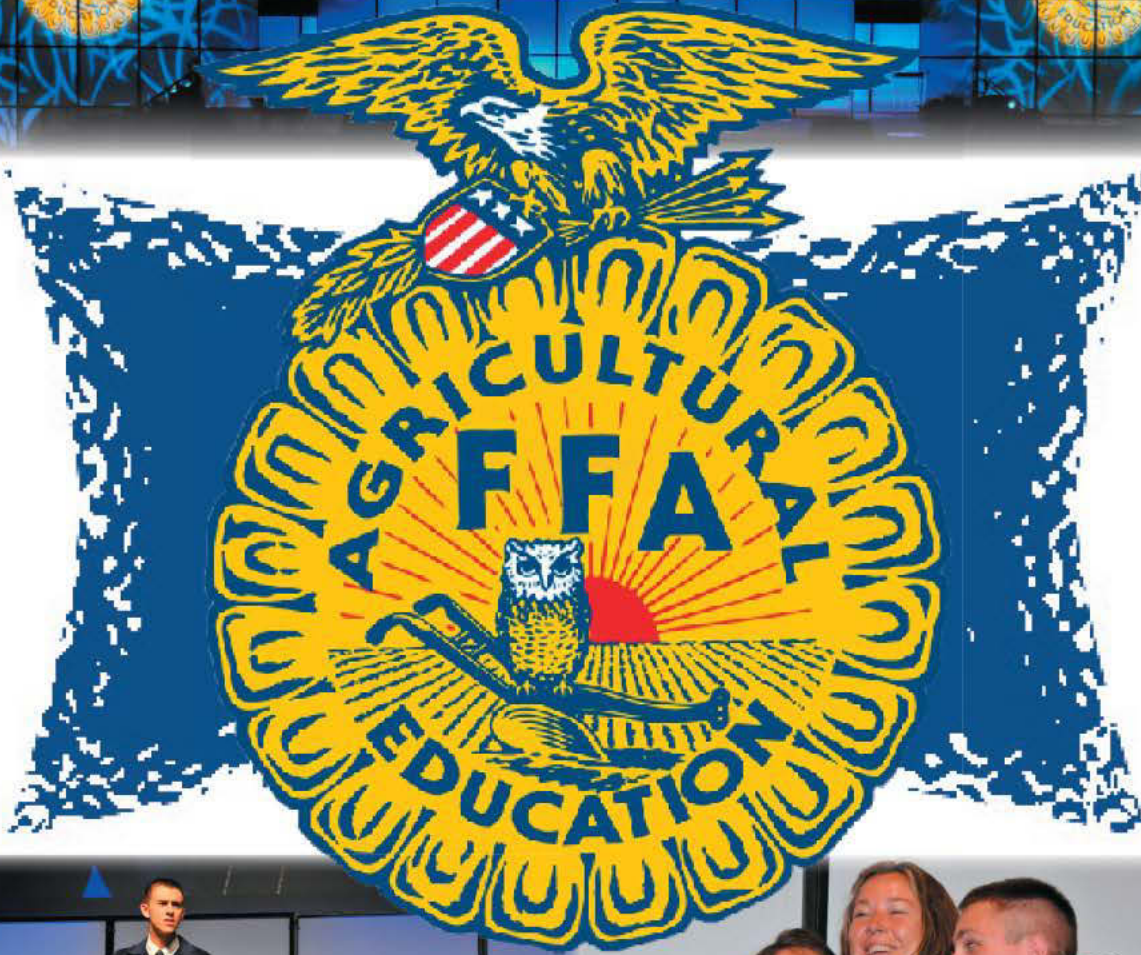
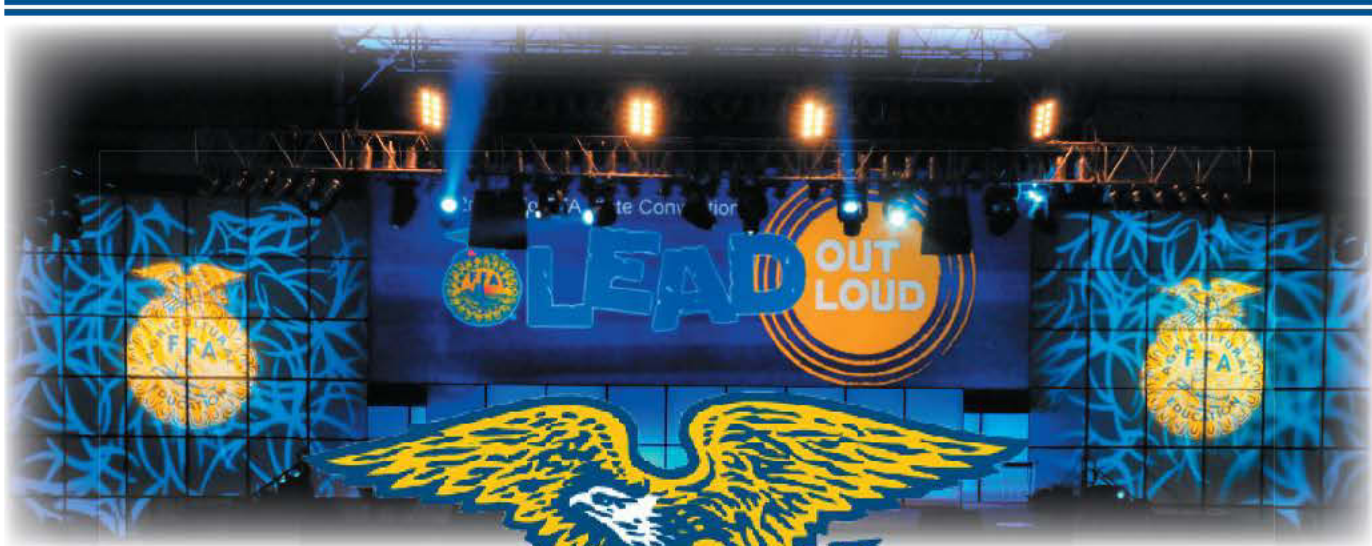




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The Ohio FFA Association

Founded in 1928, the National FFA Organization is a dynamic youth organization of over 523,000 members that is a part of agricultural education programs at middle and high schools. FFA is only one of the three essential components of the program, which also includes classroom instruction and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), which work together to provide members with leadership, academic, and career experiences essential for success. Today, student members are engaged in a wide range of educational experiences and FFA activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in agriculture.

FFA

The letters “FFA” stand for “Future Farmers of America”. However, in 1988, the official name of the organization was changed from “Future Farmers of America” to “The National FFA Organization” to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture, our nation’s number one industry.

Mission

The National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Motto

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

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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The Ohio FFA Foundation Board of Trustees

The Ohio FFA Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business, and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over \$400,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards, and incentives. Four specific divisions provide opportunities for businesses, individuals, and chapters to partner with the Foundation. Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940's to inspire members of Vocational Agriculture and FFA programs to work for high standards and goals, and to recognize members for their high achievement.

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Larry Davis, *KeyBank Food and Agribusiness Team*

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The Ohio FFA Foundation Sponsors' Team

The Ohio FFA Foundation Sponsors' Team is comprised of individuals with a passion for student success and is selected from the business community or from such organizations that represent the business community. The Sponsors' Team serves as an advisory and advocacy group for agricultural education, the FFA, and the FFA Foundation. A primary responsibility for the team is to assist in forming partnerships with individuals and corporations, on behalf of the Foundation, to increase the level of support the Foundation can provide.

Andy Vance, Chair; *ABN/Buckeye Ag Radio Network*

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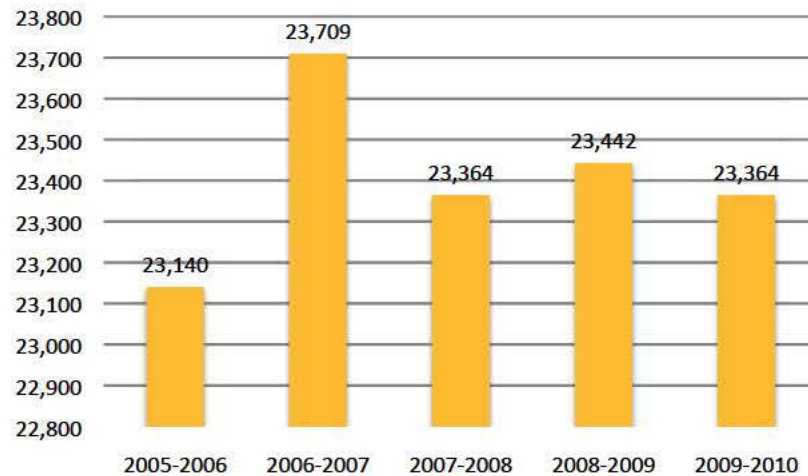
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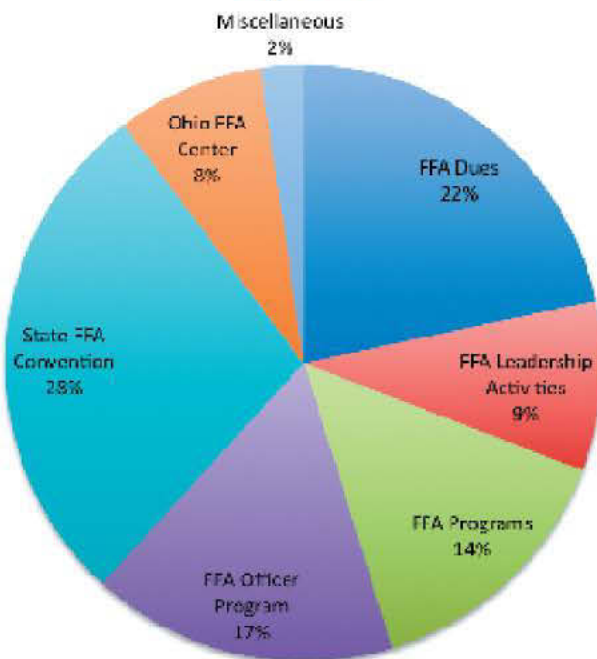
Membership and Financial Reports

Today, 523,309 students are members of the National FFA Organization in 7,487 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 309 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,364 students.

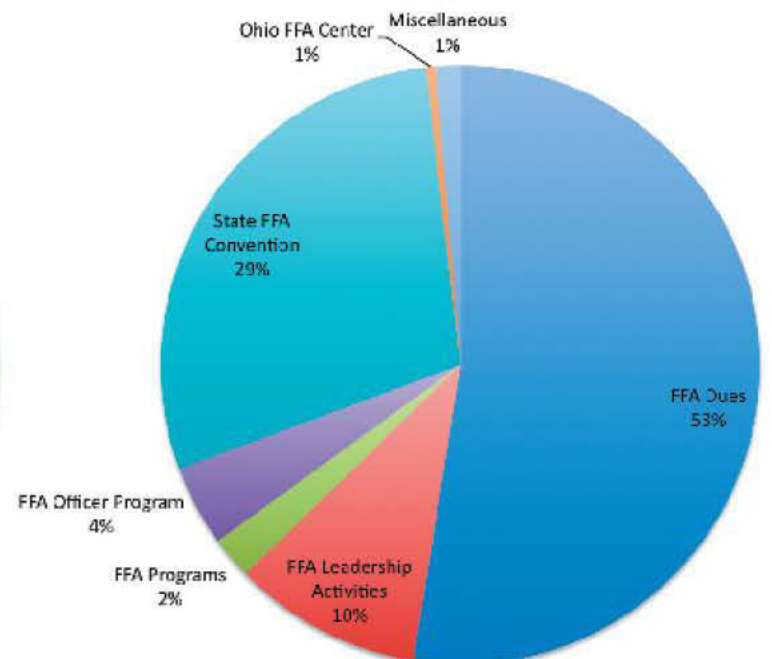
Ohio FFA Membership (2005-2010)



Expenses



Revenues



Expenses	Category	Revenue
\$118,991.00	FFA Dues	\$298,034.00
\$50,577.00	FFA Leadership Activities	\$57,931.00
\$78,917.00	FFA Programs	\$12,965.00
\$91,256.00	FFA Officer Program	\$24,770.00
\$153,240.00	State FFA Convention	\$163,406.00
\$43,887.00	Ohio FFA Center	\$3,044.00
\$12,759.00	Miscellaneous	\$7,421.00
\$549,627.00	Total	\$567,571.00

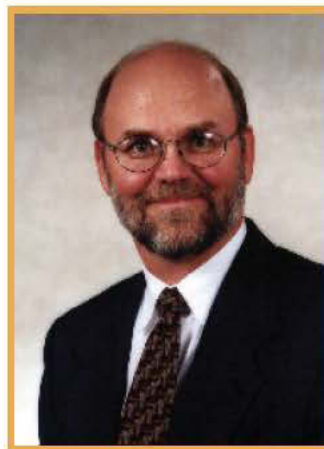
Lead Out Loud

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 our 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 involved with our nation's number one industry, it is clear that the future of agriculture is in good hands because of the over half a million FFA members nationwide that lead out loud in their schools and communities. Even more astonishing is the diversity of our organization. Nationally, 38% of FFA members are female and women hold more than 50% of state leadership positions. Additionally, 27% of our members live in rural farm areas, 39% live in non-farm areas, and 34% live in urban and suburban areas. FFA chapters are also in 16 of the 20 largest cities, including New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

This past year, Ohio FFA members have once again raised the bar and reached great success. This annual report highlights some of the accomplishments of students and chapters from across our state. However, more successes, many of which could not fit between the cover and end of this report, have not gone unnoticed and unrecognized.

It is evident that the future of agriculture, agricultural education and the FFA in Ohio is bright. Congratulations Ohio FFA! Let's continue the tradition of leading out loud!



**Dr. Isaac Kershaw, State FFA Advisor and
Dr. Steve Gratz, State FFA Executive Secretary**

Ohio FFA State Officer Team

The purpose of the Ohio FFA officer program is to provide effective leadership for the Ohio FFA Association. This can best be met by providing a motivational program for the membership and by being an instructional and developmental program for the state officers. Additionally, this program provides a public relations source for agricultural education and the FFA, a resource for teachers, and a positive image through a connection with individuals in agriculturally-related organizations. The Ohio FFA officer team consists of the six state FFA officers: state president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel; and ten district presidents representing each of Ohio's ten districts.

Your 2009-2010 Ohio FFA State Officers are... That phrase will remain in the memory of 15 FFA members for a lifetime. With the anticipation of convention, these 15 members eagerly watched former State President Allen Schmitz and his officer team step up to the microphone and read the names and offices of those who would become our future teammates. While many had hoped that their hard work and dedication would vault them to the top and earn a position on the State FFA Officer team, only 15 would have the opportunity to whole-heartedly serve the Ohio FFA Association in the coming year. We would have the opportunity to truly live the last line of our motto, "Living to Serve."

Two weeks following the 81st Ohio FFA Convention, the newly elected team met at the Ohio FFA Center for the first time. Most of the team had a curious mind and were eager to learn, so it took a little time for my fellow officers and me to build a solid foundation of friendship. Whether they came from the same high school, attended rival schools or even "the member who beat me in public speaking," we all knew at least one teammate prior to being elected. We started the weekend meeting learning about each other and understanding our purposes as an officer. This meeting also offered a unique opportunity for us to tour Universal Lettering in Van Wert, where we were fitted for a new jacket, with a new office, and a new name on the back – "Ohio Association". It would be much later when we truly understood what the name on the back meant.

It didn't take long for the officers to meet back together for BLAST-OFF, a weeklong training session, in June. Former National FFA Officer Jessie Geib returned a second year to work with our team. This week was non-stop and full of fun, stress and excitement. While we learned about workshop presenting skills, social networking and etiquette, we also met many important individuals in Ohio agriculture. A lunch with faculty and staff members from The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences provided an opportunity to meet future professors, but more importantly, individuals who share a passion for agricultural education. This week prepared us to be leaders of the Ohio FFA Association for a year, but the skills and knowledge we gained prepared us for a lifetime.

Shortly after our June training, we met back home, or should I say our second home. Carroll County bound, we united once more at FFA Camp Muskingum to spend four weeks of the summer. It was here where we put our skills to the test. We facilitated workshops, performed flag ceremonies, lead campfire reflections, but, most importantly, mingled with members. With nearly a thousand members spending part of their summer with us, we met hundreds of new friends and found old ones.

Though camp was over and most of the officer team had few duties until August, State Vice President Suzie McMullen and I traveled to Washington D.C. for the State Presidents' Conference. "Unwritten Legacy" was the theme during our tenure in our nation's capital. State officers from across the nation met together to prepare our business sessions for the National FFA Convention. We also had the opportunity to advocate for agricultural education as we met with our legislators.

Following the State Presidents' Conference, our team hosted the Ohio FFA Center during the Ohio State Fair. We greeted guests coming into the center, bumped into members we met at camp and spoke with alumni who were showcased in the archives.

We thought that camp was a test of our service, but it would be minute compared to the school year. We had each other to depend on during the summer, but at the start of the new school year, we had to stand on our own. For many officers, chapter visits serve as the most memorable part of their year of service. Spending a day with an FFA chapter provided a unique experience as we presented and spoke to the members about using their personal strengths on a team, focusing on what is important and serving those around them.

September and October proved to be busy months. We started September off by welcoming chapter officers from across the Buckeye State as they joined together for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference. Following the end of the conference, many members visited their local senators and representatives. As a team, we had to prepare reports and oral testimonies for committees that would meet during the business sessions of the National FFA Convention. Our officers were in committees that would address global engagement, post-secondary involvement, alumni engagement and outreach, the distribution of the FFA magazine, *New Horizons*, and a program affiliation system. The delegate floor has always been the source of enthusiasm during convention sessions, and we had the pleasure of sitting there as a team as Eastern Region National Vice President, Hannah Crossen, took her FFA jacket off for the final time.

The next few months were filled with opportunities for FFA members to grow. After convention was over, groups of state officers would travel to schools spending an evening facilitating leadership workshops. Along with this, many chapters recognized their Greenhand Degree recipients by hosting a Greenhand Ceremony and often inviting officers to be the keynote speaker.

Every previous Ohio FFA President has memories that will last a lifetime. For me, it was New Year's Day. RFD-TV invited every State FFA President to join them in Pasadena, California for the Tournament of Roses Parade. The parade theme was, "A Cut Above the Rest," and RFD-TV chose FFA as their way of displaying that particular theme. Along with walking five and a half miles displaying our state flags, all of my fellow presidents and I received free tickets to the Rose Bowl Game to watch The Ohio State University Buckeyes take the trophy.

Our last months together as teammates flew. We joined FFA members at the Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development Conferences in Columbus as National FFA staff sharpened the leadership skills of members. This led into spring as we traveled to different FFA chapters sharing inspirational and motivating messages to members, parents and guests at local FFA banquets.

The year went by faster than we thought as we sat in the Ohio FFA Center recapping our year. However, that was expedited because we had to prepare for a convention. Writing our parts, revising and rehearsing served as the majority of our time in April. The 82nd Ohio FFA Convention would highlight our year together as we honored and awarded thousands of members across our state and marked the end of our service to the Ohio FFA Association as a State FFA Officer. For a year, we dreaded that day. However, when it came, we gave it our all and made sure the honor and glory was upon the members who we wanted to recognize for their achievements in the past year. Like that Saturday a year prior, we would never forget that Saturday in May. With the final rap of the gavel we would no longer be teammates, rather, we would become best friends.

by Jeremy Grove, 2009-2010 State President

2009-2010 Ohio FFA State Officer Team



First Row (From left to right):

Justin Bachman, Bloom-Carroll
State Secretary

Kalleigh Mason, Marietta
District 10 President

Jessica McKinley, Logan
State Sentinel

Suzie McMullen, River View
State Vice President

Mariah Black, Bloom-Carroll
District 7 President

Kelly Guthrie, River Valley
District 6 President

Alissa Armstrong, Southeastern
State Treasurer

Jeffrey Stimmell, Hillsdale
District 2 President

Second Row (From left to right):

Jeremy Grove, Logan
State President

Jenny Warrick, Anthony-Wayne
District 1 President

Linsey Howell, West Holmes
District 8 President

Rachel Skinner, Ripley
State Reporter

Megan Maurer, Anna
District 5 President

Amy Jo Frost, Miami Trace
District 9 President

Issac Kauffman, Smithville
District 3 President

National FFA Convention

The 2009 National FFA Convention was held October 21-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana with over 54,000 attendees. Members participated in general sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, a career show and volunteer activities. It is one of the largest student conventions in the country.

National Chapter Award Program

This program is designed to award FFA chapters who actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. Based on a chapter's Program of Activities, chapters are recognized for working in three areas: Student Development, Chapter Development and Community Development.

Model of Innovation Awards

Presented to the nation's top 10 Three-Star Gold chapter finalists in each division.

Ohio's Model of Innovation Chapter in Chapter Development: Ridgemont FFA

Ohio's 3-Star Chapters

Anna
Blanchester
Bowling Green
Cardington-Lincoln
Crestview
Delphos
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Fayetteville-Perry
Fort Recovery
Greenville
Hardin-Northern
Indian Valley
Lynchburg-Clay
Marysville
Miami Trace
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
National Trail-MVCTC
Otsego
Pettisville
Ridgemont
Ridgewood
River Valley (D6)
Smithville
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Versailles
Wauseon
Xenia - Greene Co. Career Center

Ohio's 2-Star Chapters

Fairfield
Mechanicsburg
Miami East - MVCTC
New London



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National Proficiency Awards

Agricultural Proficiency Awards reward FFA members at the local, state, and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. Each national finalist receives a \$500 cash award and the national winner receives an additional \$500 cash award.

Ohio's National Winners:

Jacci Erwin, North Union FFA - Sheep Production - Entrepreneurship/Placement

Joining her family's 20-year sheep operation has motivated Jacci to play an influential role in the future of the sheep industry. Managing 54 head of Tunis ewes, Jacci successfully juggles her FFA activities while fulfilling her duties on her family's farm. She recently exhibited eight head of her flock at the Ohio State Fair, National Show and the Indiana State Fair. She also marketed two of her ewes at the National Tunis Show and donated a ewe to help the Junior Tunis Association. She is supported by her parents, Dan and Cris Erwin, and her advisors, Tom Jolliff and Nevin Smith.

Jason Hartschuh, Wynford FFA - Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship

Jason learned how to be a profitable dairy farmer as he works on his parents 160-cow dairy farm. The Wynford FFA member began his own dairy herd in 1999 and owns four cows and three heifers. Through artificial insemination, he continues to improve the herds type and production. He is supported by his parents, Allen and Dianne Hartschuh, as well as his advisors, Mike Hoffman and Tom Daiber.

Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA - Diversified Crop Product - Placement

Matthew is very interested in owning his own vegetable production. With this goal in mind, the Ridgemont FFA member began working at VanScoy's farm. It was a perfect fit. One of his responsibilities was baling hay, and then his responsibilities expanded to the greenhouse. He's responsible for clipping, suckering, learning and lowering tomatoes as well as testing water. His knowledge of the agriculture business continues to grow. He is supported by his parents, William and Sonja VanScoy, as well as his advisor, Stephanie Jolliff.



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National Convention Awards

Career Development Events (CDEs)

These events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting. CDEs test the abilities of individuals and teams in 23 major areas of agricultural instruction.

Ohio's Top 5 National Career Development Event Teams and Individuals:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Team/Individual</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Agronomy	North Union FFA	3rd (Team)
	Michelle Shepherd	5th (Individual)
	Robert Bevis	
	Matt Ross	
	Isaac Oman	
Forestry	Southeastern Ross FFA	5th (Team)
	Nathan Tway	
	Bobby Riddle	
	Michael Clark	
	Brett Gray	

Agri-Entrepreneurship Award

This award honors FFA members who have recognized a market opportunity that was overlooked by others and conceived a plan to pursue that opportunity. Ten national winners were chosen and each winner received a \$1,000 cash award.

Ohio's National Winner: Cathryn Clark, Northridge FFA

Honorary American Degrees

The National FFA Organization bestows Honorary Degrees for adults each year at national convention. These awards are given to exceptional teachers, individuals, and companies who have demonstrated continued success and support of the FFA and/or agricultural education.

Ohio's Honorary Degree Recipients:

Mr. Ricky Morrison
Mr. Rick Pridemore
Mr. Nick Sheets



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Ohio's American Degrees

The American FFA Degree is the highest honor that can be achieved as an FFA member. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages students to grow, achieve, and establish themselves in an agricultural career. At the 2009 National FFA Convention, 282 Ohio FFA members received this honor. Recipients include:

Amelia Alexander, Eaton-MVCTC
Davey Allen, Wilmington
Kaitlin E. Angell, Gallia Academy
Travis Arnold, Smithville
Josh Ayers, Eastern Brown
Krystin Bachman, Bloom Carroll
Derek Barhorst, Fort Loramie
Nicholas J. Barney, Anthony Wayne
Brittan Battles, Ridgemont
Brooke Beam, East Clinton
Kevin Beatty, Riverside
Amanda Beck, Archbold
Nathan P. Benich, Willard
Andrew Bennett, Benjamin Logan
Roger Bernet, United
Joshua Berrier, Pymatuning Valley
Keri Bickel, East Clinton
Cortney Bisel, Plymouth
Aaron J. Bleininger, Benjamin Logan
Daniel Boeke, Edgerton
Christy Bohlman, Marysville
Andrew J. Bond, East Clinton
Steven W. Bostelman, Archbold
Taylor Bowersock, Delphos
Jeb Bowman, Hardin-Northern
Elizabeth Boysel, Benjamin Logan
Dan Brackman, Fort Recovery
Heather Bradford, St. Marys
Devon E. Braniger, Ridgemont
Andrew Brehm, Pike-Delta-York
Justin W. Brigner, Greenon
Emily Brinkman, Holgate
Brittany Brough, Oak Harbor
Brian Brown, Southeastern Ross
Curt Brown, New Bremen
Michelle A. Brown, Liberty-Benton
Brandon T. Bunting, Eaton-MVCTC
Taylor Burbick, United
Kristin Burns, Fairbanks
Amy Burt, West Branch
Andy Butler, East Knox
Jarisah Carl, Marysville
Karisah Carl, Marysville
Malinda Carr, Miami Trace
Alyssa L. Christian, Mapleton
Teri L. Clagg, Gallia Academy
Nathaniel G. Conn, Miami Trace



Karra M. Conrad, Georgetown
Jessica Coulter, Colonel Crawford
James Covert, Lynchburg-Clay
Jodie A. Crawford, Firelands
Kyle Cronley, Ridgemont
Dustin M. Crothers, Ohio Valley
Erin Curry, Wilmington
Adam Dague, Johnstown-Monroe
Ashley Davies, Elmwood
Megan E. DeBruin, Liberty Union
Dillion DeLong, Benjamin Logan
Charlie Dettwiller, Greenfield-McClain
Nathaniel M. Diekman, Genoa Area
Alex William Dirksen, Versailles
Jake Dirksen, Saint Henry
Rebekah Dodson, Benjamin Logan
Michelle Downerd, Buckeye Valley
Annette Dubie, Greenon
Holly M. Dunfee, Federal Hocking
Michael Dyer, Hillsdale
Nicholas D. Dyer, Upper Scioto Valley
James Earich, Morgan
Nick Eckel, Eastwood
Nick Elchinger, Holgate
Matt Elsass, Anna
Stacey Ernst, Fort Loramie
Jacci Erwin, North Union
Murry R. Etzkorn, Delphos
John D. Fickel, Paulding
Paul Fleming, Warren
Kristin Flickinger, Hillsdale
Lindsey Fortkamp, Fort Recovery
Valerie Fortkamp, Fort Recovery
Andrew L. Fraker, Pike-Delta-York
Jonathan Francis, Madison Plains
Jessica Frasure, Benjamin Logan

Hallie Frobose, Eastwood
Frank Gannett, South Central
Adam Gehret, Fort Loramie
Nina J. Geiling, Northridge
Bryant Gerber, Wayne Trace
Bradley J. Gerten, Leipsic
Krystin Gibson, Ridgemont
Anna Gilliland, Mohawk
Laura Gordon, Triway
Andrew Goshe, Sentinel Vocational Center
Johnny Graham, Tri-Valley
Zachary T. Grauer, Crestview
Nicole Griesdorn, Coldwater
John W. Grills, Firelands
Lee Grobrogge, Otsego
Leighton Grover, Hillsboro
Nathan Guenther, Fayetteville
Travis Guggenbiller, Parkway
John T. Hafer, Elgin
Anna K. Hall, Western Brown
Christina Harra, Waterford
Douglas W. Harris, National Trail-MVCTC
Aaron Harter, National Trail-MVCTC
Jason Hartschuh, Wynford
Beth A. Havens, Madison Plains
Lucas Hawkins, Greene County Career Center
Sarah Hawkins, Greene County Career Center
Ethan E. Hayes, Parkway
Danielle K. Hearn, Warren
Michelle N. Heckler, Greenville
Brad Heinlen, Wynford
Marc A. Heinze, Elmwood
Elizabeth Heitkamp, Versailles
Emily Heller, Greene County Career Center
Megan M. Hembree, Western Reserve
Nicole G. Hill, Meigs
Amy J. Hinkle, Benjamin Logan
Heather M. Hobbs, Miami Trace
Daniel Hoit, Edgewood-Butler Tech
Caleb Holton, Eastern Brown
Marcia B. Hoover, Upper Scioto Valley
Abigail Hord, South Central
Tyler Huelskamp, Fort Recovery
Emily Huff, United
Austin G. Hull, Hardin-Northern
Daniel D. Hutchens, Western Brown
Charles D. Inbody, Cory-Rawson
Lance J. Isaac, South Central
Gregg Janos, Talawanda-Butler Tech
Ethan M. Johnson, Miami Trace
Joseph D. Julian, Johnstown-Monroe
Jamie Kaczor, Anthony Wayne

Brent Kasler, Alexander
Jacquelyn Keller, Liberty Union
Katie Keppler, Gibsonburg
Michelle Kerschner, Buckeye
Jacob Ketcham, Sheridan
Sara King, Parkway
Brett A. F. Kisling, Hillsboro
Andrew Klopfenstein, Wayne Trace
Daniel C. Knapke, Parkway
Jerrod M. Knodel, Paulding
Michelle Kohl, Elida
Frank Krill, Edgerton
Kyle Lahna, Madison Plains
Richard T. Lahna, Ridgemont
Jessica Lampe, Northeastern
Deirdre Lang, Georgetown
Christa Lierer, Ross-Butler Tech
Mallory Linebaugh, Ridgemont
Vincent Link, Mechanicsburg
Annie Lord, Big Walnut
Keaton T. Lorentz, West Holmes
Katelin Luthman, Anna
Emily R. Mack, Crestview
Alissa Malott, Margaretta
Leonard Marlowe, Johnstown-Monroe
James N. Maynard, Bloom Carroll
Sierra McAvoy, Cardington-Lincoln
Justin McBride, Hardin-Northern
Clint McCoy, Hillsboro
Kathryn McCullough, Kenton
Robert McEntire, Carrollton
Allyssa E. McMullen, River View
Grant McNamee, North Union
Samantha Meketa, Buckeye
Josh Michael, Hillsboro
Ryan Michael, Ridgemont
Allen Miller, Southern Local
Matthew Miller, Northeastern
Scott Milner, Wilmington
Justin Monroe, North Union
Megan Morgart, Elmwood
John Moser, Eastwood
Willie Murphy, Wilmington
Amanda Murray, Greene County Career Center
Chris Murtland, Wilmington
Kyle Mustard, Greenfield-McClain
Adam Neider, Carrollton
CariAnn Newby, Elmwood
Daniel Nicol, Fairbanks
Jenessa Nietfeld, Fort Recovery
Seth Nofziger, Archbold
Katlyn Ann O'Donnell, West Holmes

Ohio's American Degrees (continued)

Jordan M. Penhorwood, Benjamin Logan
Tate Peterson, Benjamin Logan
Daniel Pfladderer, Fairlawn
Emely Phelps, Colonel Crawford
Sarah Picklesimer, Fairfield Union
Melissa Poeppelman, Fort Loramie
Tyler Polchin, Pymatuning Valley
Sean Polhemus, Eastern Brown
Kevin A. Poth, South Central
Jessica Prince, Fairlawn
Kelli M. Prowant, Continental
Russell Purdin, Ohio Valley
Kayla Rabenstine, Eastwood
Justin J. Rahrig, Delphos
Tyler Rawlins, Teays Valley
Brittani Regula, Wapakoneta
Craig N. Reinhart, New Riegel
Josh M. Retherford, Centerburg
Trenton Reynolds, Elmwood
Annie Rhoades, Peebles
Scott Rider, Oak Harbor
Adam Riehle, Edgerton
Josh Roberts, Zane Trace
Mitchell Rooks, Loudonville
Jodi Roush, Amanda-Clearcreek
Katie Rummell, Carrollton
Addie Runkle, Hillsdale
Danielle Sanders, Gallia Academy
Katie R. Sattler, Bowling Green
Alexander P. Schafer, Union Local
Caleb A. Schlatter, Paulding
Michael N. Schmitmeyer, Versailles
Derek Schmitt, Liberty Union
Jobe N. Schroeder, Leipsic
Nathan Schulze, Hardin-Houston
Quinten Scott, Eastern Brown
Paul Semple, Ohio Valley
Holly Sheets, North Union
Tom Sherman, Centerburg
Miranda K. Shields, Hardin-Northern
Emma Short, Millcreek-West Unity
Tim Short, Wauseon
Justin Shreyer, Liberty Union
Brent A. Shupert, Eastern Brown
Jeff Siefker, Delphos
Joseph Siefker, Elida
Jeremy Siegrist, Fort Recovery
Scott Sindel, Edgerton
Stacey Sindel, Edgerton
Eric Smalley, Upper Sandusky

Paul W. Snyder, Minerva
Amanda Squire, Wellington
Lee F. Steffel, Tinora
Doug Stephens, Union Local
Justin Stiers, Waterford
Thomas Stroud, Blanchester
Matthew S. Sullivan, National Trail-MVCTC
Robyn Sunderman, Patrick Henry
Mike Swartzmiller, Willard
Spencer Swonger, River Valley
Mark Szakacs, Buckeye
Michelle Thomas, Parkway
Krystal K. Thompson, Benjamin Logan
Troy M. Tingley, Clear Fork Valley
Seth Todd, Western Reserve
Douglas Toops II, Northeastern
Justin Towler, Madison Plains
Daniel Ulry, Johnstown-Monroe
Abby VanGrootheest, Delphos
Jessika Violet, Mechanicsburg
Amanda Wagner, Colonel Crawford
Rob Watercutter, Anna
Jessica Weiss, Benjamin Logan
Ethan Weldy, Lincolnview
Zach Welling, Eastwood
Matthew Wells, Eastern Brown
Nicholas F. Wendeln, New Bremen
Cody Westhoefer, Ridgemont
A. J. Whitford, Benjamin Logan
Jennifer E. Wickline, Marysville
Phillip Wiederhold, Fayetteville
Andrea Wigal, Buckeye Valley
Justin Williams, Federal Hocking
Dana Wilson, Bowling Green
Lyndsie Woosley, Northridge
Andy J. Wrasman, Delphos
Jesse Wright, River View
Todd Wuebker, Saint Henry
Megan C. Yake, Cardington-Lincoln
Eleana Yarger, Western Boone
Stephanie Yost, Northwestern
Janelle Young, Western Brown
Kyle T. Youngpeter, Delphos
Cody Ziegler, Bellevue
Kyle Zukowski, Firelands

Hannah Crossen

National Eastern Region Vice-President

To say that my year serving as a national FFA officer was unforgettable and life-changing would be drastic understatements. My six teammates and I had the amazing opportunity to travel the country as advocates for agriculture, agricultural education and the FFA. Spending 320 days and over 120,000 miles on the road was often challenging and testing of our endurance, but also invaluable because of the relationships we built with students and the chance to see the best the FFA, and agriculture, had to offer.

As I reflect upon my experiences that year and all the memories I've made, there are a few that really stand out. For example, during a visit to the state of Delaware we spent time at Blair Farms. Mr. Blair was a former FFA member that had single-handedly turned his hog operation into a successful tilapia farm. He showed us his farm, as well as his old FFA jacket, and spoke about how he wouldn't have accomplished what he wanted in life without his experiences in the FFA. As he talked about the friends he made in his ag classes and the impact his ag teacher had on his life, he was overwhelmed with emotion, and my teammates and I realized just how lucky we were to have also been impacted that strongly by the FFA. This certainly wasn't the only time we ran into a former FFA member who valued their time in the organization, but Mr. Blair will always stand out as an alumni member who truly bleeds blue and gold.

Another memory I think back on fondly occurred during the two weeks we spent in Japan studying international agriculture. While I very much enjoyed all of the tours and business visits we conducted, my favorite part of the trip was the two days I spent living with my host family, and especially my time with my host sister Yui. Yui is a student at one of the agricultural high schools in Japan studying animal science with the hope of becoming a vet. Using a book of translation, we talked about how her friends wanted to be doctors or teachers, but she couldn't imagine her life without cows. In fact, she named her black and white house cat Holstein, just so she could "own" a cow. It was a great reminder that agriculture transcends all state lines and country borders. It is the world's number one industry and student youth organizations are preparing students all over the world to keep agriculture thriving.

On one of my last trips of the year I found myself in southeast Missouri visiting FFA chapters. This is where I met Sam, an 8th grader with big dreams. As the president of the Jr. FFA at Bernie High School, Sam was involved in anything and everything that had to do with FFA. He shared with me that his goal was to become a national officer one day and pulled out his notebook to take notes after asking me advice on how to make it happen. When I asked Sam why he loved the FFA so much he told me that this organization brought out the best in people and gave them the ability to accomplish their dreams. I had never met someone so dedicated and driven, and I was instantly inspired by him. With individuals like Sam out there leading the way into the future, I have no doubt that agriculture and the FFA are in very good hands.



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National FFA Convention Report

It's October. The weather has cooled down and the first signs of winter have begun to show themselves. Harvest is coming to a close, county fairs are over, school has been in session for a few months now, and most CDE contests are still a few months away. What's an FFA member to do? Pack up the official dress (and if you're an Ohio FFA member, your Buckeye gear, too) and begin the pilgrimage to Indianapolis with over 50,000 of your closest friends and classmates for the annual National Convention of course!

Most students are familiar with the popular texting acronym "LOL". Normally meaning, "laugh out loud," these three letters took on a new definition for FFA members last year, as the national theme for the year was "Lead Out Loud". Vibrant logos, workshops and sessions designed around the theme helped students grasp the idea and become more effective leaders in their homes, schools, communities, states and, even, world.

While most students don't arrive until Wednesday of Convention, the team of 15 Ohio FFA Officers arrived Monday night to get a good night's rest for Tuesday morning when they would begin their service as national delegates. Each year, every state is allowed to send a certain number of individuals to serve as delegates, for a total of 475 members nationally. These members are charged with working in committees to determine the future of the organization. From working on Collegiate FFA plans to revising how the New Horizon's magazine is distributed, the Ohio FFA officers were very busy helping decide what was best for the organization. Later, during full business sessions on the floor, the delegate body also voted on several amendments to the national constitution and on the proposals brought forth by each sub-committee. To relieve some of the stress, the delegates were given the opportunity to meet with other state officers at several banquets, including one held by Wrangler called "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" to raise awareness of breast cancer.

By Wednesday, the streets were becoming crowded with corduroy and the rows of charter buses seemed to be never ending. FFA members from all over the country converged at the Career and Trade show, scanning the many aisles filled with companies and colleges promoting their products. Everyone seems to know that this is the best time to get "free stuff". Whether it's pencils or string cheese, post-it's or t-shirts, coming away with bags full of goodies is never difficult! And if for some reason, you seem to have a difficult time procuring some freebies, the National FFA Mall is right around the corner, where you can purchase FFA-emblazoned wares until your heart (and wallet) is content!

And when it comes to sessions, so many members want to come see the ever popular first session that it's actually held three times - first Wednesday afternoon and then twice Thursday. By Wednesday night at the Toby Keith Mega Concert, those who had been to the FIRST first session were telling others about something kind of dirty that went down- Mike Rowe of Dirty Jobs to be exact. A huge advocate for farmers and other agriculturists, Mike was the keynote speaker for the first session and his entertaining and thought provoking remarks were largely enjoyed by the many thousands in attendance.

The sessions that followed were just as exciting as well! Even though there were huge numbers in attendance, there was plenty of opportunity for personal recognition. National proficiencies were awarded for those members with the best SAE projects in the country, the national CDE winners were recognized and the top chapters in the country were also named. Keynote speakers included Hugh Grant of Monstanto, who spoke on the current state of world agriculture, Josh

Sundquist, who brought down the house with his hilarious and inspiring tales and the National Officers gave their retiring addresses. Ohio was extremely well represented in this last category, as the 2008-2009 Eastern Region Vice President was our very own Hannah Crossen. Hannah spent the year serving the organization and finished it out with her address, entitled "Fearless," which will undoubtedly be remembered by many members.

It's unquestionable that the city of Indy turns blue and gold for the week of convention, but for a few hours Thursday night the Marriott Hotel actually turns scarlet and gray for what most Ohio FFA members call the best part of convention, the Buckeye Bash. Hundreds of Buckeye loyals swarm one of the large ballrooms bedecked in their finest gear, down to the face paint and those iconic nutty necklaces. They jam to all sorts of popular tunes, and get particularly loud when a rousing rendition of "Hang On Sloopy" is played. For those few hours, it doesn't even seem like you're in Indiana anymore as the Buckeye fever and cries of OH-IO are that strong.

By Saturday morning, hundreds of Ohio's finest members got up early and trekked to the Lucas Oil Stadium for the American Degree ceremony. The hours they waited in line for their turn to be conferred with their own American Degree key were mere minutes compared to the fact that many had been waiting their entire FFA careers for that moment. Watching that ceremony, you know you are surrounded by years and years of hard work and labor that has finally paid off.

The grand finale of National Convention was the final session Saturday afternoon. The organization's national president, Paul Moya, gave his retiring address and all the officers were recognized. The many achievements made by FFA members that past year were celebrated and the year in review video was played. At the end of it all, six members saw their dreams realized as they were elected National Officers for 2009-2010.

By the early evening, the sea of blue had begun to fade and the city of Indy began to return to normal. Charter buses turned for home and members either jabbered excitedly about all they had seen and learned, or they slept uncomfortably on the bus seats, completely exhausted. Another successful National Convention had passed and as Ohio members returned home to the Buckeye State, it was easy to see that not only were many Laughing Out Loud, they were now Leading Out Loud, too.



by Jeremy Grove, 2009-2010 State President



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Year in Review

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Leadership Nights

Each year, from November through March, the Ohio FFA state officers conduct Leadership Nights that take place around the state. The officers participate in a training where they develop the lesson plan and activities that will be presented at the Leadership Nights. Leadership Nights are a way to present leadership skills through an interactive curriculum that allows FFA students to give back to their chapter and community.

Schools from across the state can apply to host a Leadership Night. At the Leadership Nights, FFA students interact with new students, while being taught about excellence, and how to contribute their uniqueness by still being collaborative and allowing diversity.

During the Coldwater Leadership Night, Dillon Boroff, a sophomore at New Bremen High School, spoke about attending his first Leadership Night. "I never thought that this would be this fun! Coming to the Leadership Night tonight allowed me to meet other people from FFA chapters. It was really cool to listen to what they did in their chapters compared to ours at New Bremen." Another student, Aaron Freeman, a senior at New Bremen High School, spoke about his experience at leadership nights. "I'm a senior so I've been to three other Leadership Nights before this one. After the events were over, we would always go back home [New Bremen FFA] and use ideas from other chapters to try and improve our own chapter."

Students that participated in the 2009-2010 Leadership night series attended three rotations conducted by the state officers. The rotations consisted of curriculum and activities that taught students about personal goals and values and how to utilize those in a team setting. After all three rotations were complete, the group would come back together and evaluate their results from the evening. Throughout the night, the students developed a better understanding of them and how to set out goals for their future. The end goal was to empower them to bring a positive change to their chapter and their community by the knowledge they receive through the program.

More than 30 Leadership Nights were conducted across the state, reaching thousands of FFA members. Many host schools planned events to take place following the leadership program, such as lock-ins, dances, sports tournaments, or food and fellowship.

Leadership Nights are not only a night to bring awareness and knowledge to FFA members about how to become better leaders, but it is a night for the FFA members to bring knowledge to themselves through interaction between one another.

by Megan Maurer, 2009-2010 District 5 President



Chapter Officer Leadership Training

On September 9th, 2009, FFA officers and members from across the state of Ohio met at Veteran's Memorial in Columbus. Everyone gathered for one reason - the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) conference. The conference is designed to build and strengthen the qualities that all leaders should possess at the national, state and chapter levels.

The Ohio FFA was privileged to have Rhett Laubach as the conference's keynote speaker. Rhett Laubach is currently the owner of *YourNextSpeaker*, his personal speaking agency. He travels around the United States working with student organizations, associations and corporations that want to develop their personal leadership insight. Not only does Laubach own his own business, he also is a professional speaker, author, leadership expert and singer/songwriter. Rhett was able to connect with all of the FFA members on a personal level because he himself was a FFA member as a teenager. It was truly a blessing to have our future leaders of Ohio work with him.

After the morning's leadership session concluded, FFA members had the unique opportunity to travel into the heart of Columbus. There the Ohio FFA arranged for all members to go to the Ohio Statehouse and meet with their senators and representatives. This is a great time for the members to show Ohio's legislators what FFA is all about and how FFA members are the future of this state and country. This event also allows members to gain more knowledge about who represents them and their families.

The Ohio FFA encourages members every year to attend the COLT conference. We hope by members attending the event they take positive ideas and skills back to their own chapters!

by Jessica McKinley, 2009-2010 District 10 President



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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 2009-2010 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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CDE	1st Place Team	1st Place Individual
Agricultural Communications	Amanda-Clearcreek	Brent Stammen, Versailles
Agricultural Engineering	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Mark Hesford, Talawanda-Butler Tech
Agricultural & Industrial Diagnostics	Jefferson County JVS	
Agricultural Mechanics Skills	Wayne County CC	Dan Yoder, Wayne County CC
Agricultural Sales	River View	Sarah Laux, Clearfork
Agronomy	North Union	Kyle Dresback, North Union
Animal Behavior, Welfare & Husbandry	Wauseon	Christopher Rice, Tolles CTC
Animal Health	Trumbull CTC	Kristy Klingenberg, Logan
Animal Management	Trumbull CTC	Ashley Walker, Trumbull CTC
Aquarium Management	Medina County JVS	Kayla Cwalinski, Medina Co. JVS
Cooperative Education	Elmwood	Brent Weiss, Benjamin Logan
Dairy Cattle	Northwestern-Wayne	Heath Gray, Crestview-Ashland
Dairy Handlers		Kelsey Oakley, West Liberty Salem
Dairy Products	Urbana	Rachel Townsley, Urbana
Dog Grooming	Medina County JVS	
<i>Dog Grooming I</i>		Chelci Edmonds, Akron Ellet
<i>Dog Grooming II</i>		Jessica Pajestka, Trumbull CTC
Environmental Science & Natural Resources	Logan	
Equine Management	River View	Duame Stutzman, River View
Farm Business Management	Delphos	C.J. German, Crestview-Convoy
Floriculture	Sylvania Southview	Lindsay Daschner, Sylvania Southview
Food Science Technology	Hillsdale	Rachel Townsley, Urbana
Forestry	Southeastern Ross	Bobby Riddle, Southeastern Ross
General Livestock	Mapleton	Jared Wynn, Mapleton
Grain Merchandising	Elmwood	Cassey Pearce, Northmor
Greenhand Quiz	Elmwood	Carly Snider, Felicity-Franklin
Job Interview		Devon Alexander, Anna
Meats	Sheridan	Paige Frey, Wauseon
Nature Interpretation	Oregon Clay	Colton Plumb, Oregon Clay
Nursery Landscaping	Tolles CTC	Ryan Gossard, Tolles CTC
Outdoor Power & Equipment	Elmwood	J.R. Laborie, Elmwood
Parliamentary Procedure	Waterford	
Poultry	Versailles	Eric Grilliot, Versailles
Public Speaking		
<i>Creed</i>		Erica Nigh, Cory Rawson
<i>Extemporaneous</i>		Jeff Stimmell, Hillsdale
<i>Beginning Prepared</i>		Devon Alexander, Anna
<i>Advanced Prepared</i>		Ellen Gilliland, Mohawk
Rural Soils	Northmor	Amanda Lanker, Northmor
Skills Classic		
<i>Northeastern</i>	Lorain County JVS	Nicole Murphy, Lorain County JVS
<i>Northwestern</i>	Upper Sandusky	Chad Gottfried, Upper Sandusky
<i>Southwestern</i>	Miami Valley CTC	Ginny Jenkins, A.B. Graham
Urban Soils	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Mark Hesford, Talawanda-Butler Tech
Wildlife Management	Amanda Clearcreek	Justin Bowers, Miami Valley CTC

Ohio FFA Convention

LOL! Members who attended the 82nd Annual FFA Convention know exactly what that means! Lead Out Loud was the theme that was celebrated by advisors, members and parents alike when they walked through the doors of the Celeste Center and were greeted by a sea of blue and gold this past May. The convention is a time to recognize those members, advisors and supporters for all of their efforts to better the organization this past year.

Members began their unforgettable experience with the opening session in which we recognized those chapters that had risen to the top in the specific areas of student, chapter, and community development. After naming the top chapters in each of these categories, we recognized the Ridgemont FFA chapter as the top chapter in the state of Ohio for excelling in each of these three areas. We had the opportunity to hear the state extemporaneous and beginning prepared speaking winners present their speeches. One of the highlights of the first session was hearing from YouTube sensation and dancing machine Judd Laipply. Laipply inspired his audience, made them laugh and left them speechless with his performance of the "Evolution of Dance". The session concluded by recognizing those students who excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and received a proficiency award. With the adjournment of the session delegates came together for a business session where they voted on current issues and the state officer candidates for the 2010-2011 year.

When FFA members were not in sessions, they enjoyed taking part in a corn hole tournament, walking through the career and trade show or catching up with some of their friends they met throughout the past year. When members walked through the career and trade show, they were able to meet with representatives from various colleges around Ohio, including The Ohio State University, as well as several industry spokespersons. The theme "Lead Out Loud" was not limited to the walls of the Celeste Center. FFA members experienced the meaning of "Lead Out Loud" in virtually every corner of convention they explored.

To kick off the second general session of the convention, seven friends and supporters of the FFA were presented with Honorary Membership. The generous spirit of FFA members was highlighted when the FFA presented checks to CROP/Church World Services and Children's Miracle Network. Those members and chapters who represented Ohio at the national level in Career Development Events and Proficiency Award areas were also recognized at this session. The Stars over Ohio were awarded for their years of hard work, meticulous record keeping, and an extensive application and interview process. Dan Thurmon was then welcomed to the stage. He encouraged his audience to expand their thinking, sharpen their focus and, of course, have some fun. With his inspiring words and unforgettable tricks, his performance was something certain to never escape the memories of those who were in the audience. To conclude the second session, the remaining Proficiency Award winners were announced. After the adjournment of the session, members were invited to a dance to celebrate the events of convention and to reconnect with members they had met throughout the year.

During the final two general sessions on Saturday, the winners of the Career Development Events were announced, and those members who were on the winning teams walked across the stage to receive their banner. We then welcomed Randa Braune, the 2009-10 Western Region Vice President, from the great state of Texas to deliver a remarkable keynote address. Then, those secretaries, treasurers and reporters were finally awarded for their countless hours of hard work as they walked across the stage to be recognized with a gold rating. Students and teachers who excelled in the area of Agriscience were also recognized for their hard work throughout the past year.

In the final session, 645 members were awarded their State FFA Degree, which is the highest degree a state can bestow on its members. At the end of the fourth general session, the anticipation was finally relieved when the 2010-2011 elected leaders of the Ohio FFA Association were announced.

Of course there was so much more to convention than the speakers, general sessions and the recognition of FFA members. We came together to celebrate leadership and the agricultural industry. When I spoke with members it made me feel as though the future of agriculture is more than promising. The next generation of our young leaders is eager and excited to explore what agriculture is all about. The research conducted by the FFA members for the Agriscience fair is just one example. These members are passionate about science, exploration and agriculture. They want to make a difference, and convention is just one opportunity that this desire is magnified. It empowers me to look to the future to see what these members can accomplish.

After two jam packed days of general sessions, career and college exploration and Career Development Events, the 82nd State FFA convention came to a close. At the end of the weekend, over 7,000 members had gathered to celebrate the true meaning behind their blue corduroy jackets—premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Many FFA members and supporters alike were awarded and honored for their efforts during the course of the year. Even though the convention came to an end, all attendees left the convention inspired to Lead Out Loud!

by Alissa Armstrong, 2009-2010 State Treasurer



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Ohio's National Chapter Rankings

Top Ten Chapters

*Sponsored By Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kantner
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1. Ridgemont
2. Wauseon
3. Versailles
4. Fayetteville
5. Bowling Green
6. Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
7. Anna
8. Delphos
9. Blanchester
10. Lynchburg-Clay

Gold Medal Chapters

11. Xenia-Greene Co. CC
12. Miami East-MVCTC
13. National Trail-MVCTC
14. Fort Loramie
15. Twin Valley South-MVCTC
16. Edgewood-Butler Tech
17. Hardin-Northern
18. River Valley (Caledonia)
19. Cardington
20. Talawanda-Butler Tech
21. Marysville
22. Otsego
23. Smithville
24. Fairfield (Leesburg)
25. Indian Valley
26. Fort Recovery
27. North Union
28. Ridgewood
29. Miami Trace
30. Crestview-Ashland
31. Greenville



Silver Medal Chapters

32. Amanda-Clearcreek
33. Clyde
34. Mechanicsburg
35. Mount Gilead
36. Buckeye Valley
37. Western Brown
38. Benjamin Logan
39. Elida
40. New Bremen
41. Wilmington
42. Ansonia
43. Anthony Wayne
44. Eastwood
45. South Central
46. Urbana
47. Margaretta
48. Johnstown-Monroe

Bronze Medal Chapters

49. Greenon
50. Warren
51. Fairbanks
52. Wellington
53. Genoa

*Top 10 and Gold Medal Ohio FFA
Chapters had their applications
forwarded on to the National FFA for final
evaluation.*

Top 10 Student Development Chapters

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastics

The student development division promotes personal and group activities that will help students improve their life skills.

Anna
Bowling Green
Fayetteville
Lynchburg-Clay
Miami East-MVCTC
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Ridgemont
Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Versailles
Wauseon



Top 10 Chapter Development Chapters

Sponsored By: PNC Bank of Wooster

The chapter development division is all about encouraging FFA members to use their unique abilities to work together. By working together on projects, members not only help their chapters, but improve teamwork abilities and communication skills.

Anna
Bowling Green
Delphos
Fayetteville
Lynchburg-Clay
National Trail-MVCTC
Ridgemont
Versailles
Wauseon
Xenia-Greene Co. CC



Top 10 Community Development Chapters

Sponsored By: Haviland Plastics

Putting forth the time and effort to make their community a better place to live and work is the goal of the chapters in this division.

Blanchester
Bowling Green
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Fayetteville
Miami East-MVCTC
Mississinawa Vally-MVCTC
Ridgemont
Versailles
Wauseon
Xenia-Greene Co. CC



State Proficiency Award Winners

Accounting

Sponsored by Oles and Associates, LLC

LAUREN FEHLAN

Wellington

Agri-Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Bernard and Jean Scott,
The Agincubator.org Foundation

TIM SPIESS

Pettisville

Agricultural Communications

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

TAYLOR CREAGER

Wauseon

Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Sponsored by Kubota Tractor
Corporation-Northern Division

KYLE WAITMAN

Waynesfield-Goshen

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Mayer Farm Equipment and
AGCO Corporation

DEREK SNIDER

Kenton

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance

Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

JUSTIN FAGER

Wauseon

Agricultural Processing

Sponsored by
J.H. Routh Packing Company

ETHAN FRY

Clear Fork Valley

Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by OHIGRO, Inc.

DUSTIN FUSSNECKER

Eastern Brown

Agricultural Sales Placement

Sponsored by Deerfield Farms

MIRANDA VEARIL

Fayetteville

Agricultural Services

Sponsored by Barrett, Easterday,
Cunningham and Esselgroth, LLP

TRINA POHLMAN

Delphos

Agriscience Student of the Year

Sponsored by Brookside Consultants

REBEKAH MELLER

Pettisville

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by
Ohio Cattlemen's Association

TAYLOR JUSTICE

Liberty Union

Beef Production

Placement

Sponsored by
Ohio Cattlewomen's Association

KURT EGBERT

Botkins

Dairy Production

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by COBA Select Sires, Inc.

EILEEN GRESS

Triway

Dairy Production

Placement

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

ADAM POEPELMAN

Minster

Diversified Agricultural Production

Sponsored by
Ohio National Farmers Organization and Ohio
Seed Improvement Association

CONNOR GARBER

Greenville

Diversified Crop Production

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by
Ohio Small Grain Marketing Program

JARED WYNN

Mapleton

Diversified Crop Production

Placement

Sponsored by All-Star Chiropractic

CASEY WILSON

Fairbanks

Diversified Horticulture

Sponsored by Florida Fruit Association

MINDY FRISCHE

Anthony Wayne

Diversified Livestock Production

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by
Ohio Corn Marketing Program

BRADY CAMPBELL

Waterford

Diversified Livestock Production

Placement

Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Council

JAY HEITKAMP

Versailles

Emerging Agricultural Technology

Sponsored by
Cargill Grain and Oilseed

GARTH REGULA

Ridgewood

Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management

Sponsored by
Advanced Drainage Systems

ADAM PATTISON

John Glenn

Equine Science

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by
Ohio Quarter Horse Association

DUANE STUTZMAN

River View

Proficiency Award Winners (continued)

Equine Science

Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

BRITTANY FARQUHAR

Wayne Trace

Fiber and Oil Crop Production

Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Council

IAN FAUSNAUGH

Westfall

Floriculture

Sponsored by

BFG Supply Company

ASHLEY MYERS

Anthony Wayne

Food Science and Technology

Sponsored by

Hirzel Canning Company

HANNAH SNYDER

Zane Trace

Forage Production

Sponsored by Alfagreen Supreme

MATT DEMATTIO

Indian Valley

Forest Management and Products

Sponsored by

Ohio Christmas Tree Association

CORY OSTING

Delphos

Fruit Production

Sponsored by

Fruit Growers Marketing Association and
Bachman's Sunny Hill Fruit Farm

JACOB DETWILER

Fairbanks

Grain Production

Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by

Pioneer-DuPont Agriculture and Nutrition

KAYLA FINTON

Ridgewood

Grain Production

Placement

Sponsored by Beck's Hybrids

JAMES FALGNER

Fayetteville

Home and Community Development

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

TORIN BLOSSER

Pettisville

Landscape Management

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

CASEY FULEKY

Sylvania Southview

Nursery Operations

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

ANTHONY RUGER

Wauseon

Organic Agriculture

Sponsored by
Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association

MATTHEW MCCARTY

East Knox

Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

TRAVIS ROPP

Benjamin Logan

Poultry Production

Sponsored by Ohio Poultry Association

ALEXANDRA LANG

Upper Sandusky

Sheep Production

Sponsored by
Ohio Sheep and Wool Program,
Fulton Co. Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee, and Ohio
Sheep Improvement Association

LINSEY HOWELL

West Holmes

Small Animal Production and Care

Sponsored by
Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

HANNAH WORTHINGTON

Ridgewood

Specialty Animal Production

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STEVEN NORRIS

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Ohio's Star in Agricultural Placement

Jay Heitkamp, Versailles FFA

Jay Heitkamp is the son of Gary and Denise Heitkamp and is a member of the Versailles FFA chapter where his advisor is Dena Wuebker. Jay works at Heitkamp Livestock Farms, where he worked nearly 4000 hours last year, earning \$36,000. Jay has been very active in FFA, attending national convention and participating in dairy judging and Toys for Tots. In addition, he is involved in football, career-based intervention, and the Darke County Holstein Club. Jay's longterm goal is to be a fulltime farmer.



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District Stars in Agricultural Placement:

- District 1: Justin Fager, Wauseon
- District 3: Bo Shreves, Pymatuning Valley
- District 4: Trina Pohlman, Delphos
- District 5: Jay Heitkamp, Versailles
- District 6: Olivia Ledley, Ridgemont
- District 7: Cathryn Clark, Northridge
- District 8: Garth Lahna, Ridgewood
- District 9: Rachel Skinner, Ripley
- District 10: Zach Crabtree, Alexander

Ohio's Star in Agribusiness

Tim Spiess, Pettisville FFA

Tim Spiess is the son of Dick and Jodi Spiess. He is a member of the Pettisville FFA Chapter, where his advisor is John Poulson. Tim's project consists of baling, delivering, and selling wheat straw. In 2009, he baled more than 4000 bales of straw. He also farms 40 acres to produce corn, soybeans and wheat. Tim has excelled throughout his four years in FFA. He has served as chapter secretary, along with being a member of National Honor Society, choir, Spanish club, and his school's soccer team. Tim plans to maintain a fulltime position with Beck Farms, where he is furthering his skills to prepare him to return to the farm in the future and expand his business.



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District Stars in Agribusiness:

- District 1: Tim Spiess, Pettisville
- District 4: Adam Kroeger, Delphos
- District 5: Eric Percel, Miami Valley-MVCTC
- District 6: Jacob Detwiler, Fairbanks
- District 7: Cathryn Clark, Northridge
- District 8: Eric Nichols, Buckeye Trail
- District 9: Monica Palmer, Mowrystown

Ohio's Star Farmer

Martin Overholt, West Holmes FFA

Martin Overholt is the son of Marty and Sue Overholt and is a member of the West Holmes FFA chapter where his advisor is Jaime Chenevey. Martin currently manages his own herd of 54 Boer goats that he raises for show wethers and seedstock. Martin utilizes a routine health program, advertising and marketing, as well as genetic selection. In FFA, Martin has served as chapter reporter, attended the Big E, and has participated in the National Ag Sales event. Outside of FFA, Martin has been active in varsity wrestling, marching band and science club. He is currently majoring in food science at The Ohio State University. After graduation, he plans to work in research and development in the meat or dairy industry.



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District Star Farmers:

- District 1: Vicki Nofziger, Archbold
- District 2: Lauren Fehlan, Wellington
- District 3: Natalie Bessman, Pymatuning Valley
- District 5: Katie Cottingim, Preble Shawnee
- District 6: Libby Bender, River Valley
- District 8: Martin Overholt, West Holmes
- District 9: Shane Farmer, Ripley
- District 10: Brady Campbell, Waterford

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.

Marie Carity, *Past President of the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators and Agricultural Education Instructor at Miami East-MVCTC*

Benjamin Chaffee Jr., *Superintendent at South Central Local Schools*

Leslie and Doris Disher, *Supporters of the Anthony Wayne FFA Chapter*

Nellie Felty, *Supporter of the Plymouth FFA Chapter*

Jane Gray, *Former Regional Director of CROP/CWS*

Ed Pokora, *CFO at Buter Technology and Career Development Schools*

Ron Tilford, *President of the Ohio FFA Alumni Association*



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State Degrees

In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2010, 645 young men and women, representing 2.8% of the Ohio FFA membership, received the State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in a FFA member's chosen occupation.



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Lynae Fry, Pettisville
Emily Herring, Pettisville
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Tiffany Zimmerman, Ridgewood
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Justin Beale, Upper Scioto Valley
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Chapter Secretary 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 the 82nd Ohio FFA Convention.

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Hannah Chenetski,
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Lindsey Koppin, Anna
Ashlyn Hemmelgarn, Ansonia
Sheri Buffington, Anthony Wayne
Heather Bleininger, Benjamin Logan
Anastasia Sipes, Big Walnut
Shelbie Stumpf, Blanchester
Kelby Kale, Bowling Green
Jennifer Ingle, Brookville-MVCTC
Cheyanne Bamfield, Buckeye Trail
Morgan Wade, Buckeye Valley
Valerie Tolle, Cardington-Lincoln
Kimberly Tea, Clyde
Kara Uhlenhake, Coldwater
Jenna Faurot, Delphos
Alison Conley, East Clinton
Jacob Morningstar, East Knox
Brittany Clark, Eastern Brown
Chelsea Hanson, Eaton-MVCTC
Brooke Riehle, Edgerton
Katie Shaw, Edgewood-Butler Tech
Benjamin McKinniss, Elgin
Caleb Saunders, Elida
Staci Thomson, Elmwood
Callie Scheiderer, Fairbanks
Ashley Hughes, Fayetteville
Laura Buckler, Felicity-Franklin
Jake Butchko, Firelands
Beth Poeppelman, Fort Loramie
Stacy Will, Fort Recovery
Perianne Dixon, Georgetown
Emily Tankersley, Greenon
Sarah Spears, Greenville
Grace Poling, Hardin-Northern
Sierra Weekly, Hiland
Tiffany Heiby, Hillsdale
Kristen Stiles, Indian Valley
Elisa Higgins, Johnstown-Monroe
Demi Snider, Kenton
Jared Sims, Liberty Union
Leslie Hicks, Lincolnview
Allen Hines, London
Bianca Wade-Rice, Madison Plains
Kory Munk, Margaretta
Erica Clouse, Meadowbrook



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Lyndsey Cheek, Mechanicsburg
Victoria Kinney, Miami East-MVCTC
Rachel McClish, Miami Trace
Leslie Breymier,
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Kirsten Shellhouse, Mohawk
Brandi Roberts, Morgan
Beth Keeran, Mt. Gilead
Abbey Nickle, Mt. Vernon
Ashley Caldwell,
National Trail-MVCTC
Karie Sturgill, New Lexington
Jeremiah Klingman, New London
Becca Smith, North Union
Emily Freese, Northridge
Olivia Stover, Northwestern
Caroline Weihl, Otsego
Destinee Guggenbiller, Parkway
Emily Herring, Pettisville
Mary Inskeep, Ridgedale
Becca Smith, Ridgedale
Malana Ledley, Ridgemont
Lindsey Pigman, Ridgewood
Julie Wagner, River Valley
Kim Croft, River View
Cori Dupler, Sheridan
Abigail Kauffman, Smithville
Phillip Schaffer, South Central
Tyler Gregory, Southeastern

Nathaniel Birkhimer,
Southern Local
Kaley Core, Spencerville
Conner Smith,
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Samantha Ellis, Teays Valley
Erika Holt, Tecumseh
Jordan Price, Tri-Village-MVCTC
Carmen Andric, United
Kaleigh Pelfrey, Urbana
Kelsey Gavit, Versailles
Cameron Bookman, Waterford
Kelly Fager, Wauseon
William Pabst, Wellington
Cynthia Bunch, West Holmes
Lara Staples, Western Brown
Erin Koehler, Western Reserve
Brittney Miller, Xenia
Emily Wright, Zane Trace

Chapter Treasurer Awards

Noelle Eveland, Alexander
Andrea Hollett,
Amanda-Clearcreek
Colleen Baumer, Anna
Rick Mayo, Ansonia
Tanner Schoen, Bellevue
Emily Foulk, Benjamin Logan
Adam Long, Blanchester
Khristin Weist, Bloom Carroll
Amanda Thurman, Bowling Green
Connor Domsitz,
Brookville-MVCTC
Lacey Shuss,
Buckeye Career Center
Steve McDowell, Buckeye Trail
Brock Goodman,
Cardington-Lincoln
Michael Moore, Carrollton
Jamie Doss, Clyde
Austin Ebbing, Coldwater
Heath Gray, Crestview
Dulton Moore, Delphos
Alisha Baker, East Clinton
Adam Rine, East Knox
Trevor Corboy, Eastern Brown
Shelby Vaughn, Eastwood
Kayla Van Meter, Eaton-MVCTC
Sara Herman, Edgerton
Daniel Zimmerman,
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Jessica Dunham, Elida
Amanda Peters, Elmwood
Ryan Riddle, Fairbanks
Kaitlin Esselman, Fairfield
Brittany Dozier, Fayetteville
Ian Woodmansee, Felicity-Franklin
Andy Butler, Firelands
Alicyn Tullius, Fort Frye
Stacie Seger, Fort Loramie
Michelle Brackman, Fort Recovery
Chelsea Berning, Franklin-Monroe
Nicole Wallace, Gibsonburg
Tyler Seitz, Greenon
Justin Pitman, Greenville
Zachary Luhn, Hardin-Northern
Jason Schlabach, Hiland
Kelsey King, Hillsdale
Jordan Glass, Indian Valley
Kinsley Ansberry, John Glenn
Berlynn Litchfield,
Johnstown-Monroe
Sydney Levan, Kenton

Andy Dickson, Liberty Union
Trent Taylor, Liberty-Benton
Bryant Haren, Licking Valley
Shane Williams, Lincolnview
Shaylyn Allen, Logan
Cody Smith, London
Brad Keltner, Lynchburg-Clay
Heather Martin, Madison Plains
Ashley Sartor, Margaretta
Abby Dudley, Meadowbrook
Logan Eades, Mechanicsburg
Kelsey Wintrow,
Miami East-MVCTC
Aaron Sollars, Miami Trace
Diana Gardner, Miami Valley CTC
Joey Gliatta, Minerva
Macy Livingston,
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Jordan Long, Mohawk
Erin Williams, Morgan
Kyle Gray, Mt. Gilead
Jonathan Day,
National Trail-MVCTC
Nick Homan, New Bremen
Felicia Kunkler, New Lexington
Tiffany Szabo, New London
John Scherger, New Riegel
Katrinya Ousley, Northwestern
Travis Meek, Oak Harbor
Abby Evans, Parkway
Torin Blosser, Pettisville
Logan Guenther, Ridgemont
Travis Schlabach, Ridgewood

Shayna Page, Ripley
Bailey Higgins, River Valley
Mollie Burwinkel, Ross-Butler Tech
Timothy McCarty, Smithville
Jared Poth, South Central
Kody Bell,
South-Western Career Academy
Megan Cooke, Southeastern
Brett Gray, Southeastern Ross
Michael Caroline, Southern Local
Brad Nieport, St. Henry
Lauren Lingsch,
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Katie Hatcher, Teays Valley
Neil Lindsey, Tecumseh
Tiffany Gould,
Tri-Rivers Career Center
Dale Brewer, Tri-Village-MVCTC
Makenzy Karnehm, Urbana
Laura Subler, Versailles
Kevin Schneider, Wapakoneta
Rebecka Hearn, Warren
James Giffin, Waterford
Markes Banister, Wauseon
Ryan Roberts, Wellington
Tori Carpenter, West Holmes
Taelor Cox, West Liberty-Salem
Jayson Lodwick, Western Brown
Hope Spishak, Western Reserve
Jessica Blackburn, Westfall
Samantha Merz, Xenia
Chelsi Hempstead, Zane Trace



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Chapter Reporter Awards

Kim Holcomb, Alexander
Brittany Stevens, Amanda-Clearcreek
Megan Fogt, Anna
Kayla Young, Ansonia
Courtney Norman, Bellevue
Kelsey Saylor, Benjamin Logan
Hailey McCarron, Bowling Green
Emilee Smith, Brookville-MVCTC
Joey Vance, Cardington-Lincoln
Kieley Dulaney, Carrollton
Amanda Sudhoff, Coldwater
Andrea Cole, Colonel Crawford
Wes Kroeger, Delphos
Allison Henthorn, East Knox
Rachel Mullins, Eastern Brown
Julie Russell, Eastwood
Andrea Etchen, Edgerton
Lacey Pate, Edgewood-Butler Tech
Jessica Mckenzie, Elmwood
Mackenzie Williams, Fairbanks
Carlie Stevens, Fairfield
James Brock, Fayetteville
Tracey Wheeler, Felicity-Franklin
Ashlynn Yost, Firelands
Jill Thies, Fort Loramie
Emily Schoenlein, Fort Recovery
Dara Ferryman, Greenon
Elizabeth Bernard, Greenville
Haley Breidenbach, Hardin-Northern
Rakayla Burke, Hiland
Kelsey Eberly, Hillsdale
Laura Johnson, Indian Valley
Brooke Ison, Johnstown-Monroe
Sawyer Delvalle, Kenton
Jared Wittenmyer, Liberty-Benton
Kyle Phillips, Madison Plains
Deandra Lowman, Mapleton
Whitney Williams, Mechanicsburg
Jessica Starry, Miami East-MVCTC
Brittany Griffith, Miami Trace
Cody Gibson, Miami Valley CTC
Joni Winger, Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Candace Lease, Mohawk
Ashley Frazer, Mowrystown
Mariah Carey, Mt. Gilead
Ashley McCann, Mt. Vernon
Zach Hottel, Northwestern
Julia Zollinger, Norwayne
Brittany Biggert, Oak Harbor
Hali Schwind, Otsego
Danielle Matthews, Parkway
Krista Spiess, Pettisville



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Mollee Galloway, Ridgedale
Justin Leonard, Ridgemont
Megan Sharier, Ridgewood
Megan Clonch, River Valley
Emily Stout, River View
Samantha Steiner, Smithville
Cortney Oney, South Central
Jessica Bentley, Southern Local
Rebecca Swope, United
Brittney Wilson, Urbana
Jodie Brand, Versailles
Amber Roesser, Wapakoneta
Stephanie Duvall, Wauseon
Katy Derrick, Wellington
Kiersten Sigler, West Holmes
Hayley Beck, Western Reserve
Megan Moorman, Xenia
Danielle George, Zane Trace

State Convention Choir

Director: Mr. Jon Elsass

Soprano

Heather Gould, Alexander
Kristy Lawrence, Alexander
Briana Marks, Alexander
Maria Goettemoeller, Botkins
Kayla Dales, Clyde
Samantha Green, Clyde
Savannah Green, Clyde
Hannah Baker, East Clinton
Abbie Bashaw, East Clinton
Jessica Tutt, Eastern Brown
Elizabeth Krill, Edgerton
Brooke Riehle, Edgerton
Erin Hartzell, Edison
Rachel Zimmer, Edison
Talitha Starr, Fairbanks
Shelby Ruff, Fairfield Union
Olivia Tennison, Fairfield Union
Anna Voris, Fairfield Union
Kelsey Zeigler, Fairfield Union
Noelle Goodson, Fayette
Andrea Lennartz, Fort Recovery
Brianna Foreman, Hardin Northern
Dusti Gossard, Hardin Northern
Rakayla Burke, Hiland
Kala Fox, Hillsdale
Ashley Currie, Liberty Benton
Chintana Srihakkot, Liberty Benton
Lauren Benson, Liberty Union
Katie DiPaolo, Liberty Union
Christian Hill, Liberty Union
Courtney Montanye, Liberty Union
Shannon Paskins, Liberty Union
McKenzy Shell, Liberty Union
Emily Shook, Liberty Union
Lacey Kihn, Margaretta
Kelly Rice, Mechanicsburg
Courtney Turner, Mechanicsburg
Sarah Peterson, Miami Trace
Mariah Carey, Mount Gilead
Jenny Hubschman, Mount Gilead
Victoria McCarty, Mowrystown
Jolynn Irwin, Otsego
Kayla Shreves, Pymatuning Valley
Erin Smolinski, Pymatuning Valley
Emilee Tucker, Pymatuning Valley
Alyson Jones, Ridgedale

Alto

Samantha Micha, Anthony Wayne
Morgan Horsley, Clyde
Jessica Miller, Clyde
Melissa Pearce, Clyde
Brenna Schubach, Clyde
Alisha Baker, East Clinton
Jordan Crowe, East Clinton
Chelsea Fauber, East Clinton
Kayla Wiederhold, East Clinton
Casey Jones, Eastern Brown
Bethany Morris, Edison
Becca Elder, Fairfield Union
Diana Foltz, Fairfield Union
Jessica Kaiser, Fort Recovery
Emily Siegrist, Fort Recovery
Kimberly Fipps, Hardin Northern
Sierra Weekly, Hiland
Morgan Finley, Hillsdale
Nicole Belcher, Liberty Union
Emily Burns, Liberty Union
Becky Cooley, Liberty Union
Sarah Feyko, Liberty Union
Kaitlyn Justice, Liberty Union
Jordan Lane, Liberty Union
Kenzie Schlaegel, Liberty Union
Heather Skaggs, Miami East
Amanda Bush, Mount Gilead
Anna Hubschman, Mount Gilead
Sarah Hubschman, Mount Gilead
Makayla McAvoy, Mount Gilead
April Michaelis, Otsego
Clarissa Dewald, Tiffin-Sentinel
Crystal Dewald, Tiffin-Sentinel
Diane Gress, Triway
Eileen Gress, Triway

Tenor

Wyatt Ross, Hillsboro
Tommy Robinson, Liberty Union
Tanner Mick, Miami Trace
Michael Wilton, Mount Gilead
Cuyler Kepling, Otsego
Zachary Searight, Parkway
Morgan Blevins, Ridgedale
Duane Stutzman, Riverview

Bass

Marc Fitzgerald, Buckeye Trail
James Wood, Edison
Noah Johnston, Liberty Union
Kory Munk, Margaretta
Caleb Fissell, Mount Gilead
Jacob Herr, Mount Gilead
Scott McDermott, Warren



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State Convention Band

Director: Mr. David Sapp

Flute

Kelsey Haas, Urbana
Daniella Straathof, Miami Trace
Morgan Austin, Hillsdale
Whitney Williams, Mechanicsburg
Alisha Ellison, Edgerton
Nicole Wallace, Gibsonburg
Jessica Krulic, Pymatuning Valley
Haley Black, Bloom-Carroll
Jolynn Irwin, Otsego
Lizabeth Thurston, Buckeye Valley



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Clarinet

Chelsea Berning, Franklin-Monroe
Alex Stevenson, Felicity-Franklin
Carly Birney, Harrison Central
Amber Thompson, Mowrystown
Lisa Kelly, East Clinton
Whitney Belamy, Zane Trace
Taylor Tinney, Edison

Alto Saxophone

Amanda Williams, West Liberty
MaryAnn Frank, Loudonville
Ashley Frazer, Mowrystown
Haylee Burgess, Fredericktown
Treanna Phillips, Holgate
Diana Morgan, Edison
Kandis Milburn, Mowrystown
Jordan Watson, East Clinton
April Michaelis, Otsego

Baritone Saxophone

Barrett Lawlis, Liberty-Union
Traci Wheeler, Felicity-Franklin

Tenor Saxophone

Scott Cathers, Liberty-Union
Cody Bennett, Miami Trace
Jenna Hart, Franklin-Monroe
Arminda Davis, Tiffin-Sentinel
Patrick Tea, Clyde

Oboe

Caroline Weihl, Otsego

Trumpet

Dustin Smeck, Racine Southern
Megan Miller, Margaretta
Mike Hannewald, Otsego
Brian Simmons, Mowrystown
Lauren Campbell, Miami Trace
Nick Miller, Holgate
Allison Knight, Harrison Central
Ashley Crone, Mowrystown
Kenneth Grady, Warren
Brandon Burby, Liberty Union
Tina Ciofani, Liberty Union
Zach Rausch, Fairbanks
Joshua Niswinger, West Liberty
Matt Maldoran, Liberty Union

French Horn

Candace Ferguson, Fairview
Devin Seslar, Edgerton
Brittany Conkey, Fairview
Lacey Price, Greenon

Trombone

David Miller, Urbana
Alison Conley, East Clinton
MacKenzie Batt, Edgerton
Melody Butturf, Tiffin-Sentinel
Stephen Wagner, Paulding
Stephanie Schuck, Hillsdale
Leanna Buchman, Liberty Union
Edison McLaughlin, Edison

Baritone

Cameron Bookman, Waterford
Andy Smith, Liberty Union
Austin Douglas, Hardin Northern
Timmy McMahill, Mechanicsburg
Dylan Loveless, Mechanicsburg

Tuba

Karri Stickley, Greenville
Kory Munk, Margaretta
Brandy Neustel, Clyde
Christy Barber, Mapleton
Lucas Price, Paulding
Issac Ost, Adena
Logan Fades, Mechanicsburg
Webb Adelsperger, Warren
Monica Palmer, Mowrystown

Percussion

Sean Davis, Smithville
Robert Grady, Warren
Michelle Shepherd, North Union
Darian Andrist, Fairview
Mark Morris, Edison
Sarah Cepero, Mapleton
Charlene Louis, Hillsdale
Jason Krulic, Pymatuning Valley
Joe Green, Liberty Union
Chase Graham, Racine Southern
Cheyenne Core, Ridgedale
Hope Huvler, Fredericktown
Kayston Weaver, Liberty Union
Eilis Kelly, Liberty Union

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum in Carroll County, Ohio is a scenic camp visited annually by hundreds of FFA members to learn new leadership skills, catch up with old friends, and forge new relationships. Every member goes home from camp learning at least one new thing. For some, it is how to achieve a goal that they recently set, others learn how to shoot a gun for the first time, but when I visited FFA camp I learned something completely different.

All week at camp, FFA members are encouraged to purchase rubber ducks in order to be put into a drawing to have the opportunity to give their favorite advisor, staff member, or state officer a "pie-in-the-eye." Every year, camp staff and state officers try to come up with new and exciting ways, as well as keeping tradition like "pie-in-the-eye" popular, to get campers to donate money to Children's Hospital of Columbus.

When I attended camp in the summer of 2010, an new incentive was that if the campers raised more than \$250, a lucky camper would get to shave the heads of myself, State President Jeremy Grove, and State Secretary Justin Bachman completely bald. I was a little horrified at the beginning but I knew it was for a good cause.

It is cases like these where FFA members show their passion and desire to help other people. The kindness of members in this great state helped to raise \$26,348.18 for Children's Hospital in Columbus and the Children's Miracle Network this year. This check was presented on stage at the 82nd Ohio FFA Convention and the chapters listed below were recognized for donating \$200 or more to this effort.



by Jeffrey Stimmell, 2009-2010 District 2 President

Amanda-Clearcreek
Bellevue
Benjamin Logan
Bowling Green
Buckeye
Cardington
Coldwater
Crestview-Ashland
Eastern Brown
Edgerton
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Edon Northwest
Elgin
Elmwood
Fairbanks
Fairfield Union
Fayetteville
Felicity-Franklin
Frontier

Ft. Recovery
Georgetown
Greenfield-McClain
Greenville
Hardin Northern
Highland
Indian Valley
Liberty Union
London
Lucas
Marysville
McComb
Mechanicsburg
Meigs
Miami East-MVCTC
Miami Valley CTC
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Monroeville
National Trail-MVCTC

New London
North Union
Northridge
Norwayne
Paint Valley
Parkway
Paulding
Pettisville
Preble Shawnee
Pymatuning Valley
Ridgewood
River Valley (D6)
Sheridan
Southeastern Ross
Tri-Valley
Upper Scioto Valley
Urbana
Western Brown
Western Reserve

CROP/Church World Service

CROP/Church World Service is an organization committed to helping end the hunger felt by thousands of people around the world. Once again this year, Ohio FFA members helped to ease the pain of those starving men, women and children by donating time and money to this organization.

The majority of the money raised for the entire organization is through CROP walks. However, some chapters in Ohio have gotten very creative and set up programs such as labor auctions or set aside a percentage of revenue from the annual fruit sale to put toward this amazing cause.

The Ohio FFA Association finds this organization of value for donations because part of the proceeds from donations right here in Ohio. In fact, twenty five cents of every dollar stays here.

For more than fifty years, the Ohio FFA has supported this organization. At the 2010 State FFA Convention, it was announced that the efforts of our members raise a total of \$7,350. The chapters listed below donated \$200 or more.

by Jeffrey Stimmell, 2009-2010 District 2 President

Alexander
Benjamin Logan
Botkins
Buckeye
Cardington
Carey
Colonel Crawford
Delphos
Edgerton
Elmwood
Fairfield Union
Fayetteville
Greenon
Hardin Northern
Indian Valley
Licking Valley
Marlington
Mechanicsburg
Miami Valley CTC
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
New Bremen
Northwestern (D3)
Northwestern (D6) Parkway
Pettisville
Preble Shawnee
Ridgewood
Sheridan
Smithville

Upper Scioto Valley
Urbana
Warren
Westfall



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



MFE and ALD Conferences

What does MFE or ALD stand for? Well if you ask an Ohio FFA member who attended a weekend filled with leadership workshops and pure FFA fun, they would be sure to explain.

On January 23 and 24, 2010, the Ohio FFA Association hosted two leadership conferences at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which was facilitated by National FFA Staff. FFA members gathered from across the state to participate in Made For Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conferences that are geared towards members developing premier leadership skills while Leading Out Loud (LOL), last year's National FFA theme. These FFA members were ready to take teamwork to the next level by interacting with new people and taking the influential ideas back to their chapters.

ALD is directed towards the juniors and seniors as they are serving as role models and officers within their FFA chapter. Members in attendance identified the cause and need for leadership and wrote personal mission statements. During group discussions, members created solutions to weaknesses within their chapter and shared ideas for possible opportunities to influence through service. At the end of the day, members had personal action plans in their hands and left inspired to influence.

The MFE conference is designed for freshman and sophomore students to push past their limits and learn that excellence is comprised of personal choices. Attendees discovered their talents, learned how to set goals and put them into action. When members departed on Sunday morning, they knew what they were made of - excellence!

The conferences started mid-day on Saturday and wrapped up on Sunday morning. Saturday evening, members demonstrated their dancing talents on the dance floor while getting to know other members. As the buses pulled out of Columbus on Sunday, everyone was energized to continue leading their lives with purpose.

by Kelly Guthrie, 2009-2010 District 6 President



Chapter Visits

Fifteen Ohio FFA officers, 300 Ohio FFA chapters and almost 24,000 Ohio FFA members! The position of a state officer encompasses many responsibilities such as planning FFA camp, hosting state convention, presenting leadership nights, attending greenhand ceremonies, speaking at chapter banquets and so much more. However, the most important duty of a state officer is performing chapter visits. From planning impactful workshops, to traveling miles and miles across the state, to waking up very early in the morning, chapter visits require a multitude of planning as well as individuals with enough ambition to reach out to a state with an FFA membership that is one of the largest in the nation!

In August of 2009, the 15 members of the Ohio FFA Officer team came together to begin preparations for the year's chapter visits. Each officer developed three workshops and presented his or her material to fellow officers in order to get suggestions for improvements. Hot topics for chapter visits were team building, opportunities in the FFA, and life beyond high school, but each had a focus on leadership. After that process, officers began their chapter visit journeys. Each officer traveled to at least five different FFA chapters to present workshops and continued to develop additional workshops as experience increased.

The job of an Ohio FFA Officer is to serve the members of the Ohio FFA Association. Chapter visits provide the bridge between the two entities. The Ohio FFA state officers underwent a great deal of leadership training and development. Chapter visits gave the officers an opportunity to share all that they had learned with other FFA members. As a past officer, I'll never forget the hard work put into planning and the dread of early mornings. However, that dread was always overcome when I arrived at an FFA chapter and had the opportunity to lead the group of FFA members in some fun activities, get to know them, and then develop some new friendships! Those friendships have carried on far longer than the day of the chapter visit alone.

The mission of the Ohio FFA Officer Team is to reach out to as many Ohio FFA members as possible and chapter visits allowed us to do so. Although FFA members gained new skills from the workshops and experiences of the visiting officer, the officers also gained new knowledge from meeting FFA members, learning about their backgrounds, and reviewing their SAE projects.

Chapter visits are one of the most important duties of an Ohio FFA officer. From an educational standpoint, they are beneficial not only to FFA members, but also to the officers. The process of planning educational activities and working with other peers is invaluable to our future careers as almost every occupation requires the skills to work with others.

As the Ohio FFA Association continues to grow and produce skilled, talented and proficient young adults, the officer team will also continue to reach out to each and every FFA member through performing chapter visits!



by Amy Jo Frost, 2009-2010 District 9 President

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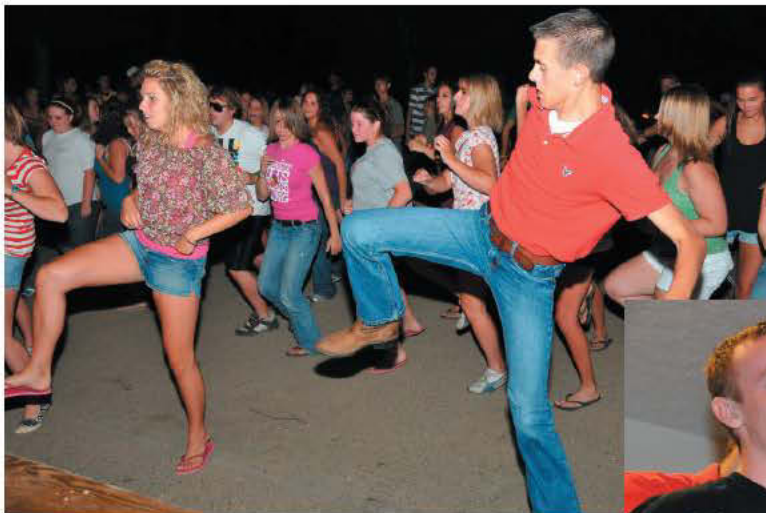
FFA Camp Muskingum

Big Ten FFA Camp was another banner year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of statistical successes for the year:

- Total number of individuals served: 11,417 (up 741)
- Total camper days: 22,364.72 (up 965.12)
- Percent of camper days per program
 1. Outside Groups – 38.8%
 2. Nature's Classroom – 33.9%
 3. FFA – 27.3%
- Total number of groups served: 133 (down 9)
- Total number of FFA members attending summer camps: 1,213 (up 106)
- Total number of FFA members attending fall camps: 583 (up 108)
- FFA chapters attending summer camp: 147 (up 7)
- Percent of school districts participating in a camp program: 49% (up 2.7%)
- Percent of FFA members attending a summer camp: 5.1%
- Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall camps: 7.3%
- Percent of agricultural education teachers attending summer camp: 21.3%

Major renovations to the facility in 2010 included the completion of the staff house renovation. We also purchased the FFA Retreat Center, which is a facility on the other side of Leesville Lake. This facility will be used for small groups of up to 20 people. The retreat center has its own kitchen, three bedrooms and two restrooms each equipped with a shower. It will have its own waterfront/beach area. The camp is excited about the prospect of FFA chapters using the retreat center for chapter officer retreats. The camp also improved our rifle range by adding lights thanks to the NRA Foundation. We installed heat pumps in dorms 1, 3 and 4 in 2010, which means that they are now air conditioned. 2010 saw camp also purchase a new pontoon boat and refurbish the other pontoon boat. We also paved the parking lot in front of the Dining Hall.

by Todd Davis, Director



Photos Courtesy of Lynn Wells

Summer FFA Camp

Mark Twain once said, “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum is a place where over one thousand FFA members had the chance to explore, dream, and discover during the summer. With this year’s theme, Pirates of Leesville Lake, campers set sail on a week full of fun and adventure. They met members from all across Ohio, hung out with the 2009-2010 State Officer team, and, most importantly, learned skills that they could take back and use in their home chapters.

From start to finish, there was always something going on for the campers. The state officer team prepared and delivered workshops that helped campers learn their strengths and how to use them in a team setting. They discovered their beliefs and strengths and learned how to keep a positive outlook (KAPOW). FFA members also got the chance to serve through community service projects. The seniors choose to go to a day care center and work with children or to stay at camp and work with a MRDD group. The seniors conducted a nature walk with their respective group to teach them about this invaluable resource.

The “Pie in the Eye” program allows campers to purchase a rubber duck, with all of the money raised going to Children’s Hospital. For every “duck” that a FFA member purchases, their name goes on a numbered list. On the last day of camp, numbered rubber duckies get placed on the lake. If a camper’s number is pulled, they get to pie a state officer, camp staffer, or agricultural educator in the face. This is a long standing camp tradition that raises lots of money every year.

Recreational activities are also a huge part of camp and allow students to do something that they already like or to try something new. Some of the activities include basketball, softball, and ping pong. There is an archery, rifle, and shotgun range, and you cannot forget about all the activities that take place on Leesville Lake. Members get to go swimming, fishing, motor boating, canoeing, and kayaking. This year was the first year of paintball at FFA Camp. It was a great success and sure to be part of camp for many years to come.

On the last night of camp, some of the state officers sat by the fire and reflected about the summer spent at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. They all agreed that while pretending to be pirates, FFA members took away skills and memories that they could treasure forever.

by Suzie McMullen, 2009-2010 State Vice President



Photo Courtesy of Suzie McMullen

Ohio FFA Alumni Association

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.



Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members (from left to right)

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Peggy Anderson, New Lexington; Ron Tilford, Talawanda; Jesse Hamman, Smithville; Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern; Charles Hart, National Trail; Bruce Henney, Bellevue; Sylvester Furman, Crestview; Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne; Lexie Poulson, Pettisville; John Poulson, Pettisville; Jason Fox, Sentinel; Ike Kershaw, ODE (Not pictured: Amandy Mason, Anthony Wayne and Jennifer Kilbarger, Anthony Wayne)

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 86 chartered affiliates, with Caldwell, Fayette, Ripley, Sentinel and Wellington being the newest affiliates. 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. We are working on getting to the 4,000 membership mark, which would give us another \$550 scholarship.

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 39th Annual Meeting of the Ohio FFA Alumni Annual Conference, themed "40 Years and On the Grow," was held in January. FFA Alumni delegates, representing over 80 affiliates, were present to conduct the business of the over 3,500 members of the Alumni Association. A silent auction was conducted to raise money for FFA scholarships and leadership projects. Award winners were:

Agricultural Education Promotional Award: Bellevue

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Four years ago, the Ohio FFA Foundation, in collaboration with past State President Mark Sanborn, introduced the creation of an endowment fund honoring Dr. Earl F. Kantner, past executive secretary of the Ohio FFA Association and founder of the Ohio FFA Foundation.

Doc touched many lives as the state FFA executive secretary and as a district supervisor for the Agricultural Education Service, and a goal of \$100,000 has been set to establish an endowment for student scholarships.

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