OHIO FFA ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT



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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.

Dr. Isaac Kershaw, Chair; Asst. Director, Agricultural Education Service, Ohio Dept. of Education (ODE) Leah Amstutz, Secretary; State FFA Executive Secretary, Agricultural Education Service, ODE Amy Jo Frost, State FFA President Lara Staples, State FFA Vice President Seth Erwin, State FFA Secretary Brittani Baldner-Hill, State FFA Treasurer Jessica Shanahan, State FFA Reporter Colin Barclay, State FFA Sentinel Dr. L.H. Newcomb, Dept. of Human and Community Resource Development, Ohio State University Lori Heiby, Region 1 Teacher Representative, Wayne Trace High School Mark Hoffman, Region 2 Teacher Representative, Hillsdale High School Jim Scott, Region 3 Teacher Representative, Versailles High School Jon Jones, Region 5 Representative, Union Local High School Larry Davis, Industry Representative, KeyBank Food and Agribusiness

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2010-2011 State Officer Team



<u>First Row (From left to right):</u> Amy Jo Frost, Miami Trace State President

Lara Staples, Western Brown State Vice President

Robert Gannett, South Central District 2 President

<u>Second Row (From left to right):</u> Jake Wuebben, Xenia District 9 President

Mike Hannewald, Otsego District 1 President

Laura Whalin, Waterford District 10 President Ellen Gilliland, Mohawk District 4 President

Birttani Baldner-Hill, Hillsdale State Treasurer

Jessica Shanahan, Mechnicsburg State Reporter

Morgan Fair, Fairlawn District 5 President Colin Barclay, Delphos State Sentinel

Cathryn Clark, Northridge

District 7 President

Amanda Williams, West Liberty-Salem District 6 President

Kirk Gasser, Norwayne District 3 President Seth Erwin, Fayetteville State Secretary

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Infinite Potential

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground"

The words of Theodore Roosevelt are especially pertinent as we reflect over the past year in the Ohio FFA Association. Indeed, by constantly raising the bar over the past 12 months, our organization has continued to reach new heights. As a result, we experienced many exemplary moments, all of which can be credited to the members and advisors in our state. In 2010-2011, the Ohio FFA Association

Reached a statewide membership of 23,335

Boasted 330 American FFA Degree recipients

Honored 601 members with the State FFA Degree

Donated \$31,376 to Children's Hospital.

These achievements were made possible because instead of settling for mediocrity, our organization strove to go beyond its infinite potential. This concept is of course nothing new to the FFA. The FFA, you see, has constantly set its own standard to fit the changing times. Innovation is the name of the game.

America leads the world in agricultural production and technology. The global market is full of opportunity. FFA connects members to limitless possibilities by equipping them with a larger understanding of the world around them. The organization provides students the opportunity to discover many diverse and exciting careers awaiting them.

Over the years, the mission of the FFA has remained the same, from the farm boys who founded the FFA in Kansas City to the current FFA members who stretch across the nation from the smallest towns to the largest cities. Through agricultural education and the FFA, members are

developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. We are proud to say that over 23,000 young people in the state of Ohio are "keeping their eyes on the stars" by wearing the blue and gold jackets of the FFA.

In short, the agricultural education and FFA program in Ohio is thriving. Members are exemplifying the theme of "Infinite Potential," and advisors, parents, and supporters are encouraging them in that quest. This year was a testament to your work, and we know that the next will be even better. It is our honor to work with you. Let's keep pursing our infinite potential!



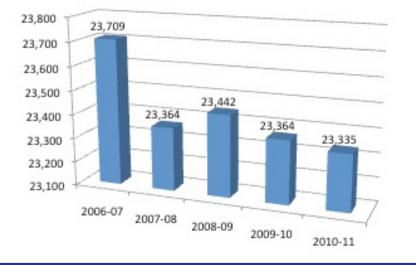
Advisor Dr. Isaac Kershaw



Executive Secretary Mrs. Leah Amstutz

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 (2005-2011)

Expenses Revenues Miscellaneous 1% Miscellaneous 2% Ohio FFA Center Ohio FFA 7% Center 7% FFA Dues State FFA Convention 25% State FFA Convention FFA Dues 31% 52% FFA Leadership Activities 5% FFA Program FFA FFA Officer Program 12% Leadership 4% Activities FFA Programs FFA Officer Program 8% 3% 16%

Expenses	Category	Revenue
\$169,951.00	FFA Dues	\$360,240.00
\$28,777.00	FFA Leadership Activities	\$51,835.00
\$74,034.00	FFA Programs	\$22,555.00
\$101,799.00	FFA Officer Program	\$24,931.00
\$192,000.00	State FFA Convention	\$172,630.00
\$44,987.00	Ohio FFA Center	\$47,345.00
\$12,337.00	Miscellaneous	\$7,820.00
\$623,885.00	Total	\$687,356.00

Nationwide Children's Hospital

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL^M

While most of what FFA members do involves agriculture-related classes, projects, activities, and contests, they are certainly not limited to these. FFA members across Ohio give back to their communities in so many ways, including several projects that are conducted at the state level. For several years, the Ohio FFA Association has partnered

with Nationwide Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. These organizations have worked to help thousands of kids in need each year, including my brother.

In January 2011, I received a phone call from my parents informing me that my 11-year old brother, Matt, was in the hospital. He had been sick for a while, but after running some tests it was discovered that he had appendicitis. He would spend the next six days at Toledo Children's Hospital for treatment, surgery, and recovery. To an 11-year old boy, it wasn't an enjoyable experience in the least. However, he had the best doctors, the nicest nurses, and a comfortable room fully equipped with a flat-screen TV and plenty of video games. The hospital made every effort to make my brother's experience as good as what a hospital stay can be. I'm very happy to report that Matt has had a full recovery.

To support the Children's Miracle Network, FFA members have contributed in many ways. At Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum, the campers purchased ducks for a chance to give their advisor or a state officer a pie in the face at the end of the week. In the camp auction, some chapters purchased items such as FFA memorabilia or even a visit from Amy Jo Frost, our State President. And every year, many FFA chapters generously give monetary donations. At the 83rd Ohio FFA Convention, a check for \$31,376 was presented to Jon Fitzgerald, President of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation. After the presentation, the following FFA chapters were recognized for going above and beyond by donating \$200 or more to the Children's Miracle Network:

By Mike Hanewald, 2010-2011 District 1 President

Otsego Ohio Hi-Point CC Oak Harbor Northridge New London Mowrystown Mount Vernon Morgan Mississinawa Valley -MVCTC Miami Trace Miami East-MVCTC Mechanicsburg Marysville Loudonville	HIllsboro Highland Greenville Greenfield McClain Georgetown Fort Recovery Felicity Franklin Fayetteville Fairfield Union Elmwood Elgin Edon Northwest Edison Edgewood-Butler Tech Edgerton Eastern Brown	Colonel Crawford Coldwater Clermont Northeastern Carrollton Cardington Caldwell Buckeye Valley Buckeye Bowling Green Bloom Carroll Benjamin Logan Bellevue Ansonia Anthony Wayne Amanda Clearcreek
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CROP/Church World Service



CROP/Church World Service is an organization that is dedicated to end hunger on a global scale. When CROP was created in 1947 it stood for Christian Rural Overseas Program. Their mission was to help farm families in the Midwest share their grain and provide meals to starving people suffering from post-World War II in Europe and Asia. They have grown into a worldwide organization that focuses to end world hunger everywhere.

Hunger walks are used as major fundraiser for CROP. A total of fourteen Ohio hunger walks will be completed in the spring months of 2012 alone. Many FFA Chapter's in Ohio are aware of hunger issues in our state and have taken action to help those in need.

Many FFA Chapter's raise money with creative ideas. Through labor actions and annual fruit sales, FFA Chapter's around Ohio are able to come together to support such a wonderful organization.

For over the past fifty years and counting, the Ohio FFA Association has had many FFA Chapter's support CROP/Church World service and their efforts. The chapter's listed below have donated \$200 or more to this organization. They have truly taken the steps to end hunger!

By Amanda Williams, 2010-2011 District 6 President

Zane Trace	Plymouth	Margaretta	Edgerton
Westfall	Pettisville	Lorain County JVS	East Clinton
Western Brown	Parkway	Logan Elm	Colonel Crawford
Wauseon	Paint Valley	Indian Valley	Carey
Urbana	Oak Harbor	Hardin Northern	Cardington
Triad	North Ventral	Greenon	Caldwell
Southeastern Ross	North Central	Fort Loramie	Buckeye
Smithville	New Reigel	Felicity Franklin	Bowling Green
Sheridan	Mississinawa Valley-	Fairfield Union	Benjamin Logan
Smithville	0	,	Bowling Green

2010 National FFA Convention

The 2010 National FFA Convention was held October 20-23 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.

As I look at this blank document, a rush of memories sends shivers across my skin. And, as if the reflection could not be any more thought provoking, my iPod begins to play "Don't Stop Believing." As a state officer your days are packed with memories; you never know which moment you will cherish forever. The National FFA Convention of October 2010 was full of these moments.

I began the great journey to Indianapolis with utter excitement. I picked Amy Jo Frost, and Lara Staples up on the West side of Ohio, then we all continued the journey in my boat of a car. We reached the city in the evening, and after a few wrong turns we arrived. As we pulled up to the hotel some of our teammates rushed out to great us. This infectious enthusiasm carried us through the week of sessions, delegate meetings, a dance, a concert, and of course meals.

The next morning began early; we all put on official dress and began our work as delegates for Ohio. We attended meetings with other delegates from around the country, and discussed issues such as implementing a Veterinary Science CEDE, purchasing FFA related products from American suppliers, and revising the national officer elections. During breaks we had opportunities to meet other delegates, and enjoy elaborate meals. During one particular meal the advisors, and delegates joined together for fine dining, and an hour filled with energetic music from the national FFA chorus. At this particular event we all celebrated the union of the NFA and FFA.

The next day the city was transformed. Instead of pedestrians wearing everyday clothes, there were rivers of national blue and corn gold in the streets. Every once in a while shouts of "O-H" and retorts of "I-O" could be heard from blocks away. The first session has always been one of my favorites. There is a certain element that cannot be replicated. Perhaps it is a stadium full of high school aged students utterly excited to be out of class. Perhaps it is the music that makes everyone want to jump out of his or her seat and dance. Or maybe it is the moment after three raps of the gavel that thousands of people stand in unison to recite the same lines of fellowship. Nonetheless, these feelings are all exemplified when you are sitting on the ground level with some of your closest friends. The first session was the first time the theme video was shown. Several familiar faces played on the big screen; many of the Ohio FFA officers were shown singing and dancing to "Infinite Potential." Once the crowd seemed settled, the keynote speaker Josh Shipp, and a goat, began to inspire us with the stories of his difficult past. Yet he managed

to keep everyone engaged through humor, and a goat. Later that evening, after shedding official dress and sporting tight pink shirts, with characters spelling Lady Antebellum!, the state officer team all went to the Lady Antebellum concert. I sat between Lara, and Amanda, and we could not stop singing and smiling. The crowd noticed the row of fifteen people who supported both the singers, and breast cancer awareness, and took several pictures of us. We also talked to some Ohio FFA members, which is always a treat. By the time we headed back to the hotel we were all delightfully tired.

The next day was filled with sessions, and the career show. The girls looked for the best bargains, and the boys were elsewhere. For meals, many of us went with different chapters to eat, and laugh with FFA members. Amanda and I went with the Alexander FFA Chapter for dinner, where we laughed and told stories. That evening we had the one and only Buckeye Bash. In other words, it was time for more singing, smiling and chatting with FFA members from Ohio. I have gone to several Buckeye Bashes, and I have never seen the ballroom as full as it was that night. We all saw friends we had met at FFA camp and chapter visits, and also met new friends. It was wonderful to catch up with those people. The song "Don't Stop Believing" then began to play, and as if it had never been practiced, Jake jumped over Kirk and began pumping his fist in the air. Other boys from the team joined, and then the girls all skipped in together; a classic flash mob. As we ran around during one of the sections of the song, the smiles, and extended hands, begging for high fives, amazed me. Who knew excitement could be so contagious? It was a crowded room, but we managed to make it through together. At midnight the room was bare, and we all felt exhausted without the excited crowd around.

By Friday morning our feet were sore. This day was filled with sessions and speeches. One of the speakers that stood out to me was Judson Laipply. After his inspirational words he performed the "Evolution of Dance." This elicited laughter and awe. The dawn of Saturday arrived early. We all joined numerous other members as we watched the American degree ceremony. Amy, Jessica, Kirk, and numerous other members walked across the stage and received a token and certificate for their innumerable hours of work. Shortly after the session ended we moved to the final session of convention. The last session was a tearjerker. The president, Levy, presented his retiring address, the national officer team thanked their families and supporters for their help, and then the new team was presented. Moments after the conclusion of the session, I was in one of the box seats and looked down. The stadium was nearly void of members and activity. National FFA Convention was concluded. I will forever forget that week in October due to the sheer energy, friendship, and motivation existing in each moment. Thank you Ohio FFA for the splendid memories you gave so many of us.

By Laura Whalin, 2010-2011 District 10 President

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National Proficiency Finalists

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.

Justin Fager | Wauseon Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Placement

Miranda Vearil | Fayetteville Agricultural Sales-Placement **Dustin Fussnecker** | **Eastern Brown** Agricultural Sales-Entrepreneurship

Jake Detwiler | Fairbanks Fruit Production

Kayla Finton | Ridgewood Grain Production Entrepreneurship

Linsey Howell | West Holmes Sheep Production Grain Production-Placement

James A. Falgner | Fayetteville

Olivia Ledley | **Ridgemont** Veterinary Medicine

National Chapter Awards

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 award a one, two or three star rating and 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 Finalist and National Winner in Chapter Development: **Ridgemont FFA Chapter** Ohio's Finalist in Student Development: **Wauseon FFA Chapter** Ohio's Finalist in Community Development: **Versailles FFA Chapter**

Ohio's Star Chapter Awards

Ohio's 2-Star Chapters

Anna	Fort Recovery	National Trail-MVCTC
Blanchester	Greenville	Otsego
Bowling Green	Hardin Northern	Ridgewood
Cardington	Indian Valley	River Valley (D6
Crestview-Ashland	Lynchburg-Clay	Smithville
Delphos	Marysville	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Miami East-MVCTC	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Fairfield	Miami Trace	Xenia/Greene Co CC
Fort Loramie	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC	

Ohio's 3-Star Chapters

Fayetteville North Union Ridgemont Versailles Wauseon

National FFA Awards

National FFA Band

Chelsea Berning | Franklin Monroe Cameron Bookman | Waterford Alison Conley | East Clinton

National FFA Talent

Eric Billman | Norwayne Julya Faulkner | Cardington Jena Hart, Franklin | Monroe Caroline Weihl | Otsego

Meagan Minton | Greene County CC

National FFA Choir

Scott McDermott | Warren

April Michaelis | Otsego

AgriScience Student of The Year Award Winner

Eight national finalists are selected for the AgriScience Student of The Year Award. To qualify, applicants must present the findings of their own agriscience-related research projects. They are also evaluated on their general academic achievements and their involvement in school and community activities.

Ohio's National Winner:

Rebekah Meller, Pettisville FFA Chapter

Honorary American Degree

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 American Degree Recipient Todd Baldwin, Butler Tech FFA

Ohio's National CDE Results

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.

Gold Rated Teams

Agricultural MechanicsTalawanda Butler TechFourtennth PlaceAgronomyNorth UnionFourth PlaceKyle DresbackFirst IndividualDairy Cattle EvaluationNorthwestern WayneNinth PlaceDairy FoodsUrbanaSixth PlaceEnvironmental and Natural PersourcesChief LeganEifth Place	Agricultural Communication	Amanda-Clearcreek	Fifth Place
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Food Science and TechnologyHilsdaleEigth Place	Food Science and Technology	Hilsdale	Eigth Place
ForestrySheridanSeventh Place	Forestry	Sheridan	Seventh Place
Nursery/LandscapeTolles Career and Technical CenterTwelfth Place	Nursery/Landscape	Tolles Career and Technical Center	Twelfth Place
Poultry EvaluationVersailles FFAFifth Place	Poultry Evaluation	Versailles FFA	Fifth Place

2010 Ohio 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 2010 National FFA Convention, 330 Ohio FFA members received this honor.

Zach Crabtree Kara Oberholzer Joshua Cordle **Ryan Davis** Judd Ellinger Derek Mccracken Whitney Zumberger **Emily Teet** Matthew Frankart Elizabeth James Andrew Rupp Ben Wiemken **Emily Russell** Chris Colwell **Bryant Vandemark** Samantha Jefferis Nicole Steinmetz Christopher Cronkleton Andrew Haun Karri Holcomb Cody Rees James Rice Jordan Shepherd Sarah Piper Devon Ward Krystal Coffman Alexis Amos Nolan Chamberlain Kalin Kale Cory Wagner Rebecca Auck

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Buckeye Central Buckeye **Buckeye Buckeye Trail Buckeye Trail Buckeye Valley Buckeye Valley** Caldwell **Canal Winchester** Canal Winchester Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Cardington-Lincoln Carey Carrollton Carrollton Centerburg Centerburg Clyde Clyde Colonel Crawford Colonel Crawford Colonel Crawford Colonel Crawford Colonel Crawford

Ben Rossman Meghan Dunlap Travis Elwer Zac Elwer Collin Etzkorn Keith Pohlman Trina Pohlman Lauren Rode **Brittany Vanmetre** Beth Ann Mcmillian Eli Norris **Corey Bettenbrock** Karen Burris Michelle Dippman Zach Frobose Bryan Melcher Stephanie Shaffer **Derrick Buehner** Brandi Fornshell **Brandon** Appel Tyler Herman Jamie Speiser Cambell Parrish Ethan Watkins **Kyle Benschoter** Kaye Bockbrader Kim Schnipke Samantha Shaffer **Jacob Stearns** Lewis Stearns Shannon Stewart Tim Strausbaugh Derek Zyski Austin Burns Cody Rausch Tessa Vesco Casey Wilson Ashley Adams Jody Martindill Ethan Shriner Alyssa Swinehart Seth Meyer Katy Monnier John Tonjes **Travis Wiles** Ethan Wirick **Courtney Adams Charles Rowe** Kevin Royal Miranda Vearil Kellie Howerton

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2010 Ohio American Degrees



Christina Crouch John Dillon Jarrod Dicken **Brian Klingenberg** Jessica Mckinley Newt Long Brock Allen Naomi Blankenship Brenda Keltner Ashley Sams Sarah Hann Megan Ohstroh Christine Gelley **Billy Keener** Jonni Rohr **David Siesel** Ellen Keck Trent Lasko Betsy Neer Jessica Shanahan Alysha Coverstone Chris Heiss Logan Pyers Amanda Werling Gus Bonham Amy Frost **Byron Gustin** Shannon Horn Zachary Sollars Hannah Clark Matthew Poeppelman **Robert Breymier Brandon** Livingston Sara Schmitz John Winger Dustin Griffin Greg Reinhart Levi Morrow Aaron Nelson Grant Edenfield Amber Frazer



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Lauren Harvey Margaret Mccoy Steven Norris **Kayleen** Faine Kyle Gravatt Matt Ross losh Beck Mathew Boudinot Erin Hall Lesley Hall Matthew Hankinson **John Thomas** Hillary Gracy **Kyle Schirm** Lisa Zavesky Eric Billman Ryan Billman Kirk Gasser Derryck Hartong Kelsey Gahler Sarah Harder Vanessa Rischman Dean Stacy Megan Limes Kacey Podolak Thomas Spoerl Dee Dee Knapke Mary Wilhelm Alex Straley **Clint Vance** Tyler Herringshaw John Bruner **Tim Spiess** Bryce Stilwill Katie Cottingim Olivia Ledley Wesley Vanscoy Victoria Lynn Hoop Ryan Lahna Dana Markley Kayla Olinger

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Ohio FFA Convention

OL! 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 is 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

Ohio's National Chapter Awards

Top Ten Chapters

Sponsored By Dr. and Mrs. Earl F. Kantner Endowment Fund

- 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	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Bowling Green	Ridgemont
Fayetteville	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Lynchburg-Clay	Versailles
Miami East-MVCTC	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	National Trail-MVCTC
Bowling Green	Ridgemont
Delphos	Versailles
Fayetteville	Wauseon
Lynchburg-Clay	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	Mississinawa Vally-MVCTC
Bowling Green	Ridgemont
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Versailles
Fayetteville	Wauseon
Miami East-MVCTC	Xenia-Greene Co. CC

2013 Career Development Events

F or 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 2010-2011 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:

Jim and Carol Ogden Career Development Coordinators 6734 Shannon Road Hillsboro, OH 45133 ogdenjim@sbcglobal.net

CDE

Wildlife Management **Urban Soils** Northeaster Skills Classic Northwestern Skills Classic Southwestern Skills Classic **Rural Soils** Prepared Public Speaking Poultry Parlimentary Procedure **Outdoor Equipment** Nursery and Landscape Nature Interpretation Meats Evaluation and Technology lob Interview Greenhand Quiz Grain Merchandising General Livestock Forestry Food Science and Technology Floricullture Farm Business Management **Extemporaneous Speaking** Equine Management Environmental and Natural Resource Dog Grooming

Dairy Products Dairy Handlers Dairy Cattle Creed Speaking Cooperative Education Begining Prepared Public Speaking Aquarium Management Animal Management Animal Management Animal Health Animal Behavior and Welfare Agronomy Agricultural Sales Agricultural Sales Agricultural Mechanics Skills Ag Issues Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics

Ag Engineering Agricultural Communication

Winning Team

Buckeye JVS East Knox Loraine County Four County Career Center Miami Valley CTC Harden Northern

North UnionStephanie SchuckElmwoodRobbie SiglerElmwoodLindsay DaschnerSylvania SouthviewLindsay DaschnerAmanda ClearcreekAmber JakubiakPioneer Career Technology CenterAlexander Hamilton

Elmwood Elmwood Miami Trace Sheridan Urbana Penta County JVS Elmwood

Marysville New Lexington Live Oaks CDC

AB Graham Ohio Hi-Point

Western Brown

Elmwood

Oregon Clay Medina County JVS Penta County JVS Clear Fork Valley North Union Hillsdale Lorain Amanda Clearcreek

Elmwood Benjamin Logan

Winning Individual

William Wilson Cody Totten Kayla Keene Bailey Fleming Adam Petrofes Nathan Fortkamp Stacie Seger Stephanie Schuck

Robbie Sigler Lindsay Daschner Amber Jakubiak Alexander Hamilton Lauren Bruns Lorne Strausbaugh Joey Brown Colt Penwell Emily Lanning Rachel Townsley Sara Padgett Staci Thomson Sarah Bookman Mikayla Mosey

D1: Brittany Conley D2: Kaitlyn Langesen Tiffany Schaad Marissa Bolen Lara Staples Bethany Carison Kathleen Seely Alison Mangun Clay Luce Kaitlin Brewer Allyson Lirot Danielle Evans Skylers Foos Dakota Kiner Dustin Boyce

Edward Mallord Brent Murtland Nathan Fortkamp Ian Woodmansee

State Proficiency Award Winners

Accounting Mike Hannewald Otsego FFA **Agri-Entrepreneurship** Ashley Sieferd Corey-Rawson FFA **Ag Communciation** Chelsey Keiser Versailles FFA

Ag Proccessing Alicia Klosterman Wapakoneta FFA

Agriscience Student of the Year Kathleen Seeley Otsego FFA

Dairy Production Plc. Ryan Albers Minster FFA

Diversified Livestock Production Ent. Katie Swinehart Sheridan FFA

Equine Science Ent. Lindsey Pigman Ridgewood FFA **Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication** Aaron Sutter Fort Recovery FFA

Ag Sales Ent. Adam Kroeger Delphos FFA

Beef Production Ent. Steve McDowell Buckeye Trail FFA

Diversified Ag Production Aaron Bernath Archbold FFA

Diversified Livestock Production Plc. Eric Wuebker St. Henry FFA

Equine Science Plc. Arielle Bergman Versailles FFA

Ag Mechanics Repair
and Maintenance Ent.Ag Mechanics Repair
and Maintenance Plc..Garth LahnaChad HoerstenRidgewood FFADelphos FFA

Ag Sales Plc. Lindzi Hoersten Delphos FFA **Ag Services** Corey Osting Delphos FFA

Erin Williams

Morgan FFA

Minster FFA

Beef Production Plc. Tyson Aeschliman Wauseon FFA

Diversified Crop Production Ent. Kayla Finton Ridgewood FFA

Emerging Ag Tech Jason Michael Delphos FFA **Diversified Crop Production Plc.** Adam Poeppelman

Dairy Production Ent.

Envi. Science and Nat. Resources Management Allyson Davis Amanda-Clearcreek FFA







Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production Cody Adams Fayetteville FFA

Forest Management and Products Casey Troyer Elida FFA

Home and/or Community Devlp. Dulton Moore Delphos FFA

Outdoor Recreation Emily Lanning Logan FFA

Speciality Animal Production Levi Criswell Elgin FFA

Turf Grass Management Clayton Miller Elida FFA **Floriculture** Rachel McClish Miami Trace FFA

Fruit Production Diana Stacy Old Fort FFA

Landscape Mng. James Dotterer Crestview FFA

Poultry Production Libby Bender River Valley FFA

Specialty Crop Production Vicki Nofziger Pettisville FFA

Vegetable Production Mallory McDevitt Wapakoneta FFA **Food Science and Technology** David Glass Zane Trace FFA

Grain Production Ent. Brock Goodman Cardington-Lincoln FFA

Nursery Opperations Lindsey Koppin Anna FFA

Sheep Production Kody Wolf Carey FFA

Swine Production Ent. Brady Campbell Waterford FFA

Veterinary Medicine Samantha Vermule Delphos FFA **Forage Production** Evan Klopfenstein Wayne Trace FFA

Grain Production Plc. Aaron Clark West Holmes FFA

Organic Ag Brian Keller Ft. Recovery FFA

Small Animal Production and Care Kayla King Pettisville FFA

Swine Production Plc. Tonya Fender Lynchburg-Clay FFA

Wildlife Management Jake Watercutter Anna FFA









2011 Stars Over Ohio

The Stars Over Ohio Program was created to recognize those indivudals with outstanding supervised agricultural experiences (SAE). After selecting the district stars, finalists are selected and interviewed at the site of their SAE and the winners are reconized on stage at convention. The winners applications are then forwarded on to the National FFA Organization for further evaluation.

Ohio's District Stars in Agricultural Placement

- District 1: Caroline Weihl, Otsego
- District 3: Christopher Thomas, Northwestern
- District 4: Evan Klopfenstein, Wayne Trace
- District 5: Nathan Fortkamp, Fort Recovery

Ohio's District Stars in Agribusiness

- District 1: Andrea Etchen, Edgerton
- District 4: Adam Kroeger, Delphos
- District 6: Jacob Detwiler, Fairbanks

Ohio's District Star Farmers

- District 1: Vicki Nofziger, Pettisville
- District 3: Amber Shoemaker, Marlington
- District 4: Kody Wolf, Carey
- District 6: Libby Bender, River Valley

Ohio's Star in Agribusiness Adam Kroeger | Delphos FFA

Adam Kroeger is the son of Ron Kroeger and Michelle Kroeger and is a student at the University of Northwestern of Ohio. Over the past four years, he has baled more than 1200 acres and nearly 60,000 bales of straws with a total return to capital, labor and management of \$25,981. In addition, he has logged 1,035 hours as a farmhand at Kroeger Farms. He was active in high school in varsity football and FCCLA. He is also involved in his church, 4-H and various community service projects. In FFA, Adam's involvement has included general livestock judging, state and national conventions, and Food For America. Adam is a member of the Delphos FFA chapter where his advisors are Scott Elwer and Mike Miller.



District 9:

District 6:

District 8:

District 9:

District 8:

Tonya Fender, Lynchburg-Clay

Melissa Shears, Ridgewood

Logan Morris, Mowrystown

Kasey Jones, Ridgemont Nathan Raber, Buckeye Trail

District 8: Steve McDowell, Buckeye TrailDistrict 9: Dara Howser, Western BrownDistrict 10: Brady Campbell, Waterford

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Ohio's Star in Agricultural Placement Nathan Fortkamp | Ft. Recovery FFA



Nathan Fortkamp, son of Paul and Ginny Fortkamp, is a senior at Fort Recovery. Nathan has worked at Fortkamp and Sons Poultry and Grain Farms since the age of 12, logging 5,175 hours and earning \$67,963. His duties include operating machinery, caring for chickens and crops, performing general maintenance and keeping records. His FFA activities include serving as chapter president, attending leadership nights, and participating in chapter fruit sales. In addition to FFA, he has been a member of student council and art club, while playing varsity baseball. He is also active in his church, the American Red Cross, and the STEM Robotics Competition. He plans to continue working at Fortkamp and Sons Poultry and Grain Farms. His advisors are Michael Gower and loe Hawk.

Ohio's Star Farmer Brady Campbell | Waterford FFA

Brady Campbell, son of Joe and Bridget Campbell, is a senior at Waterford. Brady's Supervised Agricultural Experience includes owning 10 sows, 7 gilts, 135 feeder pigs, 4 rams and 35 ewes. He has achieved superior feed efficiency, conception rates at first service, and number of offspring born. In his FFA chapter, Brady has served as president, and has participated in the national diversified livestock proficiency and the national parliamentary procedure contest. Outside of FFA, he is a member of National Honor Society, serves as class vice president, participates with his church youth group and is active in 4-H. Brady plans to attend The Ohio State University, with the longterm goal of becoming a large animal veterinarian. His advisor is Matt Hartline.



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.

Earl Beeler Paul Blausey Sandy Blausey **Michelle Brunson** Louis Damschroder Larry Davis **Jared Alan Evans** Lynn Hans Rebecca Holbrook Wellington Implement Les Kinder Dr. Michael J. Lichtensteiger Michael Lynch **Jack Mescher** Jeff Nofziger **Cathy Nofziger Debbie Reidy Kevin Reidy Kermit Riehle Frank Roach** Joseph E. Sevenich **Bill Sibrel Sharon Sibrel Donald Switzer**

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Chapter Officer Awards

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2011 State FFA Degrees

In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2011, 603 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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2011 State FFA Degrees

Haley Lewis Kaitlin Esselman Kalev Davis Tyler Campbell Danielle Butler Drew Wolfe **Chad Thomas** Olivia Tennison Ellie Stephenson Kelly Sipos Stephanie Rienschield **Cherice Peters** Charity Mcmullen Jessica Mccandlish Forrest Longstreth Conner Litt Morgan Konkler Abby Jude Courtney Horn Cole Gordon Dayna Donahue Jess Birdwell Luke Meyer Michael Hageman Kate Chittenden Rebecca Rash Darrell Randall Kalley Martin Sarah Kovar Mackenzie Fruchey Clay Burkholder Brittany Wolfer Jennifer Wiederdhold Marissa Vearil Jarrod Lindsey Leah Haines James Brock Cody Adams **Brielle Mansfield** Tyler Smith Brandon Kirk Shayla Baker Rachel Krumwiede James Carrico Shelby Balint Sarah Adkins Alicyn Tullius Hannah Lang **Douglas Seger Dustin Schemmel** Ben Barhorst

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Aaron Will Jacob Whitacre Alison Tobe Abby Sudhoff **Kyle Schmitz** Sam Muhlenkamp John Link Natalie Lennartz Doug Lennartz Brian Keller Nicole Hart **Taylor Guggenbiller** Caitlin Gehret Kurt Fortkamp Michelle Brackman Austin Overmyer Larry Ward Lawrence Wedemey Lindsey Brown Jessica Shanteau Alan Reeder Hannah Johnson **Emily George** Stephen Clark Josh Bryer Jacob Mckinney Perianne Dixon Nicole Wallace Mindy Stalter Megan Moorman Mark Mongin Nicole Miller **Rvan Mcclellan** Steve Kelleher Joe Unger Derek Karnes Frank Jones Kate Crabtree Zach Barney Alex Thompson Ryan Grimm **Regan Garber** Elizabeth Bernard **Reed Poling** Chelsea Motter Haylie Morris **Dan Hastings** Dustin Gossard Nathan Dirmeyer **Bryant Valdinger** Garrit Sproull

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Josh Solis David Valentine Austin Barrett Coryden Enochs Ian Monoghan Wyatt Henderson Tanner Mick Trenton Bradford Jacob Farr Alberto Flint Scott MsDermott

Soprano

Jenna Bigerton Bree Clark Maria Goettemoeller Kayla Dales Kasey Adams **Bittany Stacy** Samantha Green Savanah Green **Diamin Heberling Erica Bagley** Abbie Bashaw Hannah Baker **Brittany Perkins Rachel Zimmer** Cheyenne Knapp Shelby Ruff Anna Voris Olivia Tennison Tiffany Lawson Molly Elwood Callie Eberhart Elizabeth Graber McKenzey Shell Katie DiPoolo Jeanie McGarvey Kimberly Schlaegel **Rachel McComas** Grace Dannemiller

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Miami Trace

Paulding

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Warren

Clyde

Edison

Lauren Benson Emily Burns Iodi Taulker Susan Otto Tia Brickman **Courtney Turner** Shelby Diamond Kelly Rice Brooke North Sarrah Boston Sarah Peterson Emma Weiss, Mariah Carey Cora Williams Katryna Ousley Chole Raff Hannah Hules Cassandra Shenberger-Pothwell Jolynn Irwin Nicole Gebers Brittany Litreal Isabella Curd-Smith Katie Schwamberger Erin Smolinski Kayla Martin **Kayla Sheves** Mackenzie Hyatt Mandy Taylor

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Alto

Markie Bailey Breanna Guerreo Breanna Schubach Cheyanne Goeslin Kaylin Adair Jessica Miller Shania Heberling Gabrielle Tipton Dawn Bruggeman Meghan Brooks Becca Elder Diana Foltz Amanda Gilmore Dara Ferryman **Brittany Page** Breanna Bolon Heidi Miller Sydney LeVan Hannah Pitts **Casey Bradner** Amber Steiner Nicole Belcher

Bass

Hunter Sweat Cline Blaine Sheldon Burke Dylan Adams Josh Monroe Nathan Bowers Jacob Herr Joel Sonnenberg Chase Stoller **Bloom-Carroll** Clyde Clyde Clyde Clyde Clyde Clyde Clyde Coldwater Edison Fairfield Union Fairfield Union Fayette Greenon Indian Valley Indian Valley Indian Valley Kenton Kenton Lakota Lakota Liberty Union

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Mechanicsburg

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Patrick Henry

Paulding

Becky Cooky Jordan Lane Kenzie Schlaegel Haley Marshall Britta Fenstermakes Amber Elsass Heather Skaggs Amanda Bush Elizabeth McAvoy April Michaelis Kayla Laney Hayley Clellan Mikayla Porter Ashton Clough Skylar Huffman Whitney Applegate Emilee Swayne Codie Meis Jocelyn Jones **Diane Gress Eileen Gress** Makayla Carper

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Daniella Straathof Nicole Wallace Sarah Kovar Brittney Gray Jessica Krulic Megan Fridley Haley Black Jolynn Irwin Emilee Swayze RaeAnn Keck Haylee Mackey Mariah Lloyd Shaina Dean Allison Sommers

Bassoon

Sierra Miller Emma Ranney Marshall Pickering Upper Sandusky Firelands East Clinton

Miami Trace

Gibsonburg

East Clinton

TCN/MVCTC

Bloom-Carroll

West Holmes

West Holmes

Pymatuning Valley

Fayette

Otsego

Peebles

Peebles

Bellevue

Zane Trace



Tenor Saxaphone

Jena Hart Maggie Raber Patrick Tea Crystal-Lee Yeater Franklin Monroe West Holmes Clyde West Holmes

Clarinet

Chelsea Berning Barbara Hollingsworth Amber Thompson Whitney Bellomy McKayla Swank Kaytlynne Spillman Rachel Moulden Emma Hart Jenny Detty Christine Balint Colleen Dirken Olivia Cramer Samantha Gaskill Josie Anderson

Horn

Lacey Price Samantha Kleopfer Casey Carrier

Trumpet

Ashley Crone Nicholas Miller Amber Bevington Kenneth Grady Nate Chamblin Taylor Campbell Toni Slee Juslynn Stockwell Elaine Smith Brandon Lowder Chris Yackee Christina Lunsford Cassie Beard Rebecca Enright

Baritone

Cameron Bookman Dylan Loveless Tim McMahill Jake LeVeck Franklin Monroe Riverside Mowrystown Zane Trace North Central West Holmes Blanchester Franklin Monroe Zane Trace Firelands Sentinel Paulding Liberty Union Triad

Greenon McComb Liberty Union

Mowrystown Holgate Tri-County North Warren Fairfield Loudonville Evergreen Mechanicsburg Paulding Firelands Wauseon Clyde McComb Colonel Crawford

Waterford Mechanicsburg Mechanicsburg Tinora

Trombone

Alison Conley Melody Butturff Torin Blosser Tyler Eisel Travis Campbell Dakota Heistand Devan Zasadzinski Tom Schuman Alysia Scherger East Clinton Tiffin - Sentinel Pettisville Evergreen West Holmes McComb Bloom - Carroll Firelands Sentinal Career

Alto Saxaphone

Treanna Phillips Kayleigh Rupert Maria Walton Thomas Battig April Michaelis Samuel Dean Jacob Sahr Matthew Rader Aaron Wickes Eric Brandenburg Ashley Pool Katelynn Burrier

Holgate Northwestern - Wayne Northwestern - Wayne Firelands Otsego Fairfield Bloom - Carroll Patrick Henry Firelands Mowrystown McComb Mowrystown

Percussion

Dustin Neff Brett Welly Jacob Neff Jason Krulic Gregg Hahn Eilis Kelly Hannah Craiglow Daniel Burnside Alex Smith Ben Walker

Tuba

Karri Stickley Lucas Price Hannah Yausey Webb Adelsperger Layne Markley Paint Valley Lakota Paint Valley Pymatuning Patrick Henry Liberty Union Lancaster Liberty Union Liberty Union Mowrystown

Greenville Paulding Colonel Crawford Warren Graham/Hi-Point

Baritone Saxaphone

Jessica Torres James Jacobs Fayette Patrick Henry



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.

Service. This single word was the mission of the 2010-2011 Ohio FFA Officer Team. The first step of our journey together took place as former State President, Jeremy Grove and his officer team stepped up to the microphone and read the names and offices of those who would become our future teammates. While many students vied for a position of the officer team, only 15 would have the opportunity to whole-heartedly serve the Ohio FFA Association in the coming year. We were chosen to have the opportunity to live out our "Infinite Potential" as we dedicated our lives to serving Ohio's FFA members.

Two weeks following the 82nd Ohio FFA Convention, the newly elected team met at the Ohio FFA Center for the first time. The team came together with an attitude of anticipation and excitement for what would come. Although some of us had never met a single one of our teammates previously, we came together almost immediately as a team. We started the weekend meeting learning about each other and understanding our purposes as officers. 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 Candidate, Crystal Matthews came 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 at what would become one of our favorite places, Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum! Carroll County bound, we united once more 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, we spent time 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 Lara Staples and I traveled to Washington D.C. for the State Presidents' Conference. "One Element" 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 a booth during the Ohio State Fair.

We greeted guests coming into the center, bumped into members we met at camp and spoke with alumni.

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. The team also began a new tradition of service learning visits to encourage students to serve the community by putting the knowledge they learned in the classroom to work.

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 American suppliers, degree expansion, national officer elections, SAE standards, and the addition of a vet science CDE. The delegate floor has always been the source of enthusiasm during convention sessions.

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 the opportunity to travel on the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) to Argentina for two weeks with state officers from across the nation! During my time in Argentina I learned about international agricultural issues, toured sheep, equine, and bovine farms, explored one of the most beautiful countries in the world, and made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our last months together as teammates flew. We joined FFA members at the 212 and 360 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 83rd 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 State FFA Officers. We dreaded the coming of that day. However, when it came, we were overjoyed to celebrate the accomplishments of Ohio's FFA members who achieved amazing things throughout the past year. Although we were sad to see the sun set on our year as officers together, we carried the same goal to the end that we established in the beginning. Service. We began teammates and finished best friends.

by Amy Jo Frost, 2010-2011 State President

Leadership Nights



Are you an orange, grape, melon or banana? Several Ohio FFA members found out what fruit they were November through March. Each year the Ohio FFA officers conduct leadership nights throughout the state of Ohio. The officers create their own lesson plans, activities and brainstorm on other ideas that they would like to present to a variety of Ohio FFA Chapter Members. Leadership Nights bring several students from surrounding chapters together to help make a difference. This year's theme was "Lead Me, Lead You, Lead Us".

Ohio FFA Members truly enjoy collaborating with one another on excellence skills and it is a great opportunity for them to bond with the state officers in a non-classroom environment. Any school can apply to host a Leadership Night by filling out a form on the Ohio FFA Association Website, www.ohioffa.org.

During a Leadership Night at Amanda-Clearcreek High School in District 7, Erin Wollett, a senior at Centerburg High School, shared her feelings about attending Leadership Night. "I never knew I could meet so many diverse people who all share a similar love for agriculture and like learning about it in a fun way."

All of the students that participated in the "Lead Me, Lead You, Lead Us" Leadership Night sessions across Ohio were able to bring back new empowering ideas to their home chapters and communities. Along the way they encountered new friends and captured valuable life lessons. Ohio FFA Leadership Nights help bring leadership awareness to members across the state. Most Leadership Nights consists of lock-ins, dances, food, sports and other events.

This year over 32 Leadership Nights were conducted across the state of Ohio, and thousands of FFA members were impacted. Ohio FFA plans to increase the amount of Leadership Night attendances each year, with different motivational themes dealing with successful leadership.

by Cathryn Clark, 2010-2011 District 7 President

Chapter Officer Leadership Training

On September 8th, 2010 many FFA officers and members from across the great state of Ohio gathered at Veteran's Memorial in Columbus. Although each FFA member is deferent, they all had one thing in common that day; excitement for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) conference. The conference is designed to build and expand upon all the qualities a leader should possess at the national, state, and chapter levels.

It was a privilege to have Kelly Barnes of YourNextSpeaker attend as the conference's keynote address. Kelly served the Oklahoma FFA association as the 2002-2003 State Vice-president and the 2003-2004 State President. For the past 6 years, Kelly has worked with one of the nation's premier youth leadership speakers, Rhett Laubach at YourNextSpeaker. Kelly has the ability to weave important life lessons through his personal stories that will take you on a roller coaster of emotions. He is a great story teller, one that will makes you laugh, makes you think, and above all makes you want to get up and become a better person.

After the fun filled morning of leadership the FFA had the opportunity to meet with their senators and representatives at the Ohio Statehouse in the heart of Columbus. This is not only a great opportunity for the FFA members to learn what their elected representatives do, but also a time for the representatives to learn what FFA members in their districts are doing.

The Ohio FFA Association encourages members every year to attend the Colt conference in hopes that the members attending the event take positive ideas and skills back to their hometowns and own chapters.

by Jake Wuebben, 2010-2011 District 9 President

212 and 360 Degree Conferences

Bubbles burst fiercely from the water surface exploding and popping as steam roars from the pot of boiling water! Let's rewind a bit and we see a calm, peaceful pot of water sitting on the stove. What caused the water to transform into this monster? The answer is one measly degree. You see water is completely normal at 211 degrees Fahrenheit but as soon as it climbs to 212 you better watch out because this is the boiling point of water. This idea was the main focus of the 212 conference held for FFA members at the beginning of last year. The 212 conference was paired with the 360 conference and the two made for quite a weekend!

This was the first year for 212 and 360 conferences as they replaced MFE and ALD conferences in the past. 212 is geared specifically for freshman and sophomores while 360 focuses on juniors and seniors. The weekend began mid-day on Saturday with FFA members arriving from all over the Buckeye State. Some saw familiar faces but you could guarantee you would meet someone new. The conferences went through the afternoon until that evening where FFA members strutted their stuff on the dance floor. The 2010-2011 officer team even performed their famed flash mob at the dance! All in all it was a fantastic way to end the day and the excitement continued the next morning as both conferences finished up their sessions. As always it was tough to say good bye but there was an assurance that paths would cross again at state convention. There was also a zeal to incorporate what was learned into their everyday lives.

As stated previously, 212 degrees is temperature at which water boils. At 211, water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes to another level.....boiling. The 212 conference challenged students to push past their limits to the boiling point of leadership. This was shown through endless activities and demonstrations throughout the sessions.

360 took students through a full circle of chapter leadership development. Members learned how to develop action plans for their chapters in numerous different scenarios. Themes for this conference are action and influence.

It is impossible to put these two conferences into words and the only way to understand is to experience them yourself, because each and every FFA member is boiling over with Infinite Potential!

by Kirk Gasser, 2010-2011 District 3 President

Chapter Visits

My best. This is exactly what every FFA member deserved for 365 days. I had the opportunity to serve as an Ohio FFA State Officer, and can honestly say, to this point, was the best experience in my life! It is an honor and a privilege to be elected by your peers and put in a position where you are able to serve such a diverse and deserving group of students. The things that I learned are lessons that I will remember forever. Such a prestigious position like State Office entails a complicated job description.

One of the most important things an officer has the privilege to do, outside of



convention, is performing chapter visits. To experience a day with and FFA chapter in Ohio is exciting and rewarding for all involved. This is an opportunity for an officer to pass along some of the life lesson, skills, or ideas that they have experienced so far. In this same day the exchange of information is a two way street. While the state officer is presenting workshops, they are also taking in information about how that chapter operates, communicates, interacts, and performs.

Nothing is more rewarding to a state officer than to see chapters excel. They all excel in different ways and in different areas. Personally, this was my favorite part of being a state officer! Each chapter I attended put their own spin on everything they did. Unique is a word that could describe each program in the state!

Experiencing this is something I could look forward to! What makes the exchange of information and the opportunity to see such deserving individuals is the personal connections you make while performing chapter visits. The members I was able to meet in the first couple months traveling the state from high school to high school are what pushed me to and inspired me to put forth my best in every banquet speech I gave, every ceremony I attended, every time I did my hair and especially the time and effort put into convention. This was easy to work so hard, because I knew they deserved the best!

This is one of the greatest things the FFA offers to its students, fairly self governed and able to be molded. The FFA offers great flexibility to members and programs. They are able to decide how involved they would like to be in each area of the intracurricular system, while accomplishing each of the standards set by the Ohio Department of Education.

It is crazy to think that a few hours during a school week can mean so much, but it does! The FFA is known for having hard working and respectful members. State Officers are blessed to be able to work with such a great audience. Chapter visits are important to students and officers. The flow of information is a two way street and rewarding for both parties.

by Ellen Gilliland, 2010-2011 District 4 President

FFA Camp Muskingum

"Unlock the Mystery" was another successful summer for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of all the statistical successes for 2011:

Total Number of individuals served: **11,531 (Up 114)** Total number of camper days: **24,103,77 (Up 1,735.05)** Percent of Camper Days per Program Outside Groups – **43.06%** Nature's Classroom – **31.34%** FFA – **25.60%**

Total Number of groups served: **156 (Up 23)** Total number of FFA members attending summer camps: **1,263 (Up 50)** Total number of FFA members attending fall camps: **547 (Down 36)** FFA Chapters attending summer camp: **148 (Up 1)** Percent of school districts participating in a camp program: **49.3% (Up 0.3%)** Percent of FFA members attending a summer camp: **5.4%** Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall camps: **7.4%** Percent of agricultural education teachers attending summer camp: **21.5%**

2011 saw FFA Camp do some major improvements to the facility. Restrooms were added to Dorm #2. This completed the goal of adding restrooms to all the dorms making our facilities much more conducive to year round camping. We also completed the renovation of the FFA Retreat Center. This updated facility will be an added benefit for FFA chapter officer retreats. 2011 saw us pave the driveway in front of the nurses station, the parking lot above the beach area and the parking lot at the garage.

A big thank you to all the many groups and individuals that called FFA Camp Muskingum home in 2011.





Summer FFA Camp

Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum is the land filled with opportunities: opportunities to meet new people, opportunities to try new things, and opportunities to explore one's self. B.C. Forbes once said, "Opportunity rarely knocks on YOUR door. Knock rather on opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter." This hold true when members attend FFA Camp, because the staff and Ohio FFA State Officers ask members to knock on opportunities door, let it open and step inside to see what great goals they can accomplish.

With this year's theme being Big Ten FFA Camp, the estimated thousand campers from across the state huddled together to make the top plays of the week. Throughout the week, campers were able to meet create lifelong teammates with other FFA members from across the state, network with the 2010-2011 State Officer Team, and, of course, learn lessons and skills that they could take back to their home chapters.

With the eventful week of top plays, the campers took each quarter of the game for a victory. Throughout the week they got to participate in workshops facilitated by the state officer team. Also at FFA Camp, David Kohout presented his inspirational message called Talk is Cheap, where members learned that each one of them was a potential 'beaker-bumper' and filled with Greatness. These Big Ten players also had the opportunity of serving the community around FFA Camp through multiple service projects. For example, they had the chance to attend a day care center where they would work with children or stay at camp and work with an MRDD group. There was also a chance to work in the camp landscape.

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 an FFA member purchases, their name goes on a numbered list. If their name is chosen from the list, they will have a chance to pie an advisor, camp staff member, or state officer in the face. This long lasting tradition brought in a lot of donations for Children's Hospital.

Last but not least, members had free time or 'time-outs' to add to their opportunities of greatness and experience at FFA Camp. Campers had the chance to get close to their teammates through sports activities like basketball, softball, tennis, etc. To give campers the chance for target practice, FFA camp facilitated our archery, rifle, and shotgun range. Campers even had the chance to shoot at each other on the wooded and speed ball paintballing course. And of course, a big part of the camp opportunities are the activities done on Leesville Lake, where members can swim, boat, or fish for recreation.

In the final quarter of camp, the state officers reflected on the top plays of the summer at FFA Camp Muskingum. I think we could all agree that during Big Ten FFA Camp, it wasn't about the top plays being made, but the opportunities the campers were taking in order to make those top plays. FFA Camp is a place to stretch out, but not break. Certainly, all campers had that opportunity during Big Ten FFA Camp.

by Colin Barclay, 2010-2011 State Sentinel

Ohio FFA Alumni Association

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



Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members (left to right)

Photo Courtesy of Lexie Poulson

Back: Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne (Vice President); Edward Beeler, Talawanda; Jason Damron, Talawanda; Charlie Hart, National Trail; Jason Fox, Sentinel; Jesse Hamman, Hillsdale; Jennifer Kilbarger, Anthony Wayne. Front: Bruce Henney, Bellevue; Peggy Anderson, New Lexington; Amanda Mason, Anthony Wayne (Reporter), Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern (President); Lexie Poulson, Executive Secretary, John Poulson, OAAE, Pettisville (Sec-Treas); Ron Tilford, Talawanda (Past President). Not present: Sylvester Furman, Crestview; Jason Sharp, Sentinel; Mindy Fox,

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 92 chartered affiliates with Arlington, Felicity-Franklin, Minerva, West Liberty Salem, Bowling Green, Fort Recovery, Indian Valley, Lynchburg Clay, Northwestern Clark, Ohio River Producers, Ridgewood and Western Reserve being our 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 under the Ohio FFA website about becoming an alumni member.

Membership Project

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

Annual Meeting

The 40th annual Ohio FFA Alumni conference was held in January. Award winners were:

Agricultural Education Promotional Award: Anthony Wayne Coaching Award: Anthony Wayne Outstanding Member: Donna Meller, Pettisville Scrapbook: Anthony Wayne Affiliate Basket Contest: Fort Recovery Affiliate Leadership Growth Recognition

Edgerton, Genoa, Pettisville, Bowling Green, Crestview, Western Reserve, Minerva, Arlington, Fort Recovery, West Liberty Salem, Ridgewood, Felicity Franklin, Lynchburg Clay and Ohio River Producers

National Ratings

Newsletters and Website: Ohio (Gold Rating) **Scrapbook:** Anthony Wayne (Silver Rating)

Ohio FFA Foundation

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.

Dr. Isaac Kershaw, Chair; Agricultural Education Service, ODE Dr. Jamie Cano, Department of Human and Community Resource Development, OSU Dr. L.H. Newcomb, Department of Human and Community Resource Development, OSU Dr. Steve Gratz, Agricultural Education Service, ODE Sue Davis, Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators, Ridgewood High School Jaime Chenevey, Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators, West Holmes High School Amy Jo Frost, Ohio FFA Association Andy Vance, ABN/Buckeye Ag Radio Network Larry Davis, KeyBank Food and Agribusiness Team Melissa Bell, Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc.

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.

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Earl F. "Doc" Kanter Scholarship Fund



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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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