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ANNUAL REPORT



OHIO FFA

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OHIO FFA

ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1929 the Ohio FFA Association is a youth organization of over 23,000 members representing nearly 350 chapters across the state. Through career development events, and programs such as FFA Camp, and the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference we are preparing our members for the over 300 career opportunities in Agriculture. FFA is only one of the three essential components of our 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.

I BELIEVE BY LEAH AMSTUTZ, OHIO FFA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The future is only a tomorrow away, and we need leaders to meet the challenges rapidly transforming our world. Grown from strong roots of American culture for over 84 years, an organization is preparing today's students with the knowledge and skills to provide this leadership. These are the young men and women of the FFA. We are proud to announce that the Ohio FFA is currently 23,456 members strong and growing every day.

For years, FFA's mission of student success has been challenging students to become leaders in their communities and in their chosen future professions. Agricultural education and the FFA have provided and continue to provide a solid education foundation of learning inside the classroom and out. In Ohio, over 500 dedicated teachers are providing opportunities for students to develop Supervised Agricultural Experience programs from agricultural marketing to urban forestry, and livestock production to biotechnology.

Not only do these students succeed in agricultural areas, but in schools across the nation, agricultural education and the FFA are connecting over 475,000 students in their communities. FFA serves as an avenue for developing individuals into strong, solid young citizens, who see value in civic duty, service and community. Their contributions are valued by government and businesses that recognize the importance of young leaders for the next generation. The relationship of business and industry with the Ohio FFA is invaluable in supporting the opportunities our members enjoy, and is much appreciated. 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 spirit of "the blue and gold" reaches out in all directions and spans the generations. 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 "living the legacy" of student success today by wearing the blue and gold jackets of the FFA.

Congratulations, Ohio FFA members, on making an investment in your future by being part of the FFA. It is our honor to work with you. Let's keep our legacy growing strong by "believing" in the future!

In 2011-2012, the Ohio FFA Association.....

- Reached a statewide membership of 23,456.
- Boasted 272 American FFA Degree recipients.
- Honored 641 members with the State FFA Degree.
- Donated \$34,811.66 to Children's Hospital.

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2011-2012 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Leah Amstutz



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D4 President

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Old Fort

D5 President

Devon Alexander
Anna

D6 President

Morgan Wade
Buckeye

D7 President

Sierra Jepsen
Amanda-Clearcreek

D9 President

AJ Helterbrand
Hillsdale

D10 President

Katie Gaskins
Sheridan

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OHIO FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

(Left to Right) Bruce Henney, President Jack Mason, Peggy Anderson, Ed Beeler, Amanda Mason, Jason Damron, News Reporter Jodi Hassan, Charlie Hart, Jason Fox, Lexie Poulson, Jess Hamman, OAAE Rep, Secretary/Treasurer John Poulson, Jennifer Mason, Ron Tilford.

Not Pictured: Jason Sharp, Vice President, Mindy Fox, Elaine Beekman

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. 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.

AFFILIATES

Ohio has 97 chartered affiliates with Brookville, Buckeye, New London, South Central, Bloom Carroll, Fayette, Mowrystown, Patrick Henry and Sentinel 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. Scholarship Recipients Include:

Megan Heilen
Rachel Hedrick

Johnathon Mohr
Seth Finton

Trisha Cousino
Paige Reisinger

Katlyn Hulit

ANNUAL MEETING

The 41st annual Ohio FFA Alumni conference was held in January. Award winners are as follows:

Agricultural Education Promotional Award: **Pettisville**

Coaching Award: **Anthony Wayne**

Outstanding Member: **Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne**

Scrapbook: **Anthony Wayne**

Affiliate Basket Contest: **Sentinel**

Affiliate Leadership Growth Recognition: **Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Woodmore, Fayette, Patrick Henry, Bloom Carroll, Morgan, Hardin Northern, Sentinel, Brookville, Mowrystown, Buckeye, South Central & Felicity Franklin**

NATIONAL RATINGS

3 Star State

Newsletter: Gold

Website: Silver

Talawanda Affiliate

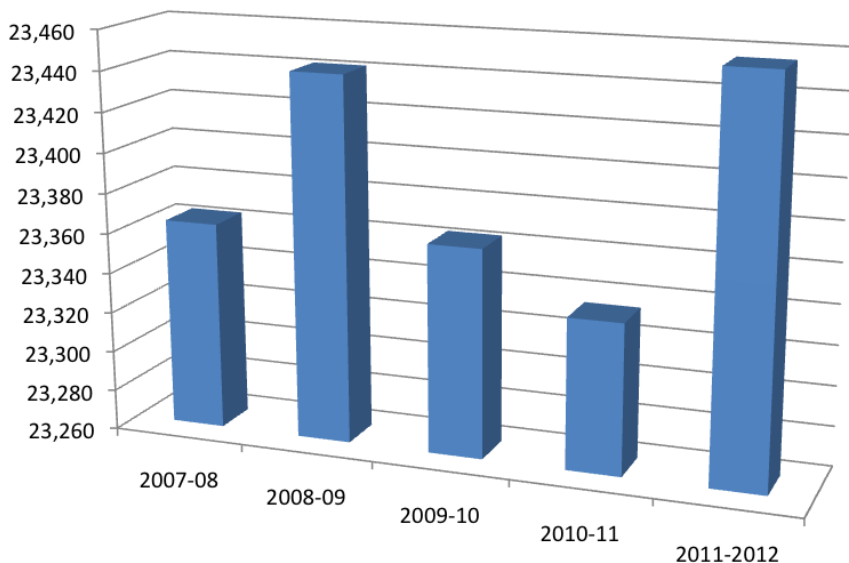
Silver Affiliate Award

Newsletter: Bronze

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FFA MEMBERSHIP

Today, 523,309 students are members of the National FFA Organization. Those members represent 7,487 chapters in all 50 states including Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 307 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,456 students. Ohio ranks among the top 10 states nationally for total membership.



2011-2012

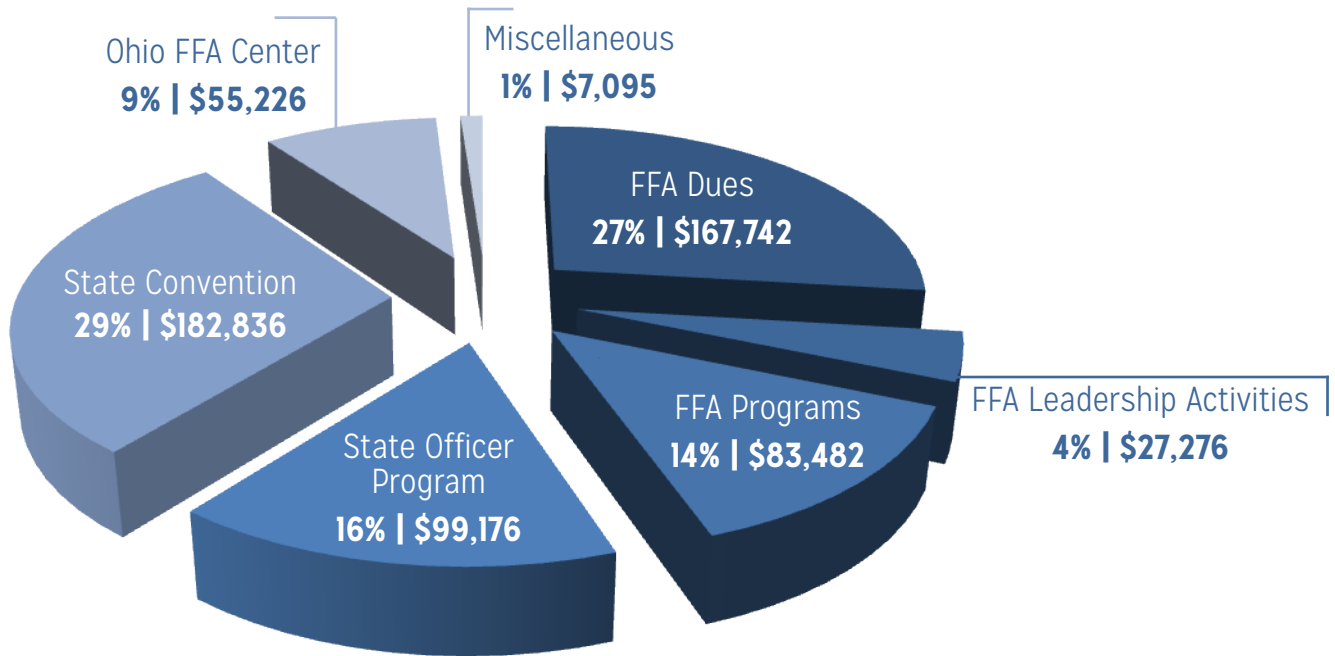
OHIO FFA MEMBERSHIP

23,456

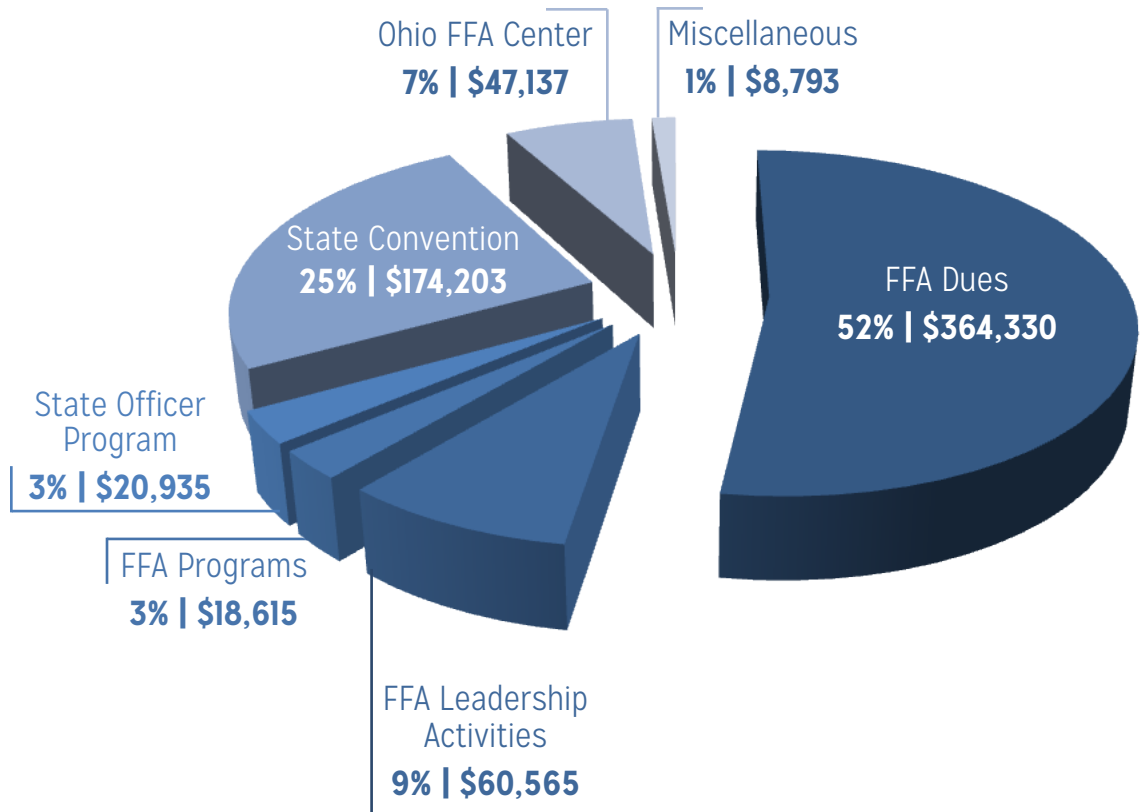
TOTAL FFA CHAPTERS

307

EXPENSES: \$622,833



REVENUES: \$694,578



NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BY CAROLINE WEIHL

The Ohio FFA Association is known for its philanthropic efforts in local communities and across the state. These efforts are often one of the highlighted activities at the State FFA Convention each year. Members in the Ohio FFA focus on inspiring change in tomorrow's world. This past year, they did just that by partnering with the Nationwide Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network.

Each day, children across the nation lose their ability to simply play on the playground when they are suddenly struck by illnesses. Luckily, there is a way to give them hope for continuous happiness! Thanks to the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, hundreds of thousands of children each year are assisted with their medical bills and recovery processes for common afflictions such as asthma, to bigger challenges like cancer. The Ohio FFA serves as an official benefactor for this organization.

To support the Children's Miracle Network, FFA members have contributed in numerous 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 like FFA memorabilia or a chapter visit from the 2011-2012 State FFA President Jessica Shanahan. And every year, many FFA chapters generously give monetary donations. From FFA camp sessions alone, \$14,573 was raised to support the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

At the 84th Ohio FFA Convention, a check for \$34,811.66 was presented to Jon Fitzgerald, President of the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation to recognize the total donations from the 2011-2012 school year. 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.

Alexander	Elgin	London	Pettisville
Amanda-Clearcreek	Elmwood	Loudonville	Preble Shawnee
Anthony Wayne	Fairbanks	Lucas	Pymatuning Valley
Ashland	Fairfield Union	Marion Local	Ridgewood
Benjamin Logan	Fayette	Marlington	River Valley (D6)
Bowling Green	Fayetteville	Marysville	Riverside
Brookville	Felicity Franklin	Mechanicsburg	Sheridan
Buckeye	Firelands	Miami East-MVCTC	Southeastern Clark
Cardington	Ft. Recovery	Miami Valley CTC	Southeastern Ross
Carey	Gallia Academy	Miller	Southern Local
Carrollton	Georgetown	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC	Upper Sandusky
Clermont Northeastern	Greenfield McClain	Mohawk	Urbana
Clyde	Greenville	Mount Vernon	Wapakoneta
Coldwater	Hardin Northern	Mowrystown	Wauseon
Colonel Crawford	Hillsboro	National Trail	Wellington
Crestview-Ashland	Indian Valley	New London	West Liberty Salem
Eastern Brown	Liberty Benton	North Union	Western Reserve
Edgerton	Liberty Union	Norwayne	Westfall
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Lincolnview	Paint Valley	Xenia
Edon Northwest	Logan	Parkway	Zane Trace

CROP/CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BY AJ HELTERBRAND

Growing up, my family sat down together every night and had dinner. No matter what we were doing mom would open the back door yell up to the barn "It's time to eat," and we all would come running. That was a time for our family to talk about what was going on in our lives. But, some families aren't as fortunate as mine, so one worldwide organization does all that they can to help some families have that time of reflection that mine always did. The CROP/Church World Organization helps these individuals who are less fortunate. Their goal is to stop world hunger and bring an end to poverty.

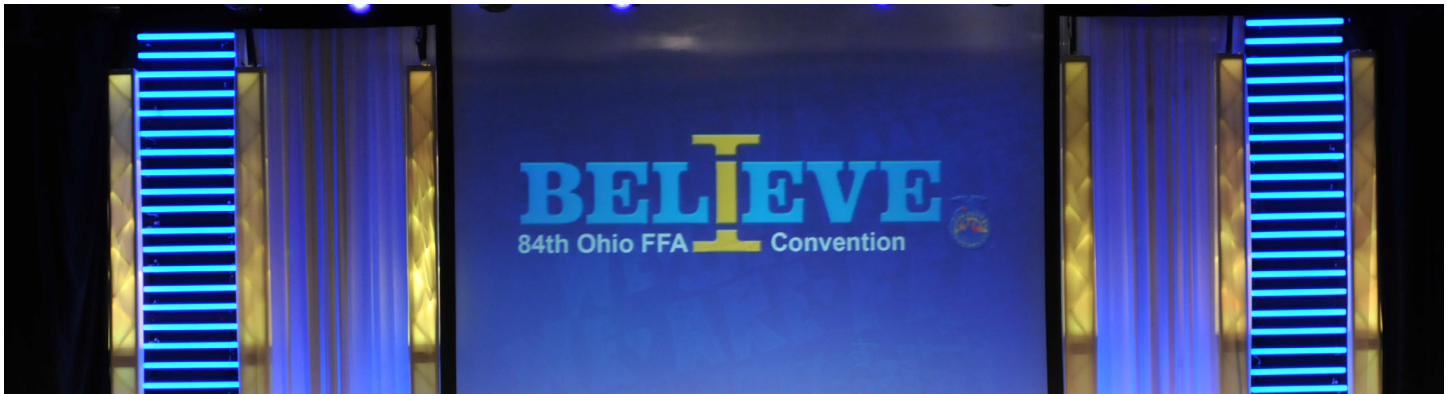
In 1947 the organization was started to help farm families in the Midwest share their grain and provide meals to starving people suffering from post-World War II in Europe and Asia. Since then they have grown into a worldwide organization that focuses on ending world hunger. The Ohio FFA has been partnering with CROP/Church World Service for over 50 years.

Many FFA Chapters throughout the state assist this organization in helping stop poverty around the world. Through chapter fund raisers, events, and donations these chapters are aiming to make a positive difference in their communities by helping CROP/Church World Service.

At the 84th Ohio FFA Convention a check for \$8,675 to Nick Kiger, Assistant Regional Director for CROP/Church World Service, Additionally FFA members at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum gave money to CROP/Church World Service and were able to raise \$1,200 through their efforts.

The following chapters were recognized on stage for contributing \$200 or more to CROP/Church World Service.

Alexander	Eastern Brown	Hardin Northern	Plymouth
Anthony Wayne	Edgerton	Lorain Co JVS	Preble Shawnee
Ashland	Edon-Northwest	Margaretta	Ridgewood
Barnesville	Elgin	Miami Valley CTC	Smithville
Benjamin Logan	Elmwood	Mississinawa Valley MVCTC	Southeastern Ross
Bowling Green	Fairfield Union	Monroeville	United
Cardington	Fairview	New Riegel	Urbana
Carey	Felicity Franklin	North Central	Wynford
Colonel Crawford	Fort Loramie	Paint Valley	Zane Trace
East Clinton	Gallipolis	Pettisville	



84TH OHIO FFA STATE CONVENTION BY JESSICA SHANAHAN

For two days, nearly 7,000 Ohio FFA members turned Columbus National Blue and Corn Gold!

As the 84th Ohio FFA State Convention took place at the Expo Center on May 3-4, 2012, thousands of members were recognized for their hard work and accomplishments.

The convention was broken up into five sessions, each of them having a theme that corresponded with the National FFA's theme, I Believe.

Believe that Together We Can Inspire Change

Members and guests in attendance were probably anticipating a traditional convention opening: music, National Anthem, and officer run in. But we had a few extra surprises in store! Prior to the session opening, we, as state officers paid tribute to the members that impacted our year as state officers. But the surprises didn't end with tribute videos, just after opening ceremonies Sierra Jepsen, the District 7 President started a flash mob! After the rest of our state officer team joined in, members throughout the convention hall began dancing, too!

As the first session continued, members were recognized for working to inspire change. More specifically, the chapters that donated \$200 or more to Children's Hospital, CROP/Church World Service, and Pelotonia were recognized on stage. Additionally, those students who received scholarships to Washington Leadership Conference were recognized. All in attendance heard the inspiring words of keynote speaker, Brooks Gibbs and to conclude the session, those slated for a position on the 2012-2013 state officer team were announced.

Believe in What Makes you Come Alive

To begin the second session, we announced those individuals who would be receiving their Honorary State FFA Degree. As the session continued, students were recognized for pursuing their passions. These students included: public speaking winners, national winners, and proficiency finalists. Keynote speaker, Jon Petz, also shared his message with the members and guests in attendance.

Following the second session, members attended the annual FFA dance in the Rhodes Center. This gathering served as an opportunity for members to reconnect with those that they have met at FFA camp and other leadership conferences.

Believe that Together we can Build a Better World

Throughout my year as the Ohio FFA State President, I traveled to chapters across Ohio and during each visit I asked one class to identify the things that the world needs to be a better place. To begin the third session, we highlighted all of the things those members came up with; everything from lower gas prices, to a cure for cancer, more chocolate chip cookies, and a solution to world hunger were brought up!

As the theme “Believe that Together We Can Build a Better World” was celebrated, members and chapters were honored for their efforts to build a better world and bring those things they identified to life. More specifically, the third session included the recognition of the Top 10 Chapters in the areas of Student, Chapter, and Community Development. The session also included a keynote address from Gus Gustafson and the announcement of our proficiency finalists.

Believe in Dreaming Big and Achieving Success

The fourth session of state convention was all about recognizing students’ dreams and honoring them for the effort they have put forth to achieve them. The efforts of chapter officers, specifically the ones that have earned a gold rating on their officer book were acknowledged. Additionally, CDE winners and Agriscience Fair participants were recognized on stage for pursuing their dreams and achieving success. National FFA President, Ryan Best, shared his message with those in attendance. To conclude the session, we, as State Officers, honored our parents for all they have done to support us as we attempt to dream big and achieve success.

Believe in the Beauty of Today

The final session of the 84th Ohio FFA Convention was dedicated to believing in the beauty of today. To begin the session, we, as state officers, shared memories from the past year that, to us, represented beauty. As the session continued, the State Band and Chorus performed and more than 600 state degree recipients were recognized. As the convention began to conclude, those elected as a 2012-2013 Ohio FFA State Officer were announced and installed.

After two years of serving the Ohio FFA members, I was honored to give my retiring address. Sharing a bit of all that I’ve learned over the past few years was a true pleasure and a great way to conclude my time as a state officer.

Beyond the Sessions

Beyond the five general sessions of convention, members had a plethora of opportunities. Between the Talent Show, Career Show, and Outdoor Games Oasis hosted by FFA Camp Muskingum, there were plenty of ways that members could entertain themselves. Members also competed in Agriscience Fair and proficiency finalists interviewed for the opportunity to represent Ohio at the national level. Additionally, the State Band and Chorus practiced for two days and then performed for the fifth and final session.

As always, State Convention was an outstanding opportunity for members to be recognized for the hard work and dedication they have put forth over the past year. As state officers, we were honored to conclude our year of service in such a way!

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TOP 10 CHAPTERS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

Anna	Marysville
Fayetteville	Miami East-MVCTC
Felicity Franklin	Otsego
Hardin Northern	Ridgemont
Lynchburg-Clay	Versailles

GOLD MEDAL CHAPTERS RANKED 11-30

11. North Union	21. Tri-Village-MVCTC
12. Elgin	22. Edgewood-Butler Tech
13. Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC	23. Talawanda-Bulter Tech
14. Delphos	24. River Valley (D6)
15. Cardington	25. London
16. Twin Valley South-MVCTC	26. New London
17. Blanchester	27. Fort Loramie
18. Mohawk	28. Bowling Green
19. Crestview (D2)	29. Buckeye Valley*
20. South Central	30. Oak Harbor-Penta*

SILVER MEDAL CHAPTERS RANKED 31-48

31. Amanda-Clearcreek	40. Bloom Carroll
32. Brookville-MVCTC	41. Norwayne
33. Greenville	42. Wauseon
34. Mt. Gilead	43. Plymouth
35. Benjamin Logan	44. Firelands
36. Zane Trace	45. Ansonia
37. Westfall	46. Buckeye
38. Miami Trace	47. Genoa
39. Anthony Wayne	48. Warren

BRONZE MEDAL CHAPTERS RANKED 49-63

49. Urbana	57. Greenon
50. Mowrystown	58. Wellington
51. Mapleton	59. Tecumseh
52. Preble Shawnee	60. Riverside
53. Ripley	61. United
54. Southeastern (D6)	62. River Valley (D10)
55. Northwestern (D3)	63. New Lexington
56. Liberty Union	

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Anna	Miami East-MVCTC
Elgin	North Union
Fayetteville	Otsego
Felicity Franklin	Ridgemont
Marysville	Versailles

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Anna	Miami East-MVCTC
Fayetteville	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Felicity Franklin	Otsego
Lynchburg-Clay	Ridgemont
Marysville	Versailles

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Anna	Miami-East-MVCTC
Cardington	North Union
Felicity-Franklin	Otsego
Hardin-Northern	Ridgemont
Marysville	Versailles

MODEL OF INNOVATION WINNERS

Student Development
Marysville FFA

Chapter Development
Anna FFA

Community Development
Anna FFA



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Accounting	Erik Fehlan	Wellington
Ag Communications	Maddison Buschur	Versailles
Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication	Melissa Shears	Ridgewood
Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Ent.	Jeremy Robbins	Fayetteville
Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Plc.	Cole Barry	North Union
Ag Processing	Rebecca Faverty	Marlington
Ag Sales Ent.	Austin Wippel	Westfall
Ag Sales Plc.	Kelly Fager	Wauseon
Ag Services	Samantha Vermule	Delphos
Agriscience Research Integrated Systems	Sarah Cox	Zane Trace
Agriscience Research Plant Systems	Taylor Kruse	Pettisville
Beef Production Ent.	Jordon Mullett	River View
Beef Production Plc.	Molly Greenawalt	Lynchburg-Clay
Dairy Production Ent.	Kira Andre	Wauseon
Dairy Production Plc.	Ashley Wilker	Marion Local
Diversified Ag Production	Aaron Clark	West Holmes
Diversified Crop Production Ent.	Cody Adams	Fayetteville
Diversified Crop Production Plc.	Jakob Wilson	Fairbanks
Diversified Horticulture	Jennifer Morgan	South Central
Diversified Livestock Production	Saul Triana	Wauseon
Emerging Ag Technology	Phillip Vanscoy	Ridgemont
Env. Science and Natural Resources Mng.	Justin Pursel	Pettisville
Equine Science Ent.	Elizabeth Hayes	Marysville
Equine Science Plc.	Leah Haines	Fayetteville
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Jacob Luderman	Paulding
Forage Production	Austin Wagner	Wauseon
Forest Management and Products	Taylor Hopkins	Western Brown

Fruit Production
Goat Production
Grain Production Ent.
Grain Production Plc.
Home and/or Community Development
Landscape Management
Nursery Operations
Organic Ag
Outdoor Recreation
Poultry Production
Sheep Production
Small Animal Production and Care
Specialty Animal Production
Specialty Crop Production
Swine Production Ent.
Swine Production Plc.
Turf Grass Management
Vegetable Production
Veterinary Medicine
Wildlife Production and Management

Cassandra Saylor
 Jordan Fledderjohann
 James Hozalski
 Aaron Bernath
 Zac Siefker
 Nick Brumfield
 Amanda Koch
 Eric Dahlinghaus
 Travis Campbell
 Casey Swonger
 Adam High
 Leanna Bachman
 Michael Snider
 Brock Rohrs
 Garrit Sproull
 Nick Rutschilling
 Chris Kutz
 Lauren Williams
 Brenda Saldivar
 Ethan Bingham

New Lexington
 Botkins
 Firelands
 Archbold
 Elida
 Amanda-Clearcreek
 Botkins
 Minster
 West Holmes
 River Valley
 Elgin
 Liberty Union
 Genoa Area
 Wauseon
 Harrison Central
 Versailles
 Fairbanks
 Miami East-MVCTC
 Wauseon
 Wauseon





OHIO'S STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

PHILLIP VANSCOY | RIDGEMONT FFA CHAPTER



Phillip VanScoy is the son of Bill and Sonie VanScoy and is a senior at Ridgemont. Phillip has logged more than 3000 hours working on his hydroponic strawberry operation. He has implemented the use of stackers to increase production, achieving the equivalent harvest of 43,000 square feet, using only 3,600 square feet. Phillip is active in high school in band and school musicals, in addition to his involvement with his church youth group. In FFA, Phillip's involvement has included Community Supported Agriculture, Food For America, and Science Fair. He plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio while continuing to expand his strawberry enterprise. Phillip's advisor is Stephanie Jolliff.

OHIO'S STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

AARON CLARK | WEST HOLMES FFA CHAPTER



Aaron Clark, son of Chris and Julie Clark and Heidi Truit, is a member of the West Holmes FFA chapter where his advisor is Jaime Chenevey. Aaron's SAE includes working more than 4000 hours and earning nearly \$35,000 in a poultry and diversified crop operation. He has served as a chapter officer, and has also played football for his high school. He is also a member of the Agronomy Club at The Ohio State University-ATI, where he is pursuing a degree in agronomy and plant sciences.

OHIO'S STAR FARMER

BROCK GOODMAN | CARDINGTON FFA CHAPTER



Brock Goodman, son of Gary Goodman, is a graduate of Cardington High School where his advisor is Neil Swonger. Brock's SAE includes farming soybeans and corn, and raising market hogs. In his FFA chapter, Brock has served as president, and has attended National FFA Convention and Washington Leadership Conference. He is currently attending The Ohio State University- Agricultural Technical Institute, pursuing a degree in crop production, with the ultimate goal of returning to the family farm.

19 STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS



In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2012, 641 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.

Garrett Kite	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point	Mckenzi Moyer	Archbold
Katie Meeks	Alexander	Kyle Wesche	Archbold
Kaitlyn Stotts	Alexander	Bobbi Litten	Ashland
Nick Brumfield	Amanda-Clearcreek	Erica White	Ashland
Emily Cordle	Amanda-Clearcreek	Zachary Irons	Bellevue
Allyson Davis	Amanda-Clearcreek	Katelyne Ackley	Benjamin Logan
Jenna Ferguson	Amanda-Clearcreek	Emily Brill	Benjamin Logan
John Miller	Amanda-Clearcreek	Cory Leiter	Benjamin Logan
Caitlin Robinson	Amanda-Clearcreek	Nicholas Melvin	Benjamin Logan
Jacob Becker	Anna	Tyler Myers	Benjamin Logan
Adam Berning	Anna	MicKayla Ropp	Benjamin Logan
Craig Berning	Anna	Chelsea Shaffer	Benjamin Logan
Tyler Grimes	Anna	Brent Weiss	Benjamin Logan
Brandon Maurer	Anna	Taylor Conaway	Big Walnut DACC
Summer McCracken	Anna	Camdon Corzatt	Big Walnut DACC
Ashley Michael	Anna	Tim Garwood	Big Walnut DACC
Shawnie Rump	Anna	Cody Glassford	Big Walnut DACC
Crystal Schmiesing	Anna	Margaret Lacy	Big Walnut DACC
Elizabeth Wells	Anna	Stephanie Little	Big Walnut DACC
Hannah Katafias	Anthony Wayne	Ryan Piper	Big Walnut DACC
Dustin Moosman	Anthony Wayne	Kevin Simpson	Blanchester
Andrew Teet	Anthony Wayne	Nick Stroud	Blanchester
Abbey Vantyne	Anthony Wayne	Haley Black	Bloom Carroll
Marie Keefe	Arcadia	Laura Chapman	Bloom Carroll
Ben Eggers	Archbold	Alyssa Gieseck	Bloom Carroll

Zach Stephan	Bloom Carroll	Amanda Burdsall	Clermont-Northeastern
Andy Egbert	Botkins	Savannah Green	Clyde
Zach Egbert	Botkins	Jessica Miller	Clyde
Heath Geyer	Botkins	Ryan Dues	Coldwater
Hannah Koch	Botkins	Austin Heiby	Coldwater
Logan Russell	Botkins	Kendra Hudson	Colonel Crawford
Derek Snider	Botkins	Jessica Lohr	Colonel Crawford
Henry Apple	Bowling Green	Jesse Sellman	Colonel Crawford
Jordan Engle	Bowling Green	Alexis Moser	Cory-Rawson
Thomas Foos	Bowling Green	Devin Roth	Cory-Rawson
Kurt Wyler	Buckeye Career Center	Caitlynn Campbell	Crestview
Jacob Clark	Buckeye Central	Dallis Gibson	Crestview
Austin McCracken	Buckeye Central	Luke Grauer	Crestview
Brandon Ashley	Buckeye	Katlyn Hulit	Crestview
Tom Woodhall	Buckeye	Thomas Lichtensteiger	Crestview
Dakota Burris	Buckeye Trail	Kelsie Preston	Crestview
Nick Fowler	Buckeye Trail	Josh Ream	Crestview
Jacob Glasgow	Buckeye Trail	Kole Rolsten	Crestview
Larry Workman	Buckeye Trail	Adam Schumm	Crestview
William Harsh	Buckeye Valley	Lindsay Shoup	Crestview
Lizabeth Thurston	Buckeye Valley	Megan Shoup	Crestview
Meghan Thurston	Buckeye Valley	Whitney Hawk	Danville
Jessica Boney	Caldwell	Jordan Barclay	Delphos
Timothy Schenkel	Caldwell	Brock Bonifas	Delphos
Cade Brannon	Cardington-Lincoln	Jessica Hammons	Delphos
Taylor Gilmore	Cardington-Lincoln	Elizabeth Reindel	Delphos
Anne Mcelwee	Cardington-Lincoln	Wesley Roby	Delphos
Brennan Plowman	Cardington-Lincoln	Luke Wrasman	Delphos
Alex Taha	Cardington-Lincoln	Dylan Eltzroth	East Clinton
Allison Welty	Cardington-Lincoln	Nicole Mckibben	East Clinton
Ryan Borland	Carrollton	Jacob Moore	East Clinton
Adam Bormouth	Carrollton	Cody Williams	East Clinton
Garrett Davis	Carrollton	Clayton Frost	East Knox
Kyle Davis	Carrollton	Jamison Shriver	East Knox
Lauren Keefer	Carrollton	Lynann Simpson	Eastern Brown
Brittany Rohr	Carrollton	Brock Abke	Eastwood
Missy Snair	Carrollton	Kirsten Abke	Eastwood
Zach Wilson	Carrollton	Diana Bushman	Eastwood
Carson Burden	Clear Fork Valley	Stephanie Dippman	Eastwood
Kyle Frazee	Clear Fork Valley	Nichole Eschedor	Eastwood
Spencer McGinty	Clear Fork Valley	Kevin Martin	Eastwood
Mackenzie Miller	Clear Fork Valley	Jarred Melcher	Eastwood
Matthew Reasor	Clear Fork Valley	Erin Nelson	Eastwood
Dakota Studer	Clear Fork Valley	Madison Renollet	Eastwood

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Sarah Snyder	Eastwood	Shay Snyder	Fairfield
Adam Wolf	Eastwood	Jamie Beyer	Fairfield Union
Katie Anspaugh	Eaton-MVCTC	Chessa Blower	Fairfield Union
Zach Feldner	Eaton-MVCTC	Hope Bondurant	Fairfield Union
Winston Rea	Eaton-MVCTC	Paige Dennis	Fairfield Union
Sierra Freeman	Edgerton	Tessa Friend	Fairfield Union
James Radabaugh	Edgerton	Cayla Goodman	Fairfield Union
Laurel Schroeder	Edgerton	Jordan Johnston	Fairfield Union
Kelli Gerber	Edgewood-Butler Tech	Cory Kopis	Fairfield Union
Ben Brown	Edon-Northwest	Jessy McCashen	Fairfield Union
Clay Parrish	Edon-Northwest	Matt Picklesimer	Fairfield Union
Dakota Parrish	Edon-Northwest	Cody Schmelzer	Fairfield Union
Allison Towne	Edon-Northwest	Brooke Schmueckle	Fairfield Union
Bryan Boles	Elgin	Jessy Schultz	Fairfield Union
Seaton Dyer	Elgin	Samantha Thurston	Fairfield Union
Kody Fox	Elgin	Kelsey Zeigler	Fairfield Union
Adam High	Elgin	Zach Rogers	Fairlawn
John Kasler	Elgin	Aaron Watkins	Fairlawn
Eian Miller	Elgin	Alex Bok	Fairview
Mercedes Snyder	Elgin	Brittany Conkey	Fairview
Isaac Van Gundy	Elgin	Alexis Guilford	Fairview
Keaton Brenneman	Elida	Brian Hammon	Fairview
Josh Dawson	Elida	Ethan Hearne	Fairview
Ron Lloyd	Elida	Nicholas Keil	Fairview
Alex Shaw-Roberts	Elida	Micah Shenk	Fairview
Jessica Troyer	Elida	Morgan Wirick	Fairview
Dimitri Davidson	Elmwood	Cole Burkholder	Fayette
Karly Haughawout	Elmwood	Spencer Keefer	Fayette
Casey Heller	Elmwood	Ryan Koch	Fayetteville
Taylor Hosmer	Elmwood	Emily Mcroberts	Fayetteville
Thom In'T Groen	Elmwood	Steven Parcell	Fayetteville
Tyler Morlock	Elmwood	Tyler Parcell	Fayetteville
Taylor Murphy	Elmwood	Abbey Rowe	Fayetteville
Cassandra Shaffer	Elmwood	Katherine Weathers	Fayetteville
Jon Shinew	Elmwood	Dusty Brandenburg	Felicity-Franklin
Lorne Strausbaugh	Elmwood	Chris Smith	Felicity-Franklin
Courtney Thomson	Elmwood	Carley Snider	Felicity-Franklin
Conlan Varty	Elmwood	Sydney Snider	Felicity-Franklin
Harmon Gombash	Evergreen Local	Michael Larson	Firelands
Joshua Rausch	Fairbanks	Gabrielle Sroka	Firelands
Evan Scheiderer	Fairbanks	Alexander Tuggle	Firelands
Kristopher Lamb	Fairfield	Joshua Ward	Firelands
Lauren Larrick	Fairfield	Jessica Zurcher	Firelands
Cole Putnam	Fairfield	Orin Palmer	Fort Frye

Brandon Barlage	Fort Loramie	Katelynn Gillen	Highland
Laura Poppelman	Fort Loramie	Amara Lowery	Highland
Brett Quinter	Fort Loramie	Alanna Persinger	Highland
Katelyn Seger	Fort Loramie	Daniel Super	Highland
Zach Bergman	Fort Recovery	Jason Schlabach	Hiland
Eric Brackman	Fort Recovery	Whitney Earley	Hillsboro
Keith Fortkamp	Fort Recovery	Kristy Hopkins	Hillsboro
Logan Jutte	Fort Recovery	Sarah Bookman	Hillsdale
Andrea Lennartz	Fort Recovery	Zane Gross Ii	Hillsdale
Gustave Link	Fort Recovery	Megan Miller	Hillsdale
Rachel Rammel	Fort Recovery	Tara Moffett	Hillsdale
Jake Vogel	Fort Recovery	Dexter Rogers	Hillsdale
Karissa Will	Fort Recovery	Kyle Brinkman	Holgate
Dylan Muhlenkamp	Fredericktown	Ashley Hooven	Hopewell-Loudon
Jordyn Benson	Gallia Academy	Marissa Kirian	Hopewell-Loudon
Jimmy Clagg	Gallia Academy	Nathan McCormack	Hopewell-Loudon
Megan Cremeans	Gallia Academy	Nicholas McCormack	Hopewell-Loudon
Briggs Shoemaker	Gallia Academy	Dalton Park	Hopewell-Loudon
Michael Clark	Genoa Area	Cassie Glazer	Indian Valley
Chelsea McCormick	Genoa Area	Magaret Anderson	John Glenn
Kelsey Miller	Genoa Area	Jamie Raley	John Glenn
Rachel Weber	Genoa Area	Mackenzie Miller	Kenton-Ohio Hi Point
Tanner Turner	Georgetown	Natalie Molk	Kenton-Ohio Hi Point
Drew Amstutz	Greene County Career Center	Jenna Dotts	Liberty Center
Hallie Hiser	Greene County Career Center	Leanna Bachman	Liberty Union
Rebekah Jones	Greene County Career Center	Emily Burns	Liberty Union
Jonathan Rohrback	Greene County Career Center	Rebekah Cooley	Liberty Union
Rebecca Dhume	Greenfield-McClain	Casey Donahue	Liberty Union
Mark Jackson	Greenfield-McClain	Joe Green	Liberty Union
Makenzie Olaker	Greenfield-McClain	Kelsey Holbrook	Liberty Union
Ryan Perie	Greenfield-McClain	Sarah Humphreys	Liberty Union
Auston Storer	Greenfield-McClain	Taylor Jensen	Liberty Union
Savanna Compton	Greenon	Kaitlyn Justice	Liberty Union
Kyle Green	Greenon	Jessica McCormick	Liberty Union
Sara Hupp	Greenon	Garrett Price	Liberty Union
Jordan Stacy	Greenon	Mckenzey Shell	Liberty Union
Chelsea Thome	Greenon	Kimberly Zollinger	Liberty Union
Courtney Acton	Hardin-Northern	Cara Dillon	Licking Valley
Haily Bradley	Hardin-Northern	Josh Ellis	Licking Valley
Austin Douglas	Hardin-Northern	Kyle Evans	Licking Valley
Robert Gault	Hardin-Northern	Leeann Mohler	Licking Valley
Carlie Stump	Hardin-Northern	Beth Army	Lincolnview
Callie Eberhart	Harrison Central	Abby Richey	Lincolnview
Kim Cole	Highland	Jacob Staley	Lincolnview

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Megan Dresbach	Logan Elm	Jennifer Frost	Miami Trace
Codi Dennis	Logan	Charlie Hiser	Miami Trace
Mariah Moss	Logan	Charlie Miller	Miami Trace
Hope Miller	London	Emily Ratliff	Miami Trace
Lisa Rhonemus	Lynchburg-Clay	Melissa Ritenour	Miami Trace
Matthew West	Lynchburg-Clay	Daniella Straathof	Miami Trace
Morgan Clark	Madison Plains	Tori Wilt	Miami Trace
Kaitlin Combs	Madison Plains	Jacob Puthoff	Miami Valley CTC
Isaac Davison	Madison Plains	Chelsea Barton	Miller
Joseph Francis	Madison Plains	JD Little	Minerva
Bryan Wilson	Madison Plains	Halie Byers	Minster
Samarah Wilson	Madison Plains	Eric Dahlinghaus	Minster
Kyle Young	Madison Plains	Adam Dircksen	Minster
Herman Haupricht	Mapleton	Lauren Amspaugh	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Adam Heffelfinger	Mapleton	Preston Deeter	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Colton Hickey	Mapleton	Elizabeth Livingston	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Mitchell Cramer	Margaretta	Joni Winger	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Joanna Michel	Margaretta	Lindsay Daniel	Mohawk
Kolby Munk	Margaretta	Deon Morter	Mohawk
Jessica Stacy	Margaretta	Grant Price	Mohawk
Spencer Duckworth	Marietta	Jarred Shellhouse	Mohawk
Nicole Bertke	Marion Local	Darby Walton	Mohawk
Keith Bohman	Marion Local	John Clayton	Monroeville
Molly Hardesty	Marion Local	Emily Lewis	Monroeville
Kyle Kramer	Marion Local	Matthew Downs	Morgan
Kevin Miller	Marion Local	Clarissa Heigley	Morgan
Rebecca Faverty	Marlington	Danielle Hopkin	Morgan
Brian Jirousek	Marlington	Jody Williams	Morgan
Justin Weisent	Marlington	Colton Walker	Mt. Vernon
Austin Buentello	Marysville	Erin Baker	National Trail-MVCTC
Jessica Chapman	Marysville	Natalie Morgan	National Trail-MVCTC
Natalie Pickett	Marysville	Amber Paul	New Bremen
Ryan Schwyn	Marysville	Maddy Paul	New Bremen
Jessica Wickline	Marysville	Matthew Kunkler	New Lexington
Miranda Miser	Meadowbrook	Zachary Wiseman	New Lexington
Kelsey Watson	Meadowbrook	Daniel Arbogast	New Riegel
Thomas Bethel	Mechanicsburg	Nathan Schalk	New Riegel
T. Austin Black	Mechanicsburg	Dustin Wagner	New Riegel
Maggie Neer	Mechanicsburg	Nicholas Carlson	North Central
Katlyn Shanahan	Mechanicsburg	Weldon Ebersole	North Central
Amanda Bartel	Miami East-MVCTC	Samuel Bevis	North Union
Jake Eidemiller	Miami East-MVCTC	Skyler Foos	North Union
Emily Johnson	Miami East-MVCTC	Riley Hall	North Union
Meagan Mckinney	Miami East-MVCTC	Joshua Smith	North Union



Peter Blair	Northeastern	Thomas McDonough	Parkway
Scott Casto	Northeastern	Kylie Snyder	Parkway
Cody Parker	Northeastern	Lindsey Walls	Parkway
Mackenzie Shuey	Northeastern	Gregg Hahn	Patrick Henry
Ashley Cromer	Northwestern	James Jacobs	Patrick Henry
Caitlin Donohoe	Northwestern	Tyler Reiser	Patrick Henry
John Eberly	Northwestern	Ryan Tietje	Patrick Henry
Erik Elfers	Northwestern	Jacob Luderman	Paulding
Jeremy Elleman	Northwestern	Andrew Smiley	Paulding
Sarhra Flinn	Northwestern	Dalton Thomas	Paulding
Tessa Hershey	Northwestern	Patrick Troyer	Paulding
Cassidy Johnson	Northwestern	Joshua Wheeler	Peebles
Sabrina Johnson	Northwestern	Travis Beck	Pettisville
Sara McWilliams	Northwestern	Nathanael Betz	Pettisville
Calla Morris	Northwestern	Aaron Bruner	Pettisville
Elizabeth Roderick	Northwestern	Taylor Kruse	Pettisville
Daniel Stone	Northwestern	Arrin Short	Pettisville
Clint Gasser	Norwayne	Megan Burrer	Plymouth
Allison Mangun	Norwayne	Taylor Foster	Plymouth
Jamie Murray	Norwayne	Katie Bratton	Preble Shawnee
Ashley Buhrow	Oak Harbor	Jessica Krulic	Pymatuning Valley
Dirk Dempsey	Oak Hill	Jordan Bentley	Ridgedale
Samantha DeAtley	Ohio Valley Vocational School	Ashton McCullough	Ridgemont
Mikkie Fitzpatrick	Ohio Valley Vocational School	Cody Seiler	Ridgemont
Carley Gutman	Ohio Valley Vocational School	Colin Turner	Ridgemont
Andrew Baus	Otsego	Mark Border	Ridgewood
Courtney Garrett	Otsego	Tyler Davis	Ridgewood
Allen Limes	Otsego	Derek Hoffman	Ridgewood
April Michaelis	Otsego	Nathan Leavengood	Ridgewood
Bill Potter	Otsego	Seth Mason	Ridgewood
Brook Trumbull	Otsego	Anna Powell	Ridgewood
Tyler Matthews	Parkway	Michelle Aaron	River Valley

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Katie Bayles	River Valley	Megan Cornish	South Central
Mariah Hill	River Valley	Sara Gannett	South Central
Zach Isler	River Valley	Leeann Montgomery	South Central
Clay Rollison	River Valley	Tiana Morris	South Central
Taylor Seckel	River Valley	David Seidel	South Central
Megan Weir	River Valley	Todd Kirk	Southeastern Ross
Paxton Wenger	River Valley	Lucas Meeker	Southeastern Ross
Jake Ellis	River View	Chelsea Holter	Southern
James Ellis	River View	Adam Sevek	Southern Local
Kenneth Ellis	River View	Jamie Kill	Spencerville
Marion Stutzman	River View	Health Sidey	Spencerville
Brett Parish	Riverdale	Isaac Lefeld	St. Henry
Catlin Pauley	Riverdale	Tyler Lefeld	St. Henry
Morgan Shane	Riverdale	Brad Rindler	St. Henry
Tyler Weatherholtz	Riverdale	Kaitlin Schmitmeyer	St. Henry
Hillary Jackson	Riverside	Zach Sieftring	St. Henry
James Walters	Riverside	Meghan Call	Symmes Valley
Mollie Burwinkel	Ross-Butler Tech	Scott Dial	Symmes Valley
Shelby Freeman	Ross-Butler Tech	Ben Glazier	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Zach Brown	Seneca East	Madison Ittel	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Ryan Hahler	Seneca East	Amy Janos	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Amy Covert	Sentinel CTC	Matt Moran	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Timothy Goshe	Sentinel CTC	Caroline Schulte	Talawanda-Butler Tech
James Lauer	Sentinel CTC	Sarah Burns	Teays Valley
Brooke Meyer	Sentinel CTC	Makayla Buskirk	Teays Valley
Travis Zimmerman	Sentinel CTC	April Cordle	Teays Valley
Walker Fackler	Shelby	Erik Fischer	Teays Valley
Ross Jones	Shelby	Wayne Gregory	Teays Valley
Ryan Neidermier	Shelby	William Harrison	Teays Valley
Andy Stockmaster	Shelby	Madeline Hatcher	Teays Valley
Samantha Goodhart	Shenandoah	Robert O'Bryan	Teays Valley
Whitney Petry	Shenandoah	Ian Pritchard	Teays Valley
Etta Ray	Shenandoah	Brandon Sethna	Teays Valley
Landon Tomcho	Shenandoah	Emily Lokai	Tecumseh
Mallory Floyd	Sheridan	Joe Peoples	Tecumseh
Stacie Melik	Sheridan	David Turnmire	Tecumseh
Emmalee Ours	Sheridan	Kourtney Kaemming	Tinora
Courtney Plaisted	Sheridan	Erika Williams	Tri-Valley
Melissa Shafer	Sheridan	Clayton Murphy	Tri-Village-MVCTC
Katie Swinehart	Sheridan	Karson Funderburgh	Triad
Rachel Taylor	Sheridan	Kelsey Funderburgh	Triad
Paul Kelbly	Smithville	Alyssa Horn	Triad
Donald Mercer	Smithville	Slade Perry	Triad
David Allison	South Central	Mason Ryan	Triad

Diane Gress	Triway	Kayla Schneider	Wapakoneta
Bailey Hardin	Triway	Jonathan Zwiebel	Wapakoneta
Brandy Napier	Triway	Megan Giffin	Waterford
Connor Sweet	Twin Valley South-MVCTC	James Whalin	Waterford
Dorothy Corbett	Union Local	Scott Dennis	Wauseon
Ben Simpson	Union Local	Kelly Fager	Wauseon
Levi Cooper	United	Blake Gurzynski	Wauseon
Haley Drake	United	Ariel Pfaff	Wauseon
Darrin Dustman	United	Levi Weber	Wauseon
Alex Hull	United	Lee Turner	Waynesfield-Goshen HS
Chance Ramsey	United	Nathan Turner	Waynesfield-Goshen HS
Abram Zehentbauer	United	Madison Bremke	Wellington
William Amert	Upper Sandusky	Sarah Doehr	Wellington
Jared Bell	Upper Sandusky	Erik Fehlman	Wellington
Zebelin Kitzler	Upper Sandusky	Deanna Forbush	Wellington
Sierra Miller	Upper Sandusky	Millie Austin	West Branch
Ashley Niederkohr	Upper Sandusky	Brandon Bowles	West Holmes
Nick Riedlinger	Upper Sandusky	Elizabeth Overholt	West Holmes
Jesse Shane	Upper Sandusky	Chris Patterson	West Holmes
Brittany Vent	Upper Sandusky	Corey Phillips	West Holmes
Emma Wilson	Upper Sandusky	Casey Schlauch	West Holmes
Kaitlyn Beale	Upper Scioto Valley-Ohio Hi-Point	Amberly Dowd	Western Brown
Maclain Dyer	Upper Scioto Valley-Ohio Hi-Point	Blain Jones	Western Brown
Darci Henderson	Upper Scioto Valley-Ohio Hi-Point	Chase Latham	Western Brown
Niles McGuire	Valley View	Lindsey Bement	Western Reserve
Donna Barlage	Versailles	Gregory Davis	Western Reserve
Maddison Buschur	Versailles	Kyle Kidd	Western Reserve
Justin Feltz	Versailles	Katelyn Miller	Western Reserve
Chris Goettemoeller	Versailles	Mercede Hott	Westfall
Rachel Hedrick	Versailles	Sarah Johnson	Westfall
Amanda Keiser	Versailles	Traci McClain	Westfall
Olivia Pohlman	Versailles	Montana McFarland	Westfall
Nick Rutschilling	Versailles	Macie Wippel	Westfall
Ted Schmitmeyer	Versailles	Matt Starkey	Wilmington
Katie Schwieterman	Versailles	Alexis Thatcher	Wilmington
Sam Subler	Versailles	Leah Bench	Woodmore
Courtney Toops	Versailles	Matt Haar	Woodmore
Nicole Brown	Wapakoneta	Jacob Rothert	Woodmore
John Craft	Wapakoneta	Megan Heinlen	Wynford
Drew Davis	Wapakoneta	Zachary Stuckey	Wynford
Nate Hager	Wapakoneta	David Glass	Zane Trace
Annie Harrod	Wapakoneta	Audrey Hoey	Zane Trace
Brent Johns	Wapakoneta	Heather Yeater	Zane Trace
Mallory McDevitt	Wapakoneta		

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GOLD RATED REPORTERS

Emily Cordle	Amanda-Clearcreek	Landon Gibbs	Miami Trace
Summer Mccracken	Anna	Samantha Williams	Miller
Kelli Sewell	Ansonia	Brittany Johns	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Tessa Verstraete	Anthony Wayne	Bryan Fritz	Monroeville
Ashley Pratt	Bellevue	Sarah Hubschman	Mt. Gilead
Katelyne Ackley	Benjamin Logan	Bethany Holman	New Lexington
Allyson Goodyear	Bloom Carroll	Sabrina Johnson	Northwestern
Abby Russell	Botkins	Allison Mangun	Norwayne
Jordan Engle	Bowling Green	Kyle Cornelius	Oak Harbor
Lydia Domsitz	Brookville-MVCTC	Anna Grolle	Otsego
Walter Ashworth	Buckeye	Mary Kohart	Paulding
Cheyenne Morsheiser	Carrollton	Annie Eicher	Pettisville
Jessica Millenbaugh	Colonel Crawford	Florenzie Ratliff	Plymouth
Gabrielle Pimpas	Delphos	Skyler Taulbee	Preble Shawnee
Winnie Hinson	East Knox	Ashton Mccullough	Ridgemont
Kevin Martin	Eastwood	Derek Hoffman	Ridgewood
Anna Bostater	Edgerton	Michaela Hall	River Valley
Payton Muehlfeld	Edon-Northwest	Stacie Melik	Sheridan
Megan Vanmeter	Elgin	Breanne Welty	Smithville
Lorne Strausbaugh	Elmwood	Amy Gannett	South Central
Alexis Christensen	Felicity-Franklin	Lindsay Bonam	Southern Local
Hanna Mcavoy	Firelands	Cassie Johnson	Spencerville
Meghan Bruns	Fort Loramie	Janel Broering	St. Henry
Sam Muhlenkamp	Fort Recovery	Kalynne Williams	Teays Valley
Abigail Love	Fredericktown	Christopher Brandenburg	Tri-Village-MVCTC
Rachel Weber	Genoa Area	Sadie Emrick	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Ashleigh Spahr	Greene County Career Center	Jenna Daggy	United
Morgan Stacy	Greenon	Austin Kensler	Urbana
Molly Magoto	Greenville	Lindsey Landis	Valley View
Victoria Smith	Hardin-Northern	Eddie Kress	Versailles
Ashlee Cutlip	Hillsdale	Ashley Payne	Warren
Karalin Gray	Indian Valley	Jessica Coulter	Waterford
Macey Ashbaugh	Lincolnview	Blake Gurzynski	Wauseon
April Harris	London	Michaela Price	Wellington
Shana Esselburn	Loudonville	Elizabeth Overholt	West Holmes
Jessica Stacy	Margaretta	Abbie Loffing	West Liberty-Salem
Sarah Hockman	Marysville	Katelyn Miller	Western Reserve
Danielle Sands	Miami East-MVCTC	Stephanie Glass	Zane Trace

GOLD RATED TREASURERS

Austin Crabtree	Alexander	Sequoia Shaffer	Blanchester
Kayla Porter	Amanda-Clearcreek	Zach Stephan	Bloom Carroll
Craig Berning	Anna	Evan Dietz	Botkins
Lucas Froelich	Anthony Wayne	Lindsay Wagner	Bowling Green
Kierstin Lucas	Barnesville	Christina Smith	Brookville-MVCTC
Zachary Irons	Bellevue	Nicole Koontz	Buckeye
Miranda Batton	Benjamin Logan	Samatha Workman	Buckeye Trail
Nicole Bregel	Big Walnut DACC	Brennan Plowman	Cardington-Lincoln

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GOLD RATED TREASURERS CONTINUED

Garrett Davis	Carrollton	Emma Weiss	Mt. Gilead
Tyler Forsthofel	Coldwater	Colton Walker	Mt. Vernon
Ashley Geiger	Colonel Crawford	Cole Fort	National Trail-MVCTC
Heath Gray	Crestview	Kim Brown	New Bremen
Kylie Fritz	Delphos	Kristopher Funk	New Lexington
Kaylee Stewart	East Clinton	Jon Shaw	New London
Dan Roten	East Knox	Skyler Foos	North Union
Erin Luke	Eastern Brown	John Eberly	Northwestern
Christine Russell	Eastwood	Lydia Hartzler	Norwayne
Winston Rea	Eaton-MVCTC	Rachel Kleinhans	Oak Harbor
Bethany Carlson	Edgerton	Bill Potter	Otsego
Kaitlin Geisz	Edgewood-Butler Tech	Seth Houts	Parkway
Chelsie Ralph	Elgin	Dalton Thomas	Paulding
Alex Shaw-Roberts	Elida	Nathan Spotts	Pettisville
Vanessa Wagner	Elmwood	Tabby Blevins	Preble Shawnee
Cody Adams	Fayetteville	Abigail Pike	Pymatuning Valley
Rickelle Belt	Felicity-Franklin	Robby Thiel	Ridgedale
Joshua Ward	Firelands	Cody Seiler	Ridgemont
Orin Palmer	Fort Frye	Nathan Leavengood	Ridgewood
Taylor Broerman	Fort Loramie	Jared Cluxton	Ripley
Keith Fortkamp	Fort Recovery	Michelle Aaron	River Valley
Devin Marker	Franklin-Monroe	Mitchell Swonger	River Valley
Dylan Muhlenkamp	Fredericktown	Clinton Hedrick	River View
Hannah Johnson	Genoa Area	Lacey Everett	Ross-Butler Tech
Nicole Miller	Greene County Career Center	Samantha Goodhart	Shenandoah
Sydney Lewis	Greenon	Devin Cline	Smithville
Thomas Shaw	Greenville	David Seidel	South Central
Dustin Duvall	Hardin-Northern	Danielle Augustus	Southeastern
Sarah Bookman	Hillsdale	Adam Sevek	Southern Local
Alex Cotsmire	Indian Valley	Andrew Richardson	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Seth Scheffler	John Glenn	Emily Lokai	Tecumseh
Kaitlin Sherman	Kenton	Casey Liska	Tinora
Makayla Roe	Licking Valley	Kayla Hayhurst	Triway
Bryce Campbell	Lincolnview	Tyler Mowery	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Claire Magie	Lynchburg-Clay	Alex Hull	United
Katie Paramore	Mapleton	Alex Parker	Upper Scioto Valley-Ohio Hi-Point
Jonathan Steager	Margaretta	Elizabeth Lawson	Urbana
Kristen Hemmlgarn	Marion Local	Kristin Judy	Valley View
Brittney Costa	Marlington	Katie Schwieterman	Versailles
Darrison Cook	Marysville	Tara Snider	Warren
Chris Stevens	Meadowbrook	Autumn Hendershot	Waterford
Hailie Cassady	Mechanicsburg	Austin Wagner	Wauseon
Alexis Schwab	Meigs	Morgan McDonnell	Wellington
Amanda Bartel	Miami East-MVCTC	Rebecca Chamberlin	West Holmes
Sebrina Cheek	Miami Valley CTC	Gabe Lawson	West Liberty-Salem
Evan Waugh	Minerva	Gregory Davis	Western Reserve
Adam Dircksen	Minster	Brandon Ashcraft	Westfall
Steve Armstrong	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC	Amber Ginter	Zane Trace
Sheldon Gillespie	Morgan		

GOLD RATED SECRETARIES

Lindsey Petty	Alexander	Jordan Kurt	Margaretta
Sierra Jepsen	Amanda-Clearcreek	Jessica Wickline	Marysville
Kasia Krauss	Anna	Annie Kackley	Meadowbrook
Catey Fischer	Ansonia	Savannah Kent	Mechanicsburg
DJ Gase	Anthony Wayne	Emily Johnson	Miami East-MVCTC
Danny Foulk	Benjamin Logan	Daniella Straathof	Miami Trace
Clarissa Glass	Blanchester	Brooke Combs	Miami Valley CTC
Emily James	Bloom Carroll	Katy Willison	Minerva
Ashley Hallock	Bowling Green	Chelsie Saintignon	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Hannah Tomlin	Brookville-MVCTC	Erika Coldiron	Mohawk
Nick Fowler	Buckeye Trail	Chandler Hopkins	Morgan
Cassidy Scarberry	Cardington-Lincoln	Amanda Bush	Mt. Gilead
Liz Bormuth	Carrollton	Jacob Reeves	New Lexington
Kendra Hudson	Colonel Crawford	Bailey Edler	New London
Garrett Searl	Crestview	Meghen Welly	New Riegel
Raleigh Stockwell	Delphos	Kenzie Johnston	North Union
Torey Hagans	East Knox	Sarhra Flinn	Northwestern
Trevor Corboy	Eastern Brown	Clint Gasser	Norwayne
Brock Abke	Eastwood	Courtney Garrett	Otsego
Karen Hiltbrand	Edgewood-Butler Tech	Rebecca Smith	Preble Shawnee
Megan Shawver	Elgin	Shelby Seiter	Ridgedale
Chelsie Schmitz	Elmwood	Derrick Freshcorn	Ridgemont
Morgan Wirick	Fairview	Anna Powell	Ridgewood
Leah Haines	Fayetteville	Mariah Hill	River Valley
Tiffany Lawson	Felicity-Franklin	Katie Poorman	River Valley
Abigail Miller	Firelands	Kurtis Croft	River View
Kylie Seese	Fort Frye	Morgan Robison	Riverside
Eric Brackman	Fort Recovery	Amy Covert	Sentinel CTC
Nicole Wilson	Fredericktown	Ellen Kauffman	Smithville
Caroline Miller	Fremont-Ross	Megan Cornish	South Central
Alan Reeder	Genoa Area	Tyler Gregory	Southeastern
Jordan Stacy	Greenon	Mikaela Bentley	Southern Local
Alyssa Garber	Greenville	Torry Dewitt	Tecumseh
Savannah Ferkins	Hardin-Northern	Lisa Seim	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Rachelle Yoder	Hiland	Stephanie Harpster	Upper Scioto Valley-Ohio Hi-Point
Megan Miller	Hillsdale	Cara Adams	Urbana
Ashley Decker	Indian Valley	Rachel Hedrick	Versailles
Maggi Anderson	John Glenn	Dustin Cunningham	Warren
Natalie Molk	Kenton	Blake Campbell	Waterford
Kaitlynne Bruning	Liberty Union	Chelsea Ward	Wauseon
Abby Richey	Lincolnview	Erik Fehlan	Wellington
Maleia Mcknight	London	Casey Schlauch	West Holmes
Kevin Young	Lynchburg-Clay	Clay Robson	Western Reserve
Kyle Young	Madison Plains	Sarah Johnson	Westfall
Paige Reisinger	Mapleton	Audrey Hoey	Zane Trace



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 2011-2012 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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Career Development Coordinators
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Hillsboro, OH 45133
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2011-2012 CDE WINNERS

Wildlife Management

Urban Soils

Northeastern Skills Classic

Northwestern Skills Classic

Southwestern Skills Classic

Rural Soils

Prepared Public Speaking

Poultry

Novice Parliamentary Procedure

Advanced Parliamentary Procedure

Outdoor Power Equipment

Nursery and Landscape

Nature Interpretation

Amanda Clearcreek

Logan

Tumblull County Career Center

Deleware County Career Center

Miami Valley CTC

Eastern Brown

Margaretta

River Valley

Miami Trace

Amanda Clearcreek

Wauseon

Buckeye Career Center

Alex Hull

Mariah Moss

Russell Bragg

Katherine Kneels

Tim Ball

Sabrina Johnson

Jordan Stacy

Noah Stanley

John Miller

Philip Taylor

Savannah Perkins

2011-2012 CDE WINNERS CONTINUED

Meats Evaluation and Technology
 Job Interview
 Greenhand Quiz
 Grain Merchandising
 General Livestock
 Forestry
 Food Science and Technology
 Floriculture
 Farm Business Management
 Extemporaneous Speaking
 Equine Management
 Environmental and Natural Resource
 Dog Grooming

Sheridan

 Elmwood
 Elmwood
 Eastwood
 Logan
 Talawanda-Butler Tech
 Sylvania Southview
 Crestview Convoy

 Clear Fork Valley
 Amanda Clearcreek
 Toledo Ag Science

Robert Householder
 Autumn Miller
 Megan Hathaway
 Seth Houts
 Hannah Frobose
 Kayla Starlin
 Caroline Schulte
 Paul Fisher
 Kelsie Preston
 Craig Berning
 Lisa Seim
 Novice: Brittany Klucznski
 Advanced: Megan Onderisin

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

Lucas

 Riverside

 Elmwood

 Oregon Clay
 Medina County Career Center
 Medina County Career Center
 Clear Fork Valley
 Miami Trace
 Hillsdale
 Amanda Clearcreek
 Felicity Franklin
 Eastern Brown
 Elmwood
 Amanda Clearcreek

Allison Mangun
 Topp Tanner
 Rachel Welch
 Isaiah Lundquest
 Grace Dannemiller
 Elizabeth Surface
 Kayla Eggleston
 Kelsey Minor
 Robin Butz
 Evan Schaefer
 Sarah Bookman
 John Miller

 Brandon Belcher
 Ethan Mullins
 Zac Siefker
 Hannah Peterson



ALTO

Shelby Huffman	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point	Kaitly Justice	Liberty Union
Paige McAtee	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point	Jordan Lane	Liberty Union
Erin Bright	Alexander	Kenzie Schlaegel	Liberty Union
Shawnie Rump	Anna	Bethany Myers	Lynchburg-Clay
Bridgett O'Neill	Blanchester	Alexis Decker	McComb
Paige Bridgeman	Buckeye Trail	Elizabeth Dueble	McComb
Hope Deal	Buckeye Trail	Brittany Fenstermaker	McComb
Cindy Robertson	Buckeye Valley DACC	Alexis Miller	McComb
Jessica Bauser	Clyde	Merissa Ziegler	McComb
Naytasha Layne Gooslin	Clyde	Heather Skaggs	Miami East-MVCTC
Breanna Guerrero	Clyde	Amanda Bush	Mount Gilead
Jessica Miller	Clyde	Sabrina Johnson	Northwestern Wayne
Melissa Pearce	Clyde	Caroline Battin	Otsego
Michaela Singleton	Clyde	Sara Caris	Otsego
Ciarra Dennis	Fairfield Union	Eva Scott	Otsego
Sydney McCrady	Fairfield Union	Katie Kohart	Paulding
Seaira Blake	Felicity Franklin	Audra Philpot	Paulding
Samantha Florence	Fort Recovery	Emily Bauman	Peebles
Katie Fortkamp	Fort Recovery	Hannah Rogers	Peebles
Jessica Kaiser	Fort Recovery	Savannah Smith	Peebles
Mariah Smith	Gibsonburg	Tabby Blevins	Preble Shawnee
Megan Poynter	Hillsdale	Brandy Curtis	Preble Shawnee
Brittany Page	Indian Valley	Alyssa Kaufman	Smithville
Hannah Peeper	Indian Valley	Brenda Tincher	Southeastern Clark
Courtney Culwell	Kenton	Diane Gress	Triway
Hannah Pitts	Kenton	Julie Gress	Triway
Amanda Holbrook	Liberty Union	Autumn Converse	Woodmore

BASS

Steven Chen	Brookville	Kelly Fay	McComb
Marc Fitzgerald	Buckeye Trail	Patrick Hummell	McComb
John Turner	Buckeye Valley DACC	Dustin Stevens	McComb
Aaron Klohn	Clyde	Levi Ridenour	Mount Gilead
Blain Cline	Edison	Gavin McGrail	New London
Hunter Sweat	Edison	Joel Sonnenberg	Patrick Henry
Ian Monaghan	Liberty Union	Derrick Echols	Paulding
Dustin Siders	Lynchburg-Clay	Jacob Luderman	Paulding

SOPRANO

Maddi Dickerson	Alexander	Trisha Ford	Liberty Union
Morgan Gerber	Bellevue	Jeanie McGarvey	Liberty Union
Alysa Thasavong	Bellevue	Hannah Saller	Liberty Union
Sara Roush	Buckeye Valley DACC	Kimberly Schlaegel	Liberty Union
Kayla Dales	Clyde	MeKenna Scott	Liberty Union
Cylee Sharpe	Clyde	McKenze Shell	Liberty Union
Christian Walker	Eastern Brown	Tiara Brickman	McComb
Meagan Wise	Elmwood	Holly Brogan	McComb
Kayte Powers	Fairfield Union	Teresa Fay	McComb
Olivia Tennison	Fairfield Union	Emily Hull	Meadowbrook
Courtney Windsor	Felicity Franklin	Andrea Kackley	Meadowbrook
Courtney Gladdish	Fort Recovery	Kaitlyn Stillion	Meadowbrook
Andrea Lennartz	Fort Recovery	Emma Weiss	Mount Gilead
Jenna Lennartz	Fort Recovery	Karigan Blue	Patrick Henry
Rebecca Yoder	Fredericktown	Kelli Schlatter	Paulding
Johnny Gibson	Greenon	Jessica Shelton	Peebles
Jessica Lippoldt	Greenon	Joan Anderson	Preble Shawnee
Emily Burns	Liberty Union	Molly Curtis	Preble Shawnee
Becky Cooley	Liberty Union	Morgan Fackler	Shelby
Grace Dannemiller	Liberty Union	Becca Hostetter	Shelby
Katie DiPaolo	Liberty Union	Mackenzie Hyatt	Triway
Autumn Fickel	Liberty Union	Mandy Taylor	West Holmes

TENOR

Eli Underwood	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point	Ty DeWitt	Fairfield Union
Adam Berning	Anna	Coryden Enocha	Indian Valley
Josh Solis	Arlington	Jevin Ramsey	Kenton
Cody McCormick	Buckeye Trail	Dexter Witherow	Southern Local
Nathan Upton	Clyde		



ALTO SAXOPHONE

Marla Walton	Northwestern - Wayne	Megan Whalin	Waterford
April Michaelis	Otsego	Jessica Beran	Firelands
Aaron Wickes	Firelands	Meghan Chaffee	Mohawk
Tim Droesch	Marion Local	Amy Rethmel	Tinora
Ashley Pool	McComb	Gage Dailey	Eastern Brown
Matt Rader	Patrick Henry	Katelynn Weber	Northwestern - Wayne
Abby Finch	Graham	Adam Miley	Northwestern - Wayne

BARITONE TC

Jake LeVeck	Tinora	Gage Kronk	Graham
Taylor Dangler	Paulding	Meg Boyers	Wauseon
Rachel Nelson	Loudonville		

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Phillip VanScoy	Ridgemont	James Jacobs	Patrick Henry
Sam Dean	Fairfield	James Ellis	Riverview

BASSOON

Sierra Miller	Upper Sandusky	Emma Ranney	Firelands
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FLUTE

Brittany Hartzler	Delta	Tulsa Fearing	Peebles
Meghan Thurston	Gibsonburg	Whitney Bellomy	Pymatuning Valley
Sara Pawsey	Urbana	Christine Balint	New London
Amelia Smith	Peebles	Sarah Maximovich	West Holmes

HORN

Derrick Freshcorn	Ridgemont	Bailey Zeller	Paulding
Tara Benton	Northwestern	Emily Poherence	Firelands
Samantha Kleopfer	McComb		



TENOR SAXOPHONE

Jessica McConnell		Kelsey Knowles	Graham
Patrick Tea	Clyde	Damien Eaken	McComb
Audra Blue	Mapleton		

TROMBONE

Travis Campbell	West Holmes	Tyler Fracker	Delta
Tom Schuman	Firelands	Haley Wade	Buckeye Valley
Ryan Goddard	Graham		

TRUMPET

Kenneth Grady	Warren	Christopher Yackee	Wauseon
Brittany Clark	Eastern Brown	Cassie Beard	McComb
Nathaniel Chamblin	Fairfield Local	Christina Lunsford	Clyde
Andrew Perkins	Graham	Madison Pierce	McComb
Taylor Campbell	Ladonville	Bailey Boughmar	West Holmes
Leah Thurston	Buckeye Valley	Rebecca Dillon	Pymatuning Valley
Morgan Stickdorn	New Lexington	Lacie Mueller	
Brandon Lowaer	Firelands	Alyssa McQuiston	Preble Shawnee

TUBA

Hannah Yaussy	Colonel Crawford	Jonah Perkins	Graham
Layne Markley	Graham	Ty Setty	Lynchburg Clay
Tim Ball	Greenville	Jessica Bowser	

BASE CLARINET

Michaila Westoby	McComb
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CLARINET

Brittany Hartzler	Smithville	Tulsa Fearing	Wynford
Meghan Thurston	Buckeye Valley DACC	Whitney Bellomy	Zane Trace
Sara Pawsey	Bellevue	Christine Balint	Firelands
Amelia Smith	Urbana	Sarah Maximovich	Northwestern-Wayne

PERCUSSION

Molly Hardesty	Marion Local	Austin Curliss	Bellevue
Jason Klulic	Pymatuning Valley	Andrew Nye	Elmwood
Grant Miller	Urbana	Adam Flores	McComb
Austin Zumbroegel	St. Marys	Julie Arnett	Lynchburg Clay
Logan Snyder	Fairfield	Dustin Stevens	McComb
Ellis Kelly	Liberty Union		



84TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION BY DEVON ALEXANDER

I BELIEVE. These two words are significant to every FFA member because it is these two words that begin every paragraph of the FFA creed. At first glance, the five paragraphs that comprise the creed might appear lengthy; to others, the wording might be confusing. Because of these obstacles, it almost seems impossible to understand the beliefs of the organization. However, what many find is that this understanding comes with experience. It comes by fully engaging in an organization that can positively influence students' lives. By participating in leadership conferences, conventions, camps, and competitions, students begin to believe in something greater than themselves. For some, this belief might be focused on the future of agriculture as stated by E.M. Tiffany in the FFA creed. To others, however, it might be centered on the personal and powerful friendships created with fellow FFA members and advisors. The National FFA Organization gives students something to believe in. And those who attended the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis got a greater understanding of this concept, as the national FFA theme was I BELIEVE.

While most students don't arrive until Wednesday of Convention, our team of 15 Ohio FFA officers arrived Monday to prepare for our role as convention delegates. Each year, every state is allowed to send a certain number of delegates depending on their FFA membership. These individuals are tasked with the responsibility of working in committees to determine the future of our organization. From working to develop more middle school programs to continuing the floriculture Career Development Event, we were busy implementing policy that would directly affect the over half a million FFA members nationwide. The delegate body also voted on several amendments to the national constitution and on the proposals brought forth by each committee. In addition, we also met with other state officers and several sponsors of the National FFA Organization. It was an invaluable experience to

meet with business professionals who invest in students they don't even know. They told me, however, that they know the quality of students within this organization so they are confident that they are investing in a bright future.

By Wednesday, the streets were becoming crowded with blue corduroy and the rows of charter buses seemed endless. FFA members from all over the country converged in downtown Indianapolis where there was a plethora to do. Many FFA members took advantage of the Career and Trade Show where companies and colleges promote their products and services. Everyone seems to know that this is the best time to get "free stuff." Whether it is pencils or cookies, t-shirts or even iPads, coming away with bags full of goodies is never difficult! And for those who did not find exactly what they wanted at the Career and Trade Show, the National FFA Mall was right next door where students could purchase FFA-emblazoned wares until their hearts were content!

When it came to convention sessions, so many members wanted to come see the first session; it was so popular in fact, that it was held three times - twice on Wednesday and once Thursday morning. Another popular event Wednesday night is the convention concert; this year featured Blake Shelton and Little Big Town. 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.

It is unquestionable that the city of Indianapolis turns blue and gold for the week of convention, but for a few hours Thursday night, Ohio students put on their scarlet and gray for what most Ohio FFA members call the best part of convention, the Buckeye Bash. Hundreds of Buckeye loyalists swarm together bedecked in their finest buckeye gear. 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 does not even seem like you are in Indianapolis anymore as the Buckeye fever and cries of OH-IO are 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 the 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, Riley Pagett, 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 were elected national officers for 2011-2012.

By the early evening, the sea of blue had begun to fade and the city of Indianapolis 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 to the Buckeye state, they reflected on all they had been given to believe in.

MODEL OF INNOVATION AWARDS



RIDGEMONT FFA

Chapter Development
Top 10 Chapter and
National Winner

3 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

Bellevue	National Trail-MVCTC
Blanchester	Ridgemont
Bowling Green	River Valley
Hardin Northern	Versailles
Marysville	Wauseon

2 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

Anna	Miami East-MVCTC
Cardington	Miami Trace
Delphos	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
East Clinton	New London
Edgewood-Butler Tech	North Union
Fairfield	Norwayne
Fayetteville	Otsego
Felicity Franklin	Ridgewood
Fort Recovery	Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Greenville	Xenia/Greene Co. CC
Lynchburg-Clay	

OHIO'S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY WINNERS



Agricultural Communications
Chelsey Keiser | Versailles



Agricultural Services
Cory Osting | Delphos



Home/Community Development
Dulton Moore | Delphos



Turf Grass Management
Clayton Miller | Elida



Vegetable Production
Mallory McDevitt | Wapakoneta

OHIO'S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY FINALISTS

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Entrepreneurship
 Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship
 Diversified Livestock Production
 Emerging Agricultural Technology
 Fiber and/Oil Crop Production
 Food Science and Technology
 Fruit Production
 Nursery Operations
 Poultry Production

Chad Hoersten | Delphos
 Kayla Finton | Ridgewood
 Eric Wuebker | St. Henry
 Jason Michel | Delphos
 Cody Adams | Fayetteville
 David Glass | Zane Trace
 Diana Stacy | Old Fort
 Lindsey Koppin | Anna
 Libby Bender | River Valley

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AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

National Winner

Ashley Siferd | Cory Rawson

AGRI-SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Top 8 Finalists

Sarah Cox | Zane Trace

Kathleen Seeley | Benjamin Logan

AGRI-SCIENCE FAIR

National Winner: Zoology

Chrysta Beck | Pettisville

NATIONAL BAND

Kenneth Grady

Warren

Sierra Miller

Upper Sandusky

NATIONAL CHOIR

Noelle Goodson

Fayette

Scott McDermott

Warren

Mick Tanner

Miami Trace

Sarah Peterson

Miami Trace

NATIONAL TALENT

Madison Buck

Eastern Brown

Julya Faulkner

River Valley

HONORARY FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Tom Holton

East Knox

Dan Shell

Blanchester

Michael Lynch

Environmental Management, Inc., Dublin



CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS GOLD RATED TEAMS

Agricultural Sales

10th Place
Hillsdale FFA

Agronomy

4th Place
North Union FFA

Food Science and Technology

7th Place
Urbana FFA

Forestry

2nd Place
Cheif Logan FFA

Livestock Evaluation

6th Place
Chief Logan FFA

Nursery/Landscape

6th Place
Sylvania Southview FFA

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS SILVER RATED TEAMS

Farm Business Management

24th Place
Elmwood FFA

Floriculture

31st Place
Penta County FFA

Job Interview

Lauren Bruns
Marion Local FFA

Meats Evaluation and Technology

23rd Place
Pioneer Career and Tech FFA

Parlimentary Procedure

Elmwood FFA

Poultry Evaluation

19th Place
North Union FFA

Prepared Public Speaking

Stacie Seger
Ft. Loramie FFA

Agricultural Communication

16th Place
Benjamin Logan FFA

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

20th Place
Western Brown FFA

Dairy Cattle Handlers

Marissa Bolen
Gibsonburg FFA

Dairy Foods

13th Place
A.B. Graham FFA

Environmental and Natural Resources

26th Place
New Lexington FFA

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sara Bookman
Hillsdale FFA

43 AMERICAN FFA DEGREE



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 2011 National FFA Convention, 272 Ohio FFA members received this honor.

Andrea Destiny Adams	Liberty-Benton	Clint L. Bitler	Liberty Union
Matthew L. Albers	Minster	Mariah Black	Bloom Carroll
Josh Albright	Licking Valley	Austin Bok	Fairview
Lacy Allen	Van Buren	Kelsey Bowers	Northwestern
Cassandra Arling	St. Henry	Justin Earl Monroe Branham	Teays Valley
Justin Bachman	Bloom Carroll	Ethan Brautigam	Fairlawn
Kelsey Bailey	Felicity-Franklin	Jarrett Bright	Alexander
Brent Baker	United	Kelsey Brockman	Fort Recovery
Jerica Baker	Buckeye Trail	Mitchell Broering	St. Henry
Scott Baldosser	Seneca East	Troy Broseus	Utica
Thomas Ballash	Hopewell-Loudon	Ronnie Bryant	Centerburg
Markes Banister	Wauseon	Cynthia J. Bunch	West Holmes
Tricia Bauman	Norwayne	Garrett Canfield	Mapleton
Dawna Bebout	Meadowbrook	Deirdre Christy	Carey
Angie Beekman	Centerburg	Cathryn Clark	Northridge
Libby Bender	River Valley	Rachel Clonch	Lynchburg-Clay
Arielle Bergman	Versailles	Seth Coverstone	Miami East-MVCTC
John Berkshre	Indian Valley	Albert Cravens	Clyde
Natalie Christine Bessman	Pymatuning Valley	Kimberly Croft	River View
Kyle Bigler	Utica	Ashley Cross	Plymouth

Melissa Ann Curry	Genoa Area	James C. Hadley	Wilmington
Emily Marie Curtis	Elmwood	Mike Hannewald	Otsego
Denver Davis	Wapakoneta	Blake Harris	Spencerville
Jared Deatrick	Paulding	Megan Heckman	Versailles
Nicolette T. Decker	Tecumseh	Tiffany Heiby	Hillsdale
Eric Dickman	Delphos	Brittany Heidenreich	Versailles
Aaron Dietz	Botkins	Heidi Heiss	Fort Frye
Addie Dixon	Triad	Jay Heitkamp	Versailles
Austin Dixon	Triad	Lindsey Marie Heller	Elmwood
Austin P. Dorer	Buckeye	Dylan Herd	Fairfield Union
Seth Dotson	Ridgewood	Sara Herman	Edgerton
Eric Downing	London	Nathan Herringshaw	Bowling Green
Tammy Jo Dyer	Lancaster	Lucas Hershberger	Miami East-MVCTC
Courtney Earliwine	Union Local	Adam G. Heydinger	Buckeye Central
Heather Echle	Buckeye	Megan Hickman	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point
Kurt Egbert	Botkins	Earley Cody Hill	Meigs
Kayla Eisenbrown	Buckeye	Tiffany Hobson	Fairfield Union
Seth Erwin	Fayetteville	Chad L. Hoersten	Delphos
John Essman	Westfall	Adam Scott Holland	Georgetown
James Falgner	Fayetteville	Chris Holter	Southern
Brittany Farquhar	Wayne Trace	Nathan Holthaus	Fort Loramie
Jenna Faurot	Delphos	Loren Hulit	Crestview
Ian Fausnauch	Westfall	Gracie Hurley	Westfall
Breck Finch	Benjamin Logan	Cody Johnston	North Union
Kayla Mae Finton	Ridgewood	Deveon Jordan	Benjamin Logan
Anthony Wayne Flannery	Georgetown	Taylor Justice	Liberty Union
Nick Ford	Liberty Union	Cody Kaiser	Fort Recovery
Tyler Fourman	Tri-Village-MVCTC	Jennifer Kathleen Kasler	Alexander
Echo Frey	Upper Sandusky	Chelsey Lynn Keiser	Versailles
Janey Fulk	Crestview	Jeffrey G. Keller	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
Tyson L. Funderburgh	Triad	Kayla Kelly	Felicity-Franklin
Robert Dean Gannett	South Central	Brad Keltner	Lynchburg-Clay
Shelby George	Elmwood	Erik A. Kernell	Western Reserve
Hannah Geyer	Botkins	Ariel Kinder	Patrick Henry
Ellen S. Gilliland	Mohawk	Kristy Lee Klingenberg	Logan
Amy Gobrogge	Otsego	Evan Klopfenstein	Wayne Trace
Chad Gottfried	Upper Sandusky	Colton Kreager	Licking Valley
Alan Graham	John Glenn	Adam Kroeger	Delphos
Sam Grauer	Crestview	Ira Kuenzli	Mohawk
Samantha Grills	Firelands	John Robert Laborie	Elmwood
Lindsey C. Grimes	Hillsboro	Garth Lahna	Ridgewood
Maggie Ray Gurney	Seneca East	Devin Latham	Western Brown
Kelly Guthrie	River Valley	Jacob Lefeld	St. Henry
Kelly M. Gwiner	Lakota	Jordon Levering	Fredericktown

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Ridge Lewis	Arcadia	Sarah Pfladderer	Fairlawn
Emily Limes	Otsego	Lindsey Nicole Pigman	Ridgewood
Brett Lindeman	Northeastern	Mitchell Pitsenbarger	Versailles
Katie Linder	Mt. Gilead	Adam Poeppelman	Minster
Jayson Lodwick	Western Brown	Beth Poeppelman	Fort Loramie
Derrick Long	Elida	Kyle Poeppelman	Fort Loramie
Kyle Alan Long	Hardin-Northern	Hilary Kathryn Pohlman	Versailles
Kade Warren Louiso	Ohio Valley	Amanda M. Porter	Paulding
Tyler Magoto	Fort Loramie	Sam Potts	Shelby
Josh Main	Otsego	Scott Praither	Bloom Carroll
Samantha Manning	Felicity-Franklin	Lauren Prettyman	River Valley
Tierney Jo Margraf	Arcadia	Eric Priest	Wayne Trace
Kalley Martin	Fayette	James Prince	Fairlawn
Kristin Martin	Eastwood	Marcy Lynn Prushing	Westfall
Nicole Martin	Xenia	Michael Ray	Northwestern
Danielle Nicole Matthews	Parkway	Travis Reeves	Liberty Union
Kaitlyn Mattox	Liberty Union	Andrew Reinhart	Arcadia
Megan Maurer	Anna	Dean Renner	Delphos
Matthew McCarty	East Knox	Emily Lou Reynolds	Elmwood
Faith McConnell	Northridge	Richard Reynolds	Smithville
Carrie McFarland	Cardington-Lincoln	Brooke Elizabeth Riehle	Edgerton
Chelsea McIntire	Carrollton	Erin Rife	Upper Sandusky
Chad W. McKay	Wilmington	Josie Rine	East Knox
Suzannah McMullen	River View	Kody Roberts	Gallia Academy
Nathan Tyler Meek	Elmwood	Callie Rollison	River Valley
Guy Meinerding	Fort Loramie	Ryan Allen Rose	Elmwood
Justin Andrew Metzger	Shelby	Ryan Rosselot	Fayetteville
Jacob Meyer	Fort Loramie	Reid Timothy Rothenbuhler	Elmwood
Amanda Jo Middleton	Wilmington	Anthony Ruger	Wauseon
Clayton Miller	Elida	Nathan Ruhlen	Hardin-Northern
Megan Marie Miller	Margaretta	Caitlyn Russell	Southern Local
Carolyn Moore	Centerburg	Pauline Russell	Athens
Curt Muhlenkamp	Minster	David Sams	Amanda-Clearcreek
Ashley Marie Myers	Anthony Wayne	Caleb Saunders	Elida
Sara Nave	A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point	Caleb Scheiderer	Fairbanks
Ethan Nicol	Fairbanks	Thomas Schenkel	Caldwell
Dustin Oates	Fairlawn	Derek Schlatter	Paulding
Payton Oney	South Central	Tyler Schonaurer	West Holmes
Monica Palmer	Mowrystown	Ethan Schroeder	Edgerton
Christopher Paterson	United	Lucas Schroeder	Tinora
Hannah L. Patton	Hillsboro	Ryan Schwab	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Cassey Pearce	Northmor	Kody Seemann	Patrick Henry
Eric Percel	Miami East-MVCTC	Jenny Shaw	Edgewood-Butler Tech



Katie Shaw
 Duane Shawk
 Kirsten Shellhouse
 Taylor Sherman
 Karissa Shivener
 Will Shoemaker
 Bo Shreves
 Luke Shroyer
 Danielle Sims
 Jared Sims
 Rachel Skinner
 Andrew Smith
 Brooke Smith
 Grant Smith
 Jacob Smith
 Jared Smith
 Samantha Smith
 Derek D. Snider
 Kylie Austa Snowden
 Hope L. Spishak
 Krista Steiner
 Brittany Stevens
 Karri Stickley
 Jeffrey Stimmell
 Martin Stoller
 Bryan Stoltz
 Jacob Stout
 Duane N. Stutzman
 Caleb Swope
 Jordan Tabor

Edgewood-Butler Tech
 Colonel Crawford
 Mohawk
 Buckeye
 Ohio Valley
 Hillsboro
 Pymatuning Valley
 Botkins
 Buckeye
 Liberty Union
 Ripley
 Arcadia
 Harrison Central
 North Union
 Southern Local
 Fairbanks
 Ridgemont
 Kenton
 Elmwood
 Western Reserve
 Shelby
 Amanda-Clearcreek
 Greenville
 Hillsdale
 Wayne Trace
 Fairfield Union
 Benjamin Logan
 River View
 United
 Ada

Matthew Thompson
 Taylor Brooke Tucker
 Tyler Keith Tucker
 Justin Twary
 Keith Allen Van Horn
 Tyler Van Horn
 Matthew VanScoy
 David Wagner
 Jennifer Lynn Warrick
 Mark Wasserman
 Melinda Weaver
 Caroline Weihl
 Jessica Wellert
 Tabitha Wheeler
 Matt Whitacre
 Cassi Wibrigh
 Ryan Williams
 Makenzie Wippel
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2011-2012 STATE OFFICER TEAM BY MARIE ARNOLD

Anxiously awaiting at the final session of the 83rd Ohio FFA State Convention were 15 individuals who would make up the 2011-2012 State Officer Team. Our names were excitedly announced by Amy Jo Frost and her teammates. As we were whisked off into a small room backstage, the emotions were running high and although we did not know each other then, we each had one thing in common, our love and passion for the FFA. It was made clear to us two weeks later at our first official meeting, that being elected was only the beginning. We were coming together as a team to carry on the tradition of excellence that came before us. During the meeting, we enthusiastically got to know each other and learned exactly what our duties were as officers. We traveled to Van Wert to be fitted for our association jackets, but we would later understand everything it took to earn the jackets we were given.

Not long after our initial introductions, our team came together for a week long BLAST OFF training session. We had the privilege to learn from Anne Knapke, a former Ohio FFA Officer and National Officer. That week, she taught us about our personal strengths and how we could maximize our abilities as a team. We learned about presenting workshops, being inclusive, and having etiquette in social situations. Another highlight of the week was having lunch with faculty members of The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. It was exciting to meet with these professionals who would not only play important roles in our academic careers, but also shared a common respect for the agriculture industry.

Before we knew it, we were back together at the happiest place on earth, Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Our team was in a unique situation from the beginning of camp, the latrines were in the planning process of being renovated into a state officer suite; however, for that summer, the building was a still latrine. It was an adjustment, but we certainly made the best of it and honestly, we wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Camp was an amazing and stressful time to come together, but we thrived on those long, summer days with members and the nights gone by with very little sleep.

Our next meeting was in August for a week to focus on delivering workshops and effectively communicating objectives to students. We were preparing to schedule visits with FFA chapters all over the state. For many officers, this is the busiest but most fun time they have as an officer. Being with the team was always fun, but learning to stand on your own and spend an entire day with an FFA chapter is a unique and rewarding experience.

September and October quickly filled with Chapter visits and fall camps, and the COLT Conference. However, before this trip, Jessica Shanahan, state president, and Brent Stammen, state vice president, traveled to Washington, D.C. for the State Presidents' Conference. During this trip, they had the opportunity to advocate for agriculture with some of the nation's legislatures and prepare business for the upcoming delegate meetings at the National FFA Convention.

As we worked independently throughout the fall, we waited in anticipation for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. We piled our luggage into the car and headed west to begin what would be yet another

memorable week together. We quickly got to work on the delegate issues with other state officers from around the nation before the rest of the members flooded the city. During convention, we listened to many talented speakers and witnessed thousands of hard working FFA members receive awards. We also cheered on the impressive number of elite members from Ohio earning their American FFA Degree. National convention was an outstanding opportunity for each of us to influence policies of the organization and continue developing strong friendships.

Returning from Indianapolis only meant it was back to work with chapter visits, greenhand ceremonies and occasional lock-ins. Many of us were fortunate to travel around and present speeches to encourage the organization's newest members to dream big and take every opportunity possible. Some officers even attended Greenhand lock-ins where they presented workshops and played games with members until the early hours of the next morning.

Leadership Nights began as winter approached. Small groups of officers traveled to schools to present workshops and eat pizza with hundreds of students. We taught groups about finding their strengths and capitalizing on them instead of focusing on their weaknesses. Students also learned about how they could utilize their strengths to collaborate and work with a team successfully. Throughout the winter, we continued to meet and reconnect with friends at Leadership Nights and grow closer as a team at our holiday Christmas party.

In January, we joined hundreds of members and participated in the 212 and 360 conferences in Columbus. It was a unique opportunity for us to learn from the presenters, as well as the FFA members we participated with. During our January meeting, we also met the parents of our fellow officers and shared some of the fond memories we were making.

With State FFA Convention on the horizon, we diligently began writing our parts and working on our convention assignments. Although we had a few months left in office, we knew that we wanted to go the extra mile to make this convention the best yet, so we prepared well in advance. We also traveled around to chapter banquets to share in the accomplishments of the students we met. In April, it was time for next year's candidates to interview. The new officers were somewhere among the 50 individuals yearning to be a part of the 2012-2013 State FFA Officer team. It was time for us to provide guidance to those who would fill our shoes. However, our moment was not over yet.

We gathered for one week at the end of April. We began by reviewing the year and the memories we shared, but then the real work began. This was our final moment to prepare for state convention. Every member we met, every friend we made, and everything we learned throughout the year served as the energy source this week. We practiced our flash mob dance, rehearsed our sessions, and helped each other along the way.

At convention, we witnessed thousands of talented members receiving awards and honors. We reconnected with the friends we made this past year and laughed over tweets on the big screen twitter feed between sessions. And as the music boomed over the convention hall and the members shouted with excitement, we looked at one another. We soaked in the moment for just one second, knowing that the only way back to the stage was through the tunnel of hands before us. During those moments, we understood how far we had come as individuals and as a team. It was our moment for greatness and our moment to shine for every member who truly inspired us. We had the honor to call out the names of those who would fill our shoes. And as the excited new officers filled the stage, our time to shine was quickly diminishing.

Our year as State FFA Officers was concluded at the first session back at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. This last gathering was our final moment to rekindle friendships made throughout the year, embrace the amazing opportunities we have had and truly appreciate the Ohio FFA Association for all that it provides to the youth in our state. The week went by quickly, but proved that we had much to be thankful for in our experience as state officers. We knew that although our titles were gone, we would maintain our friendships and the growth we accomplished and because of this, our experience would never truly be over.

2012 OHIO FFA CAMP REPORT BY TODD DAVIS, CAMP DIRECTOR

2012 was another successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

Total number of individuals served: **1,972**

Total Camper Days: **24,917**

Percent of Camper Days per Program

Outside Groups: **42.4%**

Nature's Classroom: **33.2%**

FFA: **23.4%**

Total number of groups served: **169** (Up 13)

Total number of FFAer's Summer Camp: **1,179** (Down 84)

Total number of FFAer's Fall Camp: **452** (Down 95)

FFA Chapters attending Summer Camp: **144** (Down 4)

Percent of school districts participating in a camp program: **48.0%**

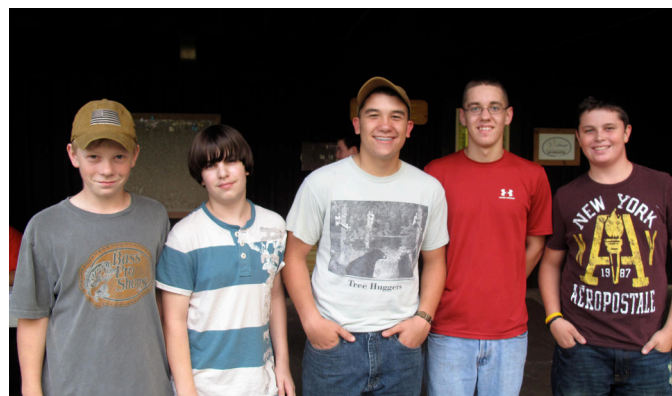
Percent of FFA members attending summer camp: **5.0%**

Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall: **7.0%**

Percent of Ag. Teachers attending summer camp: **23.0%**

Major renovations to the facility in 2012 included the remodeling of the Latrines into the new Visitor's Lodge. This new facility can now sleep up to 24 individuals in 6 different rooms and includes a full kitchen and wrap around deck. The other big project that was completed in 2012 was the construction of the FFA Pavilion. This new facility includes an indoor location that is currently housing our Nature Center. We also poured a new driveway and parking lot area outside of the new FFA Pavilion. We were also able to make some improvements to several program areas such as the Archery Range.





2011 OHIO FFA CAMP | UNLOCK THE MYSTERY BY CAITLYN BLACK

FFA Camp Muskingum, nestled in the hills of Carroll County on Leesville Lake, is a magical oasis that comes to life during the summer months for Ohio FFA members. Cars, vans, and busses travel from across the state of Ohio to spend a week a camp. This is the beginning for students to begin making new friends and learning more about themselves and their environment, all while having loads of fun!

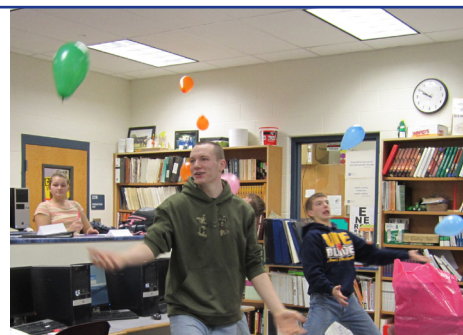
Members who attended camp this year helped to “Unlock the Mystery” of a fictional murder of a character at camp while discovering the talents and strengths that they had locked within themselves. Campers attended leadership sessions, participated in sports tournaments, and acted as detectives during their session at camp. The 2011-2012 State Officer Team facilitated workshops, presented flag ceremonies, and shared moving campfires that went along with the theme, “Unlock the Mystery”. Campers had the privilege of hearing from David Kohout, a motivational speaker, who reminded them that “Talk is Cheap”. Members also had two opportunities to bust some moves at the camp dances.

Along with attending workshops and presentations, campers could get involved in many fun activities around camp. Talent show participants shared with the camp session their talent and passion for singing, telling jokes, and dancing. Members could compete with each other in the FFA Camp Creed speaking contest and debate teams discussing the risks and benefits of organic versus conventional methods of farming. Some of the most competitive tournaments happen in the sports category, where campers battle against each other to win games of softball, tennis, volleyball and basketball and to get high scores in archery, rifle, and shotgun targets. Recreational activities, such as boating, swimming, and fishing, are popular “free time” fillers. Campers also can conquer the high ropes course, paintball with friends, and help with community service projects. This year, campers traveled to a local day care facility and presented a lesson on agriculture, as well as cleaned up around camp area and the lake.

A favorite tradition at FFA Camp is raising money for the Children’s Miracle Network. Throughout the week at camp, members have the option of buying rubber ducks for a chance to throw a “pie in the eye” of a state officer, summer staff member, or FFA advisor of their choosing. In addition to having the chance to throw pies, if campers meet and exceed certain monetary goals during the week, state officers volunteer to be “slushy showered”, “ort pied”, or even shave their heads! This year, campers helped to raise an amazing \$14,573 for the Children’s Miracle Network.

Our detective campers unlocked the mystery of leadership, potential, and their strengths, all while having a blast gaining new friendships, helping the community, and having fun. For many members, camp is the highlight of their summer, and most can’t wait to return the next year!

53 CHAPTER VISITS



TRAVELING THE STATE BY DIANA STACY

Each year, FFA associations across the country elect new officers to help lead the FFA organization throughout their own state. In those 365 days, state FFA officers have the opportunity to participate in amazing activities, meet some extraordinary individuals, and complete a year of service. A huge portion of that year of service includes visiting FFA chapters throughout their state.

In August of 2011, 15 Ohio FFA State Officers gathered together to prepare, learn and practice for the year's chapter visits. With excellent advice from teammates and a weeks worth of training, they were ready to begin their chapter visit journeys. As a team, they traveled to 131 FFA chapters across the state to present workshops that were based on multiple topics.

Workshops can be on anything from how to tie a tie to team building activities or finding our strengths. They are interactive lessons that help the students build their sense of leadership, self worth and many other characteristics that can be built throughout the school year. These workshops give the state FFA officers an opportunity to meet new members and build long-lasting experiences.

As a past state officer, I will never forget the memories I made with the seven different chapters I visited. With the New Riegel FFA Chapter, I will not forget playing Minute to Win It games and learning about time management. With Sentinel FFA, we played Blind Leading the Blind and discussed about how trust and communication go hand in. I will never forget those early mornings, the efforts I gave to creating and planning my workshops, and the remarkable friendships I made throughout my year of service.

The Ohio FFA Officer Team's goal for the year was to reach out to as many chapters as possible. By having 15 officers conduct chapter visits, this goal was met. Students can gain many things from workshops. As an officer, that is part of our individual goals. With proper training, effective leadership skills and the excitement to have fun with members, we as past officers hope they continue to grow as individuals through the experiences we had with them.

As the Ohio FFA Association continues to produce talented and skilled members, the officer team will also continue to grow through facilitating workshops at chapter visits and reaching out to as many members as possible.



THE VALUE OF ME, THE VALUE OF WE BY SHELBY FAULKNER

This year, Ohio FFA members had the opportunity to learn the value of themselves and the value of working with others with the theme, “The value of me, the value of we!”. Ohio FFA Leadership Nights were conducted between the months of November and March. During these nights, several state officers conducted workshops centered on valuing our strengths and using what we have to create an impact. The hope is that FFA members can then take these messages back to their home communities and put them to action.

Leadership Nights give Ohio FFA members the opportunity to work with students from other schools and to also interact with state officers outside of the classroom. Any school can apply to host a Leadership Night by completing and submitting an application that can be found on the Ohio FFA Association Website, www.ohioffa.org.

During the River Valley Leadership Night in District 6, Alex Taha, a junior at Cardington-Lincoln High School, shared his thoughts about the night. “I learned that we each have unique strengths that when used in a group can be powerful,” Taha said. He also said “it was a time to meet many new people”.

Students who participated in the “Value of Me, Value of We” Leadership Night series attended two sessions conducted by state officers. During these sessions, FFA members learned the value of their strengths and the value of working with others. Throughout the evening, members were able to meet and mingle with fellow attendees. More than 30 Leadership Nights were held across Ohio, reaching thousands of FFA members. Some chapters hosted activities following the nights, including sports tournaments, pizza and lock-ins.

Leadership Nights give students the tools that they need to be effective leaders. They can then take this information back to their chapters and communities. In the coming years, Ohio FFA plans to continue the Leadership Night program with new and exciting curriculum and activities.



LEARNING TO BE LEADERS BY RYAN ROBERTS

On September 7th, 2011, many FFA Officers and members from across the state of Ohio gathered together at Veteran's Memorial in Columbus. Everyone gathered for one reason – the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference. The conference is designed to make all members aware of their leadership abilities and potential to grow through the FFA.

This year we were privileged to welcome back Andrew McCrea, a past National FFA Officer and a farmer/ rancher. McCrea is the host of American Countryside, a daily radio broadcast. McCrea has won five Oscars in Agriculture for his coverage of the topic. McCrea's broadcasts air on stations coast-to-coast and the Westwood One radio network. He is an accredited leadership trainer and keynote speaker, having addressed groups in 49 states and audiences of nearly 10,000 people. McCrea led the morning session as chapter officers learned which leadership color category they most likely fit in. Members learned that we all have different strengths, and that if we work together we can accomplish anything. McCrea illustrated this by having members play bounce back. A game where you had to learn to work together with your teammates to ultimately be successful.

After the morning session members were encouraged to visit with state legislature while in Columbus. FFA members met with their state representatives and senators to learn about what they do in their capacity as well as what FFA members do and what the FFA is offering students today. This was also an opportunity to teach the state legislature in Ohio about the importance of Agricultural Education in Ohio schools.

The Ohio FFA Association encourages every member to attend C.O.L.T. Conference, or what now is known as Ohio Legislative Leaders Conference, in hopes that the members attending take positive ideas and skills back to their hometowns and local chapters.



MAKING AN IMPACT BY SIERRA JEPSEN

Last January, Columbus was energized as 388 excited FFA members were welcomed to the Crowne Plaza for the 212 and 360 degree conference. Members from across Ohio joined the 2011-2012 Ohio FFA State Officer Team and four National FFA presenters to create one of the largest leadership conferences offered in the organization.

The weekend consisted of two days and six sessions, with topics ranging from personal growth to experiencing group scenarios. Members learned how to seize the day, be accountable, know their purpose and be agents of change within their own chapter. The 212 conference is designed for freshman and sophomore students while the 360 conference is focused on juniors and seniors. Both development programs engaged members and helped them cultivate their leadership capabilities.

Students had the chance to learn from the national presenters, the state officers and from each other as they participated in a weekend of fun, excitement, and leadership development activities. In addition to the structured program, members especially enjoyed the dance that took place on Saturday night, that brought everyone together for a night of friendship, laughter and dancing!

The 212 and 360 conference takes place every January and is designed to challenge FFA members and redefine traditional leadership conferences. Session curriculum is developed by the National FFA Organization and topics are rotated each year. This means that even if a member attends all four years, they are guaranteed never to do the same session twice! Members can look forward to attending in future years and participating in sessions that focus on virtues, growth and collaboration.

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