

2013 OHIO FFA ANNUAL REPORT



Premier Leadership



Personal Growth



Career Success



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OHIO FFA ASSOCIATION

I BELIEVE BY LEAH AMSTUTZ, OHIO FFA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I believe in the future of agriculture...This opening line of the FFA Creed is easily recognizable to the thousands of agricultural education students who have memorized it and recited it in the true belief that they can and will make a difference in their community and even the world. Although five paragraphs in length, the first line truly encapsulates the spirit of agricultural education and the FFA. While we honor our history and celebrate past accomplishments, we realize that our achievements of the past serve only as an indicator of our future possibilities. For those of us fortunate enough to be in this industry, it is clear to see the future of agriculture is bright because of those who wear the Blue Jackets. This past year, Ohio FFA members have proven this once again by raising the bar and reaching great success. Among the many achievements from 2012-2013 the Ohio FFA Association:

- Reached a statewide membership of 23,115
- Boasted 751 State FFA Degree recipients
- Congratulated 6 National Proficiency Winners and 19 National Proficiency Finalists
- Enjoyed record-breaking attendance at the 85th Ohio FFA Convention.

Based on these successes, and the countless other unmentioned achievements, it is evident that the FFA and agricultural education has a bright future in Ohio. Congratulations Ohio FFA! Let's continue the tradition of Blue Jackets through leadership, growth and success.

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.

STATE LEADERSHIP

2012-2013 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Leah Amstutz | Secretary
State FFA Executive Secretary
Agricultural Education Service

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Tri-Rivers Career Center

Monte Anderson | Teacher Educator
Wilmington College

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Wayne Trace High School

Lindsay Bowen | Region II Representative
Hillsdale High School

Stephanie Jolliff | Region III Representative
Ridgemont High School

Matt Winkle | Region IV Representative
Fayetteville High School

Matt Hartline | Region V Representative
Waterford High School

Tim Buschur | Administrator
Celina Schools

Larry Davis | Industry Representative
Key Bank

Shelby Faulkner | State President

Sarah Bookman | State Vice-President

Craig Berning | State Secretary

Erin Wollett | State Treasurer

Daniel Zimmerman | State Reporter

Adam Rine | State Sentinel



2012-2013 OHIO FFA ASSOCIATION STATE OFFICER TEAM

President
Shelby Faulkner
A.B. Graham

Vice-President
Sarah Bookman
Hillsdale

Secretary
Craig Berning
Anna

Treasurer
Erin Wollett
Centerburg

Reporter
Daniel Zimmerman
Edgewood - Butler Tech

Sentinel
Adam Rine
East Knox

D1 President
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Edon

D2 President
Erica White
Ashland

D3 President
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Norwayne

D4 President
Gary Klopfenstein
Wayne Trace

D5 President
Maddy Buscher
Versailles

D6 President
Jordan Stacy
Greenon

D7 President
Leanna Bachman
Liberty Union

D8 President
Casey Schlauch
West Holmes

D9 President
Carley Snider
Felicity-Franklin

D10 President
Kayla Starlin
Cheif Logan

OHIO FFA ASSOCIATION STATE STAFF



Executive Secretary
Leah Amstutz

OHIO FFA ALUMNI



OHIO FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

Front (L-R) Peggy Anderson, Charles Hart, Jack Mason, Amanda Mason, Lexie Poulson.
Back (L-R) Ron Tilford, Elaine Beekman, Jodi Hassan, Edward Beeler, Jason Sharp, John Poulson, Mindy Fox
Not Pictured: Jody Stevens, Kayla Finton, Leah Amstutz, Logan Pyers and Jessica Shanahan

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 \$160. 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:

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| Katerina Sharp | Keayla Harr | Elaine Pahl | Cody McClain |
| Isabella McBride | Katie Frost | Dylan Hesson | Alexis Christensen |
| Jodi Seale | Hannah Meller | Aaron Klohn | |

ANNUAL MEETING

The 42nd annual Ohio FFA Alumni conference was held in January. Award winners are as follows:

Agricultural Education Promotional Award: **Anthony Wayne**

Coaching Award: **Talawanda**

Outstanding Member: **Jason Damron, Talawanda**

Scrapbook: **Anthony Wayne**

Affiliate Basket Contest: **Talawanda**

Affiliate Leadership Growth Recognition: **A. B. Graham, Anthony Wayne, Loudonville, New London, Pymatuning Valley, Sentinel, and Westfall**

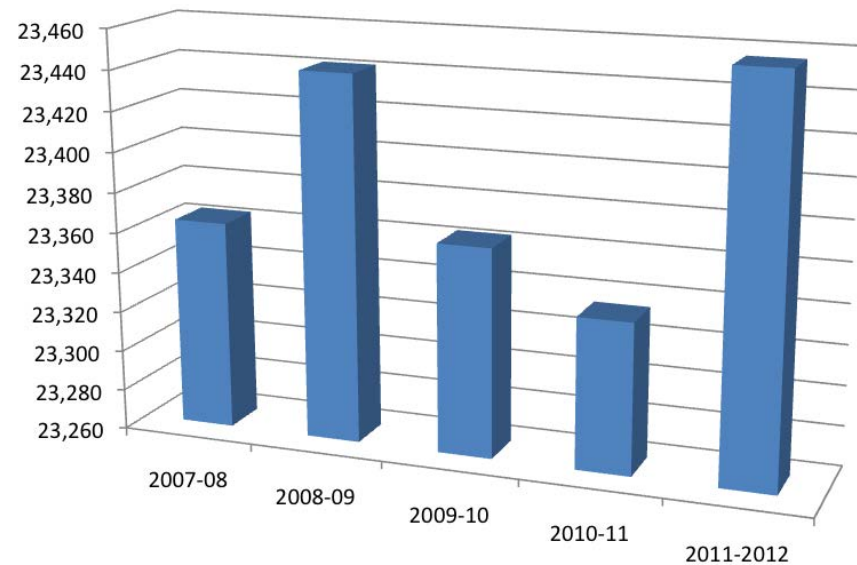
NATIONAL RATINGS

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|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 Star State | Talawanda Affiliate | Anthony Wayne Affiliate |
| Newsletter: Silver | Newsletter: Bronze | Newsletter: Bronze |
| Website: Silver | Website: Bronze | Website: Bronze |

OHIO FFA MEMBERSHIP

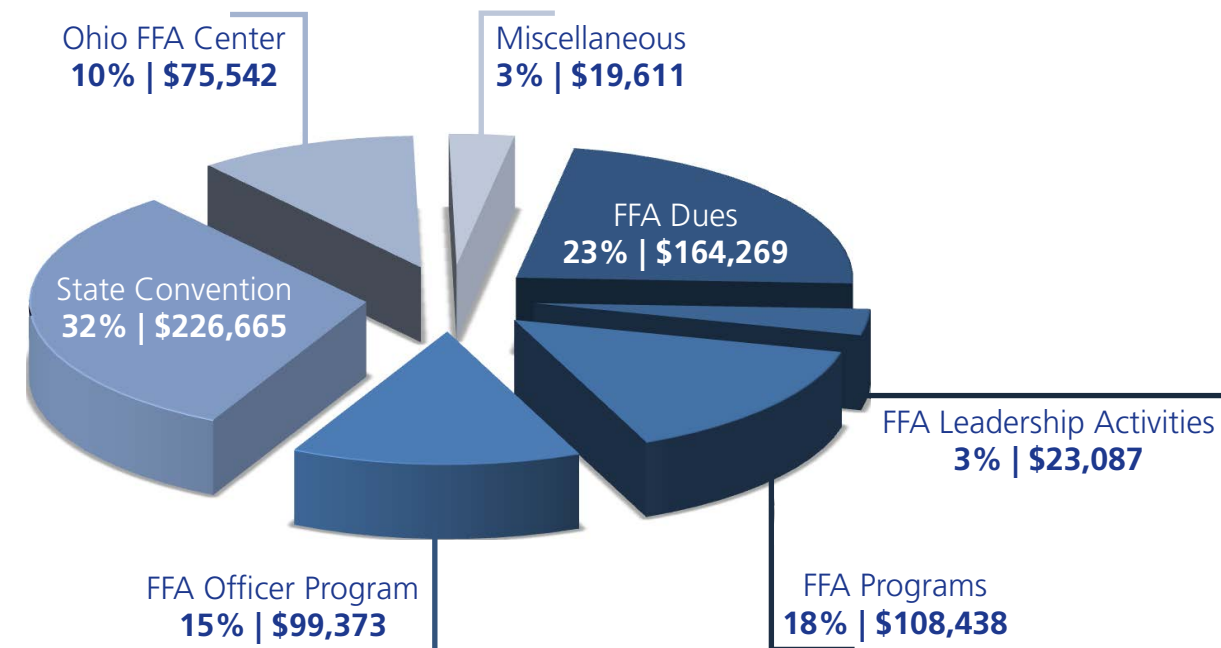
FFA MEMBERSHIP

Today, 579,678 students are members of the National FFA Organization. Those members represent 7,570 chapters in all 50 states including Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 308 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,115 students. Ohio ranks among the

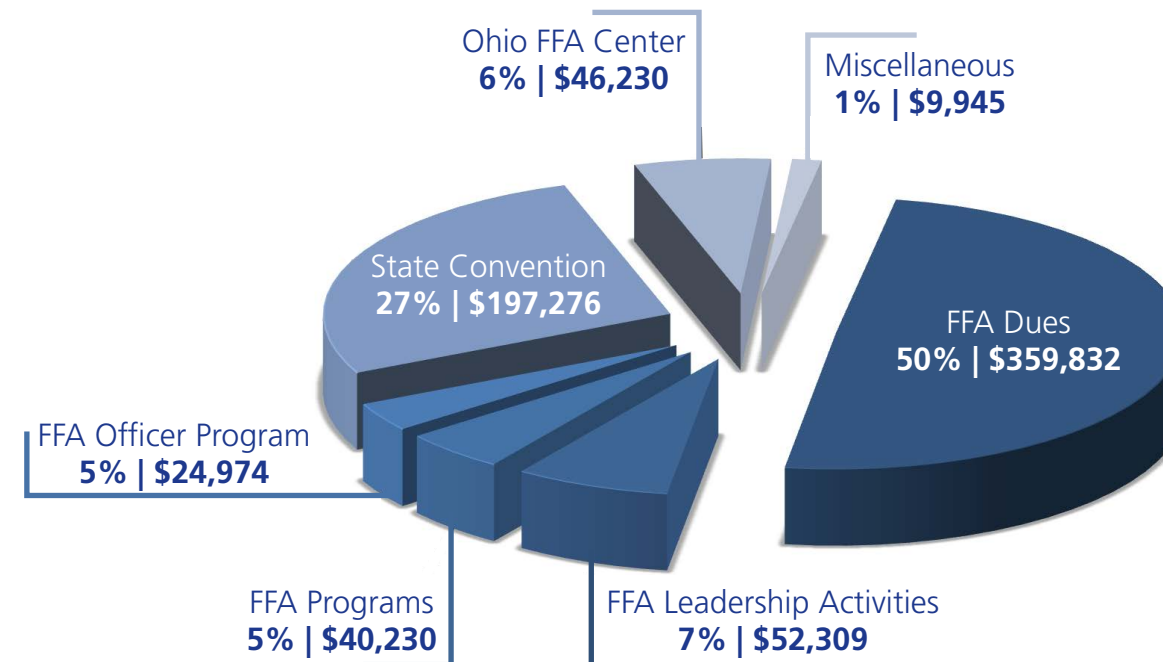


2012-2013 FINANCIALS

EXPENSES: \$716,985



REVENUES: \$725,796



PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BY CARLEY SNIDER

The FFA is an organization well known for its efforts to support philanthropic causes. The Ohio FFA Association is no exception to these efforts. Across the state of Ohio, FFA chapters and members are donating time and money to support their local and state communities. One of the biggest causes that the Ohio FFA supports is Nationwide Children's Hospital Miracle Network. This network provides financial assistance for families with children undergoing procedures with large medical expenses.

The Ohio FFA has formed a strong partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital and this bond is highlighted at the annual state convention. Prior to convention, chapters and members have the opportunity to raise funds to be donated to the network. Over the summer at FFA Camp Muskingum, campers can purchase rubber ducks for the chance to pie a state officer or FFA advisor in the face. At the end of each session, chapters also participate in an auction for FFA memorabilia, cookies, or a chapter visit from a state officer. All of these proceeds go directly to the network. At the 85th Ohio FFA State Convention, a check for \$15,566 was presented to the Children's Miracle Network on behalf of the efforts at FFA Camp Muskingum during the summer of 2012.

In addition to donating at camp, chapters can donate throughout the school year. Chapters who go above and beyond and donate \$200 or more towards the network are recognized on stage at convention. At the 85th Ohio FFA State convention, an outstanding total of \$42,548 was presented to Tim Robinson, senior vice president and CFO for Nationwide Children's Hospital!

The following chapters saw the importance for supporting this cause and were recognized for their efforts on stage at convention this year:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Amanda-Clearcreek | Edon Northwest | Lucas | River View |
| Anthony Wayne-Penta | Elmwood | Marysville | Riverdale |
| Arlington | Fairfield Union | Miami East-MVCTC | Smithville |
| Ashland | Fairlawn | Miller City | Southeast |
| Ayersville | Fayetteville | Minerva | Southeastern Clark |
| Benjamin Logan | Felicity Franklin | Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC | Southeastern Ross |
| Bloom Carroll | Firelands | Mohawk | Southern Local |
| Bowling Green | Ft. Recovery | Morgan | Spencerville |
| Brookville | Gallia Academy | Mount Vernon | Talawanda |
| Cardington | Georgetown | National Trail | Upper Sandusky |
| Carey | Greenfield McClain | New London | Urbana |
| Clear Fork Valley | Highland | Norwayne | Van Buren |
| Clermont Northeastern | Indian Valley | Oak Harbor | Waterford |
| Coldwater | Lakota | Paint Valley | Wauseon |
| Crestview-Ashland | Liberty Union | Parkway | West Liberty Salem |
| East Clinton | Lincolnview | Pettisville | Western Reserve |
| Eastern Brown | Logan | Preble Shawnee | Westfall |
| Edgerton | London | Pymatuning Valley | Zane Trace |
| Edison | Loudonville | River Valley | |

CROP/CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

The Ohio FFA Association is proud to partner with several charitable organizations. One such partner with whom the Ohio FFA has a longstanding relationship is CROP/Church World Service, an organization with the goal to stop world hunger and bring an end to poverty.

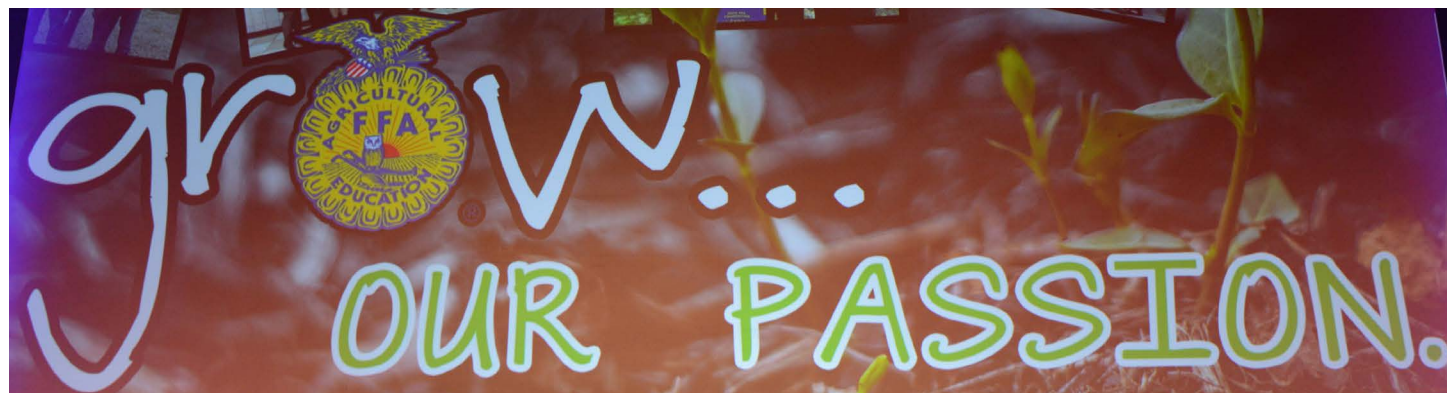
In 1946, CROP/ Church World Service was founded to create an organization that would, "do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." With a mission to, "Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, and shelter the homeless," this organization has continued to provide aid to areas of need for 68 years and many Ohio FFA chapters have contributed to this mission through their financial support.

At the 85th Ohio FFA Convention a check for \$13,588 to Andrew Gifford, Assistant Field 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 \$1,000 through their efforts.

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

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

STATE FFA CONVENTION



85TH OHIO FFA STATE CONVENTION BY CASEY SCHLAUCH

For two days, almost 7,000 Ohio FFA members, advisors, parents, and supporters flooded the streets of Columbus, Ohio!

As the 85th Ohio FFA State Convention took place at the Expo Center on May 2-3, 2013, thousands of members were recognized for their dedication and outstanding accomplishments. The convention was broken up into five sessions, each of them having a theme that corresponded with the National FFA theme, Grow.

Grow

Members and guests in attendance experienced the excitement of the first general session with the kick-off of the National theme video, National Anthem, and of course the officer tunnel. Prior to the session opening, we, as state officers paid tribute to the members that impacted our year as state officers just as officers to come before us. As the first session continued, members were recognized for working to grow the community around them. More specifically, the chapters that donated \$200 or more to Children's Hospital and CROP/Church World Service were recognized on stage. Additionally, those students who received scholarships to Washington Leadership Conference were recognized.

Further into the first session, the state officer team had the chance to introduce their FFA Advisors, high school staff, and mentors to those in attendance and award them with their officer plaque.

All in attendance heard the inspiring words of keynote speaker, Rhett Laubach who conclude the session, those slated for a position on the 2013-2014 state officer team were announced as cheers filled the convention hall.

Grow Our Passions

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: national winners, proficiency finalists, and the prized award of Stars Over Ohio. Keynote speaker, Josh Shipp, also shared his message with the members and guests in attendance.

Following the second session, the Ohio FFA had something different in store for its members. Going off of the success of the National Convention concert, we introduced the Ohio FFA Convention Concert Series. The 2013 FFA Convention performer was American Idol contestant Casey James and fellow contestant Aaron Kelley. This gathering served as an opportunity for members to reconnect with those that they have met at FFA camp and other leadership conferences as well as listen to some great music!

Grow Our Influence

During the third session of the 85th Ohio FFA Convention we recognized the Top 10 Chapters in the areas of Student, Chapter, and Community Development. Students work for months to complete the chapter application and even longer working on the projects that make them such a success. The Anna FFA Chapter won all three categories.

The session also included a keynote address from Jeff Civillico where he explained that you need the 7 principles to make it in life those include, passion, philosophy, personal brand, power, plan, proactively, and performance. The announcements of the last half of the proficiency finalist were also announced.

Grow Our Voice

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 Southern Region Vice President Wiley Bailey, shared his message with those in attendance that touched on how you never know where helping out will take you. 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. We all had one thing in common when it came to thanking our parents, no matter where we were going they were always there to support us, and to that, we say thank you again!

Grow Our Future

The final session of the 85th Ohio FFA Convention was dedicated to helping others grow. To begin the session, we, as state officers, thanked the FFA members for what a great year it had been with tribute videos to those who helped us grow. As the session continued, the State Band and Chorus performed and 751 of state degree recipients were recognized, which is the highest number that the Ohio FFA Foundation has awarded.

Retiring Ohio FFA President, Shelby Faulkner presented her retiring address to the members and supporters in the audience. She explained how we need to build each other up in order to grow instead of pushing everyone down. There was not a dry eye in the whole convention hall.

As the convention began to conclude, those elected as a 2012-2013 Ohio FFA State Officer were announced and installed.

After serving my year as the 2013-2014 Ohio FFA District 8 President I learned that the passion that Ohio FFA members have is infectious! Leaving the convention stage to greet my family and friends, FFA members congratulated us, the retired team, as we thanked them for making our year so amazing. Ohio FFA is continuing to grow and with the passion of FFA in all 6,500 members in attendance, it is only to be hoped that we will continue to grow.

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!

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

ALL LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

TOP 10 CHAPTERS

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

GOLD MEDAL CHAPTERS

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Blanchester | Marion Local |
| Bowling Green | Miami Trace |
| Cardington | Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC |
| Clear Fork Valley | Mohawk |
| Delphos | New London |
| Edgewood-Butler Tech | North Union |
| Elgin | Peebles |
| Fairlawn | River Valley (D6) |
| Fort Loramie | South Central |
| London | Wauseon |

SILVER MEDAL CHAPTERS

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Anthony Wayne-Penta | Greenon | Urbana |
| Barnesville | Greenville | Warren |
| Bloom Carroll | Madison Plains | Waterford |
| Brookville-MVCTC | Mowrystown | Westfall |
| Buckeye | Oak Harbor-Penta | Xenia-GCCC |
| Buckeye Valley DACC | Preble Shawnee | |
| Crestview (D2) | Ridgedale | |
| East Clinton | Talawanda-Butler Tech | |
| Firelands | Tri-Village-MVCTC | |

BRONZE MEDAL CHAPTERS

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Ansonia | Northwestern (D3) |
| Benjamin Logan | Plymouth |
| Genoa-Penta | Ripley |
| Indian Lake | Riverside |
| Liberty Union | United |
| Mapleton | Wellington |
| Mt. Gilead | West Holmes |

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Anna | Miami East-MVCTC |
| Elgin | North Union |
| Felicity Franklin | Ridgemont |
| Lynchburg-Clay | Versailles |
| Marysville | Wauseon |

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Anna | Lynchburg-Clay |
| Bowling Green | Miami East-MVCTC |
| Fairlawn | North Union |
| Fayetteville | Ridgemont |
| Felicity Franklin | Versailles |

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

MODEL OF INNOVATION WINNERS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Student Development | Chapter Development |
| Ridgemont | Ridgemont |

Community Development
Ridgemont

OHIO FFA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

Accounting
Ag Communications
Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication
Ag Mechanics Energy Systems
Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Ent.
Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Plc.
Ag Processing
Ag Sales Ent.
Ag Sales Plc.
Ag Services
Agriscience Research Animal Systems
Agriscience Research Integrated Systems
Agriscience Research Plant Systems
Beef Production Ent.
Beef Production Plc.
Dairy Production Ent.
Dairy Production Plc.
Diversified Ag Production
Diversified Crop Production Ent.
Diversified Crop Production Plc.
Diversified Horticulture
Diversified Livestock Production
Emerging Ag Technology
Env. Science and Natural Resources Mng.
Equine Science Ent.
Equine Science Plc.
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
Food Science and Technology
Forage Production

Brittany Conkey
 Courtney Rose
 Dysten Price
 Isaac Schaffner
 Kurt Wyler
 Garrett Kite
 Tanner Mick
 Lauren Williams
 Josh Dawson
 Zachary Stuckey
 Chrysta Beck
 David Glass
 Austin Douglas
 Brittany Conkey
 Logan Russell
 Chelsea Skidmore
 Ted Schmitmeyer
 Keith Bohman
 Austin Wippel
 Austin Mikesell
 Tori Wilt
 Blake Campbell
 William Potter
 Donovan Smith
 Megan Weir
 Kaylee Kuns
 Jakob Wilson
 Audrey Hoey
 Clay Armstrong

Fairview
 Versailles
 Tri-Village-MVCTC
 Wauseon
 Ridgewood
 A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point
 Miami Trace
 Miami East-MVCTC
 Elida
 Wynford
 Pettisville
 Zane Trace
 Hardin-Northern
 Fairview
 Botkins
 Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
 Versailles
 Marion Local
 Westfall
 Tri-Village-MVCTC
 Miami Trace
 Waterford
 Otsego
 Mohawk
 River Valley
 Margaretta
 Fairbanks
 Zane Trace
 West Holmes

Forest Management and Products
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

Antigone Castellucci
 Emma Northeim
 Anna Powell
 Nate Hager
 Cody Adams
 Kristen Hemmlgarn
 Wesley Roby
 Lindsey Pleiman
 Theo Schlater
 Brittney Costa
 Jessica Zurcher
 Chelsea Shell
 Matthew Klopfenstein
 Andrew Scharf
 Catlin Pauley
 Doug Seger
 Logan Brookhart
 Evan Riggs
 Christopher Teaford
 Carmen Meyer
 Jeremy Ruger
 Marlinton
 Firelands
 Ridgewood
 Wapakoneta
 Fayetteville
 Marion Local
 Delphos
 Fort Loramie
 Minster
 Marlinton
 Firelands
 Blanchester
 Wayne Trace
 Ridgemont
 Riverdale
 Fort Loramie
 Versailles
 Arcadia
 Miami East-MVCTC
 Marion Local
 Wauseon



2013 STARS OVER OHIO

OHIO'S STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

ELIZABETH HAYES | MARYSVILLE FFA CHAPTER

Elizabeth Hayes is the daughter of Tim and Laura Hayes and is a graduate of the Marysville FFA chapter. Elizabeth has 11 clients that she gives lessons to and trains horses for. She is experienced in both English and Western riding styles. Last year's gross income was \$5,610 with a return on sales of \$9,150. Elizabeth is active in 4-H and is on the varsity western riding team at the University of Findlay. In FFA, Elizabeth served as chapter president and participated in Washington Leadership Conference. She is currently pursuing a degree in Western Equestrian Studies and Equine Business Management, with the longterm goal of owning her own horse training operation and becoming a professional reining horse trainer. Elizabeth's advisors are Shari Anderson, Bill Keck and Ashley Thompson.

OHIO'S STAR FARMER

AUSTIN WIPPEL | WESTFALL FFA CHAPTER

Austin Wippel is the son of Jay and Marci Wippel and is a senior at Westfall High School. He currently farms 70 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa on the halves with his grandparents. He also owns and operates a hay and straw baling business, in which he bales between 150 and 250 acres per year. Austin has been active in his church youth group, volunteers for the county wood pantry, and has participated in mission trips to Savannah, Georgia. In FFA, he has been a member of the soils team, sold \$2000 worth of fruit, and has served as an advocate for the FFA at school board meetings. He will be attending The Ohio State University ATI in the fall, majoring in crop management with the goal of returning to the family farm to continue his business and expand the grain farming operation. Austin's advisors are Rick Metzger and Rachel Scior.

OHIO'S STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

JAKOB WILSON | FAIRBANKS FFA CHAPTER

Jakob Wilson is the son of John and Christie Wilson and is a graduate of the Fairbanks FFA chapter. Jakob's supervised agricultural experience program consists of working full time at JCW Farms Partnership. He is responsible for day to day operations on the farm and plays a key role during harvest and planting seasons. Jakob is active in his community, as a member of the St. John's Lutheran Youth Group, Darby Springs South 4-H Club and his county farm bureau. In FFA, Jakob participated in parliamentary procedure, agronomy judging and was the top seller in the chapter fruit sale. He is currently pursuing a degree in crop management from The Ohio State University ATI and plans to become a partner in the family farm upon graduation. His advisor is Rob Riddle.

STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS



In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2013, 751 young men and women, representing 23,115 of the Ohio FFA membership, received the State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in a FFA member's chosen occupation.

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| Kassandra Dalton | Zane Trace | Clay Scott | West Muskingum |
| Rachel McClellan | Greene County CC | Cole Piatt | West Liberty-Salem |
| Dana Moorman | Greene County CC | Clay Armstrong | West Holmes |
| Austin Rohrback | Greene County CC | Beth Klein | West Holmes |
| Morgan Scheffler | Wynford | Courtney Kozak | West Holmes |
| Celestia Starner | Wynford | Atlee Miller | West Holmes |
| Connor Teters | Wynford | Grayson Miller | West Holmes |
| Brandon Bergefurd | Wilmington | Megan Miller | West Holmes |
| Kalen Kelly | Wilmington | Matt Schlegel | West Holmes |
| Jacob Osborn | Wilmington | Mandy Taylor | West Holmes |
| Crystal Pennewitt | Wilmington | Mike Douglas | West Branch |
| Macy Conrad | Westfall | Stephanie Bukowski | Wellington |
| Grant Earich | Westfall | Morgan Mcdonnell | Wellington |
| Devonah Kaiser | Westfall | Michaela Price | Wellington |
| John Picklesimer | Westfall | Mindi Brookhart | Waynesfield-Goshen |
| Sarah Riebel | Westfall | Austin Conlon | Wayne Trace |
| Austin Wippel | Westfall | Matthew Klopfenstein | Wayne Trace |
| Mallorie Wippel | Westfall | Arlen Stoller | Wayne Trace |
| Owen Bursley | Western Reserve | Austin Arps | Wauseon |
| Brett Herbkersman | Western Reserve | Samantha Norman | Wauseon |
| Nathan King | Western Reserve | Derick Rufenacht | Wauseon |
| Brittany Mills | Western Reserve | Jeremy Ruger | Wauseon |
| Jessica Nagy | Western Reserve | Micah Schmunk | Wauseon |
| Kara Rennert | Western Reserve | Travis Schroeder | Wauseon |
| Tim Vekas | Western Reserve | Austin Wagner | Wauseon |
| Cain Schneider | Western Brown | Carly Weber | Wauseon |
| Corey Spitznagel | Western Brown | Allison Adams | Waterford |
| Jordan Glosser | West Muskingum | Blake Campbell | Waterford |
| Jack Mills | West Muskingum | Katrina Ford | Waterford |

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| Brandon Lane | Warren | Brittany Beaverson | Tinora |
| Weston McAfee | Warren | Craig Higbea | Tinora |
| Sheldon McCoy | Warren | Jacob Leveck | Tinora |
| Morgan Smith | Warren | Joey Clark | Teays Valley |
| Levi Wentz | Warren | Callen Ett | Teays Valley |
| Austin Fisher | Wapakoneta | Emily Justice | Teays Valley |
| Kerri Miller | Wapakoneta | Kelsea Justice | Teays Valley |
| Ryan O'Neil | Wapakoneta | David Steele | Teays Valley |
| Slade Oen | Wapakoneta | Amanda Bommer | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Collin Schneider | Wapakoneta | Regan Coleman | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Joseph Schneider | Wapakoneta | Taylor Darner | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Aprille Steinke | Wapakoneta | Will Hesford | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Justin Bruns | Versailles | Jesse Lightfield | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Tyler Clack | Versailles | Troy Mabis | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
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| Jacob Leveck | Tinora | Billy Mills | Hardin-Northern |
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| Will Hesford | Talawanda-Butler Tech | Seth Morrison | Genoa Area |
| Jamie Kill | Spencerville | Nicole Wilson | Fredericktown |
| Brock Kelm | Southern Local | Laren Marker | Franklin-Monroe |
| Danielle Augustus | Southeastern | Katie Fortkamp | Fort Recovery |
| Robert Joyner | Smithville | Sara Maurer | Fort Loramie |
| Ellie Noll | Sheridan | Emma Northeim | Firelands |
| Alexis Pahl | Sentinel CTC | Jodi Seale | Felicity-Franklin |
| Ella Jackson | Riverside | Elizabeth Bensman | Fairlawn |
| Marion Stutzman | River View | Frances Nicol | Fairbanks |
| Mitchel Phillians | River Valley | Cassandra Shaffer | Elmwood |
| Jared Cluxton | Ripley | Sawyer Baker | Elida |
| Jenna Wyler | Ridgewood | Audrey Beltz | Elgin |
| Thane Schwartz | Ridgemont | Ryan Watson | Edgewood-Butler Tech |
| Robby Thiel | Ridgedale | Bethany Carlson | Edgerton |
| Sara Piper | Pymatuning Valley | Buzz Leyes | Eaton-MVCTC |
| Levi Myers | Plymouth | Christine Russell | Eastwood |
| Nathan Spotts | Pettisville | Gabrielle Anders | East Knox |
| Morgan Brown | Peebles | Kylie Fritz | Delphos |
| Allen Limes | Otsego | Rebecca Enright | Colonel Crawford |
| Brian Wyss | Oak Harbor | Randy Brackman | Coldwater |
| Cody Scruggs | Norwayne | Melissa Pearce | Clyde |
| Zach Berry | Northwestern | Cheyenne Morsheiser | Carrollton |
| Shelby Furer | North Union | Anne McElwee | Cardington-Lincoln |
| Kimberly Miller | New London | Dakota Mcintire | Buckeye Valley |
| Melanie Stowers | National Trail-MVCTC | Nicole Koontz | Buckeye |
| Samantha Appleman | Mt. Gilead | Kaitlin Webb | Brookville-MVCTC |
| Stephan Anderson | Mowrystown | Ben Wilhelm | Bowling Green |
| Courtney Morrow | Morgan | Evan Dietz | Botkins |
| Linsday Daniel | Mohawk | Molly Michael | Bloom Carroll |
| Joe Schmitz | Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC | Troy Selhorst | Benjamin Logan |
| Theo Schlater | Minster | Marrissa Burga | Barnesville |
| Cierra Costello | Miami Valley CTC | Gage Odom | Ayersville |
| William MacGregor | Miami Trace | Kyle Bell | Ashland |
| Kendra Beckman | Miami East-MVCTC | Lucas Froelich | Anthony Wayne |
| Taylor Modro | Meadowbrook | Austin Bergman | Ansonia |
| David Keck | Marysville | Dominic Becker | Anna |
| Brittney Costa | Marlington | Mikaila Drake | Amanda-Clearcreek |
| Lexi Wilker | Marion Local | Caitlyn Mullins | Alexander |
| Mitchell Cramer | Margaretta | | |
| Brody Kyser | Mapleton | | |
| Poorva Patel | Madison Plains | | |
| Aaron Chaney | Lynchburg-Clay | | |
| Bryce Campbell | Lincolnview | | |
| Autumn Miller | Liberty Union | | |

GOLD RATED SECRETARIES

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Hunter Hardman | Zane Trace | Mercedes Thompson | London |
| Sarah Young | Greene Co CC | Troy Patterson | Lincolnview |
| Catherine Williams | West Liberty-Salem | Grace Dannemiller | Liberty Union |
| Mandy Taylor | West Holmes | Carlie Mccabe | John Glenn |
| Madison Bremke | Wellington | Kaylee Stephen | Indian Valley |
| Chelsea Ward | Wauseon | Angie Burton | Indian Lake |
| Allison Adams | Waterford | Rachelle Yoder | Hiland |
| Nicole Brown | Wapakoneta | Julia Poling | Hardin-Northern |
| Rachel Hedrick | Versailles | Mary Apone | Greenon |
| Sierra Lowden | Van Buren | Marissa Crosby | Genoa Area |
| Diana Bernet | United | Lindsay Overmyer | Fremont-Ross |
| Madison Back | Twin Valley South-MVCTC | Abigail Love | Fredericktown |
| Michala Ross | Tinora | Jessica Kaiser | Fort Recovery |
| Kelsea Justice | Teays Valley | Katelyn Seger | Fort Loramie |
| Chris May | Southern Local | Emma Ranney | Firelands |
| Kyle James | Southeastern | Serena Spaulding | Felicity-Franklin |
| Megan Cornish | South Central | Chelsie Schmitz | Elmwood |
| Rachel Taylor | Sheridan | Hannah Burbaugh | Elgin |
| Allison Carpenter | Shenandoah | Lindsey Laird | Edgewood-Butler Tech |
| Amy Covert | Sentinel CTC | Sierra Freeman | Edgerton |
| Morgan Robison | Riverside | Molly Alexander | Eaton-MVCTC |
| Keely Mackey | River View | Cierra Marshall | East Knox |
| Mariah Hill | River Valley | Courtney Vanschoyck | Delphos |
| Kylee Bristoll | River Valley | Kendra Hudson | Colonel Crawford |
| Samantha Dillon | Ridgewood | Jacob Muhlenkamp | Coldwater |
| Bailey Wagner | Ridgemont | Haley Kinney | Carrollton |
| Randi Mccallister | Pymatuning Valley | Mckenzie Smith | Cardington-Lincoln |
| Lacey Hill | Plebe Shawnee | Tracey Culley | Buckeye Valley |
| Mikayla Reer | Plymouth | Hailee Loughman | Brookville-MVCTC |
| Kelsey Weirauch | Pettisville | Natalie Carpenter | Bowling Green |
| Mariah Llyod | Peebles | Abby Russell | Botkins |
| Patrick Troyer | Paulding | Haley Black | Bloom Carroll |
| Miranda Garmenn | Otsego | Kaitlyn Wilson | Blanchester |
| Mara Holcomb | Norwayne | Ashley Wilson | Benjamin Logan |
| Shannon Garrison | Northwestern | Karlie Baker | Barnesville |
| Seth Arnold | New Riegel | Elizabeth Wiemken | Archbold |
| Shelbi Liss | New London | Maddison Binkley | Anthony Wayne |
| Julie Brown | New Bremen | Andrea Barga | Ansonia |
| Hunter Mcvay | Mt. Vernon | Lora Berning | Anna |
| Brittany Broadwater | Mt. Gilead | Katerina Sharp | Amanda-Clearcreek |
| Kylie Douglas | Mowrystown | Erin Bright | Alexander |
| Laura Davis | Morgan | | |
| Erin Sponseller | Minerva | | |
| Lauren Williams | Miami East-MVCTC | | |
| Annie Kackley | Meadowbrook | | |
| Megan Chruch | Marysville | | |
| Whitley Murphy | Marlington | | |
| Michelle Schwieterman | Marion Local | | |
| Jessie Keller | Mapleton | | |
| Abby Ames | Madison Plains | | |
| Kristina Ahrmann | Lynchburg-Clay | | |

2012-2013 CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

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

Congratulations to all members who participated in a CDE in the 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:

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

2012-2013 CDE WINNERS

| | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Ag Issues Forum | Felicity Franklin | |
| Agricultural Communications | Westfall | Katie Frost |
| Agricultural Mechanics Skills | Elmwood | Casey Heller |
| Agricultural Power Diagnostics | Fairbanks | |
| Agricultural Sales | Hillsdale | Emily Johnson |
| Agricultural Technical and Mechanical Systems | Fort Recovery | Adam Schumm |
| Agronomy | North Union | Kolton Ingles |
| Animal Behavior, Welfare and Husbandry | Zane Trace | Amber Nickel |
| Animal Health | Medina Co JVS Animal Care | Forrest Miller |
| Animal Management | Trumbull Co JVS | Veronica Easterday |
| Aquarium Management | Medina Co JVS Animal Care | Christopher Freshour |
| Cooperative Education | Valley View | Laura harting |
| Dairy Cattle | Miami Trace | Hanna Fosbrink |
| Dairy Handlers | | Megan Cornish |

2012-2013 CDE WINNERS CONTINUED

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dairy Products | Miami Trace | Judith Straathof |
| Dog Grooming 1 | | Christina Jarrell |
| Dog Grooming 2 | | Kelly Helbling |
| Dog Grooming | Medina Co JVS Animal Care | |
| Environmental Natural Resources | Hardin Northern | |
| Equine Management | Miami Trace | Morgan Kessler |
| Farm Business Management | Crestview (Convoy) | Tanner Skelton |
| Floriculture | Sylvania Southview | Taylor Holzer |
| Food Science Technology | Felicity Franklin | Sydney Snider |
| Forestry | Edison | Mathew Stevens |
| General Livestock | Botkins | Michaela Kramer |
| Grain Merchandising | Miami Trace | |
| Greenhand Quiz | Elmwood | Riley Evans |
| Job Interview | | Erica White |
| Meats | Ashland | Janelle Reichley |
| Nature Interpretation | Pike-Delta-York | Breanna Bolen |
| Nursery Landscaping | Tolles Career & Technical Center | Jason Hara |
| Outdoor Power | Mahoning Co. CC | Benjamin Farmer |
| Advanced Parliamentary Procedure | Waterford | |
| Novice Parliamentary Procedure | Miami Trace | |
| Poultry | West Liberty Salem | Amelia Smith |
| Public Speaking - Advanced Creed | | Tori Burns |
| Public Speaking - Advanced Prepared | | Tyler Parcell |
| Public Speaking - Beginning Prepared | | Evan Smith |
| Public Speaking - Extemporaneous | | Maddy Buschur |
| Public Speaking - Freshman Creed | | Madison Rose |
| Rural Soils | Gallia Academy | Briggs Shoemaker |
| Urban Soils | Centerville | Morgan Paris |
| Wildlife Management | Edison | Mathew Stevens |

STATE FFA CHOIR

ALTO

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Shelby Lynn Huffman | A.B. Graham | Kaitlyn Justice | Liberty Union |
| Mary Jenkins | A.B. Graham | Rachel McComas | Liberty Union |
| Paige McAtee | A.B. Graham | McKenzey Shell | Liberty Union |
| Erin Bright | Alexander | Cassandra Williamson | Liberty-Benton |
| Vanessa Taylor | Barnesville | Heather Thomas | Lynchburg-Clay |
| Morgan Gerber | Bellevue | Alexis Decker | McComb |
| Bridgett O'Neill | Blanchester | Britta Fenstermaker | McComb |
| Jessica Bowser | Clyde | Katie Seibert | McComb |
| Jessica Miller | Clyde | Andrea Kockley | Meadowbrook |
| Melissa Pearce | Clyde | Kaitlyn Stillion | Meadowbrook |
| Sydney McCrady | Fairfield Union | Miranda Maggart | Miami East |
| Lindsey Skinner | Fairview High School | Nicolette Sheeley | Peebles |
| Betty Dailey | Ft. Hayes | Alyssa Kaufman | Smithville |
| Star Jeter | Ft. Hayes | Cassandra Kuehn | Smithville |
| Autumn Gardner | Indian Valley | Layne Berner | Tecumseh |
| Hannah Peeper | Indian Valley | Audrey Hendershot | Waterford |
| Hannah Heilman | Kenton | Rylee Ford | Wauseon |
| Alysa McDavitt | Lakota | Katie Spiess | Wauseon |
| | | Autumn Converse | Woodmore |

BASS

| | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Aaron Klohn | Clyde | Adam Miley | Northwestern Wayne |
| Dustin Siders | Lynchburg-Clay | *band app* | |
| Levi Ridenour | Mount Gilead | Joel Sonnenberg | Patrick Henry |
| | | Jacob Luderman | Paulding |

SOPRANO

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Nichole Farson | Barnesville | Brandon Elmore | Hillsboro |
| Eryn Dye | Buckeye Central | Lauren Grover | Hillsboro |
| Kayla Danielle Dales | Clyde | Carlee Conrad | Lakota |
| Savannah Kuns | Clyde | Dynara Jones | Lakota |
| Cyleen Sharpe | Clyde | Lauren Raymond | Lakota |
| Crystal Berta | Elmwood | Olivia Ickes | Leipsic |
| Kayte Powers | Fairfield Union | Larissa Schnipke | Leipsic |
| Laura Swinehart | Fairfield Union | Karli Beerman | Liberty Union |
| Ellie Fitzwater | Greenon | Lauren Benson | Liberty Union |
| Katie Swaney | Greenon | Emily Burns | Liberty Union |
| Kayla Whitaker | Hardin Northern | Grace Dannemiller | Liberty Union |
| Halee Allen | Hillsboro | Autumn Fickel | Liberty Union |

SOPRANO

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Desirea Gaffney | Liberty Union | Faith Hudson | Northwestern Wayne |
| Karli George | Liberty Union | Karigan Blue | Patrick Henry |
| Jeanie McGarvey | Liberty Union | Meagan Powers | Peebles |
| Jacqueline Ratliff | Liberty Union | Jessica Shelton | Peebles |
| Elizabeth Deuble | McComb | Savannah Smith | Peebles |
| Megan Mitchell | McComb | Shanien Swango | Peebles |
| Haley Etherington | Miami East | Alexis Brown | Smithville |
| Amy Hahn | Miami East | Danielle Augustus | Southeastern |
| Haleigh Maggart | Miami East | Lindsay Bonam | Southern Local |
| Emma Weiss | Mount Gilead | Jacqueline Arnott | West Fall |
| Katie Keys | Northeastern Clark | Callie Ruffener | Wynford |
| Brittany Bunyask | Northwestern Wayne | | |

TENOR

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Eli Asbury Underwood | A.B. Graham | Daniel Everett | Miami East |
| Dylan Smith | Fairfield Union | Robert Hudson | Mount Gilead |
| Kevin Coolman | Fairview High School | Caleb Hickman | Mount Vernon |
| Cory Sidle | Fairview High School | Trey Miller | Upper Sandusky |
| Jacob Sharron | Georgetown | Justin Lorentz | West Holmes |
| Kevin Ramsey | Kenton | | |



STATE FFA BAND

ALTO SAXOPHONE

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|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Kiley Davis | Mowrystown | Kaleb Barnes | Westfall |
| Ashley Pool | McComb | Tianna Ward | Hardin Northern |
| Ty DeWitt | Fairfield Union | Tyler Pratt | West Liberty - Salem |
| Aaron Wickes | Firelands | Katy Tuggle | Firelands |
| Eric Brandeburg | Mowrystown | James Baker | Felicity |
| Matt Rader | Patrick Henry | Jacob Boggioni | Zane Trace |
| Adam Miley | Northwestern - Wayne | | |

BARITONE TC

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Rachel Nelson | Alexander | Bailey Powell | Northeastern |
| Taylor Hesse | Parkway | Samantha Raber | Harrison Central |
| Trey Miller | Upper Sandusky | | |

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

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|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Sam Dean | Fairfield | Tiffany Holland | Waterford |
| Katelynn Weber | Northwestern - Wayne | | |

BASSOON

| | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Kylie Hush | Clyde | Paige Steifel | Clyde |
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FLUTE

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|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sierra Miller | Upper Sandusky | Nick Wishart | Mowrystown |
| Drew Netts | Urbana | Kelly Mix | Liberty Union |
| Mariah Lloyd | Peebles | Rhiannon Ferkins | Hardin Northern |
| Emilee Swayne | Peebles | Natalie Liskai | Woodmore |
| Jessica Krulic | Pymatuning Valley | Victoria Eggers | West Holmes |
| Corisa Brown | Edon | Jessica Gable | Clyde |

HORN

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|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Tara Benton | Northwestern - Wayne | Brianna Abney | Lynchburg - Clay |
| Samantha Kleopfer | McComb | Hannah Imhoff | Northwestern |
| Emily Pohorence | Firelands | | |

BASE CLARINET

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Allison Burt | Jackson Center | Makayla Mohre | Elmwood |
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TRUMPET

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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Lindsay Bonam | Southern | Rebecca Dillon | Pymatuning Valley |
| Morgan Stickdorn | New Lexington | Cody Myers | Greeneview |
| Brandon Lowder | Firelands | Aryn Copeland | Wynford |
| Mary Roush | Westfall | Sabrina Montanye | Liberty Union |
| Mason Hibbard | Marysville | Kamryn Coppock | Greenville |
| Christina Lunsford | | Ellie Wakefield | Fairfield Union |
| Madison Pierce | McComb | Dalton "Trey" Fearing | Wynford |
| Brianna Cooper | Lucas | Logan Kessler | Clyde |
| Zach Adams | New Lexington | Rachael Hostetler | West Liberty -Salem |

OBOE

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|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Emily Doering | Blackriver | Hannah Davis | Miami East |
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TENOR SAXOPHONE

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| Maddie Mefford | Fairfield Union | Johnny Lewis | Lynchburg |
| Damien Eaken | McComb | Jeff Grilliot | McComb |
| Alexis Miller | Elmwood | | |

TROMBONE

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Tom Schuman | Firelands | Josh Justice | Meadowbrook |
| Patrick Stewart | Firelands | Kyle Davis | Northeastern |
| Megan Geitgey | Norwayne | Jacob Sidle | Triway |

TUBA

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|---------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|
| Patrick Tea | Clyde | Jonah Perkins | Graham |
| Layne Markley | Graham | Sam Owens | Madison Plains |
| Sarah Carter | Firelands | Kevin Daubenmire | Zane Trace |

CLARINET

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Amelia Smith | Urbana | Racheal Yerian | West Holmes |
| Tulsa Fearing | Wynford | Emily Culler | Fairview |
| Samantha Jones | Miami Trace | Caitlin Frazer | Mowrystown |
| Amanda Hall | Eaton | Tiffany Williams | Northeastern |
| Christina Tilton | Lucas | Kayla Mackall | Bellevue |
| Rebecca Giesler | Woodmore | Reannen Kiley | Mowrystown |
| Kristin Cottingim | Eaton | Shawna Mohler | Tri-Valley |
| Salina Leighner | | | |

PERCUSSION

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Eilis Kelly | Liberty Union | Ryan Bennett | Northeastern |
| Joaquin Acosta | Southern Local | Matt Cornelison | Felicity Franklin |
| Josh Lierer | Ross | Andrew Sanders | Northeastern |
| Brandon Robinson | Paint Valley | Victoria Sturgill | Hardin Northern |
| Clayton Walker | Teays Valley | Dathan Pollard | Madison Plains |
| Andrew Nye | Elmwood | Forest Heistand | McComb |
| Joe Ballah | Madison Plaines | | |

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



85TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION BY CARLEY SNIDER

GROW! FFA members across the nation are encouraged every day to engage in opportunities that will allow them to grow as students, agriculturalists, and young leaders. However of all the opportunities that the FFA offers, there is one that students across the nation can partake in together; the annual National FFA Convention. From sessions to keynote speakers to the career expo; national convention is THE place to be if you're an FFA member wanting to experience leadership, growth, and success. Attendees at the 85th National FFA Convention discovered just how true this was through this year's national theme: GROW!

While most students arrive to convention on Wednesday, the 16 Ohio FFA State Officers headed to Indianapolis, Indiana early Monday morning to begin preparing to serve as convention delegates. Each year, every state association may send a certain number of student delegates based on their FFA membership. Delegates are tasked with working on committees to discuss issues that will affect the future of our organization. At the 85th National FFA Convention, delegates discussed topics ranging from implementing a national aquaculture event to a recommendation for revision of the proficiency award areas. At the end of the process, the delegate body voted on proposals brought forth by each committee as well as amendments to the national constitution. Alongside hundreds of student leaders from across the country, Ohio's state officer team worked diligently to create policies that would directly affect over 500,000 FFA members nationwide.

A highlight for many of the delegates was the sponsor luncheon held on Tuesday. During this lunch, delegates would have the opportunity to converse with sponsors for the National FFA Organization. If

you looked across the large ballroom where lunch was held, you would see Ohio jackets amongst jackets reading California, Texas, or even Puerto Rico. Next to those jackets you would find business professionals representing companies such as; Land O'Lakes, Tractor Supply, and Monsanto. It was an invaluable experience to meet with individuals who are undoubtedly the reason our organization can provide opportunities for its members to grow.

The opening day of convention and likely one of the most exciting days for the city of Indianapolis is Wednesday. On this day, the streets are quite literally flooded with blue corduroy jackets and charter buses from states in every direction. Students from all over the country high-tail it to the FFA Career and Trade Show (aka: the best place to find free goodies). They stuff their bags full of pencils, t-shirts, keychains, and whatever else they can get their hands on! Members can then head right next door to the National FFA Mall to purchase FFA memorabilia for their friends and family back home.

However, while "free stuff" and FFA t-shirts are exciting, the convention hasn't officially begun until the drop of the gavel at the first convention session. In fact, so many members want to be a part of this excitement that the first session is held three times- twice on Wednesday afternoon and once Thursday morning. For many FFA members, nothing gets the national blue and corn gold pumping through their veins quite like a national convention session. Throughout the week, there would be a total of 9 sessions held, each just as exciting as the last! During these sessions, FFA members would hear from their National FFA Officers, listen to keynote speakers, recognize sponsors, and even see individual FFA members and chapters be awarded for their efforts. For the Ohio FFA State Officers, the most exciting sessions would be when a jacket with the letters "O-H-I-O" on the back walked across the big stage! During convention, Ohio FFA members and chapters would be recognized as proficiency finalists, national CDE champions, and national gold rated chapters.

For many Ohio FFA members though, the Thursday of convention was their favorite! It was on this evening that they traded in their blue and gold for some scarlet and gray to attend the Buckeye Bash. Decked out in their best buckeye gear, they spent the evening dancing to their favorite songs. To end the night, one of the most passionate cries of "OH-IO" is heard throughout the city.

Early Saturday morning, hundreds of Ohio's most dedicated members found their way to Lucas Oil Stadium for the American Degree ceremony. It was here, that years and years of hard work and labor finally paid off as these members received the most coveted award in our organization; the American FFA Degree. Walking across the big stage as their name was called, they were handed their own American FFA Degree Charm and earned their spot amongst The National FFA's most elite group of members.

The final session of convention was held on that Saturday afternoon. It was here that the weeklong journey of growth would come to an exciting end. The National FFA Officer Team was recognized for their efforts as student leaders for our organization and final "thank you" was said to many of our sponsors. Finally, confetti fell as six individuals were announced as the 2012-2013 National FFA Officers.

By late Saturday evening, the blue and gold began to fade as Indianapolis returned to normal. FFA members, including the Ohio state officers, began their trek home still full of excitement from the week. For Ohio FFA members though, the ride back home to their beloved Buckeye State was the perfect time for them to reflect on the invaluable growth they had just experienced.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AWARDS

MODEL OF INNOVATION AWARDS

RIDGEMONT FFA

Chapter Development

Top 10 Chapter and

National Winner

3 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Anna | Marysville |
| Blanchester | Miami East-MVCTC |
| Buckeye Valley-DACC | Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC |
| Cardington | Mohawk |
| Crestview(D2) | North Union |
| Delphos | New London |
| Edgewood-Butler Tech | Otsego |
| Elgin | Ridgemont |
| Fayetteville | South Central |
| Felicity-Franklin | Talawanda-Butler Tech |
| Fort Loramie | Tri-Village-MVCTC |
| Hardin Northern | Twin Valley South-MVCTC |
| London | Versailles |
| Lynchburg-Clay | |

2 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

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| Bowling Green | Oak Harbor-Penta |
| River Valley(D6) | |

OHIO'S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY WINNERS

Diversified Crop Production-Placement

Jakob Wilson | Fairbanks

Equine Science-Entrepreneurship

Elizabeth Hayes | Marysville

Swine Production-Entrepreneurship

Garrit Sproull | Harrison Central

Swine Production-Placement

Nick Rutschilling | Versailles

OHIO'S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY FINALISTS

Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Processing
Agricultural Research-Plant Systems
Dairy Production-Entrepreneurship
Dairy Production-Placement
Diversified Agricultural Production
Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship
Diversified Livestock Production
Environmental Science and Natural Resources
Nursery Operations

Maddison Buschur, Versailles
Rebecca Faverty, Marlinton
Taylor Kruse, Pettisville
Kira Andre, Wauseon
Ashley Wilker, Marion Local
Aaron Clark, West Holmes
Cody Adams, Fayetteville
Saul Triana, Wauseon
Justin Pursel, Pettisville
Amanda Koch, Botkins

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AWARDS

AGRI-SCIENCE FAIR FINALISTS

Animal Systems Division 1

Helen Boeck, Mechanicsburg

Animal Systems Division 2

Katie Frost, Miami Trace

Animal Systems Division 4

Derek Stoller and Jared Marty, Norwayne

Environ Services/Natural Resources Systems Division 1

Josh Metzger, Anthony Wayne

Environ Services/Natural Resources Systems Division 2

Kathleen Seeley, Benjamin Logan

Environ Services/Natural Resources Systems Division 3

Beau Liming and Mitchell Peck, Utica

Environ Services/Natural Resources Systems Division 4

Hannah Peterson and Evan Schaefer, Miami Trace

Food Products and Processing Systems Division 1

Travis Higgins, Johnstown-Monroe

Food Products and Processing Systems Division 2

Taylor Kruse, Pettisville

Food Products and Processing Systems Division 3

Rian Kingrey and Olivia Edgell, Miami East-MVCTC

Food Products and Processing Systems Division 4

David Glass and Audrey Hoey, Zane Trace

Plant Systems Division 2

Sarah Cox, Zane Trace

Plant Systems Division 3

Eric Casey and Lesley Shanahan, Mechanicsburg

Plant Systems Division 4

Ryan Goddard and Blake Hoblit, A.B. Graham Ohio-Hi Point

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division 2

Seth Finton, Ridgewood

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division 4

Brian Edgington and Nick Stroud, Blanchester

Social Systems Division 2

April Harris, London

Social Systems Division 4

Nicole Straathof and Molly Garringer, Miami Trace

NATIONAL CHOIR

Chas Grover Miami Trace

Jessica Little Miami Trace

Hannah Peterson Miami Trace

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS GOLD RATED TEAMS

Agricultural Sales

12th Place

Hillsdale FFA

Agronomy

2nd Place

Miami Trace FFA

Dairy Cattle Eval. and Mgmt.

12th Place

Riverside FFA

Dairy Cattle Handlers' Activity

2nd Place - Allison Mangun

Norwayne FFA

Floriculture

6th Place

Sylvania Southview FFA

Food Science and Technology

8th Place

Talawanda FFA

Forestry

11th Place

Edison FFA

Horse Evaluation

12th Place

Clear Fork Valley FFA

Livestock Evaluation

8th Place

Eastwood FFA

Milk Quality and Products

3rd Place

Lucas FFA

Poultry Evaluation

9th Place

Margaretta FFA

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS SILVER RATED TEAMS

Agricultural Communication

16th Place

Amanda-Clearcreek FFA

Agricultural Issues Forum

Felicity-Franklin FFA

Agricultural Tech. and Mech. Systems

34th Place

Elmwood FFA

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Craig Berning

Anna FFA

Farm Business Management

17th Place

Crestview FFA

Job Interview

Autumn Miller

Liberty Union FFA

Meats Evaluation and Technology

17th Place

Sheridan North FFA

Nursery/Landscape

19th Place

Wauseon FFA

Parliamentary Procedure

Miami Trace FFA

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS



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 2012 National FFA Convention, 296 Ohio FFA members received this honor.

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|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Ian Adams | Fairfield | Carly Birney | Harrison Central |
| Ryan Albers | Minster | Levi Bishop | Arcadia |
| Kira Andre | Wauseon | Caitlyn Black | Bloom Carroll |
| Perry Andre | Wauseon | Tyler Blair | Edgerton |
| Natalie Appel | Edgerton | Heather Bleininger | Benjamin Logan |
| Daniel Arbogast | New Riegel | Garrett Boley | Mapleton |
| Marie Arnold | Smithville | John Boney | Caldwell |
| Emily Bailey | Margaretta | Cameron Bookman | Waterford |
| Andrew Baldner | Hillsdale | Adrian Boudinot | Northridge |
| Brittani Baldner-Hill | Hillsdale | Brett Bowersock | Delphos |
| Courtney Balduff | Margaretta | Sara Boyle | Otsego |
| Travis Ball | Waterford | Cory Brame | New Lexington |
| Colin Barclay | Delphos | Cody Brannum | Greene County CC |
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PROGRAMS AND **ACTIVITIES**

OHIO FFA STATE OFFICER PROGRAM



2012-2013 STATE OFFICER TEAM BY SHELBY FAULKNER

The 84th Ohio FFA State Convention was quickly coming to a close, but before the final gavel could tap, a new state officer team had to be elected. Sixteen individuals, including myself, beamed with excitement as we heard our names called and immediately ran to greet our predecessor on stage. After the entire team had been announced, we were rushed backstage to enjoy our first few moments together as a team. Although we had come from different parts of Ohio, we each had one thing in common, our passion for FFA. Two weeks later, at our first official team meeting, we were able to get to know each of our teammates, learn more about the responsibilities that we had been granted, and were even able to travel to Universal Lettering where we were fitted for our association jackets. More than anything, we began to realize that we were beginning a journey that would change our lives forever.

Less than a month later, we were all brought back together in Columbus for a weeklong training called Blast Off. We were fortunate enough to be lead through our Blast Off experience by former Ohio FFA officer and national officer, Anne Knapke. During our training, we uncovered our personal strengths and looked at the overall strengths of our team. We set goals and expectations for the coming year and also discussed inclusion and diversity. We learned how to properly handle ourselves in various settings, especially at the dinner table. We were then able to put our etiquette training to the test in a lunch with faculty members of The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Our team was soon reunited at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. We had the privilege of being the first officer team to stay in the newly renovated state officer suite. Camp was the first time that we were able to spend time as a whole team with members. We created and presented workshops, flag raisings, and campfires for each session. We participated in dances, sports tournaments, and enjoyed boating with students. Through it all, we were having fun and enjoying time with fellow FFA members. Even though the days were long, I can honestly say that we wouldn't trade those times for anything.

Before our team was together again, Sarah and I had the opportunity to travel to our nation's capitol for the State Presidents' Conference. While in D.C., we learned how to advocate for FFA and the agricultural industry. We were able to meet with our legislators and tell our story. We also helped lay the groundwork for the delegate process, which would be carried out at National Convention. While we were in Washington D.C., the rest of our teammates were helping to tell the story of Ohio FFA at the Ohio State Fair.

It wasn't until August that we were able to convene as a team again. At this meeting we were able to present workshops to our teammates that we had prepared. Then we helped each other improve our curriculum and shared tips on how we could improve our facilitation skills. By the end of the week, we were geared up for chapter visits! On our last day together, we received our initial chapters that we would be visiting. Before our eyes, our schedules seemed to fill with chapter visits and fall camps. Once again, our team was brought together for the first ever, Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference. Students from all over the state gathered to learn about advocating for FFA and agriculture. We were able to share a meal together and even heard from Governor Kasich.

National Convention seemed to sneak up on us, but by the time it came, we were ready! We arrived in Indianapolis ready to learn more about the delegate work that would become our responsibility for the coming week. We took the opportunity to meet state officers from all across the country and visited with fellow Ohio FFA members who had made the journey to Indianapolis. When convention came to a close we were all exhausted, but we were ready to get back to our duties in Ohio.

Leadership Nights were next our schedule. We had decided on the theme "Man in the Mirror" for these conferences. Each night, we would encourage students to investigate their own personal strengths. Then students learned the importance of knowing their personal strengths when working with others. Students were able to see the value in working with people who have different strengths than their own. At the end of many leadership nights, we were able to play games, eat food, and just enjoy time with other members.

Oh how quickly our year had gone! Banquet season was upon us and we were enjoying evenings spent celebrating the wonderful FFA members in Ohio! In April, some of the best Ohio FFA members gathered in Columbus to interview for a position on the 2013-2014 State Officer team. It was now our time to focus on supporting those who could potentially be filling our positions.

We got down to work, focusing on state convention. We began to write scripts, film videos, and rehearse. The last week in April was our last chance to bring every piece of convention together. Students began arriving in Columbus and the celebration was underway! As convention came to life before our eyes, we were ready to give it all we had. We enjoyed catching up with members that we met throughout the year, celebrating student's accomplishments, and reflecting on the amazing year that we were granted. As convention was quickly coming to a close, we had one last important duty. During fifth session we had the honor of welcoming sixteen individuals to the state officer family.

One last time, our team was brought together at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. One year after our first camp session together, it was beautiful to see the growth that we had each gone through. Most importantly though, it was great to be able to spend one last week at camp making new and rekindling old friendships. As the week came to a close and the members left, we were able to reflect on every opportunity that the Ohio FFA Association had blessed us with. Although our time as state officers was coming to a close, we knew that we had memories and friendships that would last a lifetime.

OHIO FFA CAMP MUSKINGUM

2013 OHIO FFA CAMP REPORT BY TODD DAVIS, CAMP DIRECTOR

2013 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 **11,702**

Total Camper Days **24,212**

Percent of Camper Days per Program

Outside Groups **46.8%**

Nature's Classroom **30.2%**

FFA **23.0%**

Total number of groups served **166** (Down 3)

Total no. of FFAer's Summer Camp **1,225** (Up 46)

Total number of FFAer's Fall Camp **409** (Down 43)

FFA Chapters attending Summer Camp **152** (Up 8)

Percent of school districts participating in a camp program **50.7%**

Percent of FFA members attending summer camp **5.3%**

Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall **6.9%**

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

Major renovations to the facility in 2013 included the remodeling of the upstairs of Resident #1 and replacing the roof on resident #1. The camp also replaced the roof on the main administration building which includes the Dining Hall, Kitchen and Assembly Hall. Another major improvement to camp in 2013 was the remodeling of the restrooms in Dorm #1

The camp also moved forward on a capital campaign to build the new Muskingum Discovery Center. The new 7,500 square foot structure will be a tremendous asset to camp once it is constructed. If you would like to know more about the Discovery Center and would like to donate to camp check us out at www.ffacamp.com or go to our Facebook page.



2012 OHIO FFA CAMP BY ERIN WOLLETT

Sitting on over 200 acres in the hills of Carroll County and on the banks of Leesville Lake sits what some FFA members refer to as "the happiest place on Earth"—Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. As much as these words might hurt the feelings of Disney World, anyone who has spent time at the facilities of FFA Camp knows just how true this statement proves to be. Each summer as members arrive in their fifteen-passenger vans, school buses, or their advisor's vehicle, the atmosphere of camp floods with positivity. Friends from across the state are reunited, bags are unpacked, and laughter booms in the echoes of the hills. Are you ready for even more nostalgia? It is here that cell phones are forgotten about, differences are set aside, and the only reality is that each and every student there has a potential worth seeking—a potential worth unlocking.

As I arrived at FFA Camp in the summer of 2012, I was taking on a new role. I had attended camp as a student and was now starting my year as the Ohio FFA State Treasurer. I had felt in previous summers the support, inspiration, and encouragement swelling from my fellow campers, the state officers, and the camp staff. I realized that it was now my turn to help supply this energy and to figure out how to make the magic happen. That summer I attended four general sessions of camp as well as OLC. Through observations and actions I realized that there wasn't one secret ingredient to make camp boil over with amusement and gratification—it was the little things. It was the sporting tournaments, the workshops, the campfires, the learning experiences, and the comradery amongst everyone. My teammate and District 10 President, Kayla Starlin, once said, "My favorite part of camp was always the campfires because we had the opportunity to reflect on our experiences that day. Camp is always going to be a blast, that's a given; However, it is what we take away from it that really develops us as people." Kayla could not have been more correct. The development that takes place in five short days is astronomical.

One session, as the water games were about to commence, we played our favorite relay race, Dizzy Izzy. Three hundred campers took turns running out into the water, spinning in circles, and racing back to the shore to tag the next person in line. The last boy to compete just happened to be the last person in the whole camp to take his turn. Tanner was beloved by the entire camp. He gave everybody hugs, told the funniest jokes, and had a learning exceptionality. As he ran out into the water, spun around, and raced back to finish for his team something very special happened—the entire camp erupted into applause and words of encouragement; every student stood where they had just sat; three hundred campers welcomed Tanner to the finish line as he crossed with a widened smile. Between the staff, state officers, and advisors—there was not a dry eye in the place. This is the type of growth, development, support and positivity that leaks from the gates of FFA Camp Muskingum.

Each year at FFA Camp, students take part in leadership activities to help them grow including state officer workshops and adventures that push them to new heights. They apply this knowledge and reflect upon their progression through team building activities and nightly campfires. They also learn just what it is like to give back to other people, to support, and to spread the spirit of camp to the rest of the world. Each year, the chapters in attendance raise thousands of dollars for one of the Ohio FFA's philanthropies, Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Students come into camp expecting to have a summer adventure; they leave with misty eyes, expanding thoughts, and open hearts. Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum billows with positivity and truly makes a difference in the lives of each person who attends. The summer of 2012 was no exception.

CHAPTER VISITS

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One of the primary functions of Ohio's state FFA officers is to conduct visits to chapters around the state to present workshops, meet students, and enhance the FFA experience for the state's members. The visits, commonly referred to as "chapter visits" allow the state leadership team to connect with members from all parts of the state. Conversely, they also benefit the state officers, serving as a cornerstone of their growth and development in facilitation, speaking and teaching.

Preparation for chapter visits begins at the officers' first meeting in May. Working with faculty from The Ohio State University, officers begin learning the fundamentals of the teaching and learning process. These skills are further developed and sharpened throughout the summer during June's Blast Off meeting, Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum's summer camp sessions, and August's Advanced Leadership Training.

Workshop topics can range from interpersonal skills such as goal setting, teamwork and strengths, to more curriculum based content, such as agricultural advocacy, biofuels and sustainability. Regardless, chapter visit workshops 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.

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.

LEADERSHIP NIGHTS

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This year, Ohio FFA members had the opportunity to learn that they each are leaders in their own way. The series theme, Man in the Mirror, allowed members to realize they must continually seek improvement and build upon what they have to become the best versions of themselves. Additionally, members learned to evaluate how they can put their skills to use in order to make a change in the world.

Ohio FFA Leadership Nights were conducted between the months of November and March. During these nights, several state officers conducted workshops centered on self improvement and making 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.

Throughout the evening, members are 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 CRAIG BERNING

FFA members pride themselves on being the future of agriculture. On September 26th, 2012 at the first Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference, members were able to have a direct influence on the industry's future.

The conference allowed for FFA members to be exposed to public policy and government and how agriculture interacts in these areas. Over 200 FFA members from across the state gathered in the Statehouse Atrium in the morning and had the opportunity to learn about advocating for agricultural education and the industry as whole in a workshop led by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. This workshop prepared students to be able to talk to legislators about agricultural education.

Following the morning's workshop, FFA members prepared to meet their legislators during a luncheon. The luncheon kicked off with Governor John Kasich greeting members and then members were able to discuss agricultural education and its importance to legislators throughout the rest of the luncheon.

The Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference was a great way to have FFA members learn about our state's government, public policy, and how agriculture ties into it all. Members were able to leave the conference having shared agricultural education's story with many legislators and impact the future of the agricultural industry.

MAKING AN IMPACT BY ADAM RINE

Columbus welcomed hundreds of Ohio's finest FFA Members in January to participate in the 212/360 Leadership Conference. With a sea of corduroy jackets proudly worn by FFA members from across the state of Ohio congregating together for this two-day conference, National FFA presenters quickly began to engage FFA members in various leadership sessions.

Freshman and sophomore members participated in the 212 Conference while junior and seniors attended the 360 Conference. Both conferences covered an array of leadership topics such as virtues, accountability, personal growth, collaboration and seizing opportunities; however, their respective conferences highlighted specific material that could be applied to their everyday lives. The sessions kept students engaged by allowing them to utilize the newly learned skills in upbeat group activities and competitions.

This conference brought together some of the most dedicated student leaders in the state of Ohio. As they completed this leadership conference it was easy to see how much a difference each of these students will make in their future endeavors as well as in their own communities. Students were also enjoyed a night filled with friendship, enjoyment and dancing! Prior to departure, students gathered with their chapters to discuss what they had learned and create an action plan to seize the opportunities before them as well as implement the change they wished to see. Members in attendance left with the necessary leadership knowledge and tools to truly make a difference.

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Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940's to inspire members of Vocational Agriculture and FFA programs to work for high standards and goals and to recognize members for their high achievement. A committee of 24 interested individuals established the Ohio FFA Foundation in 1957.

Today, the Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over \$500,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards and incentives. Four specific divisions provide opportunities for businesses, individuals and chapters to partner with the Foundation. These include the general fund, sponsored projects, the endowment fund and memorials. Over 1,000 businesses, individuals and organizations support the general fund annually

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