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The FFA is a national organization dedicated to preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Local, state, and national activities and award programs provide opportunities to apply knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom.

**FFA Mission:**
FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

**FFA Motto:**
Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve.

**2007-2008 Ohio FFA Board of Trustees:**
The Ohio FFA Board of Trustees serves as the policy-making body for the Ohio FFA Association. All new programs or major revisions of existing programs and activities are approved by the board of trustees. The board of trustees determines what items of business will be forwarded to the convention for delegate action, and all actions taken by the delegates at the state FFA convention shall be summarized and placed on the agenda of the next board meeting for ratification.

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Dr. Isaac Kershaw, State FFA Advisor and Dr. Steve Gratz, State FFA Executive Secretary
Today, there are 507,763 FFA members, aged 12-21 in 7,439 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. During the 2007-2008 academic year, the Ohio FFA Association had 23,364 members in 311 chapters.

Here are some statistics about membership nationwide:
• 41% of FFA members are female; women hold more than 50% of state leadership positions.
• 77% of our membership is Caucasian; 17% is Hispanic and 4% is African-American.
• 89% of FFA members are in grades 9-12; 6% are in grades 7-8; 5% are graduates.
• 27% of members live in farm areas; 39% in rural, non-farm areas; 34% in urban and suburban areas.
• The top five membership states are California, Texas, Georgia, Oklahoma and Ohio.
On a crisp, cold, fall morning, FFA officers and members from across the Buckeye State trekked to Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) in September. This conference, held at the Veteran’s Memorial Civic Center, featured Rhett Laubach, a past Oklahoma FFA State President. Rhett presented his Personal Leadership Insight program which taught innovative skills, masterful communication, integrity, and goal processing; all instrumental tools of successful leaders. One such activity, the “Jacket Exchange,” required members to switch their blue corduroy with other members, forcing students to communicate and meet others while introducing themselves as the person’s jacket they were wearing.

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

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

Submitted by Tyler Church
2007-2008 District 5 President
Adding more than 55,000 people to a city in a single week may be fairly undetectable to typical city bystanders used to the influx of conventions and conferences. However, put the 55,000 in blue corduroy, shut down an entire street in downtown Indianapolis and rename it “FFA Way”, plaster the city in blue and gold (the good kind of blue and gold), and inject the city with electricity, and these same citizens may realize this isn’t your typical event! The 80th National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, drew one of the largest crowds in our rich history and recognized the achievements and growth of the FFA organization. This year’s theme of “Blue Jackets, Bright Futures” offered the promise that through our blue corduroy jackets, the future of our members, organization, country and our world will continue to shine bright with hope and prosperity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 Ohio FFA President
The Ohio FFA Association was proudly represented at the 2007 National FFA Convention. Eight members competed in the National Proficiency Award program. Winners in their respective areas receive $500 and an opportunity to attend an all-expense paid international travel seminar. Congratulations to all who competed!

### National Proficiency Award Program

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Other National Convention Results

National Career Development Event Results

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

Jackson
Nursery/Landscaping
10th Place Individual- Michael Davis

Anna
Prepared Public Speaking
2nd Place- Dustin Homan

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

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

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

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

Honorary Degrees
Mr. Jeff Byers
Mr. Russell Griggs

VIP Citations
Dr. Darrell Parks
Dr. Bryl Shoemaker

National Model of Innovation
Blanchester FFA, Community Development Division National Winner
Delpho FFA, Student Development Division Finalist

National Chapter Award Program

Three-Star Chapters
Anna
Blanchester
Bowling Green
Clyde
Crestview
Delphos
East Clinton
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Elida
Fairfield

Fayetteville
Fort Recovery
Greenfield McClain
Hardin Northern
Hillsboro
Indian Valley
Marysville
Miami East
Mowrystown
National Trail
New Bremen
New London
Otsego
Ridgemont
River Valley
Smithville
Talawanda-Butler Tech
Versailles
Wauseon
2007 American FFA Degrees

Megan Andrews, Fairlawn
Heather Bailey, Logan
Hilary Bailey, Logan
Andrea Baldinger, River Valley
Lucas Baldwin, River Valley
Jessup Ball, Waynefield-Goshen
Nathan Barhorst, Fort Loramie
Justin Leroy Barnhart, Kalida
Ryan Battrell, Alexander
Dustin Bayles, River Valley
Wade Beam, Greene County CC
Samantha Bechley, Clear Fork Valley
Jordan Beck, Pettisville
Matthew Bennett, Benjamin Logan
Timothy Bensman, Minster
Arin Bentley, Ohio Valley
Kimberly Bergstedt, Liberty Center
Jordan Bertsch, Canal Winchester
J. D. Bethel, Mechanicsburg
Nichole Bisel, Plymouth
Jason Boeke, Edgerton
Victoria Bohrer, Mowrystown
Joel Bourne, Versailles
Greg Brackman, Fort Recovery
Jesse Branner, Federal Hocking
Micah Brentlinger, Delphos
Brandy Brinson, Lynchburg-Clay
Jacob Brown, Ashland
Joshua Brown, Southern Local
Douglas Bruns, Minster
Ashley Bubeck, Versailles
Jarrett Burga, Barnesville
Jesse Burns, Upper Valley JVS
Sara Campbell, Eastern Brown
Jeff Cannon, Sheridan
Krista Cape, Edgerton
Rebecca Capper, Symmes Valley
Ezekial Carl, Marysville
David Carr, Miami Trace
Anthony Channell, Southeastern
Cody Clifton, Eastern Brown
Shon Compston, Carrollton
David Coons, Versailles
Katy Corkle, Wauseon
Chad Cowden, United
Andrew Cramer, Bowling Green
Hannah Crossen, Hillsdale
Heather Davis, Firelands
Stefen DeLong, Benjamin Logan
Aaron Derr, Carey
Ryan Derr, Upper Sandusky
Scott Duncan, Fairfield
Tracy Dye, Federal Hocking
Heath Edenfield, Mowrystown
Christina Egner, Shelby
Erin Ehman, River View
Andrea Eilenfeld, Lucas
Benjamin Eilerman, Versailles
Emily Ekleberry, Upper Sandusky
Derrick Elfrink, Tolles CTC
David Elson, Mapleton
Amanda Esbenshade, Crestview
Matthew Finney, Colonel Crawford
John Fisher, New Lexington
Maranda Fisher, Fairfield Union
Kelsi Fissell, Mt. Gilead
Jason Fitzcharles, Edgerton
Daniel Hipp, Fayetteville
Derek Hines, Franklin
Kerri Hines, Liberty Union
Joshua Hines, Harrison Central
Brian Hoersten, Delphos
Ashley Hoffmaster, Buckeye
Carey Hofner, Otsego
Mark Homan, New Bremen
Eric Hoving, Anna
Tim Hozalski, Firelands
Gregory Huber, Fairfield Union
Alex Hudson, Madison Plains
Darrin Hulit, Crestview
Dane Jeffers, Ridgemont
Kristen Jenkins, Hillsboro
Caleb Jones, Shelby
Kurtis Jones, Ridgemont
Quinton Keeran, Liberty Union
Darin King, Archbold
Katie King, Parkway
Adam Kirian, Arcadia
Kyle Kising, Hillsboro
Brandon Kisseberth, Arlington
Amanda Kissick, Western Brown
C. Stewart Kitchen, Kenton
Emily Klein, New Bremen
Tony Knapke, Coldwater
Michael Koblenz, Sheridan
Heather Kocher, Colonel Crawford
Samuel Krill, Edgerton
Brandon Kuhn, Ohio Valley
Jared Kuntz, Wauseon
Brittney Lacy, River View
Meagan Laird, Marysville
Ryan Langenkamp, Versailles
Courtney Lasko, Meadowbrook
Corey Ledley, Ridgemont
Elizabeth Lennartz, Fort Recovery
Tyler Levering, River Valley
Joshua Line, Arlington
Jennifer Link, Fort Recovery
Stephanie Litten, Ashland
Jonathan Lohstroh, Madison Plains
Levi Long, Miami East-MVCTC
Brent Looser, Delphos
Lindsay Manecke, Elmwood
Lynn Marchal, Fort Loramie
Lindsey Matheny, Fredericktown
Lindsay McCullough, Ridgewood
Katherine McGovern, New Bremen
Katie McGrain, Elmwood
James McIntosh, East Clinton
Jill McMahan, River Valley
Megan McPherson, Ridgewood
Cory Meek, Elmwood
Jill Meyer, Fort Loramie
Katie Miller, Wauseon
Ryker Miller, Hillsboro
Zach Miller, Delphos
Kat Miller-Coblentz, Ashland
Fred Mills, East Knox
Emily Monnier, Fairlawn
Wesley Montgomery, Miami Trace
Bradley Myers, Wauseon
Neil Myers, Laurel Oaks ODC
Michael Neal, Triway
Ashley Nee, Indian Lake
John Neider, Carrollton
Trevor Newby, Elmwood
Jesse Noffsinger, Wayne Trace
Christine Noyes, Liberty-Benton
Kevin Obrecht, Hillsdale
Lester Orndorf, Wauseon
Kaylesue Patton, Hillsboro
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Theresa Robbins, Fayetteville
Drew Rupp, Norwayne
Don Russell, Eastwood
Kimberly Sayler, Firelands
Johnathan Schaeffer, Margareta
Jessica Schafer, Monroeville
Evan Schlatter, Paulding
Travis Schlatter, Paulding
Terry Schram, Eastern Brown
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Blake Seaman, East Clinton
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Rachel Sharrock, Ada
Todd Sherman, Kenton
Jeremy Shreyer, Liberty Union
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Matthew Snider, Miami East-MVCTC
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Adam Sutter, Fort Recovery
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Bethany Taylor, Wayne Trace
Adam Thomas, Otsego
Jill Townsend, River Valley
Ryan Trader, Ross-Butler Tech
Alan Trentman, Delphos
Kristie Turner, Delphos
Stefanie Turner, Fairfield Union
Debra Van Camp, Canal Winchester
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Becky Wolford, McComb
Adam Wuebker, St. Henry
Aaron Wulber, Versailles
Logan Wyse, Archbold
Mallory Yake, Cardington-Lincoln
Nathanael Young, Mowrystown
Nathaniel Young, Western Brown
Tara Zasadzinski, North Union
Joe Zimmerman, Western Reserve
Tyler Zimmerman, Ridgewood
Nicolas Zumberger, Versailles
Leadership Nights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Nicholas Higgins
2007-2008 District 7 President
Leadership is... Influence! FFA members who attended last year’s Made for Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conferences know this phrase well. Hundreds of members attended the conferences at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus on January 12 and 13, 2008, and left with new perspectives on leadership.

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Jodi Roush
2007-2008 Ohio FFA Reporter
Career Development Events

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

Congratulations to all members who participated in a CDE in the 2007-2008 school year; your efforts will continue to reap benefits in the future. Here is a listing of all CDEs, along with the winning team and top-scoring individual. For a complete listing or for more information on Ohio’s Career Development Events, visit www.ohioffa.org or contact:

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2008 State Convention

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

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

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

Members and guest gathered in the Celeste Center also had the opportunity to hear from two renowned motivational speakers – Mark Scharen brioch and Shawn Harper. During the second session, Mark’s message of embracing others and change left attendees in stitches with his dead-on impersonations of teenagers and his orchestral conduction of a rousing “Boomba-Hey” with the audience. Friday evening, former NFL player and Ohio native Shawn Harper showed off
his linebacker power by tearing City of Columbus phone books in half and twisting a skillet into a burrito while also retelling accounts of overcoming insurmountable odds, such as poverty and learning disabilities, to become a professional athlete.

While some members were enjoying the convention sessions, others found themselves competing in Career Development Events such as Grain Merchandising, Meats Evaluation, or the Greenhand Quiz (for first year members) or the Agriscience Fair. Still, other members were tuning their voices and instruments for the Ohio FFA Band and Chorus performance or attending leadership workshops. Of course, no convention is complete without obtaining some free merchandise from the Career and Trade Show, held in the Ohio Building. From holding a snake, courtesy of Hocking College, to munching on some fresh fruit and peanuts from the Florida Farm Bureau, to visiting with admission counselors and students from The Ohio State University, to ordering a new FFA jacket or updating an old one at The Universal Lettering booth, the first manufacturer of the original FFA jacket, the Career and Trade Show had something for everyone.

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

Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 Ohio FFA President
Congratulations to Ohio’s top FFA chapters, as determined by the National Chapter Award application. Applications were scored at State Evaluation, with the top ten chapters in each area presenting to a panel of judges at State Convention. All gold medal chapters had their applications forwarded on for further evaluation at the national level.

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

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**Gold Medal Chapters**
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- Anna
- Cardington
- Clyde
- Crestview
- Delphos
- East Clinton
- Edgwood-Butler Tech
- Elida
- Fort Recovery
- Greenon
- Greenville
- Hardin Northern
- Indian Valley
- Mechanicsburg
- Miami Trace
- Mississinawa Valley
- Mowrystown
- National Trail
- Otsego
- River Valley
- Smithville
- Xenia-GCC
**Top Ten Student Division**  
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- Elmwood
- Fairfield-Leesburg
- Fayetteville

- Mississinawa Valley
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- Mechanicsburg

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**Top Ten Community Division**  
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- Blanchester
- Elmwood
- Fairfield-Leesburg
- Fayetteville
- Hardin Northern

- Miami East
- Mowrystown
- Ridgemont
- Smithville
- Versailles
Chapter officer awards are provided to encourage excellence in chapter leadership. Each chapter may enter its secretary, treasurer, and reporter books for competition. Books are evaluated on the district level and rated gold, silver, or bronze. The following officers earned a gold rating on their officer books and were recognized at State FFA Convention.

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- Brittany Brough, Oak Harbor
- Megan Monroe, Parkway
- Kristen Michael, Pettisville
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- Kimmie Schott, Ridgewood
- Chelsea Woods, River Valley
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Alicia Dysert, North Union
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Amanda Williams,
West Liberty-Salem
Lara Staples, Western Brown

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Chelsea Pryor, Barnesville
Mychal Taubken, Fairlawn

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

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

Bassoon
Kristin Heil, Kenton

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

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Gina Hopper, Greenon
Hannah Shock, Hillsdale

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Nathanael Frank, West Holmes

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

District Star Farmers

District 2- Jason Hartschuh, Wynford
District 4- Craig Reinhart, New Riegel
District 5- John Steinemann, Minster
District 6- Josh Clunk, Buckeye Valley
District 7- Adam Dague, Johnstown
District 8- Sarah Nichols, Buckeye Trail
District 9- Nathan Miller, Miami Trace
District 10- Brent Kasler, Alexander
Wesley VanScoy is the son of William and Sonja VanScoy. He is a member of the Ridge- 
mont FFA Chapter where his advisor is Stephanie Jolliff. Wesley’s SAE project has 
grown from 100 cucumbers to now raising more than 600 cucumber plants annually. 
Wesley has worked more than 4,500 hours at VanScoy Farms Hydroponic Tomato Greenhouse. 
He is a member of National Honor Society, Ridgemont Choir, School Musical Stage Crew, and 
the Honor Role at his high school. Wesley plans to attend the University of Northwestern of 
Ohio, majoring in agribusiness. His long-term goal is to become a recognized leader in the to-
mato and cucumber hydroponic fields, with the experience to become a paid consultant.

District Stars in Agribusiness

District 4- Craig Reinhart, New Riegel
District 5- Jake Coverstone, Miami East-MVCTC
District 6- Wesley Vanscoy, Ridgemont
Charles (C.J.) Rowe is the son of Greg and Jackie Rowe. He is a member of the Fayetteville FFA Chapter where his advisor is Matt Winkle. C.J.’s SAE consist of 5,360 hours of placement at Barber Farms, where he assists with tilling and harvesting corn, soybeans, and wheat. He also works with his family hog partnership. Some of his activities include the FFA fruit sale, Children’s Hospital Breakfast, rural soil judging, farm business management contest, and attending state and national conventions. C.J. also is a member of the Pep Club and Spanish Club. His future plans include obtaining a 2 year degree in agronomy from Ohio State ATI. He intends on pursuing a career in soils and agronomy while expanding his current farming enterprise.

District Stars in Placement

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

Rick Kennedy, Retired Teacher of Agriculture, Benjamin Logan

Chris Lynch, Farmer & Owner of Lynch Farm Construction

Marilyn Sue Mason, LPN, Fulton County Health Center

John Noonan, Farmer & Heavy Equipment Operator

Craig Norton, Retired Teacher of Agriculture, Firelands

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Bruce & Michelle Short, Owners, Short’s Hardware

Rosalind Maxine Swaisgood, Ashland County Soil & Water Conservation District

Steven Willeke, Superintendent, Crestview Local Schools
The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. In 2008, 591 deserving members received this honor. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in the FFA member’s chosen occupation. Congratulations to all members who excelled to reach this monumental achievement.

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

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

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

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

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East Clinton
Edgerton
Elgin
Elmwood
Fairfield Union
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Fort Frye
Gallipolis
Greenon
Hardin Northern
Indian Valley
Kenton
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Mississinawa Valley
Newton
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Upper Scioto Valley
Paint Valley
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Penta County CC
Pettisville
Plymouth
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Upper Sandusky
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Urbana
Warren
Wauseon
Westfall
Zane Trace

Submitted by Lyndsey Murphy
2007-2008 State Sentinel
As an FFA member, community service plays a major role in the experience an individual can have. Chapters across all 88 counties in Ohio participate every year in numerous community service activities. Many of these activities include fundraising for Nationwide Children’s Hospital located in Columbus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Only a week after the conclusion of the final camp session, Vice-President Allen Schmitz and I flew to Washington, D.C. to participate in the State Presidents’ Conference (SPC). Apart from touring the metropolitan area and establishing new friendships with other state officers from across the nation, Allen and I also had the opportunity to discuss new opportunities and issues effecting our organization, lobby for agricultural education to our legislators, and even meet President George W. Bush!
The remainder of July, August, and the beginning of September consisted of preparing and exhibiting livestock and other projects at the officers’ county fairs and the Ohio State Fair, while also getting ready for the beginning of the upcoming school year. In mid-August, Tyler Church and I traveled to Northern Kentucky University to attend a breakfast recognizing Toyota’s long and generous commitment to the FFA. Anna Hall and I also recorded a promotional commercial advocating agricultural education and the FFA. After a final re-group of the summer, which included a tour of the Ohio Capitol and a meeting with Representative Steve Reinhard, the officers parted ways to implement the skills they had acquired the past three months.

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

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

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

Submitted by Dustin Homan
2007-2008 Ohio FFA President
The year 2008 was a very successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

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

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

By Executive Secretary - Lexie Poulson

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

**Purposes**
- To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on the local, state and national levels.
- To provide a vital support link to the FFA that will assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve FFA supporters in worthy activities.
- To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
- To promote and maintain an appreciation of the free enterprise system.
- To promote the personal development aspects of the FFA program.
- To promote premiere leadership, personal growth and career success among all FFA members.

**Membership**
Membership is open to anyone who supports agricultural education and the FFA. As a member you will take an active part in building your community at the local, state, and national level. Your commitment helps ensure the continued success of Ohio’s and America’s premier leadership organization. Annual dues are $15 and lifetimes dues are $150.

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

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

**Membership Project**
Again this year we are striving to work with non-active affiliates. Our goal is to reconnect to those members and get them organized in supporting our programs.
Annual Meeting
The 37th annual Ohio FFA Alumni conference was held in January.
Award winners were:
• **Agricultural Education Promotional Award** - 1st- Hardin Northern; 2nd- Pettisville; 3rd- Anthone Wayne
• **Coaching Award** - 1st- Anthony Wayne; 2nd- Federal Hocking
• **Outstanding Member** - 1st- Marilyn Mason, Anthony Wayne; 2nd- Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern; 3rd- Jan Christenson, Pettisville; 4th- Edward Beeler, Talawanda, 5th-Gary Dilinger, Federal Hocking
• **Gold Medal Affiliate Award** - District 1- Ayersville, Edgerton, Anthony Wayne, Genoa, Liberty Center, Pettisville; District 2- Ashland, Mapleton; District 4- Hardin Northern; District 5- Anna, Miami East; District 6- Big Walnut, Kenton, Urbana; District 7- Licking Valley, Union Local; District 9- Edgewood, Miami Trace, Talawanda; District 10- Gallia, Racine
• **Scrapbook** - 1st- Hardin Northern; 2nd- Pettisville; 3rd- Anthony Wayne; 4th- New Lexington
• **Affiliate Basket Contest** - 1st- Pettisville; 2nd-Ohio River Producers; 3rd- Anthony Wayne; 4th- New Lexington; 5th- Talawanda; 6th- Ashland; 7th- Licking Valley; 8th- Lucas; 9th- Buckeye Valley; 10th- Ross; 11th- Big Walnut. The basket auction brought in $1,220 total.

Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members
Front row (l to r): John Poulson, Lexie Poulson, Bruce Henney, Ron Tilford, Jason Fox, Jodi Hassan, Sylvester Furman
Back row (l to r): Dave Bishop, Jack Mason, Jason Damron, Jennifer Kilbarger
Not pictured: John Juhasz, Jesse Hamman, Maeanna Lindamood
Ohio FFA Foundation

By Foundation Director - Melissa Bell

Board of Directors

Chair: Dr. Isaac Kershaw, Assistant Director, Career-Technical & Adult Education, Agricultural Education Service

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Dr. Steven J. Gratz, State FFA Executive Secretary; Agricultural Education Service

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Mr. John Schartman; Vice-Chairman, Sponsors’ Team; Pioneer-Dupont Agriculture & Nutrition

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Dr. Isaac Kershaw, Assistant Director, Career-Technical & Adult Education, Agricultural Education Service

Dr. Steven J. Gratz, Ohio FFA Executive Secretary; Agricultural Education Service
2007-2008 Income and Expenses

Income

Income: $361,291

- Business & Industry: 46.16%
- Citrus: 16.61%
- Golf Outing: 4.01%
- General Fund Projects: 11.07%
- Endowments & Memorials: 7.68%
- Annual Gifts: 14.06%
- Other: 0.42%

Expenses

Expenses: $389,851

- CODB: 39.79%
- CDE's: 10.87%
- Awards: 13.68%
- Golf Outing: 3.61%
- Camp: 4.24%
- FFA Projects: 27.80%
General Fund Donors

500 CLUB ($500 plus)
A.I. Root Company
Blanchard Valley Farmers Co-op, Inc.
Elmwood FFA Chapter
Land O’ Lakes Foundation
Southwest Landmark, Inc.
Stark County Farm Bureau

Platinum Club ($250 plus)
Castalia Farms
Lorain County Farm Bureau, Inc.
Majors Farms
Mennel Milling Company
The Anderson Foundation
Thorhahn Farms
Westfall FFA Chapter

President’s Club ($125 plus)
Agricultural Education Society
Amanda Clearcreek FFA Alumni
Ashland FFA Chapter
Von & Bev Bishop
Bodey Insurance, Inc.
Bowling Green FFA Chapter
Champion Cheer and Tumble Center
Coldwater Young Farmers Association
East Clinton FFA Chapter
C. Donald Eberwine
Erie County Farm Bureau
Jim & Karen Faust
R. Craig & Karen Fendrick
Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Fort Frye FFA Chapter
John D. Francis
Fulton County SWCD
James Garland
Earl & Doris Gerderman
George F. Ackerman Company
James H. Gildeborf
Guy Green
Greenfield-McClain FFA Chapter
Greenville FFA Chapter
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Lucky Farmers, Inc.
M.H. Eby, Inc.
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Midwest Compost
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Ohio Valley FFA
Oxford Grange #2211
Pettisville FFA Chapter
Piney Paradise Christmas Trees
Warren & Marilyn Reed
Keith & Sheila Roberts
Ridgedale FFA Chapter
T. Dwain Sayre
Schlessman Seed Company
SIX-B, Inc.
The Melvin Stone Company
Unverferth Mfg. Co., Inc.
Upper Valley JVS FFA Chapter
Bob & Gigi Walker
Kirk & Tammy Walker
Lynn Wells
Wenig Farms
Winesburg Meats, Inc.
Wynford FFA Alumni

Gold Medal ($50 plus)
Allen, Yurasek & Merklin, Attorneys at Law
American Timber and Steel
Arcadia FFA Chapter
Archbold Equipment Co.
Arend Brothers, Inc.
Bales Family Farms
Bean Farm Drainage
Donald & Martha Ann Bernard
Best One Tire
Jenny & Brian Breece
Frank L. Breedlove
John Bricker
Brown County Farm Bureau
Janet & John Cassidy/Miller
James D. Cooper
Cyclone Services
D & G Welding
Richard Dawson
Deerfield Farm Services, Inc.
Delphos FFA Chapter
Delphos Recreation
Thomas Eibling
Dave Evans
John Evans
Jane Freimark
Galloway Brothers
Chuck & Diana Gamble
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Co-operative, Inc.
GVM West, LTD.
Hartley Oil Company
Bon & Dorothy Hodson
Earl J. Johnson
Dan Kautz
Roland Kettler
Kranz Farms
Maple Crest Farms
Margaretta Grange #488
John Marshall
Barbara McCaslin
Scott & Lisa McNamee
National Bank & Trust
Oak Harbor FFA Chapter
OE Meyer Co.
Pfeiffer Tank Supply
Pioneer Electric Cooperative-Champaign
Pioneer Electric Cooperative-Miami
Pioneer Electric Cooperative-Shelby
Pitsenbarger Supply, Inc.
Redwing Farm
Roger A. Rhonemus
Roberts Farm Equipment
Sabina Farmers Exchange, Inc.
Byrl R. Shoemaker
Bert Showman
Snyder Collision, Inc.
Ruth Stackhouse
Stacy Farms
Stark Law
Strecker Tractor Sales, Inc.
Scott Tedrick
The Louie Damschoder Family
Triway FFA Chapter
John & Betty Trowbridge
United Equity, Inc.
W.G. Dairy Supply, Inc.
Wapakoneta FFA Chapter
Tom & Sandy Williams  
Wood County Pork Producers Council  
Woodmore FFA Alumni  
Lucille Zimmerman  
Roland Zimmerman & Family

Silver Medal ($25 plus)

Anjaro Estates  
B.F. Walton & Sons Seed Company  
Mark Badertscher  
Bar 101, Inc.  
Bauer Farms  
Beeler Farms  
Bond Insurance Agency  
Brenda’s Cuddles & Cuts  
Bruns Animal Clinic  
A. Bruce Buckley  
David M. Carter  
Chris Stamp  
City Feed & Seed Store, Inc.  
G. Ray Clevenger  
Doug & Joan Conine  
Paul Damschroder  
Todd & Kim Davis  
Delphos Young Farmers  
Diversified Agri-Services, Inc.  
Paul & Janet Doughty & Family  
Don Dunkelberger & Family  
Ga-Neil M. Durfey  
Earl (Doc) & Onnolee Kantner  
East Side Tire Service, Inc.  
Felix & Esther Easterling  
Fleming Farms  
Richard & Marilyn Flint  
William (Butch) Foster, Jr.  
Norman Gillfillan  
Holly Grams  
Ed & Priscilla Gresser  
Lawrence Gruetter  
Harter & Son Funeral Home  
Rose Hartschuh  
Sam & Lois Harvey  
Alva Heiss  
Hickey Morris Insurance  
Hooker Enterprises Painting  
J. & L. Smith Services  
James Delaplane & Sons  
Jennings-Gomer Equity, Inc.  
Wib Justi  
Clark Kempfer  
Key Bank  
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Ed & Ann Kuehn  
Lefeld Welding Supply  
Locker Room Lettering  
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June & Karl Rogers  
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2 Star Sponsor $2,000-$2,999
3 Star Sponsor $3,000-$3,999
4 Star Sponsor $4,000-$4,999
5 Star Sponsor $5,000-$9,999
Gold Star $10,000 and over

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Diversified Livestock Production
(Placement)
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
Wall Calendar

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Agriscience Fair

Nationwide Insurance
FFA Camp Support

Ohio Corn Marketing Program
Buckeye Bash
Diversified Livestock Production
(Entrepreneurship)
B&G Hole Sponsor

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America
State FFA Degrees
Star Placement
Star Taxonomy
Star State in Agribusiness
Star State Farmer

4 Star Sponsors

Ohio Propane Gas Association
Foundation publications
State Convention Pre-session

Don Thomas OSU Endowment
State Officer Scholarships

Butler Tech FFA Chapters
FFA Leadership Camp Support
State Convention Program
State Officer Casual Dress
Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Mark Sanborn Endowment
National Officer Candidate

Butler Tech FFA Chapters

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C.O.L.T.

Ohio Corn Marketing Program

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
FFA Leadership Camp Support

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Wendy's International, Inc.
Made for Excellence
FFA Leadership Camp Scholarships
Band & Chorus

4 Star Sponsors

Tractor Supply Inc.
Toy Tractor
3 Star Sponsors

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Convention presession sponsor

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GM Powertrain Defiance & GM Powertrain Toledo
Environmental/NR Management

Farm Business Planning & Analysis
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Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division
Prepared Speaking

Florida Fruit Association, Inc.
Diversified Horticulture

Fruit Growers Marketing Association
Fruit Production

Glatfelter
Forestry

OHIGRO Inc.
Agricultural Sales (Entrepreneurship)

Ohio Aquaculture Association
Aquaculture Proficiency

Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators
Friday Morning Breakfast Event

Ohio Cattlemen’s Association
Meats

Ohio Cattlemen’s Foundation
Beef Production (Entrepreneurship)

Ohio Cattlemen’s Foundation
Beef Production (Placement)

Ohio Nursery & Landscape Assoc.
Nursery Landscaping

Ohio Poultry Association
Poultry

Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Equine Science (Entrepreneurship)

2 Star Sponsors

Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.
Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management (Entrepreneurship)

Ohio FFA Alumni Association
Greenhand Quiz

Delille Oxygen Company
Agricultural Mechanics

American Dairy Association Mid East
Dairy Foods
Dairy Production (Placement)

Oles & Associates
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The Scotts Company
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Rupp Seed, Inc.
Vegetable Production

North American Nutrition
Agricultural Sales

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Agricultural Service

1 Star Sponsors

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Forage Production

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Grain Merchandising

B & E Tree Farm
Nature Interpretation

BFG Supply Company
Floriculture

Champaign Landmark Inc.
Cooperative Education

City Barbeque
B&G Hole Sponsor

Cooper Farms
Swine Production (Placement)

Dairy Farmers of America
Dairy Production (Placement)

Ed Johnson Memorial
Ed Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Ohio FFA Foundation
| **Ohio Seed Improvement Association**          | **Beeler Farms**                   | **Knox Soil & Water Conservation District**               |
| Diversified Agricultural                        | Dairy Handlers                     | Rural Soils Judging                                     |
| **Ohio State Grange**                          | **Bernard & Jean Scott, agincubator.org foundation** | **Kubota Tractor Corporation, Northern Division**        |
| Beginning Prepared Speaking                     | Agri-Entrepreneurship              | Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication             |
| **OSU Food Science & Technology**               | **Cathy Nofziger, Independent Contractor, Home Interiors and Gifts** | **Lettering Manufacturing Co.** Top American Degrees |
| Host                                             | Agri-Entrepreneurship              |                                                         |
| **Rob Hovis**                                   | **Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District** |                                                         |
| Prepared Speaking                               | Rural Soils Judging                |                                                         |
| **Sauder Woodworking**                         | **Doc Kantner Endowment**          |                                                         |
| Top 10 Chapter Development                      | Top 10 Overall Chapters            |                                                         |
| **Seed Consultants**                            | **Doug Griffith Endowment**        |                                                         |
| Agronomy                                        | FFA Camp Support                   |                                                         |
| **Southard Supply Company**                     | **Earl Blaney Memorial**           |                                                         |
| Home &/or Community Improvement                 | Foundation Publications            |                                                         |
| **UBS Securities, George Ruff**                 | **Edon/Edgerton FFA Chapters**     |                                                         |
| State Officer Etiquette Seminar                 | State Officer Breakfast            |                                                         |
| **University of Northwestern Ohio**             | **Fulton County Jr. Livestock Sale Committee** |                                                         |
| Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics         | Sheep Production                   |                                                         |
| **Warren & Lila Weiler Mem.**                   | **Greenville Technology Inc.**     |                                                         |
| State Officer Scholarships                      | FFA Leadership Camp Scholarships   |                                                         |
| **Windy Hill Farms**                            | **Hirzel Canning Co. & Farms**     |                                                         |
| Southeastern Skills                             | Food Science and Technology        |                                                         |
| **Ag Credit**                                   | **Hocking College**                |                                                         |
| Ohio Gold Medal Chapter                         |                                          | **Ohio AgriBusiness Association**                       |
| **Amanda Hills Spring Water**                   | **John Glenn HS**                  | Agricultural Sales (Placement)                          |
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|                                                   | Equine Management                  | Organic Agriculture                                     |
| **Ohio FFA Foundation**                         | **Ohio Farmer Magazine**           | **Ohio Pork Producers Council**                         |
| **Sponsor Level**                               | State Officer Candidate Meal       | Swine Production (Entrepreneurship)                      |
Ohio Sheep and Wool Program
Sheep Production

Ohio State Tractor Pullers Assoc.
Small Engines/Outdoor Power

Ohio's Country Journal
Agricultural Communications

OMEDA
Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems

OSU, Animal Science Dept

OSU, Horticulture Dept

Post Printing
State Officer Stationery

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Talent Show Awards

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Leadership Workshops

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Leadership Workshops

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Leadership Workshops

Otsego FFA Alumni
Leadership Workshops

Pettisville
Leadership Workshops

Marlington FFA Alumni
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Woodmore FFA Alumni
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Leadership Workshops

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Leadership Workshops
## Endowment Fund Contributors

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