

# Ohio FFA Association 2009 Annual Report





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# The Ohio FFA Association

**F**ounded in 1928, the National FFA Organization is a dynamic youth organization of over 506,000 members that is a part of agricultural education programs at middle and high schools. FFA is only one of the three essential components of the program, which also includes classroom instruction and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), which work together to provide members with leadership, academic, and career experiences essential for success. Today, student members are engaged in a wide range of educational experiences and FFA activities, leading to over 300 career opportunities in agriculture.

## FFA

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

## Mission

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

## Motto

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

## Board of Trustees

**T**he 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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**Mark Hoffman**, *Region 2 Teacher Representative, Hillsdale High School*

**Jim Scott**, *Region 3 Teacher Representative, Tolles Career and Technical Center*

**Tracy Dendinger**, *Region 4 Representative, Miami Trace High School*

**JoAnn Pfeiffer**, *Region 5 Representative, Federal Hocking High School*

**Dan Schroer**, *Administrator Representative, Butler Tech*

**Scott Higgins**, *Industry Representative, American Dairy Association Mideast*



## The Ohio FFA Foundation Board of Trustees

**T**he Ohio FFA Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business, and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over \$400,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards, and incentives. Four specific divisions provide opportunities for businesses, individuals, and chapters to partner with the Foundation. Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940's to inspire members of Vocational Agriculture and FFA programs to work for high standards and goals, and to recognize members for their high achievement.

**Dr. Isaac Kershaw**, *Chair; Agricultural Education Service, ODE*

**Dr. Jamie Cano**, *Department of Human and Community Resource Development, OSU*

**Dr. Bob Birkenholz**, *Department of Human and Community Resource Development, OSU*

**Dr. Steve Gratz**, *Agricultural Education Service, ODE*

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**Gigi Neal**, *Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators, Eastern Brown High School*

**Allen Schmitz**, *Ohio FFA Association*

**Mark Bodey**, *Bodey Insurance*

**John Schartman**, *Pioneer Dupont Agriculture and Nutrition*

**Melissa Bell**, *Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc.*

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## The Ohio FFA Foundation Sponsors' Team

**T**he Ohio FFA Foundation Sponsors' Team is comprised of individuals with a passion for student success and is selected from the business community or from such organizations that represent the business community. The Sponsors' Team serves as an advisory and advocacy group for Agriculture Education, the FFA, and the FFA Foundation. A primary responsibility for the team is to assist in forming partnerships with individuals and corporations, on behalf of the Foundation, to increase the level of support the Foundation can provide.

**Mark Bodey**, *Chair; Bodey Insurance*

**John Schartman**, *Vice Chairman; Pioneer Dupont Agriculture and Nutrition*

**Jim Buchy**, *Buchy Food Service*

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**Andy Vance**, *The ABN Farm Radio Network*

**Michael Weasel**, *Wilson Real Estate, Inc.*

**Janice Welsheimer**, *Nationwide*

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**Dr. Steve Gratz**, *Agricultural Education Service, ODE*

**Dr. Bob Birkenholz**, *Department of Human and Community Resource Development, OSU*

**Gigi Neal**, *Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators, Eastern Brown High School*

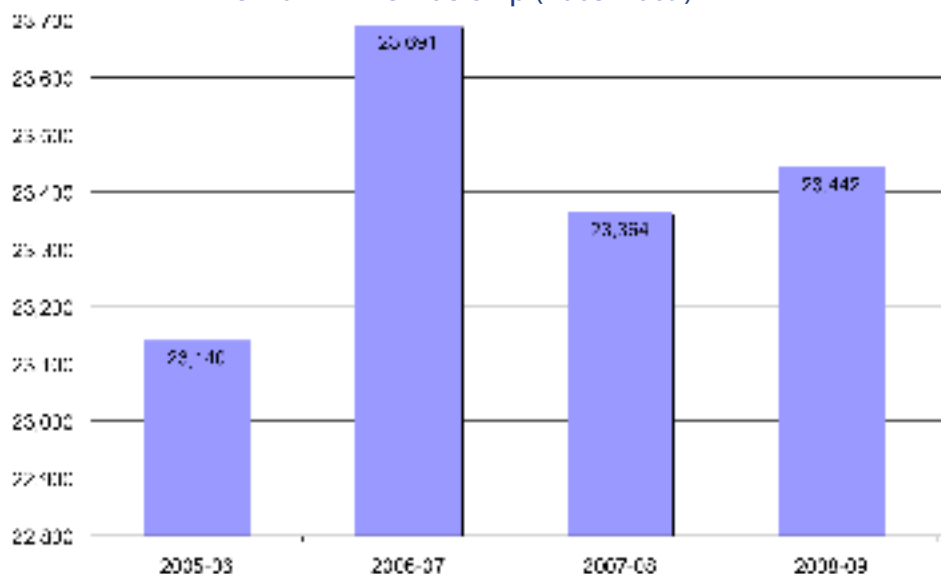
**Melissa Bell**, *Ohio FFA Foundation, Inc.*



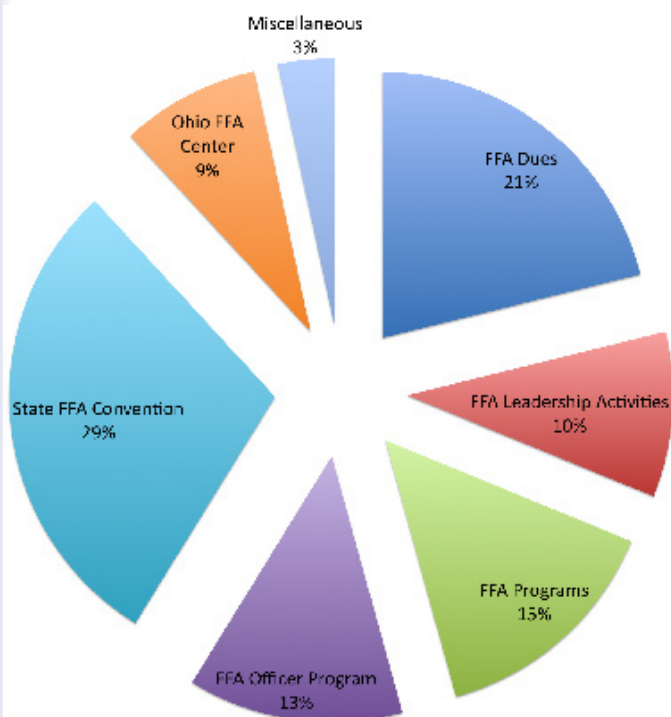
# Membership and Financial Reports

In 2009, membership in the National FFA Organization reached 506,199 members in 7,429 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 309 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,442 students.

Ohio FFA Membership (2005-2009)

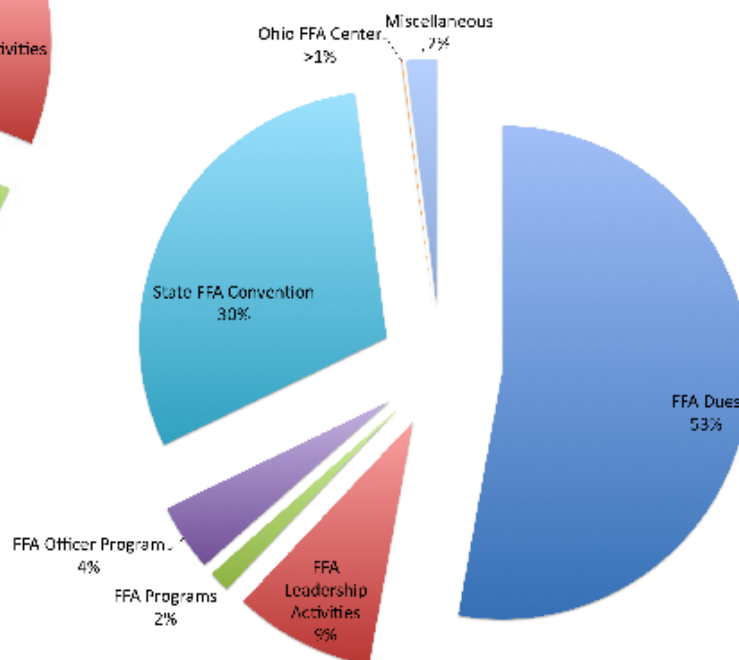


## Financial Reports



### Revenue -

~ FFA Dues: \$299,664  
 ~ FFA Leadership Activities: \$52,185  
 ~ FFA Programs: \$7,919  
 ~ FFA Officer Program: \$24,917  
 ~ State FFA Convention: \$170,665  
 ~ Ohio FFA Center: \$375  
 ~ Miscellaneous: \$11,271  
**TOTAL: \$566,996**



### Expenses -

~ FFA Dues: \$117,938  
 ~ FFA Leadership Activities: \$56,060  
 ~ FFA Programs: \$80,980  
 ~ FFA Officer Program: \$73,011  
 ~ State FFA Convention: \$163,673  
 ~ Ohio FFA Center: \$47,116  
 ~ Miscellaneous: \$18,955  
**TOTAL: \$557,733**

**I** *believe in the future of agriculture...* This opening line of the FFA creed is easily recognizable to the thousands of agricultural education students who have memorized it since its adoption in 1930. Although five paragraphs in length, the first line truly encapsulates the spirit of agricultural education and the FFA. While we honor our history and celebrate our past accomplishments, we realize that our achievements of the past serve only as an indicator of our future possibilities.

For those of us fortunate enough to be in this industry, it is clear that the future of agriculture is in good hands because of the over half a million FFA members nationwide that step up, and stand out, in their schools and communities. Even more astonishing is the diversity of our organization. Nationally, 38% of FFA members are female, and women hold more than 50% of state leadership positions. Additionally, 27% of our members live in rural farm areas, 39% live in non-farm areas, and 34% live in urban and suburban areas. FFA chapters are also in 16 of the 20 largest cities, including New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia

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

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



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



# Ohio FFA State Officer Report

*Submitted by: Krystin Bachman, 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Vice President*

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

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I can guarantee that Saturday, May 2, 2008 is a day sixteen FFA members will never forget. While you may not remember if you were planting corn, watching a little league game, or doing some spring cleaning around the house that particular day, the 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Officer team will remember it as the day we were elected to office. While we sat in the convention hall on the edge of our seats, anxiously awaiting the election results, we could only hope that our years of hard work, dedication, and service to the FFA organization would pay off. Fortunately for us, the preparations did pay off, and we were granted the opportunity to give back to an organization that had given so much to each of us. That Saturday in May marked the beginning of a journey my officer team will never forget.

Coming together from all ten of Ohio's FFA districts, we began the journey as strangers, but it didn't take long for us to break the ice and get the conversations flowing. With agriculture and FFA as our common interests, we quickly learned about our fellow teammates, their families, and their experiences in the agriculture industry. Just two weeks after state convention, sixteen enthusiastic and excited individuals traveled back to Columbus for the first of many meetings. We spent our time together learning more about our teammates and the important role of service we would fulfill in the upcoming year. The weekend was complete after a short road trip north to Van Wert, home of Universal Lettering and the FFA jacket. There, the staff carefully measured and fitted each officer for our very own Ohio FFA Association jacket and gave us a tour of the facility where the notorious blue corduroy jackets are manufactured.

The school year couldn't come to an end soon enough for each of the officers, as we anxiously awaited our week-long training session in June. Former National FFA Officer, Jessie Geib, joined the team at the Ohio FFA Center for a jam-packed week of training. We tackled various topics, from workshop presentation and public speaking skills, to table and travel etiquette, and everything in between. The week also presented us with the opportunity to meet faculty and staff members from The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, as well as long-standing Ohio FFA supporters - George and Cookie Ruff. We left our June training equipped with the tools we needed to be successful officers and leaders of the Ohio FFA Association.

Although we parted ways and headed home after our meeting, we were quickly reunited a week later in Carroll County, home of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. As our home away from home for the summer, the team spent four weeks at camp with FFA members from across the Buckeye State. The officer team facilitated workshops, performed flag ceremonies, lead campfire reflections, and mingled with FFA members. The highlight of many members' FFA career, camp is an opportunity to form new friendships and rekindle old friendships in a relaxed and fun environment.

Just a few days after camp concluded, State President Allen Schmitz and I traveled to Washington D.C. for the State Presidents' Conference. This conference brings together state officers from every state to prepare for the delegate business sessions that take place at National FFA Convention. The trip also included a visit to the White House and a photo opportunity with President George W. Bush, as well as visits to Capitol Hill to meet with our legislators to advocate for Agricultural Education.

As summer came to an end, the school year began and the officer team hit the road to conduct chapter visits. Perhaps one of the most important and memorable parts of our year of service, conducting chapter visits gave each officer the opportunity to spend the day at an FFA chapter and communicate to students the importance of leadership, service, agriculture, and the FFA in the classroom environment.

In September, the state officer team greeted chapter officers in Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) and visits to the statehouse to meet with local senators and representatives. October crept up on the team rather quickly as we prepared for the Delegate Business Sessions of the National FFA Convention. We developed reports and oral testimony for committees that considered amendments to the American FFA Degree, increasing National FFA dues, adding a Goat Proficiency Award, creating a National Greenhand Recognition Program, and other issues that help to shape the future of our organization on the national level. We also had the privilege of sitting on the delegate floor as Hannah Crossen was elected to the National Officer Team. After returning to Ohio from a busy convention week, the team jumped right into the Leadership Night season. Groups of state officers traveled to schools to spend the evening with FFA members and to facilitate workshops that would enhance students' leadership potential.

The winter months were filled with Greenhand Ceremonies to recognize first-year FFA members for their accomplishments in the organization. State officers were often called upon to deliver words of encouragement to these new members and their parents. The Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development Conferences also bring FFA members together during the winter months. These conferences, put on by National FFA staff members, help members to hone in on their leadership potential. The state officer team also attended the conferences, and at the conclusion of the event, our parents joined us in Columbus for a Christmas get-together and gift exchange. Spring quickly rolled around, and many FFA chapters hosted state officers at their annual banquets and awards ceremonies. We were given the unique opportunity to speak about the impact FFA has had on our lives and share inspirational messages with members, parents, and guests in attendance at the banquets.

Before we knew it, it was time to begin preparing for the 81st Ohio FFA Convention. As a team we spent countless hours writing, revising, and rehearsing our script parts. State Convention was a highlight of the year, as we had the opportunity to recognize and award some of Ohio's finest FFA members for their accomplishments and achievements within our organization. Convention also marked the end of our term as state officers and completed our year of service to the organization. Just as we will never forget the day we were elected, I am confident my teammates also will not forget the day, one year later, when we handed over our positions to a new team of officers. As the gavel rapped for a final time to close the 2009 Ohio FFA Convention, it also signaled the closing of an important and memorable chapter in each of our lives.

# 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Officer Team



## First Row (From left to right):

Clark Siddle, *Greenon*  
State Sentinel

Kimberlyn Schott, *Ridgewood*  
District 8 President

Nic Barney, *Anthony-Wayne*  
State Secretary

Amy Richter, *Gibsonburg*  
District 4 President

Laura Gordon, *Triway*  
District 3 President

Allen Schmitz, *Mississinawa-Valley-MVCTC*  
State President

Jeremy Grove, *Logan*  
District 10 President

Chris Gehret, *Ft. Recovery*  
District 5 President

## Second Row (From left to right):

Frank Gannett, *South Central*  
District 2 President

Casey Wilson, *Fairbanks*  
District 6 President

Sara Schmitz, *Mississinawa-Valley-MVCTC*  
State Treasurer

Alyssa Swinehart, *Fairfield-Union*  
District 7 President

Krystin Bachman, *Bloom-Carroll*  
State Vice President

Andrew Bond, *East Clinton*  
District 9 President

Caitlyn Dever, *Johnstown-Monroe*  
State Reporter

Cambell Parrish, *Edon-NW*  
District 1 President



# National FFA Convention

*The 2008 National FFA Convention was held October 22-25 in Indianapolis, Indiana with over 54,000 attendees. Members participated in general sessions, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, a career show and expo, volunteer activities and more. It is one of the largest annual student conventions in the country.*

## National Chapter Award Program

This program is designed to award FFA chapters who actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. Based on a chapter's Program of Activities (POA), local FFA chapters are recognized for working in established areas called "quality standards." The standards are organized into three divisions: Student Development, Chapter Development and Community Development.

## Model of Innovation Awards

*These awards are presented to the nation's top 10 Three-Star Gold chapter finalists in each division.*

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

**Ohio's Model of Innovation Chapter in Student Development:** Wauseon FFA

### Ohio's 3-Star Chapters

Anna  
Blanchester  
Bowling Green  
Clyde  
Crestview  
Delphos  
Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Elmwood  
Fairfield  
Fayetteville-Perry  
Fort Recovery  
Indian Valley  
Mechanicsburg  
Miami East-MVCTC  
Miami Trace  
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC  
Mowrystown  
National Trail-MVCTC  
Otsego  
Ridgemont  
Smithville  
Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Versailles  
Wauseon

### Ohio's 2-Star Chapters

Cardington-Lincoln  
East Clinton  
Elida  
Xenia-Greene County Career Center  
Greenon  
Greenville  
Hardin-Northern



# National Proficiency Awards

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

## Ohio's National Finalists:

**Brooke Beam, East Clinton FFA - Agricultural Processing**

**David Fickel, Paulding FFA - Environmental Science and Natural Resources**

**Rebekah Meller, Pettisville FFA - Food Science and Technology**

**Chelsea Williamson, Wayne Trace FFA - Fruit Production**

**Jeb Bowman, Hardin-Northern FFA - Wildlife Production and Management - Entrepreneurship**

## Ohio's National Winners:

**Elizabeth Heitkamp, Versailles FFA - Agricultural Communications**

Elizabeth Heitkamp became interested in the agriculture communications field when she competed in the Agriculture Communications Career Development Event during her first two years as a member of the Versailles FFA Chapter. She was able to put her practice to work when she became the afternoon farm news director at a local radio station, where she researches, writes and broadcasts news stories. In addition, she records the overnight weather report. Planning to attend The Ohio State University, she will continue to hone her communication skills to one day pursue a career in agriculture.

**Wesley VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA - Emerging Agricultural Technology**

Already having the knowledge of successfully growing hydroponic tomatoes, Ridgemont FFA member Wesley VanScoy decided to test his skills by growing hydroponic cucumbers. The result is a smaller, flavorful cucumber that has a longer shelf life than its traditionally grown counterpart. VanScoy has been successful marketing these vegetables to local grocery stores and other wholesale clients and now has a surplus of customers seeking hydroponic cucumbers. With a goal of becoming a recognized leader in the hydroponic vegetable field, he plans to pursue a degree in agricultural business.



# National Convention Awards

## Career Development Events (CDEs)

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

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Team/Individual</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Agricultural Communications	Amanda-Clearcreek FFA	4th (Team)
Agricultural Mechanics	Ft. Recovery FFA	2nd (Team)
	Jeremy Siegrist	3rd (Individual)
Agricultural Sales	Hillsdale FFA	3rd (Team)
Dairy Cattle	Triway FFA	3rd (Team)
Food Science and Technology	Ana Robinson (Talawanda FFA)	2nd (Individual)
	Leah Burch (Talawanda FFA)	4th (Individual)
Poultry	Margaretta FFA	4th (Team)

## Agri-Entrepreneurship Award

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

**Ohio's National Winners:** Mark Jolly, Whiteoak FFA and Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA

## Agriscience Student of the Year Program

This program recognizes high school students who are studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in the agricultural industry.

**Ohio's National Runner-Up:** Abby Snyder, Zane Trace FFA

## Honorary American Degrees

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

### Ohio's Honorary Degree Recipients:

Mr. John Barker  
Mr. Daniel Bruner  
Mrs. Jo Bruner  
Mr. Ralph Coffman  
Mr. Paul Heilman  
Mr. Timothy Niemeyer  
Mr. George Skidmore  
Mr. Dave Snyder

## VIP Award:

The VIP Award is bestowed upon those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the FFA or agricultural education over a long period of time.

**Ohio's VIP Award Recipient:** Mr. Craig Wiget



# Ohio's American FFA Degrees

*The American FFA Degree is the highest honor that can be achieved as an FFA member. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages students to grow, achieve, and establish themselves in an agricultural career. At the 2008 National FFA Convention, 306 Ohio FFA members received this honor. Recipients include:*

Brett Abke, Eastwood  
Jessica Adams, Fairbanks  
Robert G. Adkins, Edgerton  
Justin Albright, Willard  
Kayla Angel Alexander, East Clinton  
Dustin Alltop, Triad  
Rikki Amburgey, Mowrystown  
Aaron Appel, Edgerton  
Janice Barrett, Fairfield  
Megan Bartel, Miami East-MVCTC  
Garrett Beam, Greene Co. CC  
Jessica Beck, Northmor  
Aaron Beekman, Talawanda-Butler Tech  
John Belt, Spencerville  
Tim Bender, River Valley  
R. J. Benham, Miami Valley CTC  
Annette Benich, Willard  
Tyler C. Benschoter, Elmwood  
Caleb Bernath, Wauseon  
Rachel Berry, Triad  
Curtis Bickel, East Clinton  
Ashley Blackburn, Morgan  
Robert John Blankenship II, Hillsboro  
Carl Bohman, Versailles  
Ben Bohrer, Mowrystown  
Caleb Bohrer, Mowrystown  
Richard Bolden, Western Reserve  
Jedidiah Bookman, Hillsdale  
Samuel Bookman, Logan  
Luke Brill, North Union  
Kyle R. Brockman, Fort Recovery  
Raymond D. Broeske, Clear Fork Valley  
Daniel Brown, New Bremen  
Jacob Brown, Otsego  
Laura Bruner, Pettisville  
Adam Bruns, Minster  
Jason Buehler, Anna  
Gary Bunnell, Tecumseh  
Morgan Burns, Fairbanks  
Ron Burns, Fairbanks  
Jenny Burrey, Benjamin Logan  
Sarah Butterfield, Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Jennifer Buxton, Riverdale  
Alexandra Canfield, Lucas  
John Carle, Westfall  
Jeff Carlson, Fayetteville



Cody Alan Carnes, Ridgewood  
Matthew Casey, Elmwood  
William Casey, Elmwood  
Megan Chaney, Lynchburg-Clay  
Grant W. D. Chrispin, Marysville  
Tyler Church, Miami East-MVCTC  
Samantha Climer, Miami Trace  
Terri A. Cline, Elmwood  
Joshua T. Clunk, Buckeye Valley  
Casey J. Coil, Miami Trace  
Bradley Comstock, Hardin-Northern  
Tim Cottrell, Lorain County JVS  
Jake Coverstone, Miami East-MVCTC  
Jay Cowell, Ridgedale  
Wesley David Cox, Sentinel Career Center  
Katie J. Croft, River View  
Thomas Cunningham, Indian Valley  
Seth Dabbelt, New Bremen  
Anna Damschroder, Gibsonburg  
Kylie Daniel, Fairbanks  
Justin Davidson, Lynchburg-Clay  
Jacob Davis, North Union  
Ross Davis, New Lexington  
Cory S. Dean, Elmwood  
Zekel Dicke, Greene Co. CC  
Justin Dickey, Otsego  
Caryn Diefenthaler, Oak Harbor  
Andrew Ding, Alexander  
Lauren Donohoe, Triad  
Austin Duprey, River Valley  
Jason Durkee, St. Marys  
Mallory Earich, Westfall  
Joshua T. Ebert, Cardington-Lincoln  
Christina Egner, Shelby  
Sabrina Eick, Carrollton  
Tiny M. Elson, Mapleton

Matt Elwer, Delphos  
Daniel Elwood, Margaretta  
Michael Shea Emslie, Ridgewood  
Alaine L. Esbenshade, Crestview  
Craig Fauber, Hillsboro  
Sabrina Featheringill, Willard  
Zane M. Fessler, Franklin-Monroe  
Jason Foreman, Benjamin Logan  
David Fortkamp, Fort Recovery  
Katie Frey, Stryker  
Jordan Fricke, Elida  
Stephanie Friebe, Shelby  
Austin Arthur Fritz, Ayersville  
Wesley Funderburgh, Triad  
Patrick L. Garrett, Westfall  
Rich Gaskins, East Clinton  
Joshua W. Gelhaus, St. Henry  
Stacy Gerber, East Clinton  
Justin Gerwin, Eastwood  
Eric Glazer, Indian Valley  
Brooke Gompf, Mt. Gilead  
Christopher Goshe, Seneca East  
Ashley Gossard, Ridgemont  
Maria Goubeaux, Versailles  
Angie Green, Otsego  
Tarra Greer, Ridgewood  
Tim Gresser, Smithville  
Nick Grey, Fort Recovery  
Jennifer Marie Guggenbiller, Fort Recovery  
Eric Robert Gusching, Minster  
Michael Hackmoeller, Minster  
Travis Hake, Edon-Northwest  
Dwight Paul Hamilton, Hillsboro  
Bryce Hammond, Westfall  
Nick Hardesty, East Knox  
Megan Marie Harned, Hillsdale  
Maggie D. Hearn, Warren  
Hannah E. Heater, Elmwood  
Gregory D. Heiby, Hillsdale  
Karen M. Hein, St. Henry  
Kyle Hempfling, Delphos  
Michael Henney, Bellevue  
Nick Herringshaw, Bowling Green  
Katherine Elizabeth Higgins, Centerburg  
Nicholas S. Higgins, Johnstown-Monroe  
Brandon Hildreth, Big Walnut  
Mallory Hill, Southern  
Samantha Hinkle, Ashland  
Anthony Hoffman, Lakota  
Kyle Holcomb, Benjamin Logan  
Jeremiah Hollon, Blanchester  
Dustin Michael Homan, Anna

Gregg Homan, Coldwater  
Jesse Hoobler, Ridgewood  
Tiny Joanna Hopkins, Hillsboro  
Kara Hughes, Madison Plains  
Alissa Hunter, Lakota  
Katie Jarman, Felicity-Franklin  
Amber Johnson, Miami East-MVCTC  
Leann Johnson, Carrollton  
Whitley Arielle Johnson, Benjamin Logan  
Kayla Jones, Tri-Valley  
Brittany Kaiser, Georgetown  
Meghann Mercer Karnes, Greenfield-McClain  
James Keener, Mapleton  
Jacob Kemmerer, Liberty Union  
Ashley Kill, Spencerville  
Rachel Marie Kiser, Hillsboro  
Alexandra M. Knight, Harrison Central  
Ashley Knipp, Woodmore  
Kelly Korinko, Firelands  
Brandon Lavy, Miami East-MVCTC  
Clint Lease, Mohawk  
Scott A. Leedy, Twin Valley South  
Nicholas Leeper, Marysville  
Andrew H. Lefeld, St. Henry  
Hanna Lynn Lemle, Anthony Wayne  
Melanie Karen Lennartz, Fort Recovery  
Ryan Line, Arlington  
Sarah Lodwick, Western Brown  
Tyler Logan, Benjamin Logan  
Philip A. Long, Cory-Rawson  
Ian J. Louiso, Ohio Valley  
Christie Lucas, Big Walnut  
Kyle Luersman, Delphos  
Alex Manson, Cardington-Lincoln  
Jacob Richard Mantey, River Valley  
Marc Anthony Mantey, River Valley  
Kirk Massey, Wilmington  
Samantha McAdams, Ohio Valley  
Nathan McCormick, Buckeye Trail  
Mike McCullough, Ridgemont  
Chad A. McDonald, Mt. Vernon  
Michael McFadden, East Clinton  
Courtney McKenzie, Madison Plains  
Tom McKinniss, Elgin  
Grant McMichael, Spencerville  
Sara M. McRoberts, Western Brown  
Allie Meranda, Georgetown  
Lauren R. Mercer, Millcreek-West Unity  
Paul Mercer, Smithville  
Jaclyn Messmer, Hardin-Northern  
Kent Meyer, Fort Loramie  
Allyssa Miller, Liberty Union

# Ohio's American FFA Degrees

(continued)



Brady Miller, Liberty Union  
Katie Lynn Miller, Archbold  
Matt Miller, Benjamin Logan  
Nathan Miller, Miami Trace  
Olivia J. Miller, South Central  
Heidi Mirise, Highland  
Scott J. Moeder, St. Henry  
Courtney Moenter, Eastwood  
Michael Moran, Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Amy Morgan, Ohio Valley  
Amanda Morlock, Elmwood  
Taler Mumford, Miami East-MVCTC  
Lyndsey Murphy, Mechanicsburg  
Rachel Myers, Wilmington  
Anthony Neel, Fairfield Union  
Jonah Neill, Waterford  
Sarah Nichols, Buckeye Trail  
Terry Nickles, Smithville  
Kevin M. Nieport, St. Henry  
Kyle Nietfeld, Fort Recovery  
Harold Nuss, Western Brown  
Travis Patterson, Ridgewood  
Tyler Peasley, Greene Co. CC  
Justin Pigman, Ridgewood  
Joshua M. Pinkerton, Wilmington  
Bradley Piper, Big Walnut  
Chelsie Pitts, North Central  
Jeffrey Pohlman, Delphos  
Becca Proffitt, Eastern Brown  
Benjamin R. Pulley, Ridgewood  
Joanna Puthoff, Versailles  
Chad Raber, United  
Justin M. Rahrig, Delphos  
Michael Ralph, Elgin  
Amy Pauline Randall, Urbana  
Kyle Rauh, Fort Recovery  
Enchantress Sue Reed, South Central  
James Reitano, Federal Hocking

Richard J. Rice III, Mapleton  
Chad Riethman, Minster  
Justin Rismiller, Versailles  
Josh Roe, Fairfield  
Jesse Rose, Norwayne  
Craig Roth, Monroeville  
Natasha Ruhlen, Hardin-Northern  
Andrew Sattler, Bowling Green  
Bridget K. Schaad, Spencerville  
John Schillinger, East Knox  
Tyler Schindel, Miami East-MVCTC  
Kurt Schlechty, Greenville  
Alex John Schmiesing, Minster  
Allen L. Schmitz, Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC  
Bruce Schoen, Fort Recovery  
Brian A. Schrote, Cardington-Lincoln  
David Schultz, Van Buren  
Lauren Schwab, Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Jonathon Scott, Madison Plains  
Andrew Seger, Fort Loramie  
Dakota Shaw, Fayetteville  
Kelly A. Shaw, Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Brett Sheets, North Union  
Brett D'Wight Sheets, Parkway  
Kip Shoemaker, Fairfield  
Samantha Showalter, Buckeye Trail  
Doug Siefker, Elida  
Alex Sines, Edgerton  
Bethany Skiver, Ayersville  
Brystal Shantel Slator, Indian Valley  
Cory Sloas, Western Brown  
Adam Smith, Northmor  
Kay Cee Smith, Mt. Gilead  
Kendra Smith, Parkway  
Abby Snyder, Zane Trace  
Stephanie A. Spoerr, South Central  
Crystal Sue Spurgeon, Patrick Henry  
Daniel J. Stammen, St. Henry  
Mike Steele Jr., Four County JVS  
Molly A. Steffen, Mapleton  
John Steinemann, Minster  
Marcus Edward Stenger, Union Local  
Cory Stewart, Elmwood  
Jessica Stiltner, Clyde  
Jamie Stucke, Versailles  
Ivory Stull, Hopewell-Loudon  
Craig Sutter, Fort Recovery  
Andrew Swick, Delphos  
Katrina Swinehart, Fairfield Union  
Andrew Swisshelm, Greene Co. CC



Shalie Jo Terrill, Benjamin Logan  
 Cole Tharp, East Knox  
 Brandon Thomas, Fairfield Union  
 Megan Thomas, Otsego  
 Matt Tobe, Fort Recovery  
 Brad Trentman, Delphos  
 Brooke Tullis, West Liberty-Salem  
 Janelle Lynn Valdinger, Harrison Central  
 Eddie Vallery, Madison Plains  
 Jennifer M. Van Pelt, Wauseon  
 Andy Wagner, Wauseon  
 Jill Waite, Northeastern  
 Weston Walters, Ayersville  
 Lorraine Walton, Mohawk  
 Ben Warnecke, Delphos  
 Elizabeth Watson, Buckeye Trail  
 Jason Weatherholtz, Riverdale  
 Derek A. Weatherwax, River View  
 Amy Wensink, Bowling Green  
 Melissa Whitcomb, Hillsdale  
 Taylor Whitlock, New Lexington  
 Jeff Whitt, Clyde  
 Andrew Wilhelm, Bowling Green  
 Katie Wilhelm, Fairbanks  
 Scott Will, Fort Recovery  
 Wesley Wiseman, New Lexington  
 Nick Wolford, Spencerville  
 Caleb York Wright, Zane Trace  
 Mitchell T. Wyer, New Lexington  
 Alexander Morgan Yoder, West Holmes  
 Benjamin R. Young, River View  
 Josh Zucker, River Valley

## 2008-2009 National Eastern Region Vice-President

### **Hannah Crossen**

At the conclusion of the 2008 National FFA Convention, Hannah Crossen, from Hillsdale, was elected as the National Eastern Region Vice President. She traveled more than 100,000 miles; met top leaders in business, government and education; visited approximately 40 states; and participated in an international experience to Japan. Her responsibilities included providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization and promoting agricultural literacy. Hannah's advisors are Mark Hoffman and Lindsay Bowen and her parents are Chris and Kathy Crossen.



## American Star in Agriscience

### **Laura Bruner**

Each year, 16 national finalists (four per award) vie for the organization's top awards: American Star Farmer, American Star in Agribusiness, American Star in Agricultural Placement and American Star in Agriscience. These awards honor students who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through their career development programs; demonstrated outstanding management; earned the American FFA Degree; and met other education, scholastic and leadership requirements.

The National FFA Organization named Laura Bruner the 2008 American Star in Agriscience. Laura Bruner, daughter of Daniel and Jo Bruner, is a member of the Pettisville FFA Chapter, where her advisor is John Poulson. Bruner's agriscience research project began as a result of her interest in studying genetics. In 2002, she began working with genetics and marketability of Cucurbita pepo, a variety of squash. Bruner believes it has the potential to help with world hunger in third-world countries, as it is cheap, easy to maintain, and has high nutritional values. Along with research, Bruner began a job at Rupp Seeds, where she was able to inventory squash seeds, and care for test plots and pollinated squash and soybean plants.



# Made for Excellence Conference

*Submitted by: casey wilson, 2008-2009 ohio ffa district 6 president*

Leadership is..... Influence! Ohio FFA members from across the state who attended the Made for Excellence (MFE) and Advanced Leadership Development (ALD) conferences couldn't help but shout this phrase and dance to the beat! Gathering in Columbus on a snow and ice filled weekend on January 10th and 11th, 2009; the Crowne Plaza Hotel was filled with the state's future leaders of agriculture. These influential high school students left with a new and widened perspective of leadership.

The Ohio FFA Association hosted two different conferences at the Crowne Plaza this past year that were facilitated by staff from the National FFA Association. The curriculum of MFE is geared towards freshman and sophomores, while ALD is directed towards juniors and seniors. Despite the bad winter storm that came through Ohio on the Thursday night prior to the conference, we had two very successful conferences.

The purpose behind MFE is to encourage students to strive for excellence and achievement. The students completed talent assessments and worked to turn their very own personal interests into goals for success. The workshop presenters also made sure to put emphasis on the opportunities available to high school students by being involved in the FFA.

ALD took leadership to a whole new intensity, teaching the older students that they can be leaders in their home and communities by the choices they make and the influence they have upon others. The members worked together to determine areas within their schools, communities, and FFA chapters where leadership and influence is in need. Along with this, they also learned the benefits of using teamwork to overcome challenges in any areas.

The FFA members in attendance attended the workshops on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, as well as participating in a dance on Saturday night in order to interact and get to know other FFA members from across the state and have a good time.



## Sponsored By: Monsanto & Crop Production Services, Inc.

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

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

At the Amanda Clearcreek Leadership Night, Carlos Cruz, a senior at Bloom Carroll High School who served on the Bloom Carroll FFA officer team, spoke about the impact attending a Leadership Nights had on him. "By attending a Leadership Night, it allowed me to focus my eyes upon other people to see how they see and handle things." This was Carlos's first Leadership Night, but he said he wishes he could have attended more. When Carlos returned home to the Bloom Carroll FFA Chapter, he began implementing the skills and knowledge that he acquired at the Leadership Night. Carlos stated "When I was speaking to other chapters after our rotations, I gathered a lot of ideas to bring back to my chapter, such as fundraisers and even the simplicity of encouragement and how to encourage your officer team and FFA members."

Students participating in the 2008-2009 Leadership Night series attended three rotations conducted by the state officers. The rotations consisted of effective curriculum and an activity that illustrated the topic being taught. After the students completed the three rotations, they were brought back together to evaluate their findings and results. Through the night, the students developed an understanding of excellence as they evaluated themselves and their chapter. The end goal was to empower them to bring a positive change to their chapter by the knowledge they received through the program.

More than 30 Leadership Nights were conducted across the state, reaching thousands of FFA members. Many host schools planned events to take place following the leadership program, such as Ag Olympics, 3-on-3 tournaments, movies, or even just food and fellowship.

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





# State 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 2008-2009 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](http://www.ohioffa.org) or contact:

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Event	Top Team	Top Individual	Individual's School
Agricultural Communications	Amanda-Clearcreek	Alissa Armstrong	Southeastern-Clark
Agricultural Engineering	St. Henry	Jake Marchal	St. Henry
Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics	Upper Valley JVS	Joshua Burns and Derek Bailey	Upper Valley JVS
Agricultural Mechanics Skills	Penta County Career Center	Jeff Votaw	Delaware JVS
Agricultural Sales	Northwestern-Wayne	Cynthia Bunch	West Holmes
Agronomy	North Union	Nolan Bicker	Hillsdale
Animal Behavior, Welfare, & Husbandry	Marysville	Denver Thomas	Marysville
Animal Health	Medina County JVS	Kristy Klingenberg	Logan
Animal Management	Trumbull County CTC	Brianna Fitzpatrick	Trumbull County CTC
Aquarium Management	Medina County JVS	Ramey Stratmann	Live Oaks
Cooperative Education	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Mark Hesford	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Dairy Cattle	Norwayne	Tyler Topp	Northwestern-Wayne
Dairy Handlers		Kara Jordan	Ohio Agriscience Academy
Dairy Products	Lucas	Toby Culler	Lucas
Dog Grooming	Akron Ellet		
Division I		Jessica Azbell	Northwest Career Center
Division II		Courtney Conwell	Akron Ellet
Environmental Science and Natural Resources	Amanda-Clearcreek		
Equine Management	Versailles	Alice Beckman	Teays Valley
Farm Business Management	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Curtis Germann	Crestview Convoy
Floriculture	Toledo Natural Science Tech	Jeffrey Czech	Toledo Natural Science Tech
Food Science and Technology	Talawanda-Butler Tech	Shelby Wade	Buckeye Valley
Forestry	Logan	Jarrod Dicken	Logan
General Livestock	Otsego	Kyle Nickles	Loudonville
Grain Merchandising	Elmwood	Cassey Pearce	Northmor
Greenhand Quiz	Elmwood	Benjamin Hesford	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Job Interview (Overall)		Carlos Cruz	Bloom-Carroll
Division I		Daniel Zimmerman	Edgewood-Butler Tech
Division II		Oliver Stover	Northwestern-Wayne
Division III		Justin Bachman	Bloom-Carroll
Division IV		Carlos Cruz	Bloom-Carroll
Division V		Mac Golemo	West Holmes
Meats	Pioneer CTC	Doug Cramer	Pioneer CTC
Nature Interpretation	Miami Valley CTC	Matthew Swaim	Oregon Clay
Nursery and Landscape	Sylvania Southview	Justin Martin	Sylvania Southview
Outdoor Power Equipment	Miami Valley CTC	Allen Cherrington	Mt. Vernon
Parliamentary Procedure	Hillsdale		
Poultry	Hillsdale	Ryann Dallas	Urbana
Public Speaking			
Creed		Devan Alexander	Anna
Beginning Prepared		Erica Clouse	Meadowbrook
Advanced Prepared		Rebecca Hall	Western Brown
Extemporaneous		Allanah Abrams	Liberty Benton
Rural Soil Judging	Western Brown	Kalleigh Mason	Marietta
Skills Classic			
Northeastern	Trumbull County CTC	Andy Perl	Monroeville
Southeastern	Delaware JVS	Tammy Kelley	O.C. Collins
Southwestern	Miami Valley CTC	Dustin Bashore	Greenville
Urban Soils Judging	Norwayne	Trevor Mason	National Trail
Wildlife	Oregon Clay	Josh Menter	Oregon Clay

# Ohio FFA Convention

*Submitted by: laura gordon, 2008-2009 ohio ffa district 3 president*

A swarm of national blue and corn gold converges the first weekend in May each year for the State FFA Convention. FFA Members from all corners of the state, accompanied by their advisors and a few parents, come together at the Ohio State Expo Center to celebrate accomplishments from the past year, network with other FFA members, explore the career show, and compete in contests. The theme for the 81st FFA Convention was “Step Up! Stand Out!” During each session of the convention, a part of the FFA Motto “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve” was highlighted.

As the first of four general sessions was about to start, the sea of blue moved through the doors of the Celeste Center. Excitement and energy filled the room as the FFA members began to move and sing to the music while finding their seats. The first session kicked off on Friday afternoon, recognizing some of the top FFA Chapters in Ohio, with the Versailles chapter earning the honor of being the number one chapter in the state. Public speaking contest winners were recognized and also had the opportunity to present their speech on stage, in front of thousands of members. The first session was highlighted by hearing from Ed Gerety, an inspirational speaker from New Hampshire, who encouraged everyone to never take anything for granted. Everyone in the audience will remember when he called an FFA member on stage, and had him call his mother just to tell her “I Love You”. Following a standing ovation for the keynote speaker, students who excelled in their respective Supervised Agricultural Experiences were through Proficiency Awards. The session was adjourned and followed up by a business session, where delegates voted on current issues and state officer candidates.



Between sessions, FFA members spent their time competing in a corn hole tournament, taking rides on a mechanical bull, and visiting the career and trade show. Students also had the opportunity to converse with representatives from Hocking College, The Ohio State University, and several industry spokespersons. Universal Lettering was available to embroider jackets and help new FFA members order one of their own blue corduroy jackets.

The second general session held on Friday night recognized friends and supporters of the FFA, awarding honorary membership to seventeen individuals. The generous spirit of FFA members was highlighted as CROP/Church World Services and

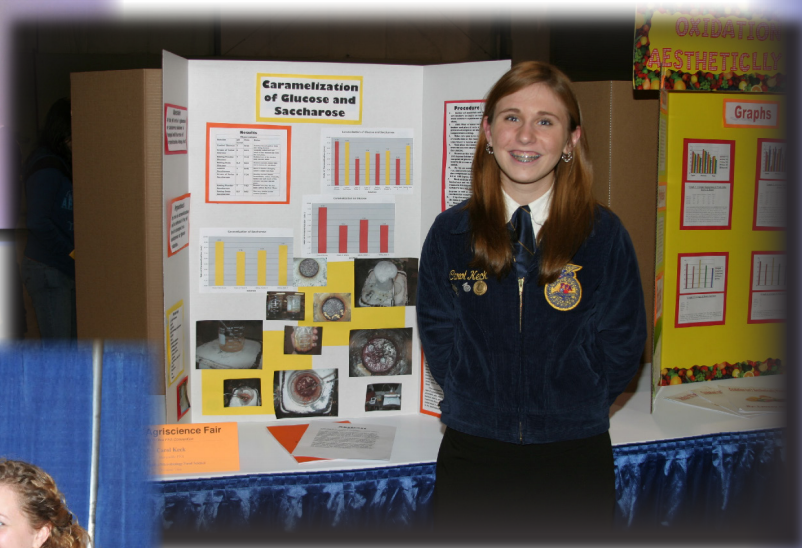
Children's Miracle Network were presented with checks. Those FFA members and chapters that won a Proficiency Award or Career Development Event on the national level were recognized, and the Star American Degree candidates were acknowledged. Correlating with the “Doing to Learn” portion of the motto, the Stars Over Ohio were announced. After years of hard work in their SAE, flawless record keeping, and an extensive application and interviewing procedure, three deserving members were rewarded for their efforts. Michael Peterson, former college football star and country recording artist, then took the stage. Prior to his message on overcoming a childhood tragedy to become a successful artist, a few of our own FFA talent acts joined him on stage for an unforgettable performance. Following Michael Peterson's entertaining and moving presentation, he performed a few of his hit songs such as “Drink, Swear, Steal and Lie” and “From Here to Eternity”. Finally, the anticipation of several FFA members was relieved, as the final Proficiency winners were announced.



As the second session was adjourned, the excitement in the room did not dwindle, as everybody was looking forward to the next day of fun-packed sessions.

During the two general sessions held on Saturday, Career Development Award winners were announced, and participating members on the winning teams walked across stage to receive their blue first place banner. We welcomed Hannah Crossen, Hillsdale FFA member and 2008-2009 National Eastern Region Vice President, as she returned to her Ohio FFA Association roots and delivered a phenomenal keynote address. The gold-rated secretaries, treasurers and reporters were honored, as well as star students and teachers in the areas of agri-science and agri-entrepreneurship. In the final session, 647 FFA members were presented with the highest degree the state association can bestow to its members - the State FFA Degree.

After two days packed with leadership workshops, general sessions, career and college exploration, and Career Development Event contests, it was time for the 81st State FFA Convention to come to a close. At the end of the weekend, over 7,000 members and guests had gathered to celebrate what the blue corduroy jackets represent - the future of agriculture. Numerous FFA members and supporters were awarded and honored for their efforts during the course of the year, and everyone in attendance was inspired to "Step Up and Stand Out"!



# Ohio's National Chapter Award Rankings

## Top Ten Chapters

*Sponsored By Dr. and Mrs. Earl F.*

*Kantner Endowment Fund*

- .....
1. Versailles
  2. Blanchester
  3. Fayetteville
  4. Miami East-MVCTC
  5. Edgewood-Butler Tech
  6. Otsego-Penta
  7. Ridgemont
  8. Delphos
  9. Anna
  10. Hardin Northern

## Gold Medal Chapters

*Sponsored By Ag Credit Services*

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11. Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
  12. Lynchburg-Clay
  13. Wauseon
  14. Smithville
  15. River Valley (D6)
  16. National Trail-MVCTC
  17. Indian Valley
  18. Fort Recovery
  19. Bowling Green
  20. Xenia-Greene Co. CC
  21. Talawanda-Butler Tech
  22. Pettisville
  23. Marysville
  24. Crestview
  25. Mechanicsburg
  26. New London
  27. Miami Trace
  28. Ridgewood
  29. Fairfield (Leesburg)
  30. Cardington
  31. Greenville
  32. West Muskingum
  33. Elida



## Silver Medal Chapters

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34. Amanda Clearcreek
  35. Ansonia
  36. Clyde
  37. North Union
  38. Brookville-MVCTC
  39. Oak Harbor-Penta
  40. Urbana
  41. Greenon
  42. Eastwood
  43. Zane Trace
  44. Anthony Wayne-Penta
  45. Logan
  46. Mowrystown
  47. South Central
  48. Western Brown

## Bronze Medal Chapters

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49. Ripley
  50. Parkway
  51. Madison Plains
  52. Buckeye Valley
  53. Wellington
  54. Northridge
  55. Wilmington
  56. Pymatuning Valley
  57. Tecumseh
  58. West Holmes
  59. United
  60. New Lexington
  61. Minerva
  62. New Bremen
  63. Warren

## Top 10 Student Development Chapters

*Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation*

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

Blanchester  
Delphos  
Fayetteville  
Hardin-Northern  
Marysville  
Miami East-MVCTC  
National Trail-MVCTC  
New London  
Otsego-Penta  
Versailles

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## Top 10 Chapter Development Chapters

*Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation*

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

Anna  
Blanchester  
Clyde  
Fayetteville  
Hardin-Northern  
National Trail-MVCTC  
Otsego-Penta  
Ridgemont  
Versailles  
Wauseon

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## Top 10 Community Development Chapters

*Sponsored By The Ohio FFA Foundation*

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

Anna  
Blanchester  
Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Fayetteville  
Indian Valley  
Lynchburg-Clay  
Miami East-MVCTC  
Ridgemont  
Versailles  
Xenia-Greene Co. CC



# State Proficiency Award Winners

## Accounting

Sponsored by Oles and Associates, LLC

**TIM SPIESS**

Pettisville

## Agri-Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Cathy Nofziger Home Interiors &  
The Agincubator.org Foundation

**LAURA COLEBAUGH**

Miami East-MVCTC

## Agricultural Communications

Sponsored by Ohio's Country Journal

**CYNTHIA BUNCH**

West Holmes

## Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Sponsored by Kubota Tractor  
Corporation-Northern Division

**DANIEL BUCHHOP**

Anthony Wayne

## Agricultural Mechanics energy systems

Sponsored by Ohio Michigan Equipment Dealers

**JUSTIN FAGER**

Wauseon

## Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Mayer Farm Equipment and  
AGCO Corporation

**TAYLOR VOGELMEIER**

Wayne Trace

## Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement

Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

**KEVIN JUTTE**

Fort Recovery

## Agricultural Processing

Sponsored by J.H. Routh Packing Company

**JUSTIN RAHRIG**

Delphos

## Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by OHIGRO, Inc.

**TIM SPIESS**

Pettisville

## Agricultural Sales Placement

Sponsored by Ohio AgriBusiness  
Association

**TRINA POHLMAN**

Delphos

## Agricultural Services

Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

**CLINT MCCOY**

Hillsboro FFA

## Agriscience Student of the Year

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

**HANNAH COX**

Zane Trace

**Beef Production  
Entrepreneurship**

Sponsored by Ohio Cattlemen's Foundation

**LINDSEY GRIMES**  
Hillsboro

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**Beef Production  
Placement**

Sponsored by Ohio Cattlewomen's  
Association

**GARTH REGULA**  
Ridgewood

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**Dairy Production  
Entrepreneurship**

Sponsored by COBA Select Sires

**JASON HARTSCHUH**  
Wynford

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**Dairy Production  
Placement**

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

**MITCHELL ROOKS**  
Loudonville

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**Diversified Agricultural  
Production**

Sponsored by Ohio National Farmers  
Organization and Ohio Seed Improvement  
Association

**GRANT MCNAMEE**  
North Union

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**Diversified Crop  
Production  
Entrepreneurship**

Sponsored by All-Star Chiropractic

**ANDREW BOND**  
East Clinton

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**Diversified Crop  
Production-Placement**

Sponsored by Central Ohio Farmers Co-op

**MATTHEW VANSKOY**  
Ridgemont

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**Diversified Horticulture**

Sponsored by Florida Fruit Association

**AMY HINKLE**  
Benjamin Logan

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**Diversified Livestock  
Production**

**Entrepreneurship**

Sponsored by Ohio Corn Marketing Program

**MARK BANISTER**  
Wauseon

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**Diversified Livestock  
Production-Placement**

Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Council

**DAN BRACKMAN**  
Fort Recovery

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**Emerging Agricultural  
Technology**

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

**NICHOLAS BARNEY**  
Anthony Wayne

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**Environmental Science &  
Natural Resources  
Management**

Sponsored by Advanced Drainage Systems

**BRIAN PIKE**  
Wauseon

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# Ohio Proficiency Award Winners

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## Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Ohio Quarter Horse Association

**CHELSEY KEISER**

Versailles

## Equine Science-Placement

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

**SHANNON HORN**

Miami Trace

## Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Council

**ADAM POEPPELMAN**

Minster

## Floriculture

Sponsored by BFG Supply Company

**BRYAN MCCLISH**

Miami Trace

## Food Science and Technology

Sponsored by Hirzel Canning Company

**KEVIN CANTLEY**

South-Western Career Academy

## Forage Production

Sponsored by Alfagreen Supreme

**ANDREW KLOPFENSTEIN**

Wayne Trace

## Forest Management and Products

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

**TODD BARTLEY**

Ripley

## Fruit Production

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

**LINDSAY LANCE**

Anthony Wayne

## Grain Production Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International

**MICHAEL SCHMITMEYER**

Versailles

## Grain Production Placement

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

**THOMAS SPOERL**

Otsego

## Home and/or Community Development

Sponsored by Southard Supply Company

**WHITNEY ZUMBERGER**

Anna

## Landscape Management

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

**DEREK BISHOP**

Wauseon

## Nursery Operations

Sponsored by Haviland Plastic Products

**KAYLA WRASMAN**

Delphos



## Organic Agriculture

Sponsored by Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association

**BLAKE HARRIS**

Spencerville

## Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

**WESLEY GYDE**

Oak Harbor

## Poultry Production

Sponsored by Ohio Poultry Association and Bowman & Landes

**NICHOLLE LANG**

Upper Sandusky

## Sheep Production

Sponsored by Ohio Sheep and Wool Program, Fulton County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee, and Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

**JACCI ERWIN**

North Union

## Small Animal Production and Care

Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

**KARA OBERHOLZER**

Alexander

## Specialty Animal Production

Sponsored by The Ohio FFA Foundation

**JAMES COVERT**

Lynchburg-Clay

## Specialty Crop Production

Sponsored by Ohio FFA Foundation

**DANIELLE JOHNSON**

Eastern Brown

## Swine Production Entrepreneurship

Sponsored by Ohio Pork Producers Council

**HANNAH FULK**

Hillsdale

## Swine Production Placement

Sponsored by Cooper Family Foundation

**ARTHUR STOLLER**

Wayne Trace

## Turf Grass Management

Sponsored by Scott's Lawn Service

**BRIAN PETRELL**

Anthony Wayne

## Vegetable Production

Sponsored by Rupp Seeds

**WESLEY VANSKOY**

Ridgemont

## Veterinary Medicine

Sponsored by Ohio Veterinary Medicine Association

**JACQUIE KELLER**

Liberty Union

## Wildlife Management

Sponsored by White Tail Deer Farmers of Ohio

**SARAH LAUX**

Clear Fork

# Ohio's Star in Agricultural Placement

Sponsored By: Farm Credit Services of Mid-America and The National FFA Foundation

## Mitch Rooks, Loudonville FFA

Mitch is the son of Bob and Julie Rooks and is a member of the Loudonville FFA chapter where his advisor is Kendra Carnegie. Mitch works at Rooks Brothers Dairy and Grain Farm, where he cares for 120 dairy cows and 850 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. While in high school, Mitch served as his chapter president, attended Washington Leadership Conference and was the top fruit seller for three years. In addition, he was involved in Foreign Language Club, soccer, and the prom committee. Mitch is currently attending The Ohio State University-ATI, where he is majoring in crop and dairy science. He plans to eventually return to the family farm and grow the business.



### District Stars in Agricultural Placement

- District 2 - Mitchell Rooks, Loudonville
- District 4 - Andrew Klopflenstein, Wayne Trace
- District 5 - Matthew Poeppelman, Minster
- District 6 - Olivia Ledley, Ridgemont
- District 7 - Lesley Hall, Northridge
- District 8 - Dustin Patterson, Ridgewood
- District 9 - James Falgner, Fayetteville
- District 10 - Zach Crabtree, Alexander

# Ohio's Star in Agribusiness

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## Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont FFA

Matthew is the son of William and Sonja VanScoy. He is a member of the Ridgemont FFA Chapter where his advisor is Stephanie Jolliff. Matthew's SAE includes working nearly 5,000 hours at VanScoy Hydroponic Tomato Greenhouse, where he balances fertilizer rations, provides customer service and plant maintenance, and picks tomatoes. Matthew also grows 600 heads of lettuce each year and farms 150 acres of hay. Matthew has excelled throughout his four years in FFA. He has been a national winner in Agri-Entrepreneurship and SAE Grant, is a member of National Honor Society, Ridgemont Choir, School Musical Stage Crew, and was the Hardin County Student of the Month. Matthew plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio, majoring in agri-business. His long-term goal is to become a recognized leader in the tomato and cucumber hydroponic fields, with the experience to become a paid consultant.



### District Stars in Agribusiness

District 6 - Matthew VanScoy, Ridgemont

District 8 - Eric Nichols, Buckeye Trail

District 10 - Kara Oberholzer, Alexander



# Ohio's Star Farmer

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## Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro FFA

Lindsey is the daughter of John and Joanie Grimes and is a member of the Hillsboro FFA chapter where her advisors are Tom Oglesby and Brian Cummings. Lindsey currently manages her own seedstock operation, which consists of 40 head of purebred Angus and Simmental breeding stock, which she sells to buyers across the United States. Lindsey's operation boasts a 90 percent calving rate and an average of 9.1 transferable eggs per flush. In FFA, Lindsey has served as chapter secretary, attended the Washington Leadership Conference and has participated in public speaking. Outside of FFA, Lindsey has been active in varsity soccer, student council, and National Honor Society. Lindsey will be attending The Ohio State University to study animal science and agricultural communication.



### District Star Farmers

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- District 6 - Casey Wilson, Fairbanks
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- District 9 - Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro
- District 10 - Zach Crabtree, Alexander

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# Chapter Officer Awards

Chapter officer awards are provided to encourage excellence in chapter leadership. Each chapter may enter its secretary, treasurer, and reporter books for competition. Books are evaluated on the district level and rated gold, silver, or bronze. The following officers earned a gold rating on their officer books and were recognized at the 81st Ohio FFA Convention.

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Cassi Wibright, Mechanicsburg  
Erica Clouse, Meadowbrook  
Emily Conrad, Marlinton  
Kory Munk, Margaretta  
Shelby Rohr, Mapleton



Emily Heizer, Lynchburg-Clay  
Tadd Bailey, London  
Sarah Medford, Lincolnview  
Kenney Kaleigh, Liberty Union  
Megan Sherrod,  
Johnstown-Monroe  
Kayla Dudley, John Glenn  
Kristen Stiles, Indian Valley  
Kelsey Haas, Hillsdale  
Audra Beechy, Hiland  
Kyle Long, Hardin-Northern  
Karri Stickle, Greenville  
Emily Tankersley, Greenon  
Jessica Blair, Greene County CC  
Meagan Bolen, Gibsonburg  
Kelly Thien, Fort Recovery  
Beth Poepelman, Fort Loramie  
Amy Saylor, Firelands  
Erica Iles, Fayetteville  
Diana Barrett, Fairfield  
Kaye Bockbrader, Elmwood  
Amanda Fricke, Elida  
Katie Shaw,  
Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Brooke Riehle, Edgerton

Jessyca Newton, Eaton-MVCTC  
Kate Bruning, Eastwood  
Clayton Garrett, Eastern Brown  
Matthew McCarty, East Knox  
Alisha Baker, East Clinton  
Sammy Guinther,  
Colonel Crawford  
Leah Muhlenkamp, Coldwater  
Brittanie Carroll, Clyde  
Chelsea McIntire, Carrollton  
Lisa Fredritz, Carey  
Megan Eastep,  
Cardington-Lincoln  
Camille West, Brookville-MVCTC  
Marissa Dauer, Bowling Green  
Justin Bachman, Bloom Carroll  
Crystal Stroud, Blanchester  
Jessica Barr, Big Walnut  
Kelsey Saylor, Benjamin Logan  
Jennifer Warrick, Anthony Wayne  
Morgan Beam, Ansonia  
Jessica Gehret, Anna  
Tara McCalla,  
Amanda-Clearcreek



# Chapter Officer Awards

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## Gold-Rated Treasurers

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Gracie Hurley, Westfall  
Hope Spishak, Western Reserve  
Kyle Kissick, Western Brown  
Michael Thomas,  
West Muskingum  
Taelor Cox, West Liberty-Salem  
Tyler Schonauer, West Holmes  
Amelia Jones, Wellington  
Joe Edwards, Waynedale  
Brian Pike, Wauseon  
James Giffin, Waterford  
Rebecca Hearn, Warren  
Ryan Rose, Versailles  
Elizabeth Lochridge, Urbana  
Brent Baker, United  
Tyler Fourman,  
Tri-Village-MVCTC  
Jeremy Nickell, Tecumseh  
Stewart Trego, Teays Valley  
Cody Forrest,  
Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Cassandra Arling, St. Henry  
Jessica Bickel, Spencerville  
Bryan Brinker, Southern Local  
Megan Cooke, Southeastern  
Kody Bell,  
South-Western Career Academy  
Joshua Kirk, South Central  
Timothy McCarty, Smithville  
Libby Bender, River Valley  
Ryan Moore, Ripley  
Dana Markley, Ridgewood  
Paige Guenther, Ridgemont  
Megan Dowdy, Ridgedale  
Nick Rowe, Plymouth  
Tim Spiess, Pettisville  
Corbin Hellwarth, Parkway  
Mike Hannewald, Otsego  
Mark Geiser, Norwayne  
Jerin Hill, Northwestern  
Keilah Ketron, Northridge  
Matt Ross, North Union  
Zackery Clouse, New Riegel  
Drew Wiseman, New Lexington  
Charles Hapner,  
National Trail-MVCTC  
Ben Robinson, Mt. Vernon  
Anna Hubschman, Mt. Gilead

Faith Hawkins, Mowrystown  
Aaron Nelson, Morgan  
Susan Daniel, Mohawk  
Lisa Breymier,  
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC  
Holly Evans, Minerva  
Zachary Sollars, Miami Trace  
Amanda Werling,  
Miami East-MVCTC  
Dalton Black, Mechanicsburg  
Amber Fehrman, Meadowbrook  
Lisa Sutton, Marlinton  
Kristy Kline, Mapleton  
Christina Robison, Madison Plains  
Michael Peterman, London  
Brian Klingenberg, Logan  
Mary Smith, Lincolnview  
Taylor Vogelmeier, Licking Valley  
Andy Mix, Liberty Union  
Berlynn Litchfield,  
Johnstown-Monroe  
Jorden Glass, Indian Valley  
Cody Raudebaugh, Hillsdale  
Amanda Yoder, Hiland  
Caleb Burbach, Hardin-Northern  
Andrew Clark, Greenville  
Allison Deady, Greenon  
Samantha Merz,  
Greene County CC  
Tyler Clark, Gibsonburg  
Caleb D'Clute, Genoa Area  
Madison Brown, Franklin-Monroe  
Cody Kaiser, Fort Recovery  
Lori Meyer, Fort Loramie  
Kayla McAlister, Felicity-Franklin  
Margaret Iles, Fayetteville  
Ethan Nicol, Fairbanks  
J. R. Laborie, Elmwood  
Shane Troyer, Elida  
Shelby Haney,  
Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Benjamin Armstrong, Edgerton  
Levi Adams, Eaton-MVCTC  
Kristin Martin, Eastwood  
Ryan Meeker, Eastern Brown  
David Morningstar, East Knox  
Athena Knisley, East Clinton  
Brittany VanMetre, Delphos  
Loren Hulit, Crestview  
Nick Kocher, Colonel Crawford  
Matt Dues, Coldwater  
Molly McCoy, Clyde  
Shelby Gacek,  
Clermont-Northeastern  
Logan Moon, Carrollton  
Silas Jolliff, Cardington-Lincoln  
Sadie Miller, Buckeye Trail  
Shaun Bailey,  
Buckeye Career Center  
Cameron Dunn,  
Brookville-MVCTC  
Cory Wagner, Bowling Green  
Scott Praither, Bloom Carroll  
Adam Long, Blanchester  
Brad Mays, Big Walnut  
Angela Yingling, Bellevue  
Rick Mayo, Ansonia  
Laura Gehret, Anna  
David Sams, Amanda-Clearcreek





# Chapter Officer Awards

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## Gold-Rated Reporters

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Foundation*

Hannah Cryder, Zane Trace  
Marcy Prushing, Westfall  
Jessica Rowe, Western Brown  
Lauren Smith, West Liberty-Salem  
Martin Overholt, West Holmes  
Jillian Auble, Wellington  
Kira Andre, Wauseon  
Cameron Bookman, Waterford  
Amber Valenti, Wapakoneta  
Chelsey Keiser, Versailles  
Kelsey Haas, Urbana  
Melanie Richardson,  
Talawanda-Butler Tech  
Chelsea Tobe, St. Henry  
Kaley Core, Spencerville  
Greg Campbell, Southeastern Ross  
Ashley Gibson, Sheridan  
Brittany Rich, River View  
Brittany Dodson, Ripley  
Sally Sharier, Ridgewood  
Rachel Eastman, Ridgemont  
Cara Paynter, Preble Shawnee  
Mackenzie Nofziger, Pettisville  
Emily Limes, Otsego  
Andrea Gasser, Norwayne  
Karly Berry, Northwestern  
Cathryn Clark, Northridge  
Brittany Covender, New London  
Brooke Haberkamp, New Lexington  
Leanna Aurand, Mohawk  
Samantha Keen,  
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC  
Jessica Hardy, Miami Valley CTC  
Shannon Horn, Miami Trace  
Hannah Long, Miami East-MVCTC  
Jacob Delay, Mechanicsburg  
Ellen Keck, Marysville  
Lauren Hohman, Marlington  
Megan Miller, Margaretta  
Diana Burton, Mapleton  
Daisy Christophel, Lynchburg-Clay  
Jamie McKinley, Logan  
Brooke Ison, Johnstown-Monroe  
Shelby Schupp, Indian Valley  
Michelle Funk, Hillsdale  
Emmy Jenkins, Hillsboro  
Katelyn Hershberger, Hiland  
Samantha Smith, Hardin-Northern

Josh Magoto, Greenville  
Lauren Strickland, Greenon  
Caleb Dicke, Greene County CC  
Kelsey Brockman, Fort Recovery  
Kelly Seger, Fort Loramie  
Lindsey Hand, Firelands  
Kayla Kelly, Felicity-Franklin  
Emily Stahl, Fayetteville  
Kim Schnipke, Elmwood  
Lacey Pate, Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Natalie Appel, Edgerton  
Rachel Mullins, Eastern Brown  
Eli Norris, East Knox  
Drew Bussey, East Clinton  
Lauren Rode, Delphos  
Abe Sauder, Crestview  
Andrea Cole, Colonel Crawford  
Jessica Fella, Coldwater  
Shelby Taylor, Clyde  
Melinda Weaver, Carrollton  
Haley Gilmore, Cardington-Lincoln  
Lauren Pigg, Brookville-MVCTC  
Kalin Kale, Bowling Green  
Monica Cruz, Bloom Carroll  
Rebecca White, Big Walnut  
Melanie Kreglow, Bellevue  
Alysha Everman, Ansonia  
Amy Finkenbine, Anna  
Joshua Cordle, Amanda-Clearcreek  
Noelle Eveland, Alexander



# State FFA Convention Choir

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Director: Mr. Jon Elsass

## Soprano

Heather Gould, Alexander  
Nicole Steinmentz, Bellevue  
Nikki Crain, Benjamin Logan  
Mary Lockwood, Benjamin Logan  
Libby Zoldak, Benjamin Logan  
Angie Rutherford, Bloom-Carroll  
Sierra Dirnberg, Clyde  
Gamantha Green, Clyde  
Samantha Prowant, Continental  
Hannah Baker, East Clinton  
Jessica Tutt, Eastern Brown  
Elizabeth Krill, Edgerton  
Kelsey Zeigler, Fairfield Union  
Teddie Castle, Greenon  
Dusti Rossard, Hardin Northern  
Alicia Cowles, Highland  
RaKayla Burke, Hiland  
Brittani Baldner-Hill, Hillsdale  
Kala Fox, Hillsdale  
Ashley Currie, Liberty-Benton  
Sabrina Miller, Monroeville  
Mariah Carey, Mount Gilead  
Kate Hubschman, Mount Gilead  
Katrinya Ousley,  
Northwestern-Wayne  
Lydia Hartzler, Norwayne  
Nicole Steiner, Norwayne  
Kelli Schlatter, Paulding  
Alyssa St. John, Paulding  
Becky Collins, Preble Shawnee  
Erin Smulinski,  
Pymatuning Valley  
Emily Tucker, Pymatuning Valley  
Victoria Meadows, Ridgedale  
Courtney Simpkins, Ridgedale  
Ashley Cantrell, Ripley  
Jill Hollenbaugh, Smithville  
Annette Crowe, Southeastern  
Jonny Ebert, Southeastern

## Alto

Heather Bleininger,  
Benjamin Logan  
Amanda Hay, Canal Winchester  
Alishia Baker, East Clinton  
Blair Baker, East Clinton  
Abbie Bashaw, East Clinton  
Kayla Wiederhold, East Clinton  
Kasey Jones, Eastern Brown  
Rachel Mullins, Eastern Brown  
Brooke Riehle, Edgerton  
Becca Elder, Fairfield Union  
Diana Foltz, Fairfield Union  
Sierra Weekly, Hiland  
Tecca Zimmerman, Hillsdale  
Amber Hoffman, Lakota  
Heather Skaggs, Miami East  
Tasha Gregory, Mowrystown  
Amber Thompson, Mowrystown  
Heather Thompson, Mowrystown  
Kendra Westrich, Mowrystown  
Hayley Clellan, Paudling  
Audra Philpot, Paudling  
Mia Huttleston, Plymouth  
Stephanie Riedlinger, Plymouth  
Kayla Shreves, Pymatuning Valley  
Alyson Jones, Ridgedale  
Kortney Wheeler, Ridgedale  
Jenessa Miller, Smithville  
Kelsey Kinzer, Southeastern  
Casie Triplett, Southeastern  
Clarissa Dewald, Tiffin  
Eileen Gress, Triway  
Bre Howell, Wellington

## Tenor

Jeffrey Mayo, Ansonia  
Matt Bourne, Buckeye Trail  
Maxx Lackie, Delta  
Michael Wigton,  
Mount Gilead  
Nick Rowe, Plymouth  
Morgan Blevins, Ridgedale  
Duane Stutzman, River View  
Stephen Wiley, St. Mary's  
Tyler Hiatt, Van Buren

## Bass

Marc Fitzgerald,  
Buckeye Trail  
Jay Reinhart, Carey  
James Wood, Edison  
Caleb Fissell, Mount Gilead  
Jacob Herr, Mount Gilead  
Jacob Castle, Northridge  
Chad Burris, Ridgedale





# State FFA Convention Band

Sponsored By: Wendy's International Inc.

Director: Mr. David Sapp

## Flute

Amanda Bowser, Clyde  
Amanda Haddix, Northeastern Clark  
Chris Dahs, Monroeville  
Rebecca Binau,  
Ohio High Point-Kenton  
Kelsey Haas, Urbana  
Brook Osborne, Clyde  
Jessica Wellert, Northeastern-Wayne  
Cara Paynter, Preble Shawnee  
Hannah Shock, Hillsdale  
Hannah Allen, Miami East  
Treanna Phillips, Holgate  
Taylor Zehr, Stryker  
Morgan Austin, Hillsdale  
Stephanie Schuck, Hillsdale  
Nicole Wallace, Gibsonburg  
Dallas Bowen, Delta  
Brittney Gray, East Clinton  
Whitney Williams, Mechanicsburg

## Bassoon

Kristin Heil, Kenton  
Tecca Zimmerman, Hillsdale

## Clarinet

Tori Rogers, Monroeville  
Katie Linder, Mount Gilead  
Chelsea Berning, Franklin Monroe  
Carly Birney, Harrison Central  
Madison Ball, Amanda-Clearcreek

## Bass Clarinet

Marie Arnold, Smithville

## Alto Saxophone

Sarah Sundberg, Pymatuning Walley  
Scott Jackson, Fairfield Union  
Karly Berry, Northwestern-Wayne  
Cody Bennett, Miami Trace  
Amanda Stang, Monroeville  
Amanda Williams, West Liberty-Salem  
Ashley Frazer, Mowrystown  
Shayne Smith, Bellevue  
Jordan Watson, East Clinton  
Rebekah Rogan, East Clinton

## Baritone Saxophone

Barrett Lawlis, Liberty Union  
Brittany Clark, Eastern Brown



## Tenor Saxophone

William Gerret, Bloom-Carroll  
Scott Cathers, Liberty Union  
Jena Hart, Franklin Monroe  
Arminda Davis, Tiffin-Sentinel

## Oboe

Caroline Weihl, Otsego

## Trumpet

Chris Watts, Fairfield Union  
Megan Miller, Margaretta  
Mike Hannewald, Otsego  
Lauren Campbell, Miami Trace  
Brian Simmons, Mowrystown  
Clay Garrett, Eastern Brown  
Dustin Smeck, Racine Southern  
Glen Travis, Stryker  
Ashley Crone, Mowrystown  
Jessica Jones, Mowrystown  
Daniel Williams, Miami East  
Steven Bowling, Preble Shawnee  
Samantha Kissel, Bellevue  
Natalie Appel, Edgerton  
Allison Knight, Harrison Central  
Lacey Price, Greenon  
Emily Morgan,  
Amanda-Clearcreek  
Dalton Boggs, Mechanicsburg  
Justin Cordle, Mechanicsburg  
Brandon Conner, Van Buren

## French Horn

Candace Ferguson, Fairview  
Jocelin Zeedyk, Fairview  
Rachel Townsley, Urbana  
Kaylene Keesler, Preble Shawnee  
Austin Land, Paulding  
Joel Penhorwood,  
Benjamin Logan

## Trombone

Mick Ater, Adena  
Monica Palmer, Mowrystown  
David Miller, Urbana  
Stephen Wagner, Paulding  
Spencer Gross, Paulding  
Mackenzie Batt, Edgerton  
Ethan Crawford,  
Pymatuning Valley  
Christian Jennings, Greenville  
Alison Conley, East Clinton  
Sierra Jepsen,  
Amanda-Clearcreek

## Baritone

David Davies, Utica  
Cameron Bookman, Waterford  
Elly Clary, Southeastern-Ross  
Andrea Wigal, Buckeye Valley

## Tuba

Kory Munk, Margaretta  
Karri Slickley, Greenville  
Laura Subler, Versailles  
Sheena Roach, Miami East  
Brandy Nevstel, Clyde  
Isaac Oste Adena  
Lucas Price, Paulding  
Logan Eades, Mechanicsburg

## Percussion

Sean Davis, Smithville  
Evan Rogers, Preble Shawnee  
Michelle Shepherd, North Union  
Emilee Riegel, Northeastern  
Megan Dowdy, Ridgedale  
Charlene Louis, Hillsdale  
Chase Graham, Racine Southern



# Children's Hospital

*Submitted by: Clark Siddle, 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Sentinel*

FFA members understand the importance of service and exemplify the FFA's value of "Living to Serve" every day. Whether it's planting a garden at the local elementary school, volunteering at a nearby nursing home, or taking deliveries to a community food bank, service is an integral part of membership in the FFA.

Among the many philanthropic efforts that FFA chapters take on throughout the year, one of the most recognizable is Nationwide Children's Hospital of Columbus. Each year, FFA members from across the state raise thousands of dollars for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Much of that money is raised during the five summer camp sessions at FFA Camp Muskingum outside Carrollton, Ohio. At camp, members have numerous opportunities to contribute to Children's Hospital through fun, competitive activities involving camp staff and state officers. One of the more popular activities involves campers purchasing rubber ducks marked with numbers for the "pie-in-the-eye" drawing. At the end of the week, the ducks are released in the swimming area and drawn to see which camper gets to choose their favorite chapter advisor, camp staff member, or state officer to take a pie-to-the-face!

Another camp favorite is the state officer auction. At this event, campers participate in a live auction for camp memorabilia, FFA t-shirts, and a coveted chapter visit from the state president. Chapters often work collaboratively to collect money in order to be the highest contributors and set new camp records!

Many chapters contribute to Nationwide Children's Hospital & the Children's Miracle Network throughout the year through chapter fundraisers and local sponsors. In May 2009, the Ohio FFA presented Children's Hospital with a check in the amount of \$31,169.92. On stage at the state convention, schools are recognized for going above and beyond in their commitment to service for raising funds toward this great cause. The state association presented the following chapters with a plaque for contributing at least \$200:

Amanda Clearcreek	Greenfield-McClain	Pymatuning Valley
Anna	Greenville	Ridgemont
Ansonia	Hardin Northern	Ripley
Bowling Green	Highland	River Valley-Caledonia
Buckeye	Hillsboro	Sentinel
Caldwell	Indian Valley	Southeastern Ross
Cardington	Liberty Union	Talawanda-Butler Tech
Clear Fork Valley	Logan Elm	University of NW Ohio Collegiate
Clyde	Marysville	Upper Sandusky
Crestview-Ashland	Mechanicsburg	Urbana
Colonel Crawford	Meigs	Wapakoneta
Delphos	Miami East-MVCTC	Warren
Eastern Brown	Miami Trace	Wauseon
Edgerton	Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC	West Liberty Salem
Edgewood-Butler Tech	Mount Vernon	Western Brown
Elmwood	New London	Western Reserve
Fairfield Union	Northridge	Westfall
Fayetteville	Norwayne	Zane Trace
Federal Hocking	Paint Valley	
Ft. Recovery	Parkway	
Georgetown	Pettisville	

# CROP/Church World Service

*Submitted By: Clark Siddle, 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Sentinel*

**D**id you know that, worldwide, approximately 1.02 billion people suffer from chronic hunger and that nearly half of those suffering are children? Did you know that each day 16,000 children die from malnourishment? Thanks to the dedication of many Ohio FFA members and the wonderful partnership with CROP/Church World Service, today those numbers are a little less grim.

This past year, FFA members from across the buckeye state once again led the way in stomping out hunger through the annual CROP Walk at FFA Camp Muskingum. The Ohio FFA has been a proud supporter of CROP Church World Service for over 50 years!

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) began addressing hunger in Europe and Asia in 1947 following the devastation of WWII. Today, the organization has a different name (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) and a broader focus but the commitment to raising awareness and resources with the goal of eliminating world hunger stays the same.

Hunger walks, like the one held at Camp Muskingum, help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. This year, CROP will share 4 million dollars with local food banks in the United States. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will go toward fighting hunger right here in Ohio.

Some chapters participated in the walk, while others set aside money from their annual fruit sales. The Ohio FFA proudly recognized those chapters that contributed to the 2009 CROP Walk onstage at the state convention in May. The FFA chapters that were recognized for their efforts in addressing hunger through a \$200 or more donation include:

Alexander	Licking Valley	West Branch
Amanda-Clearcreek	Logan Elm	Westfall
Benjamin Logan	Mapleton	Wilmington
Bowling Green	McComb	Zane Trace
Caldwell	Mechanicsburg	
Cardington	Mississinawa Valley-MCVCTC	
Carey	Northmor	
Carrollton	Northwestern Wayne	
Colonel Crawford	Oak Harbor	
Delphos	Paint Valley	
East Clinton	Parkway	
Edgerton	Penta County CC	
Elgin	Pettisville	
Elmwood	Pike-Delta-York	
Fairfield Union	Plymouth	
Fairbanks	Racine Southern	
Fayetteville	Ridgewood	
Felicity-Franklin	Sheridan	
Gallipolis	Upper Sandusky	
Graham	Upper Valley	
Greenon	Urbana	
Hardin Northern	Warren	
Indian Valley	Wauseon	





# Ohio FFA Convention Pictures



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# STEP UP STAND OUT



# Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)

*Submitted by: Casey Wilson, 2008-2009 Ohio FFA District 6 President*

Sponsored by: Mathile Foundation

On a chilly fall morning, FFA officers and members from across the state of Ohio came to Columbus for the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) on September 19th, 2008. The keynote speaker was Andrew McCrea. Andrew McCrea draws upon a wealth of experiences when he is criss-crossing the country to deliver his messages. As a farmer and rancher from northwest Missouri, Andrew knows what it is like to move herds of cattle and work 18-hour days harvesting a crop. Add to that, his experience as a five-time Oscar-winning radio broadcaster and you have the perfect combination for an outstanding speaker for agricultural students! This session in particular focused on goals, time management, and personalities.

Following the morning's leadership session, FFA members traveled up the street to the Ohio Statehouse where they met with their senators and representatives. Serving as ambassadors for the agricultural industry and agricultural education, they discussed vital issues such as ethanol, career technical education funding, and subsidies. After the morning's influential session with Andrew McCrea and meeting with our state's legislators, Ohio's FFA officers set goals about how they can better serve the members of their FFA chapters.

When spring came around, chapters across the state elected new officers to serve their FFA chapters for the upcoming school year. One of the first events the new officers attend is Chapter Officer Leadership Trainings at their district spring meetings. Just like in the fall, chapter officers participated in leadership training workshops presented by local teachers and students within the districts. The sessions were each individualized to each officer's specific roles, and how to implement them within his or her officer team. Whether the officers attended the fall or spring conference, both sessions taught the officers many valuable traits they could take back and put into operation within their own chapters to make them successful.





# FFA Chapter Visits

*Submitted By: Caitlyn Dever, 2008-2009 Ohio FFA State Reporter*

Throughout this past year, all sixteen state officers traveled the great state of Ohio to meet with numerous chapters. Each chapter was greeted bright and early with a blue and gold jacket as they began a day full of excitement and learning. These sessions would consist of a basis of teamwork, leadership, and goal setting that would allow the class to set their own standards by participating in educational activities.

Though many activities were conducted throughout the visit, numerous lessons were learned too. Students go away from the chapter visit with a goal in mind. Whether it's a class goal or an individual goal, they have been taught how to either lead better or how to even set their own goals in life. The chapter visits are designed to benefit the FFA members. As a past state officer, I see what an impact and difference spending just one class period with a group of students can make. Though I thought I may have just taught a lesson on teamwork and utilized a couple of activities, after I left, the members within the chapter were making differences through the education they learned from my workshop.

This is just one example of many that has occurred not only throughout this past year, but the years before. It demonstrates that the agricultural youth are truly working together to make the future the best it can possibly be. So, though many state officers drive thousands of miles from school to school, the education that the youth are getting out of the chapter visits is priceless.





# FFA Camp Muskingum

*Submitted By: Todd Davis, Camp Director*

2009 was another successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

1. Total number of individuals served: 10,676
2. Total Camper Days: 21,399.60
3. Percent of Camper Days per Program:
  - a. Outside Groups - 37.6%
  - b. Nature's Classroom - 36.3%
  - c. FFA - 26.1%
4. Total number of groups served: 142 (Up 12 from 2008)
5. Total number of FFA members attending summer camps: 1,107 (Down 18 from 2008)
6. Total number of FFA members attending fall camps: 475 (Down 40 from 2008)
7. FFA chapters attending summer camp: 140 (Down 4 from 2008)
8. Percent of school districts participating in a camp program: 46.7%
9. Percent of FFA members attending a summer camp: 4.7%
10. Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall camps: 6.7%
11. Percent of agricultural education teachers attending summer camp: 19.4%

Major renovations to the facility in 2009 included the continued renovation of the staff house. In 2009, we completely gutted and remodeled two sleeping rooms. Other improvements to the facility included a new roof on the Nature Center, new lighting on the football field, new lighting at the shotgun range, a 16 ft X 10 ft. storage shed, and replacement of all of the fuel tanks at camp with new double walled fuel tanks to help protect the environment. We also added paintball to our arsenal of value added programming. Thanks to a grant from ODNR Division of Watercraft, we were able to purchase eight new kayaks, three new row boats, three new 6 HP motors and one 9.9 HP motor.





# Summer FFA Camp

*Submitted By: Cambell Parrish, 2008-2009 District 1 President*

**A**t the end of Dyewood Road, outside of Carrollton, Ohio, lies the home of many FFA members' fondest summer memories. Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum scenically overlooks tranquil Leesville Lake, and hosts over one thousand FFA members each summer. FFA camp serves as both a place for recreation, and a site to teach members about leadership, teamwork, communication, as well as how they can contribute to the betterment of agriculture.

Several highlights helped contribute to the experience that FFA members received while at Camp Muskingum. Campers had the opportunity to take place in several annual activities that help both campers and local people from Carrollton. Senior campers had the chance to either lead activities at a local daycare or help host a group from the MRDD program. If these choices did not appeal to a camper, they could travel down the road to help with the upkeep of the historic mill. This morning of service was accompanied by a weeklong program that featured a theme based on the summer Olympics. The state officer team helped portray this theme by delivering their workshops with an Olympic twist while teaching members new skills that they could use in their home chapters well after camp had ended. Aside from the learning and helping out the community members, FFA members did have a chance to have some fun. With a variety of recreational opportunities ranging from boating to ping pong, FFA members could find themselves engaged in something that they loved before they came to camp, or they could find a new activity that they enjoy because of their time spent at camp.

The season came to a close with the anticipation for next year already building. Many campers walked away with a sense of adventure fulfilled, and a newly obtained plethora of skills that can help them build a more successful chapter.



# Ohio FFA Alumni Association

*Submitted By: Lexie Poulson, Executive Secretary*

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



Ohio FFA Alumni Council Members (from left to right)

Jesse Hamman, Hillsdale; President Ron Tilford, Talawanda; Jason Damron, Talawanda; Jodi Hassan, Hardin Northern; Amanda Bly, Anthony Wayne; Dave Bishop, Ashland; Maeanna Lindamood, New Lexington; Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne; Sylvester Furman, Crestview; Executive Secretary Lexie Poulson, Pettisville; Jennifer Kilbarger, Anthony Wayne; and John Poulson, OAAE, Pettisville (Missing: Bruce Henney, Bellevue and Jason Fox, Tiffin)

## 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 91 chartered affiliates, with Delphos and West Holmes being our newest affiliates. Affiliates with more than 100 Lifetime Members receive their own WLC Scholarship. Those affiliates are: Anthony Wayne, New Lexington, Pettisville and River View.

## WLC Scholarships

For every 500 members, the Ohio FFA Alumni receives a WLC scholarship for students. Check out the alumni section on the Ohio FFA website about becoming an alumni member. We are working on getting to the 4,000 membership mark, which would give us another \$550 scholarship.

## Membership Project

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

## Annual Meeting

The 38th Annual Meeting of the Ohio FFA Alumni Annual Conference was held in January. Award winners were:

- **Agricultural Education Promotional Award:** Anthony Wayne
- **Coaching Award:** 1st - Ashland and 2nd - Anthony Wayne
- **Outstanding Member:** 1st - Angela Barney, Anthony Wayne; 2nd - Roger Rupp, Pettisville; and 3rd - Steve Vizedom, Talawanda
- **Affiliate Leadership Recognition:** Anthony Wayne, Pettisville, Hardin Northern, Anna, Miami East, Edgewood, Miami Trace, Talawanda and Athens
- **Scrapbook:** 1st - Anthony Wayne, 2nd - New Lexington, and 3rd - Pettisville
- **Affiliate Basket Contest:** 1st - Anthony Wayne, 2nd - Pettisville, 3rd - Ohio River Producers, 4th - Genoa, 5th - New Lexington, 6th - Talawanda, 7th - Ashland, 8th - Licking Valley, 9th - Bellevue, 10th - Ohio Council, 11th - Hillsdale, 12th - Lucas, 13th - Greene Co, 14th - Archbold, 15th - Ross and 16th - Hardin Northern. The basket auction brought in \$2,145

A new activity was the expansion of the Basket Auction to a live auction with 2 jackets, a hot air balloon ride and 6 hats with an undetermined amount of money in them.

## National Ratings

**Newsletter:** Gold - Anthony Wayne

**Scrapbook:** Silver - Hardin Northern

**Affiliate:** Silver - Talawanda



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

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

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**R**obert Hoffman, an agricultural education teacher and FFA advisor for Bellevue High School for 27 years, was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2008. Bob not only inspired hundreds of students through his passionate teaching during his tenure at Bellevue, but he also greatly contributed to the Ohio agricultural industry. A popular saying about Mr. Hoffman was that, "students didn't sign up for Ag Science, they signed up for Mr. Hoffman's class".

He also served as the assistant superintendent of the Beef Department at the Ohio State Fair for more than 20 years and as the past president of the Ohio Simmental Association.

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