ANNUAL REPORT

OHIO FFA

2012
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Founded in 1929 the Ohio FFA Association is a youth organization of over 23,000 members representing nearly 350 chapters across the state. Through career development events, and programs such as FFA Camp, and the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference we are preparing our members for the over 300 career opportunities in Agriculture. FFA is only one of the three essential components of our program, which also includes classroom instruction and Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE), which work together to provide members with leadership, academic, and career experiences essential for success.
The future is only a tomorrow away, and we need leaders to meet the challenges rapidly transforming our world. Grown from strong roots of American culture for over 84 years, an organization is preparing today’s students with the knowledge and skills to provide this leadership. These are the young men and women of the FFA. We are proud to announce that the Ohio FFA is currently 23,456 members strong and growing every day.

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

Not only do these students succeed in agricultural areas, but in schools across the nation, agricultural education and the FFA are connecting over 475,000 students in their communities. FFA serves as an avenue for developing individuals into strong, solid young citizens, who see value in civic duty, service and community. Their contributions are valued by government and businesses that recognize the importance of young leaders for the next generation. The relationship of business and industry with the Ohio FFA is invaluable in supporting the opportunities our members enjoy, and is much appreciated. America leads the world in agricultural production and technology. The global market is full of opportunity. FFA connects members to limitless possibilities by equipping them with a larger understanding of the world around them.

The spirit of “the blue and gold” reaches out in all directions and spans the generations. Over the years, the mission of the FFA has remained the same, from the farm boys who founded the FFA in Kansas City to the current FFA members who stretch across the nation from the smallest towns to the largest cities. Through agricultural education and the FFA, members are developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. We are proud to say that over 23,000 young people in the state of Ohio are “living the legacy” of student success today by wearing the blue and gold jackets of the FFA.

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

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

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


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

PURPOSES

To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agricultural education on the local, state and national levels.

To provide a vital support link to the FFA that will assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve FFA supporters in worthy activities.

To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.

To promote and maintain an appreciation of the free enterprise system.

To promote the personal development aspects of the FFA program.

To promote premiere leadership, personal growth and career success among all FFA members.
MEMBERSHIP

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

Membership Project

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

AFFILIATES

Ohio has 97 chartered affiliates with Brookville, Buckeye, New London, South Central, Bloom Carroll, Fayette, Mowrystown, Patrick Henry and Sentinel being our newest affiliates. Affiliates with more than 100 Lifetime members receive their own WLC Scholarship, those affiliates are: Anthony Wayne, New Lexington, Pettisville and River View.

WLC SCHOLARSHIPS

For every 500 members the Ohio FFA Alumni receives a WLC scholarship for students. Scholarship Recipients include:

Megan Heilen, Rachel Hedrick, Johnathon Mohr, Seth Finton, Trisha Cousino, Paige Reisinger, Katlyn Hulit

ANNUAL MEETING

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

Agricultural Education Promotional Award: Pettisville
Coaching Award: Anthony Wayne
Outstanding Member: Jack Mason, Anthony Wayne
Scrapbook: Anthony Wayne
Affiliate Basket Contest: Sentinel
Affiliate Leadership Growth Recognition: Anthony Wayne, Bowling Green, Woodmore, Fayette, Patrick Henry, Bloom Carroll, Morgan, Hardin Northern, Sentinel, Brookville, Mowrystown, Buckeye, South Central & Felicity Franklin

NATIONAL RATINGS

3 Star State
Newsletter: Gold
Website: Silver

Talawanda Affiliate
Silver Affiliate Award
Newsletter: Bronze
Today, 523,309 students are members of the National FFA Organization. Those members represent 7,487 chapters in all 50 states including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Within the Ohio FFA Association, 307 chapters across the state contributed to a total membership of 23,456 students. Ohio ranks among the top 10 states nationally for total membership.
**2011-2012 FINANCIALS**

**EXPENSES: $622,833**

- Ohio FFA Center: 9% | $55,226
- State Convention: 29% | $182,836
- State Officer Program: 16% | $99,176
- Miscellaneous: 1% | $7,095
- FFA Dues: 27% | $167,742
- FFA Programs: 14% | $83,482
- FFA Leadership Activities: 4% | $27,276
- Miscellaneous: 1% | $7,095

**REVENUES: $694,578**

- Ohio FFA Center: 7% | $47,137
- State Convention: 25% | $174,203
- State Officer Program: 3% | $20,935
- FFA Programs: 3% | $18,615
- FFA Dues: 52% | $364,330
- FFA Leadership Activities: 9% | $60,565
- Miscellaneous: 1% | $8,793
The Ohio FFA Association is known for its philanthropic efforts in local communities and across the state. These efforts are often one of the highlighted activities at the State FFA Convention each year. Members in the Ohio FFA focus on inspiring change in tomorrow’s world. This past year, they did just that by partnering with the Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Children’s Miracle Network.

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

To support the Children’s Miracle Network, FFA members have contributed in numerous ways. At Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum, the campers purchased ducks for a chance to give their advisor or a state officer a pie in the face at the end of the week. In the camp auction, some chapters purchased items like FFA memorabilia or a chapter visit from the 2011-2012 State FFA President Jessica Shanahan. And every year, many FFA chapters generously give monetary donations. From FFA camp sessions alone, $14,573 was raised to support the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals.

At the 84th Ohio FFA Convention, a check for $34,811.66 was presented to Jon Fitzgerald, President of the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation to recognize the total donations from the 2011-2012 school year. After the presentation, the following FFA chapters were recognized for going above and beyond by donating $200 or more to the Children’s Miracle Network.

**List of Recognized FFA Chapters:**

- Alexander
- Amanda-Clearcreek
- Anthony Wayne
- Ashland
- Benjamin Logan
- Bowling Green
- Brookville
- Buckeye
- Cardington
- Carey
- Carrollton
- Clermont Northeastern
- Clyde
- Coldwater
- Colonel Crawford
- Crestview-Ashland
- Eastern Brown
- Edgerton
- Edgewood-Butler Tech
- Edon Northwest
- Elgin
- Elmwood
- Fairbanks
- Fairfield Union
- Fayette
- Fayetteville
- Felicity Franklin
- Firelands
- Ft. Recovery
- Gallia Academy
- Georgetown
- Greenfield McClain
- Greenville
- Hardin Northern
- Hillsboro
- Indian Valley
- Liberty Benton
- Liberty Union
- Lincolnview
- Logan
- London
- Loudonville
- Lucas
- Marion Local
- Marlington
- Marysville
- Mechanicsburg
- Miami East-MVCTC
- Miami Valley CTC
- Miller
- Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
- Mohawk
- Mount Vernon
- Mowrystown
- National Trail
- New London
- North Union
- Norwayne
- Paint Valley
- Parkway
- Pettisville
- Preble Shawnee
- Pymatuning Valley
- Ridgewood
- River Valley (D6)
- Riverside
- Sheridan
- Southeastern Clark
- Southeastern Ross
- Southern Local
- Upper Sandusky
- Urbana
- Wapakoneta
- Wauseon
- Wellington
- West Liberty Salem
- Western Reserve
- Westfall
- Xenia
- Zane Trace
Growing up, my family sat down together every night and had dinner. No matter what we were doing mom would open the back door yell up to the barn “It’s time to eat,” and we all would come running. That was a time for our family to talk about what was going on in our lives. But, some families aren’t as fortunate as mine, so one worldwide organization does all that they can to help some families have that time of reflection that mine always did. The CROP/Church World Organization helps these individuals who are less fortunate. Their goal is to stop world hunger and bring an end to poverty.

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

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

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

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

- Alexander
- Anthony Wayne
- Ashland
- Barnesville
- Benjamin Logan
- Bowling Green
- Cardington
- Carey
- Colonel Crawford
- East Clinton
- Eastern Brown
- Edgerton
- Edon-Northwest
- Elgin
- Elmwood
- Fairfield Union
- Fairview
- Felicity Franklin
- Fort Loramie
- Gallipolis
- Hardin Northern
- Lorain Co JVS
- Margaretta
- Miami Valley CTC
- Mississinawa Valley MVCTC
- Monroeville
- New Riegel
- North Central
- Paint Valley
- Pettisville
- Plymouth
- Preble Shawnee
- Ridgewood
- Smithville
- Southeastern Ross
- United
- Urbana
- Wynford
- Zane Trace
For two days, nearly 7,000 Ohio FFA members turned Columbus National Blue and Corn Gold!

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

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

**Believe that Together We Can Inspire Change**

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

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

**Believe in What Makes you Come Alive**

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

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

Throughout my year as the Ohio FFA State President, I traveled to chapters across Ohio and during each visit I asked one class to identify the things that the world needs to be a better place. To begin the third session, we highlighted all of the things those members came up with; everything from lower gas prices, to a cure for cancer, more chocolate chip cookies, and a solution to world hunger were brought up! As the theme “Believe that Together We Can Build a Better World” was celebrated, members and chapters were honored for their efforts to build a better world and bring those things they identified to life. More specifically, the third session included the recognition of the Top 10 Chapters in the areas of Student, Chapter, and Community Development. The session also included a keynote address from Gus Gustafson and the announcement of our proficiency finalists.

Believe in Dreaming Big and Achieving Success

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

Believe in the Beauty of Today

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

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

Beyond the Sessions

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

As always, State Convention was an outstanding opportunity for members to be recognized for the hard work and dedication they have put forth over the past year. As state officers, we were honored to conclude our year of service in such a way!
### TOP 10 CHAPTERS  LISTED ALPHABETICALLY

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TOP TEN CHAPTERS: STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

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Felicity-Franklin
Marysville

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Otsego
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TOP TEN CHAPTERS: CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

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Lynchburg-Clay
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TOP TEN CHAPTERS: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Felicity-Franklin
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MODEL OF INNOVATION WINNERS

Student Development
Marysville FFA

Chapter Development
Anna FFA

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

Erik Fehlan
Maddison Buschur
Melissa Shears
Jeremy Robbins
Cole Barry
Rebecca Faverty
Austin Wippel
Kelly Fager
Samantha Vermule
Sarah Cox
Taylor Kruse
Jordon Mullett
Molly Greenawalt
Kira Andre
Ashley Wilker
Aaron Clark
Cody Adams
Jakob Wilson
Jennifer Morgan
Saul Triana
Phillip Vanscoy
Justin Pursel
Elizabeth Hayes
Leah Haines
Jacob Luderman
Austin Wagner
Taylor Hopkins

Wellington
Versailles
Ridgewood
Fayetteville
North Union
Marlington
Westfall
Wauseon
Delphos
Zane Trace
Pettisville
River View
Lynchburg-Clay
Wauseon
Marion Local
West Holmes
Fayetteville
Fairbanks
South Central
Wauseon
Ridgemont
Pettisville
Marysville
Fayetteville
Paulding
Wauseon
Western Brown
AWARD WINNERS

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

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

New Lexington
Botkins
Firelands
Archbold
Elida
Amanda-Clearcreek
Botkins
Minster
West Holmes
River Valley
Elgin
Liberty Union
Genoa Area
Wauseon
Harrison Central
Versailles
Fairbanks
Miami East-MVCTC
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Ohio FFA Association
Phillip VanScoy is the son of Bill and Sonie VanScoy and is a senior at Ridgemont. Phillip has logged more than 3000 hours working on his hydroponic strawberry operation. He has implemented the use of stackers to increase production, achieving the equivalent harvest of 43,000 square feet, using only 3,600 square feet. Phillip is active in high school in band and school musicals, in addition to his involvement with his church youth group. In FFA, Phillip’s involvement has included Community Supported Agriculture, Food For America, and Science Fair. He plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio while continuing to expand his strawberry enterprise. Phillip’s advisor is Stephanie Jolliff.
OHIO’S STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

AARON CLARK | WEST HOLMES FFA CHAPTER

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

OHIO’S STAR FARMER

BROCK GOODMAN | CARDINGTON FFA CHAPTER

Brock Goodman, son of Gary Goodman, is a graduate of Cardington High School where his advisor is Neil Swonger. Brock’s SAE includes farming soybeans and corn, and raising market hogs. In his FFA chapter, Brock has served as president, and has attended National FFA Convention and Washington Leadership Conference. He is currently attending The Ohio State University- Agricultural Technical Institute, pursuing a degree in crop production, with the ultimate goal of returning to the family farm.
In 1929, the first group of State Farmers was composed of 19 young men. In 2012, 641 young men and women, representing 2.8% of the Ohio FFA membership, received the State FFA Degree. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree the Ohio FFA Association can bestow upon its membership. The golden charm, which each state degree recipient receives, is symbolic of growth and development in a FFA member’s chosen occupation.
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| Kevin Young   | Lynchburg-Clay  | Audrey Hoey       | Zane Trace        |
| Kyle Young    | Madison Plains  |                    |                   |
| Paige Reisinger | Mapleton       |                    |                   |
For students who ask their teachers “When will I ever use this in the real world?”, Career Development Events (CDEs) are the answer. FFA has worked to create CDEs that demonstrate the meaningful connections between classroom instruction and real-life scenarios. CDEs build on what is learned in agricultural classes and the FFA. The events are designed to help prepare students for careers in agriculture. Classroom instruction truly comes alive as students demonstrate their skills in a competitive setting.

Congratulations to all members who participated in a CDE in the 2011-2012 school year; your efforts will continue to reap benefits in the future. Here is a listing of all CDEs, along with the winning team and top-scoring individual. For a complete listing or for more information on Ohio’s Career Development Events, visit www.ohioffa.org or contact:

Jim and Carol Ogden  
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2011-2012 CDE WINNERS

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Job Interview
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Greenhand Quiz
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Grain Merchandising
Eastwood

General Livestock
Logan

Forestry
Talionawa-Butler Tech

Food Science and Technology
Sylvania Southview

Floriculture
Crestview Convoy

Farm Business Management
Clear Fork Valley

Extemporaneous Speaking
Amanda Clearcreek

Equine Management
Toledo Ag Science

Environmental and Natural Resource
Lucas

Dog Grooming
Riverside

Dairy Products
Elmwood

Dairy Handlers

Dairy Cattle

Creed Speaking

Cooperative Education

Beginning Prepared Public Speaking

Aquarium Management

Animal Management

Animal Health

Animal Behavior and Welfare

Agronomy

Agricultural Sales

Agricultural Mechanics Skills

Ag Issues

Agricultural and Industrial Diagnostics

Ag Engineering

Agricultural Communications

Robert Householder

Autumn Miller

Megan Hathaway

Seth Houts

Hannah Frobose

Kayla Starlin

Caroline Schulte

Paul Fisher

Kelsie Preston

Craig Berning

Lisa Seim

Novice: Brittany Klucznski

Advanced: Megan Onderisin

Emily Barrett

Allison Mangun

Topp Tanner

Rachel Welch

Isaiah Lundquest

Grace Dannemiller

Elizabeth Surface

Kayla Eggleston

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

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

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

When it came to convention sessions, so many members wanted to come see the first session; it was so popular
in fact, that it was held three times – twice on Wednesday and once Thursday morning. Another popular event
Wednesday night is the convention concert; this year featured Blake Shelton and Little Big Town. The sessions
that followed were just as exciting as well! Even though there were huge numbers in attendance, there was
plenty of opportunity for personal recognition. National proficiencies were awarded for those members with the
best SAE projects in the country, the national CDE winners were recognized and the top chapters in the country
were also named.

It is unquestionable that the city of Indianapolis turns blue and gold for the week of convention, but for a few
hours Thursday night, Ohio students put on their scarlet and gray for what most Ohio FFA members call the
best part of convention, the Buckeye Bash. Hundreds of Buckeye loyals swarm together bedecked in their finest
buckeye gear. They jam to all sorts of popular tunes, and get particularly loud when a rousing rendition of “Hang
On Sloopy” is played. For those few hours, it does not even seem like you are in Indianapolis anymore as the
Buckeye fever and cries of OH-IO are strong.

By Saturday morning, hundreds of Ohio’s finest members got up early and trekked to the Lucas Oil Stadium for the
American Degree ceremony. The hours they waited in line for their turn to be conferred with their own American
Degree key were mere minutes compared to the fact that many had been waiting their entire FFA careers for that
moment. Watching the ceremony, you know you are surrounded by years and years of hard work and labor that
has finally paid off.

The grand finale of National Convention was the final session Saturday afternoon. The organization’s national
president, Riley Pagett, gave his retiring address and all the officers were recognized. The many achievements
made by FFA members that past year were celebrated and the year in review video was played. At the end of it all,
six members were elected national officers for 2011-2012.

By the early evening, the sea of blue had begun to fade and the city of Indianapolis began to return to normal.
Charter buses turned for home and members either jabbered excitedly about all they had seen and learned, or they
slept uncomfortably on the bus seats, completely exhausted. Another successful National Convention had passed
and as Ohio members returned to the Buckeye state, they reflected on all they had been given to believe in.
MODEL OF INNOVATION AWARDS

RIDGEMONT FFA
Chapter Development
Top 10 Chapter and National Winner

3 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

Bellevue
Blanchester
Bowling Green
Hardin Northern
Marysville

National Trail-MVCTC
Ridgemont
River Valley
Versailles
Wauseon

2 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTERS

Anna
Cardington
Delphos
East Clinton
Edgewood-Butler Tech
Fairfield
Fayetteville
Felicity Franklin
Fort Recovery
Greenville
Lynchburg-Clay

Miami East-MVCTC
Miami Trace
Mississinawa Valley-MVCTC
New London
North Union
Norwayne
Otsego
Ridgewood
Twin Valley South-MVCTC
Xenia/Greene Co. CC
OHIO’S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY WINNERS

Agricultural Communications
Chelsey Keiser | Versailles

Agricultural Services
Cory Osting | Delphos

Home/Community Development
Dulton Moore | Delphos

Turf Grass Management
Clayton Miller | Elida

Vegetable Production
Mallory McDevitt | Wapakoneta

OHIO’S NATIONAL PROFICIENCY FINALISTS

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Entrepreneurship
Chad Hoersten | Delphos

Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship
Kayla Finton | Ridgewood

Diversified Livestock Production
Eric Wuebker | St. Henry

Emerging Agricultural Technology
Jason Michel | Delphos

Fiber and/Oil Crop Production
Cody Adams | Fayetteville

Food Science and Technology
David Glass | Zane Trace

Fruit Production
Diana Stacy | Old Fort

Nursery Operations
Lindsey Koppin | Anna

Poultry Production
Libby Bender | River Valley
AGRI-ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD

National Winner
Ashley Siferd | Cory Rawson

AGRI-SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Top 8 Finalists
Sarah Cox | Zane Trace
Kathleen Seeley | Benjamin Logan

AGRI-SCIENCE FAIR

National Winner: Zoology
Chrysta Beck | Pettisville

NATIONAL BAND

Kenneth Grady | Warren
Sierra Miller | Upper Sandusky

NATIONAL CHOIR

Noelle Goodson | Fayette
Scott McDermott | Warren
Mick Tanner | Miami Trace
Sarah Peterson | Miami Trace

NATIONAL TALENT

Madison Buck | Eastern Brown
Julya Faulkner | River Valley

HONORARY FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Tom Holton | East Knox
Dan Shell | Blanchester
Michael Lynch | Environmental Management, Inc., Dublin
## Career Development Events Gold Rated Teams

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The American FFA Degree is the highest honor that can be achieved as an FFA member. This final step in the FFA Degree system encourages students to grow, achieve, and establish themselves in an agricultural career. At the 2011 National FFA Convention, 272 Ohio FFA members received this honor.

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

Melissa Ann Curry
Emily Marie Curtis
Denver Davis
Jared Deatrick
Nicolette T. Decker
Eric Dickman
Aaron Dietz
Addie Dixon
Austin Dixon
Austin P. Dorer
Seth Dotson
Eric Downing
Tammy Jo Dyer
Courtney Earlwine
Heather Echle
Kurt Egbert
Kayla Eisenbrown
Seth Erwin
John Essman
James Falgner
Brittany Farquhar
Jenna Faurot
Ian Fausnauch
Breck Finch
Kayla Mae Finton
Anthony Wayne Flannery
Nick Ford
Tyler Fourman
Echo Frey
Janey Fulk
Tyson L. Funderburgh
Robert Dean Gannett
Shelby George
Hannah Geyer
Ellen S. Gilliland
Amy Gobrogge
Chad Gottfried
Alan Graham
Sam Grauer
Samantha Grills
Lindsey C. Grimes
Maggie Ray Gurney
Kelly Guthrie
Kelly M. Gwiner
Genoa Area
Elmwood
Wapakoneta
Paulding
Tecumseh
Delphos
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Triad
South Central
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Mohawk
Otsego
Upper Sandusky
John Glenn
Crestview
Firelands
Hillsboro
Seneca East
River Valley
Lakota
James C. Hadley
Mike Hannewald
Blake Harris
Megan Heckman
Tiffany Heiby
Brittany Heidenreich
Heidi Heiss
Jay Heitkamp
Lindsey Marie Heller
Dylan Herd
Sara Herman
Nathan Herringshaw
Lucas Hershberger
Adam G. Heydinger
Megan Hickman
Earley Cody Hill
Tiffany Hobson
Chad L. Hoersten
Adam Scott Holland
Chris Holter
Nathan Holthaus
Loren Hulit
Gracie Hurley
Cody Johnston
Deveon Jordan
Taylor Justice
Cody Kaiser
Jennifer Kathleen Kasler
Chelsey Lynn Keiser
Jeffrey G. Keller
Kayla Kelly
Brad Keltner
Erik A. Kernell
Ariel Kinder
Kristy Lee Klingenberg
Evan Klopfenstein
Colton Kreager
Adam Kroeger
Ira Kuenzli
John Robert Laborie
Garth Lahna
Devin Latham
Jacob Lefeld
Jordon Levering
Wilmington
Otsego
Spencerville
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AMERICAN FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Ridge Lewis
Emily Limes
Brett Lindeman
Katie Linder
Jayson Lodwick
Derrik Long
Kyle Alan Long
Kade Warren Louiso
Tyler Magoto
Josh Main
Samantha Manning
Tierney Jo Margraf
Kalley Martin
Kristin Martin
Nicole Martin
Danielle Nicole Matthews
Kaitlyn Mattox
Megan Maurer
Matthew McCarty
Faith McConnell
Carrie McFarland
Chelsea McIntire
Chad W. McKay
Suzannah McMullen
Nathan Tyler Meek
Guy Meinerding
Justin Andrew Metzger
Jacob Meyer
Amanda Jo Middleton
Clayton Miller
Megan Marie Miller
Carolyn Moore
Curt Muhlenkamp
Ashley Marie Myers
Sara Nave
Ethan Nicol
Dustin Oates
Payton Oney
Monica Palmer
Christopher Paterson
Hannah L. Patton
Cassey Pearce
Eric Percel

Arcadia
Otsego
Northeastern
Mt. Gilead
Western Brown
Elida
Hardin-Northern
Ohio Valley
Fort Loramie
Otsego
Felicity-Franklin
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Fayette
Eastwood
Xenia
Parkway
Liberty Union
Anna
East Knox
Northridge
Cardington-Lincoln
Carrollton
Wilmington
River View
Elmwood
Fort Loramie
Shelby
Fort Loramie
Wilmington
Elida
Margaretta
Centerburg
Minster
Anthony Wayne
A.B. Graham Ohio Hi-Point
Fairbanks
Fairbanks
Fairlawn
South Central
Mowrystown
United
Hillsboro
Northmor
Miami East-MVCTC

Sarah Pfledderer
Lindsey Nicole Pigman
Mitchell Pitsenbarger
Adam Poeppelman
Beth Poeppelman
Kyle Poeppelman
Hilary Kathryn Pohlman
Amanda M. Porter
Sam Potts
Scott Praither
Lauren Prettyman
Eric Priest
James Prince
Marcy Lynn Prushing
Michael Ray
Travis Reeves
Andrew Reinhart
Dean Renner
Emily Lou Reynolds
Richard Reynolds
Brooke Elizabeth Riehle
Erin Rife
Josie Rine
Kody Roberts
Callie Rollison
Ryan Allen Rose
Ryan Rosselot
Reid Timothy Rothenbuhler
Anthony Ruger
Nathan Ruhlen
Caitlyn Russell
Pauline Russell
David Sams
Caleb Saunders
Caleb Scheiderer
Thomas Schenkel
Derek Schlatter
Tyler Schonaurer
Ethan Schroeder
Lucas Schroeder
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Will Shoemaker  
Bo Shreves  
Luke Shroyer  
Danielle Sims  
Jared Sims  
Rachel Skinner  
Andrew Smith  
Brooke Smith  
Grant Smith  
Jacob Smith  
Jared Smith  
Samantha Smith  
Derek D. Snider  
Kylie Austa Snowden  
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Karri Stickley  
Jeffrey Stimmel  
Martin Stoller  
Bryan Stoltz  
Jacob Stout  
Duane N. Stutzman  
Caleb Swope  
Jordan Tabor  

Edgewood-Butler Tech  
Colonel Crawford  
Mohawk  
Buckeye  
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Fairfield Union  
Benjamin Logan  
River View  
United  
Ada  

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Taylor Brooke Tucker  
Tyler Keith Tucker  
Justin Twary  
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Matthew VanScoy  
David Wagner  
Jennifer Lynn Warrick  
Mark Wasserman  
Melinda Weaver  
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Jessica Wellert  
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
Anxiously awaiting at the final session of the 83rd Ohio FFA State Convention were 15 individuals who would make up the 2011-2012 State Officer Team. Our names were excitedly announced by Amy Jo Frost and her teammates. As we were whisked off into a small room backstage, the emotions were running high and although we did not know each other then, we each had one thing in common, our love and passion for the FFA.

It was made clear to us two weeks later at our first official meeting, that being elected was only the beginning. We were coming together as a team to carry on the tradition of excellence that came before us. During the meeting, we enthusiastically got to know each other and learned exactly what our duties were as officers. We traveled to Van Wert to be fitted for our association jackets, but we would later understand everything it took to earn the jackets we were given.

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

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

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

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

As we worked independently throughout the fall, we waited in anticipation for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. We piled our luggage into the car and headed west to begin what would be yet another
memorable week together. We quickly got to work on the delegate issues with other state officers from around the nation before the rest of the members flooded the city. During convention, we listened to many talented speakers and witnessed thousands of hard working FFA members receive awards. We also cheered on the impressive number of elite members from Ohio earning their American FFA Degree. National convention was an outstanding opportunity for each of us to influence policies of the organization and continue developing strong friendships.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our year as State FFA Officers was concluded at the first session back at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. This last gathering was our final moment to rekindle friendships made throughout the year, embrace the amazing opportunities we have had and truly appreciate the Ohio FFA Association for all that it provides to the youth in our state. The week went by quickly, but proved that we had much to be thankful for in our experience as state officers. We knew that although our titles were gone, we would maintain our friendships and the growth we accomplished and because of this, our experience would never truly be over.
2012 was another successful year for Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Below is a rundown of the statistical successes for the year:

- **Total number of individuals served:** 1,972
- **Total Camper Days:** 24,917
- **Percent of Camper Days per Program**
  - Outside Groups: 42.4%
  - Nature’s Classroom: 33.2%
  - FFA: 23.4%
- **Total number of groups served:** 169 (Up 13)
- **Total number of FFAer’s Summer Camp:** 1,179 (Down 84)
- **Total number of FFAer’s Fall Camp:** 452 (Down 95)
- **FFA Chapters attending Summer Camp:** 144 (Down 4)
- **Percent of school districts participating in a camp program:** 48.0%
- **Percent of FFA members attending summer camp:** 5.0%
- **Percent of FFA members attending summer and fall:** 7.0%
- **Percent of Ag. Teachers attending summer camp:** 23.0%

Major renovations to the facility in 2012 included the remodeling of the Latrines into the new Visitor’s Lodge. This new facility can now sleep up to 24 individuals in 6 different rooms and includes a full kitchen and wrap around deck. The other big project that was completed in 2012 was the construction of the FFA Pavilion. This new facility includes an indoor location that is currently housing our Nature Center. We also poured a new driveway and parking lot area outside of the new FFA Pavilion. We were also able to make some improvements to several program areas such as the Archery Range.
FFA Camp Muskingum, nestled in the hills of Carroll County on Leesville Lake, is a magical oasis that comes to life during the summer months for Ohio FFA members. Cars, vans, and buses travel from across the state of Ohio to spend a week at camp. This is the beginning for students to begin making new friends and learning more about themselves and their environment, all while having loads of fun!

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

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

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

Our detective campers unlocked the mystery of leadership, potential, and their strengths, all while having a blast gaining new friendships, helping the community, and having fun. For many members, camp is the highlight of their summer, and most can’t wait to return the next year!
Each year, FFA associations across the country elect new officers to help lead the FFA organization throughout their own state. In those 365 days, state FFA officers have the opportunity to participate in amazing activities, meet some extraordinary individuals, and complete a year of service. A huge portion of that year of service includes visiting FFA chapters throughout their state.

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

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

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

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

As the Ohio FFA Association continues to produce talented and skilled members, the officer team will also continue to grow through facilitating workshops at chapter visits and reaching out to as many members as possible.
This year, Ohio FFA members had the opportunity to learn the value of themselves and the value of working with others with the theme, “The value of me, the value of we!”. Ohio FFA Leadership Nights were conducted between the months of November and March. During these nights, several state officers conducted workshops centered on valuing our strengths and using what we have to create an impact. The hope is that FFA members can then take these messages back to their home communities and put them to action.

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

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

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

Leadership Nights give students the tools that they need to be effective leaders. They can then take this information back to their chapters and communities. In the coming years, Ohio FFA plans to continue the Leadership Night program with new and exciting curriculum and activities.
On September 7th, 2011, many FFA Officers and members from across the state of Ohio gathered together at Veteran’s Memorial in Columbus. Everyone gathered for one reason – the Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference. The conference is designed to make all members aware of their leadership abilities and potential to grow through the FFA.

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

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

The Ohio FFA Association encourages every member to attend C.O.L.T. Conference, or what now is known as Ohio Legislative Leaders Conference, in hopes that the members attending take positive ideas and skills back to their hometowns and local chapters.
Last January, Columbus was energized as 388 excited FFA members were welcomed to the Crowne Plaza for the 212 and 360 degree conference. Members from across Ohio joined the 2011-2012 Ohio FFA State Officer Team and four National FFA presenters to create one of the largest leadership conferences offered in the organization.

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

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

The 212 and 360 conference takes place every January and is designed to challenge FFA members and redefine traditional leadership conferences. Session curriculum is developed by the National FFA Organization and topics are rotated each year. This means that even if a member attends all four years, they are guaranteed never to do the same session twice! Members can look forward to attending in future years and participating in sessions that focus on virtues, growth and collaboration.
Interest in the formation of a Foundation grew out of a desire of interested individuals and agricultural businesses in the 1940’s to inspire members of Vocational Agriculture and FFA programs to work for high standards and goals and to recognize members for their high achievement. A committee of 24 interested individuals established the Ohio FFA Foundation in 1957.

Today, the Foundation is a cooperative effort among education, business and industry to support and inspire Ohio FFA members. Over $500,000 is generated annually for FFA leadership programs, awards and incentives. Four specific divisions provide opportunities for businesses, individuals and chapters to partner with the Foundation. These include the general fund, sponsored projects, the endowment fund and memorials. Over 1,000 businesses, individuals and organizations support the general fund annually and the sponsored project area provides program sponsors for over 100 incentive awards, special projects and Career Development Events.

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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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