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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

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Re: **New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floriculture Career Development Event – Friday, March 14, 2025 – Saturday, March 15, 2025**

SPECIAL NOTE

We are using the JudgingCard registration system again this year. Floriculture CDE will replace Floral Design CDE. However, the team activity in the Floriculture CDE will have a floral design prompt to provide a similar experience to the Floral Design event.

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DETAILS.

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FFA FLORICULTURE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Friday, March 14, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mercer County Community College - West Windsor Campus

1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

In the John P. Hanley Student Center (Cafeteria)

Please refer to the New Jersey FFA Floriculture handbook for specific event details,
https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/12.005.pdf .

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Students and teachers from all schools with Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources programs are encouraged to attend and participate in the educational activities provided. FFA activities are integral to Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources instruction.

WHO CAN COMPETE?

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in an approved agricultural education course and appear on the chapter's roster.
2. Students who have been members of a first-place official team in a state event and have participated at the highest level for that event may not compete again in that particular event.
3. The Floriculture Career Development Event requires a four-member team. The score of all four team members constitutes the official team score.

HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

Registration for the Floriculture Career Development Event is through judgingcard.com or directly at this link: <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=21210>. Follow the instructions on pages 9 -10 for assistance.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost is \$44.00 per team, or \$11.00 per person (maximum 4-team members), unless the chapter is Blue Affiliated (then registration is waived); registration fee is assessed per contest for each chapter participating. Please pay this fee at the time of pre-registration. Make checks payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey. In the memo area of the check, please identify "FFA Spring CDE". **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

WHERE DO I PARK ON EVENT DAY?

Bus and other vehicle parking in Student Parking East and Student Parking West.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I CHECK IN ON MARCH 14 WITH FLORICULRURE?

Events will **START PROMPTLY at 10:00 am as SCHEDULED.** One teacher from each chapter will pay assessment fees and confirm teams at the Cafeteria in the Student Center **before 9:30 am.** Your team must be verified at the sign-in desk in order to qualify for competition. Please plan to arrive on campus in a timely manner. Arriving at 10:00 or later does not provide your students with a fair opportunity and may result in them missing a component of their event.

WHERE DO TEAMS NEED TO BE BY 9:45 AM?

Official teams will be at the event location at the starting time. CDE Coordinators have the right to disqualify teams that arrive late and might not be able to allow teams to make up missed components of the event. A timely start helps make an efficient finish. Please respect other participants by having your students to the event prior to the start time. **All contestants' registrations must be confirmed by advisors on the day of the event.**

WHEN WILL WE KNOW RESULTS?

Official results will be available to all chapters/schools via email, the state Agricultural Education website and at www.judgingcard.com. **DO NOT CALL THE STATE OFFICE FOR RESULTS.** Results become **OFFICIAL** when an email is sent from the Office of Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education announcing the results.

WHAT STUDENT RECOGNITION IS THERE?

Only dues-paid members and chartered chapters may compete for awards and for further competition. Non-members and non-chartered chapters may participate; however, they are not eligible for trips, trophies, certificates, or banners. Registration fees may be higher for non-members to cover costs.

1. A plaque will be awarded to the first-place team at the annual State Convention.
2. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place individuals overall in the event and certificates will be awarded to the top five (5) students who excel in practical parts of the event.
3. A Career Development Event Sweepstakes Award will be presented to the New Jersey team that places the highest in National Competition. This includes all National FFA Events and Land Judging/Homesite.

WHAT ARE THE RULES?

1. No individuals from the same school/chapter may talk, confer, or otherwise communicate, except for during the team activity. Penalty will be loss of score for that section of the event or disqualification from the event. Event coordinator has the authority to make disqualifications.
2. Participants are NOT allowed to use (or have visible) electronic devices during the event, unless for medical reasons or a portion of the event requires usage. This includes cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, etc. Participants will be allowed to use calculators, if specified for that event; however, cell phone calculators are not permitted! Failure to adhere to these rules can result in disqualification.
3. All individuals participating will judge in a cooperative manner following the rules set forth by the event coordinator.

4. No school/chapter will use Rutgers Cook Campus or Delaware Valley University for the training of teams. Penalty will be disqualification.
5. All the events require four members to compete and team scores will be based on all four members. See National Career Development website for clarification, <https://ffa.app.box.com/s/vpx52yly9mpiai35srdzl7og68kldnbt>
6. This event will be scored using scantron sheets. It is important for students to listen to directions and to fill out the sheets correctly to receive credit. Sample scantron sheets are available for practice on the State Activity Guide.
7. There will be no separate alternate teams.
8. A student cannot compete in more than one event at the National Competition each year. This includes public speaking, parliamentary procedure and all non-leadership team events.
9. The \$40 National level competition fee and \$10 Eastern States competition fee will be paid by the competing school regardless of program affiliation status. These fees must be paid directly to New Jersey FFA (payable to Treasurer, State of New Jersey).

WHAT SHOULD MY STUDENTS WEAR AND HOW SHOULD THEY ACT?

1. All Contestants will abide by the FFA Code of Ethics. This includes:
 - a. FFA jacket or a nametag with name, school and chapter worn in all FFA events.
 - b. Neat and safe clothing is required to promote a positive image for the FFA. Complete and proper official dress should be worn for Floriculture.
2. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be disqualified and asked to leave the event area.
3. Contestants should also be familiar with the proper use of the FFA jacket (i.e. members never smoke while wearing the FFA jacket). Advisors should review the Official Manual and/or Student Handbook with students regarding Code of Ethics, Official Dress, and proper use of the FFA jacket. Consult the Official Manual for descriptions of official dress.
4. The use of ANY tobacco product is not permitted at any FFA event including Career Development Events.

WHEN AND WHERE DO WE EAT?

The event schedule is continuous from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. It is strongly suggested that students pack lunch and only purchase if necessary.

HOW DO I GET SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MY STUDENTS?

The New Jersey FFA Association is committed to providing equal access to our events and activities for all people. Please utilize the Request for Reasonable Accommodations to get special assistance for your student(s). Use this form to request a reasonable accommodation or assistance at least 3 weeks before any state-level events: <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/accommodations-request>. A new form will

need to be submitted for each event for which a reasonable accommodation is being requested. This information will be kept confidential and will be used only to process the request. Our staff will review the request upon receipt and contact the requestor with additional information. The association cannot guarantee accommodations or assistance if a form is received less than 3 weeks before an event. Accommodations being requested that require the assistance of another person (nurse, interpreter, scribe, reader, etc.) is the responsibility of the school/requestor. It is also the school/requestor's responsibility to provide any approved equipment to aide in the accommodation process, if applicable. To conduct a state level Career Development Event efficiently, no additional time will be provided to a student to complete portions of that Career Development Event.

NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION, INC.**New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition**

Mercer County Community College - West Windsor Campus

1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

In Physical Education (Fitness Center) Building

March 14 – March 15, 2025

HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION ENTRIES

1. Chapters must be in good standing with the state association to compete. Therefore, affiliation agreements and payment, officer lists and POAs must be filed in the State Office before a chapter can compete.
2. Entries are open to FFA members and chartered FFA chapters who wish to exhibit. A chapter may exhibit two entries per class (except where noted). An individual may submit only one entry per class.
3. **Entry tags must be securely ATTACHED to the arrangement or plant before entering show. ENTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL ENTRY TAG WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** Common methods for securing entry tags include using floral picks, ribbon, tape, etc. If you need advice for attaching the entry tag, please contact the state office.
4. Chapters will be charged **\$7.00** per entry (*non-refundable*), unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated (then fee is waived). Pre-registration is due to www.judgingcard.com on **Saturday, February 15, 2025**. Entries that have not been pre-registered will not be accepted (or classes switched) on the day of the show – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
5. An entry may be exhibited in only one class. The class entered will be declared by the exhibitor at pre-registration and on the registration card.
6. Entries **cannot** be switched into different classes on the day of the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** Please read the class descriptions carefully. The 100 classes are horticulture, the 200 classes are **FRESH**, the 300 classes are **PERMANENT**, and the 400 classes are adult.
7. When creating arrangements and preparing plants to enter the show, the student should keep in mind a florist's ability to sell and deliver each entry. Size limitations are included in some class information and must be followed.
8. All entries must be the sole effort of the student. **Team entries are not allowed.** Arrangements are not allowed to be constructed at the event location. Only minor fixes and/or touch ups are allowed. Attendees are not allowed to touch the arrangements from other schools. If an arrangement needs to be moved on the table so another arrangement can fit, ask for assistance from a State FFA Executive Board Member or Hort Expo staff person. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned rules may result in disqualification.
9. While every precaution will be taken to care for the exhibited arrangements, the New Jersey FFA Association assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of any kind. Do not use valuables in exhibits.
10. All entries must be able to be placed on a table. Exceptions include Class 103, 106, and 107.

11. Divisions:

- A. **Horticulture Division:** The exhibitor must have grown all plant material. All potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor for **three** months prior to the show. Each entry must have a cultural background card. **A fillable PDF Cultural Card is available on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board and in the State Activity Guide.** The student must complete the cultural background information in the appropriate spaces. Entries without the cultural background card will not be judged. The cultural card should be placed in an area that does not interfere with the entry; however, **it must be secured to the entry.** Cultural background cards must include both the botanical and common names of the plant. Cards must be **printed** from the fillable PDF and will be the only accepted format!
- B. **Arrangement Division:** Entries must be the sole effort of the exhibitor and must have been created during the current school year. All entries must have the official **Price Card** or the entry will be disqualified. Price Cards are provided with the online Horticultural Exposition registration. **A fillable PDF Price Card is available on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board and in the State Activity Guide.** The student must complete the price card information in the appropriate spaces. The price card should be placed in an area that does not interfere with the arrangement; however, **it must be secured to the arrangement.** Cards must be **printed** from the fillable PDF and will be the only accepted format!

12. The Committee reserves the right to reject an entry that does not meet standards or size limitations.

13. FFA supports the Drug Free America Program and the Career Development Event and Horticultural Expo Committee will not accept any arrangement with any drug or alcohol paraphernalia. (Beverage glassware is NOT considered alcohol paraphernalia.)

14. No live animals (including aquatic) shall be used. If a live animal is used, the committee will ask for the entry to be removed from the Exposition.

15. Plug-in electricity is prohibited for all classes.

CULTURAL CARDS & PRICE CARDS

1. **ALL** entries must have a Cultural Card (Horticulture Division) or Price Card (Fresh, Permanent, Adult Divisions) **SECURELY** attached to the arrangement at time of entry in the show.
2. Fillable PDFs are the only option for completing Cultural and Price Cards.
3. Entry ID Numbers will be emailed by the end of business on Monday, March 10. Entry ID Numbers **MUST** be entered on the Cultural/Price Card. Any cards with missing Entry ID Numbers are subject to disqualification.
4. Any name changes must be finalized in JudgingCard.com by March 7 and match the Cultural/Price Card. Name changes are allowed until March 7 but class changes are NOT allowed after February 15.
5. Cultural/Price Card **MUST BE TYPED.**

Example of Price Card:

All retail prices are based on a wholesale markup of 2:1 for fresh flowers, 2:1 for greens and staples, and labor is based on a figure of \$12.00/hr.

New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition				
CLASS #: 316 316		CLASS NAME: Puppy Dog Tails		
ENTRY ID NUMBER: 00-316-1		CONTESTANT NAME: Samantha Smith		
CONTESTANT CHAPTER: NJ State Association				
Pricing Card				
Qty.	Item Name	Wholesale	Retail	Total
6	Roses	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$9.60
6	Carnations	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$3.00
2	Pom-Pom Stems	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$2.40
1	Toy Truck	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$3.00
4	Baker Fern	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$1.60
20 minutes	Labor			\$4.00
			Price	\$23.60

Please note: The Career Development Event and Horticultural Exposition Committee may update, cancel, or close classes at their discretion.

PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

1. Placing entries (Friday, March 14, 2025):
 - a. Entries will be received from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the show. Details on parking and entering the building will be provided closer to the event. **All arrangements must be in place by 11:00 am.**
 - b. Please keep the entrance area clean as you set-up your arrangements.
 - c. Please do not block doorways, stairwells or hallways.
 - d. When you register, pick up the map for class locations. All classes will be in the physical education building.
 - e. All entries must be able to be placed on a table, except where noted. Please be sure to place entries in the appropriate division and class. Some classes may have more than one table.
 - f. Please have the person placing the arrangement initial the **yellow official entry list** on the class table to verify the entry is there. **Name changes MUST be made in JudgingCard by March 7 and cannot be changed on the day of the show.** If your chapter is scratching an entry, please cross out the entry on the yellow official entry list and initial.
 - g. All entries must have a Cultural Card (Horticulture Division) or Price Card (Fresh, Permanent, Adult Divisions) securely attached to the arrangement at time of entry in the show. Fillable PDFs are the only option for completing Cultural and Price Cards.

2. **Picking up entries** (3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Saturday, March 15, 2025):

- A. THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROHIBITS THE REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS DURING SHOW HOURS. PLEASE HELP US RESPECT THE GENEROSITY OF THE COLLEGE BY ADHERING TO THIS RULE.
- B. **DO NOT** ARRIVE BEFORE 3:30 PM WITH BOXES, HAND CARTS, WAGONS, ETC. TO REMOVE EXHIBITS.
- c. PRIZES WILL BE FORFEITED IF EXHIBITS ARE REMOVED EARLY - BEFORE 3:30 pm Saturday.
- d. All materials must be removed. We will not hold arrangements or bring them back to the office. Show materials not picked up will be discarded and awards will be forfeited.
- e. All entries must be "checked out" by Hort Expo staff.
- f. Exhibits not claimed by 4:30 pm will be discarded and awards will be forfeited. This is not an invitation to leave behind arrangements for Hort Expo staff to handle. Please make the proper arrangements to have exhibits picked up in a timely manner.

JUDGING OF ENTRIES

1. Judging will begin promptly following the judges' orientation.
2. Students are not to disturb the judges or linger around arrangements while judging is in progress. If a judge's assistant feels that students are distracting the judges, he/she has the right to ask the students to move on.
3. All entries will be judged on industry standards, i.e., hospital arrangements meet hospital room standards, baby arrangements for use in the hospital or home, etc. Keep in mind that the industry must produce arrangements that may be delivered by someone other than the designer. **Arrangement's retail price must not exceed \$125, unless otherwise noted. Mark up is 2:1.**
4. Judges may refuse to award a prize if, in their opinion, there is no worthy exhibit competing in that class. **Judges' decision will be final.**
5. Size limits will be checked, and entries will be disqualified if they do not meet specifications. All size limits include objects used in arrangements. Size is listed as length X width X height.

PRIZES AND RECOGNITION

1. No prizes will be awarded to entries that do not conform to the specifications for the category.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to entries for 1st – 5th places. A plaque will be presented to the first-place entry in each class.
3. A plaque will be awarded to the "Best of Division." The divisions are as follows:
 - (1) Horticulture
 - (2) Fresh Arrangement
 - (3) Permanent Arrangement
 - (4) Adult
4. Entries removed before 3:30 pm on Saturday, March 15, 2025 will forfeit any prizes.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT JUDGINGCARD.COM HORT EXPO REGISTRATION

1. Pre-registration is due on **Saturday, February 15, 2025**. Direct access to the registration form can be found here: <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=21210>
2. Log into www.judgingcard.com
3. Click on the leftmost icon at the bottom of the screen for “Event Registration and Information.”
4. Use the month list at the top of the calendar to browse to the month of the Horticultural Exposition (March).
5. Click on the event link “New Jersey Horticultural Exposition” on the calendar (March 14) ... this will pull up the event’s registration page.
6. Click the link to “Online Registration” at the top of the page.
7. Click “Registration” link for each class you want to enter.
8. Change the number of contestants to how many you need and enter the contestant’s names. Be sure if you click 1, there is name entered and if you click 2, there are two names entered. Names **MUST** be finalized by March 7. Registration is directly related to the FFA Roster, students must be on the roster in order to register. If an entry is left blank it is not considered an entry.
9. Click the “submit Entry” button.
10. Repeat steps 7, 8, and 9 for each class you need to register.
11. Review all entries back on the event’s main page.

Nominations for Hort Expo’s Assistants, Runners, Data Entry Assistants and/or CDE Assistants will be taken with a separate form: <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/horticultural-exposition-assistant>. Advisors will be notified the week prior to the event if nominated students are selected for these positions.

INDUSTRY WORKSHOPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES – Friday, March 14, 2025

10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Floriculture CDE Observation** (Student Center – Cafeteria)

10:15 – 11:15 am **Workshop #1 & #2** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Campus Tours** (Meet in Campus Quad outside Student Center (SC))

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Workshop #3 & #4** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

* Workshop topics will be communicated closer to the event.

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Note: For 100 classes, cultural background card must accompany each entry. Both the botanical name and common name must be present on the card. Plug-in electricity is prohibited. All potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor for three months prior to the show.

- Class 101** Flowering Bulb Plants
Any flowering bulb plant in bloom **includes *Easter lilies***. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 102** Geraniums
Any geranium plant. Entries may include scented geraniums. Plants will be judged on overall appearance, not solely on the flowering. Pot size limit between 4 ½" and 12".
- Class 103** Nursery Plants
Entries can be grown in either a 1 or 2-gallon nursery can. The nursery container cannot exceed 8 ½" in diameter and 8" in height. Plants can either be deciduous, evergreen trees, shrubs, or New Jersey hardy perennials.
- Class 104** Flowering Plants
Any flowering plant with exception of plants listed in other classes.
Pot size limit 10".
- Class 105** Terrariums
Must contain at least 3 different plant species. Size limit: inside dimensions not to exceed 12" wide X 24" long. (Must have a top)
- Class 106** Flowering Hanging Plants
Must be in a hanging pot and able to be hung **with its own hook**. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 107** Hanging Foliage Plants
Must be in a hanging pot and able to be hung **with its own hook**. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 108** Flowering Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 different species of flowering plants growing in a container.
Pot size limit 14".
- Class 109** Foliage Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 different species of plants growing in a container.
Pot size limit 14".
- Class 110** Tropical Foliage Plants
Any tropical foliage plants. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 111** Cactus/Succulent Foliage Plants
Any cactus/succulent plants. Pot size limit 10".

- Class 113a** Bonsai Plants (Newly Started)
To include Bonsai plants that have been started and maintained for at least three months by one student. If needed, wiring must be performed successfully without damaging branches. Indicate which of the three forms of bonsai is intended on the culture card. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified. No size limit on Bonsai.
- Class 113b** Bonsai Plants (Completed and Maintained)
To include Bonsai plants that are completed and that have been maintained by one student. No size limit on Bonsai. Student must have owned for 3 months prior to show. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified.
- Class 114** Potted Herb Garden
A group of at least 3 herb plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 116** African Violets
Plant should be in bloom.
- Class 117** Orchids
Plants should be in bloom. Pot size limited to 10".
- Class 118** Foliage – Holiday
A foliage plant decorated for the holidays. (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 119** Flowering – Holiday
A flowering plant decorated for the holidays (i.e. Christmas, Easter, and Mother’s Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 120** Cactus/Succulent Dish Garden
A group of at least 3 mixed cactus/succulent plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 121** Magical Miniature Garden
A group of at least six different plant species with miniature accessories to scale (natural or artificial). Size limit: Inside dimensions not to exceed 12" for any shape container.
- Class 122** Sustainable Agriculture
An edible or ornamental plant grown hydroponically, aeroponically or aquaponically. Plant must be displayed in a zip-lock bag large enough to accommodate the height of the plant (no larger than 2-gallons), a glass container which allows for easy examination of the root system, or a plastic container and a small amount of water to ensure survival of the entry. Entry must have roots. The judges may open the bag if condensation makes the entry difficult to see. The method used to grow the plant is to be listed on the culture card, and a photograph of the system is to be attached to the culture card.

NOTE: All cultural cards MUST be securely attached to the entry in an area that does not interfere with the judging of the arrangement. i.e. back of the arrangement using tape, wire, etc.

ARRANGEMENT DIVISION

(Fresh and Permanent)

NOTE: *Classes with **200** numbers are entries in the **Fresh Arrangement Division**. Fresh materials are to comprise the majority of the materials in these entries. Other materials are to be used as accents only. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

*Classes with **300** numbers are entries in the **Permanent Arrangement Division**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited. NO fresh material shall be used in this division.*

*Classes with **400** numbers are entries in the **Fresh Arrangement Division** open to **post-secondary/adult students currently enrolled in Agricultural Education programs**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

- Class 201 and 301** State FFA Theme
An arrangement to depict the current state FFA theme, while also recognizing the FFA colors of Corn Gold and National Blue. *2025 Theme: "Grow Beyond"*.
- Class 202 and 302** Wearable Pieces *NEW CLASS in 2025
An arrangement using flowers and foliage to create a fully functional and wearable piece. These can include any of the following: crowns, arm, wrist or ankle pieces, hair accessories and floral jewelry. This class is NOT for corsages and/or boutonnieres.
- Class 203 and 303** Asian Inspired
An arrangement using Asian inspired design techniques. Including but not limited to Ikebana, Nagiere and Moribana.
- **Class 204 and 304** Summer Sunshine
An arrangement to be used for an outside summer event.
- Class 205 and 305** Remember When?
An arrangement in an antique container using the container to determine sizes and style of arrangement.
- Class 206 and 306** Look at that Container!
An arrangement done in a container not normally used for this purpose must be able to hold water. Size limit 24" x 24" x 24". (A liner is suggested.)
- Class 207 and 307** Easter Basket
A basket arrangement suitable for Easter celebrations.
Size limit 24" x 24" x 24".
- **Class 208 and 308** Simple Buds!
An arrangement done in a bud vase, must not exceed five stems, not including greens and filler. Ribbon may be used.
- **Class 209 and 309** The Formal
Entries may be traditional corsages or atypical corsages/body flowers with a matching boutonniere for a formal dance. All entries must be packaged.

Class 210	<u>New Year's</u> An arrangement suitable for a New Year's Eve Party.
Class 211 and 311	<u>With Sympathy</u> A table arrangement suitable for an expression of sympathy.
**Class 212 and 312	<u>Celebrate!</u> An arrangement suitable for a wedding, graduation, or party. Price Limit of \$150.
**Class 213 and 313	<u>Happy Holidays</u> An arrangement suitable for a Christmas or a Hanukkah Party.
**Class 214 and 314	<u>Valentine's Day</u> A vase arrangement of suitable flowers to send for Valentine's Day. Limit of six roses. Can include other suitable flowers and plant materials for the holiday.
**Class 215 and 315	<u>Thanksgiving</u> An arrangement suitable for a Thanksgiving dinner table, must include candles that are capable of being lit and will not interfere with the arrangement.
Class 216 and 316	<u>Thinking of You</u> An arrangement suitable for a person going through a hard time. Size limit 12" X 12" X 12".
Class 217 and 317	<u>It's a Boy *CLASS NAME CHANGE in 2025</u> An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby boy. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
Class 218 and 318	<u>It's a Girl *CLASS NAME CHANGE in 2025</u> An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby girl. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
Class 219 and 319	<u>Spring Fever!</u> An arrangement suitable for the celebration of spring. Size limit 16" X 16" X 16".
**Class 220 and 320	<u>Mardi Gras!</u> An arrangement suitable for a buffet table decoration at a Mardi Gras celebration. Size limit 20" X 20" X 38". Price Limit of \$150.
Class 221 and 321	<u>Mother's Day</u> An arrangement suitable for Mother's Day. Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
Class 222 and 322	<u>Father's Day</u> An arrangement suitable for Father's Day. Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".

- **Class 223 and 323** Independence Day!
An arrangement suitable for a Fourth of July party.
Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
- Class 224, 324
and 424** Administrative Professionals' Day ***DESCRIPTION UPATE 2025**
An arrangement suitable for placement on the desk of an administrative professional. Must include a minimum of three (3) keepsake items (stationary/office supplies), not including the container. Size limit 16" X 16" X 16".
- Class 225 and 325** Leprechaun Festival
An arrangement suitable for St. Patrick's Day.
- Class 226 and 326** Nosegay
Traditional colonial bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. The bouquet may be hand-wrapped or on a bouquet-oasis holder.
- **Class 227 and 327** "I Do"
Hand tied bouquet of flowers suitable for a wedding. Fresh flowers must have a water source. Permanent flowers do not need a water source. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Stand must be used and included.
Price Limit of \$150.
- **Class 228 and 328** Cascade Bouquet
A cascading bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Price Limit of \$150.
- **Class 229 and 329** Banquet Table
An arrangement suitable for sitting on a head table at a wedding or other occasion. Price Limit of \$150.
- **Class 230 and 330** Formal Affair
An arrangement suitable for a dinner party for four to six persons. Must include candles. For use on a 48" X 72" table.
- Class 231 and 331** Trendsetters
A freestyle arrangement using a recent style of design. Vegetative, New Wave, Abstract, Botanical, etc.
- Class 232 and 332** Children's Birthday Party
An arrangement to be used for a child's birthday party. Can include but not limited to themes of superheroes, characters, animals and sports.
- Class 234** Jersey Fresh!
An arrangement depicting New Jersey agricultural products.
Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
- Class 235** Thank You
An arrangement suitable for a thank you gift.

Class 236 and 336	<u>Harvest Festival</u> An arrangement suitable for the celebration of Autumn. May include Halloween decorations.
Class 337	<u>Country Delights</u> A country themed arrangement using permanent materials. Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
Class 338	<u>Welcome</u> A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for everyday use.
Class 239 and 339	<u>Holiday Wreaths</u> A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for holiday use, such as Christmas, Independence Day, Halloween, Easter, etc.
Class 240 and 340	<u>Going Green</u> A freestyle arrangement designed to promote the idea of being environmentally friendly.
**Class 430	<u>FFA State Officer/Alumni Folly</u> A freestyle arrangement class. Open to current NJ State FFA Officers and dues paying NJ State FFA Alumni members only. Participants must register through a local chapter. All entries are subject to the \$5 fee. Affiliation fee discounts only apply to <u>current FFA members</u> . Alumni entries are responsible for the \$5 fee regardless of the chapter's affiliation status. Limit 2 entries per chapter.
Class 432	<u>Advisor's Folly</u> A freestyle arrangement class. Open to FFA Advisors only.
Class 433	<u>MCCC Freestyle</u> A freestyle arrangement class. Open to Mercer County Community College students only.
Class 434	<u>Holidays</u> An arrangement of your choosing for Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras or any holiday.

Note:	** <u>All entries not conforming to use of retail pricing cards will be disqualified.</u>
	** <u>All information cards MUST be securely attached to the arrangement in an area that does not interfere with the judging of the arrangement. i.e. back of arrangement.</u>
	** Classes 212, 213, 220, 320, 227, 327, 228, 328, 229 and 329 have a price limit of \$150.
	** Arrangements should be placed on the table as is. This means there shouldn't be glitter, confetti, doilies, plugged-in lighting, etc. placed under or surrounding the arrangement. The following arrangements are an exception: 204, 304, 208, 308, 209, 309, 212, 312, 213, 313, 214, 314, 215, 315, 220, 320, 223, 323, 229, 329, 230, 330, and 430. Extra presentation materials should be included in the price of the arrangement. Extra presentation materials will <u>NOT</u> be judged!

Information Cards required for ALL classes. These cards MUST be securely attached to the entry.

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SCORECARD
GUIDE FOR JUDGES**

CONTESTANT NAME _____

CLASS NAME _____ CLASS # _____

**CONTESTANT
POINTS**

DESIGN

POSSIBLE POINTS: **35**

Overall shape or form of composition; a planned relationship of parts. Elements of design include: line, form, texture, color, the pleasing way in which lines, textures, size, and colors are blended or contrasted; and the tying together of the parts by the combination of good design, balance and harmony.

BALANCE

POSSIBLE POINTS: **15**

Visual stability; determined by relative sizes of material and relative darkness or lightness and the placement of them.

FUNCTIONALITY

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

Appropriateness of arrangement for use intended, soundness of construction.

JUDGE'S CHOICE

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

The use of plant materials and design principles in a particularly creative, original, and unique manner.

MECHANICS

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

TOTAL POINTS: _____

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CLASS # _____

DATE: _____ JUDGE'S NAME: _____

TAG #	CULTURAL PERFECTION (Max. 40 pts.)	SIZE (Max. 20 pts.)	FOLIAGE & STEM (Max. 20 pts.)	FORM (Max. 20 pts.)	TOTAL

*** Form includes Balance, Uniformity and Overall Appearance.**

Directions to Mercer County Community College - West Windsor Campus

From North or South via U.S. 1

- Exit onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- After 2 miles (through 4 traffic lights), turn left at the Youngs Road traffic light.
- At the end of Youngs Road, turn right onto Hughes Drive and follow past Mercer County Park entrance.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the left.

From Route 206 North or South

- From 206 South, turn left onto Province Line Road (at traffic light).
- From 206 North, turn right onto Province Line Road.
- Follow Province Line Road through the next traffic light (Princeton Pike), continue to the next traffic light and turn right onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- On Quakerbridge Road, follow directions from Route 1 (see above).

From North or South via Interstate 95/295

- Take Interstate 95 (which becomes Interstate 295) to Exit 65A: Sloan Ave. East
- Continue straight on Sloan Ave. East (becomes Flock Road) to the end.
- Turn left at traffic light, onto Edinburg Road
- Continue straight through one traffic light (becomes Old Trenton Road).
- Take right jug handle that leads to the MCCC campus entrance.

From East

- Follow Route 33 West until you see signs for Route 133 West (the new bypass route).
- Turn right onto Route 133 West.
- Take Route 133 West to the end and exit immediately onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Rd for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

From North via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 8 at Hightstown onto Route 33 West.
- Follow signs onto Route 133 West (the new bypass).
- Turn right onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Road for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

From South via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 7A.
- Go West on I-195 to Exit 5B (first exit off I-195).
- North on Route 130, proceed to the second traffic light and turn left onto Robbinsville-Allentown Road (526 West).
- Go through traffic light and make immediate right onto Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West).
- At the end of Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West), turn left onto Old Trenton Road (535).
- Follow Old Trenton Road for 2 miles to campus entrance on right, after Mercer County Park.

