**Session I**
Kyle Clement, 2013-2014 State FFA President, presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff and 505 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

**Welcome to Monmouth University**
Dr. Pearson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the university.

**Greetings from NJDA – Secretary Fisher**
New Jersey’s Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

**FFA Jacket Presentation**
54 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets provided through the “Blue Jacket. Bright Futures.” Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. Mitch Baker, National FFA Secretary assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

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  Julia  Joshalynn  Saxton
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  Ashlie  Guerra
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  Bobby  Pittenger
  Ashley  Sprich
  Brooke  Wakefoose
Warren Hills  Ashley  Zarnowski
Woodstown  Skyler  Amburg
  Emma  Brooks
  Brook  Wilson

Keynote Address
Ryan Moran presented his speech, “The Posse!”

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee
Kyle Clement, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:
Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon  Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech  Melonie Weaver, Cape May Tech
Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown  Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator
Emily Karr, Freehold  Anne Poinsett, Executive Committee Rep

The State Officer Candidates were invited to the stage to introduce themselves. The candidates were:
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
New Jersey FFA Foundation Report
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2014 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations
The following scholarship winners were announced. The scholarships were funded through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship – Alexandria Wilson, Freehold; Harrah Newman, Freehold; Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Michaela Kramer, Freehold

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Shannon Thomas, Newton

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Dan Harvey, North Warren

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Stephanie TarLOWE, Warren Hills

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship – Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg

William G. Smith Scholarship – Alexander Byrnes, Biotechnology

Roszel Scholarship – George Stillwell, Allentown

Kenneth Harding Memorial Scholarship – Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin Wainwright, Allentown

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Maren McEvoy, Belvidere

Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship – Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Hope Cahill, Monmouth County; Alexandra Clark, Newton; Jessie Hickey, Allentown; Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional; Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold; Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington; Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

**National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

$1,000 Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars Scholarship – Alexandria Wilson, Freehold; Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington; Shannon Thomas, Newton

$27,158 Johnson & Wales University Scholarship – Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship – Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA Secretary, Mitch Baker, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Introduction of State Officer Guests
Kyle Clement introduced the three state officers who came to assist with the 85th NJ FFA Convention. Guest officers were:
Ashley Willits, New York FFA Association
Dane Grossnickle, Maryland FFA Association
Brett Speakman, Virginia FFA Association

Special Presentation: Kevin Keith
The New Jersey State FFA Officers presented Mr. Kevin Keith his Honorary Garden State FFA Degree and congratulated him on becoming the Team Leader for all Team Ag Ed LPS specialists at National FFA.

Retiring Address: Kristianne Dowd
Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “Just Keep Swimming!” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Mr. Samuel Rubinstein, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Corey Blake, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules
The State Officers played their version of Songs in Real Life, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members and 525 FFA members, advisors and guests present.
Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Purcell, Division Director, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture’s Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Art Competition Awards
Fine Art Division:
1st place ($100): Frederick Santana, Camden Penn Tech
2nd place ($75): Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech
3rd Place ($50): Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

Photography Division:
1st place ($100): Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
2nd place ($75): Briar Mains, Allentown
3rd place ($50): Jess Keimel, North Warren

Official Ceremonies Event Awards
1st place: Allentown
2nd place: Freehold
3rd place: Cape May Tech

The first place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Landscape Design Event Awards
1st place ($100): Allison Fink, Freehold
2nd place ($75): David Modrowsky, Somerset County
3rd place ($50): Lauren Janda, Freehold

Retiring Address: Catherine Cincotta
State FFA Reporter, Catherine Cincotta gave her retiring address entitled “Head On” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition
Silver Ranking: Allentown
Monmouth County
Penns Grove

Gold Ranking: Belvidere
Buena Regional
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Ocean County

Outstanding Community Service Award
Congratulations to the Belvidere FFA Chapter for winning this year’s Outstanding Community Service Award!

Statewide Service Project Recognition
The New Jersey FFA Association’s Statewide Community Service Project focused on raising funds for Habitat for Humanity. Chapters sold paper bricks, which represented contributions that
were used to build a home for a family in need. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

- Middlesex-East Brunswick
- Biotechnology HS
- Cape May Tech
- Penns Grove
- Union County

**Retiring Address: David Watts**

David Watts, State FFA Sentinel, gave his retiring address entitled “Knowing Yourself” and thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with the Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Agriscience Fair Recognition**

The following individuals will submit their written projects in a pre-qualifier for the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

**Animal Systems**

- Division II – Jesse Matsinger, Cape May Tech
- Division IV – Avina Rami and Bryan Santti, Biotechnology

**Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**

- Division I – Nathaniel Byrnes, Biotechnology
- Division II – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology

**Food Products and Processing Systems**

- Division I – Mary Hanna-Alla, Biotechnology
- Division II – JJ Larkins, Biotechnology
- Division III – Jodie Chiou and Lauren Kwok, Biotechnology
- Division IV – Julianna Mastropierro and Kelly O’Rourke, Biotechnology

**Plant Systems**

- Division I – Dylan Cook, Biotechnology
- Division II – Burton Ye, Biotechnology
- Division III – Peter Nekrasov and Jonathon Movsik, Biotechnology
- Division IV – Rachel Weinstein and Allison Bazer, Biotechnology

**Power, Structural, and Processing Systems**

- Division II – Michael Shen, Biotechnology
- Division III – Himani Jani and Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology
- Division IV – Avni Mehta and Peter Davis, Biotechnology

**Social Systems**

- Division III – Grace Zhang and Katherine Shiu, Biotechnology
- Division IV – Akaash Kumar and Saavan Chintalacheruvu, Biotechnology

**Closing Ceremonies**

**2014 Delegate Business Session**

State FFA President, Kyle Clement, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:00 pm.
There were 65 delegates and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes, and two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The schedule for the 85th New Jersey FFA State Convention was presented by Catherine Cincotta, State FFA Reporter.

**Motion by Catherine Cincotta** to accept the order of business for the 85th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Alexandria Wilson, Freehold. Motion passes.**

The 84th New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Kyle Clement, State FFA President.

**Motion by David Watts** to accept the 84th NJ State FFA Convention proceedings.

**Seconded by George Stillwell, Allentown. Motion passes.**

The National FFA Constitutional Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by Delaney Gray, State FFA Vice President.

**Motion by Jason Weaver, Delsea Regional** to recommend that New Jersey votes “yes” on the National Proposal.

**Seconded by Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional. Motion passes.**

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the wording of the actions to be taken in the Bylaws for chapters who have not met the requirements necessary to remain chartered with the NJ State FFA Association was presented by Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian.

**Motion by Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet** to replace “Grace Period” with “Probation” and insert a following clarification sentence in Article IV, Section D.

**Seconded by Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon.**

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 62 delegates in favor, 3 oppose. **Motion passes.**

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the restriction of State Officers still in high school to compete in individual events was presented by Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian.

**Motion by Clara Kolba, Hackettstown** to insert a Section J in Article III-State Officers that will outline the restriction on State Officers still in high school to compete in individual career development events.

**Seconded by Sarah Smith, Belvidere.**

- Leah Glennon, Newton spoke in opposition.
- Jessie Hickey, Allentown spoke in favor.
- Alexandria Wilson, Freehold spoke in favor.
- Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg asked for more detail on the proposal.
- Leah Glennon, Newton spoke in opposition.
- Jessie Hickey, Allentown spoke in favor.
- Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg spoke in opposition.

**Cody Coles, Woodstown moves to previous question.**

**Seconded by Jayon Goodman, Essex Co. Vo. Tech.**

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 51 delegates in favor, 14 oppose. **Motion passes.**
A vote was cast to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the restriction on State Officers in high school to compete in individual events. 23 delegates in favor, 42 oppose.

**Main motion fails.**

The 2013-2014 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer.

**Motion by Javon Goodman, Essex Co. Vo. Tech** to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington. **Motion passes.**

**Standing Committee Reports**

- **Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation**
  
  **Motion by Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick** to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **Career Development Event Review and Evaluation**
  
  **Motion by Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills** to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities**
  
  **Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon** to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **State Leadership Activities**
  
  **Motion by Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **State Convention Evaluation**
  
  **Motion by Anthony Santano, Somerset Co.** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **State FFA Applications**
  
  **Motion by Alexandria Wilson, Freehold** to accept the State Applications committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- **Membership and Chapter Relations**
  
  **Motion by Rebecca Shannon, Freehold** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.
  
  **There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon** to adjourn the 2014 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Carley Coles. **Motion passes.**
Session III

Kristianne Dowd, 2013-2014 State FFA Treasurer presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 536 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards
Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President assisted with the presentation of the awards and brought greetings from the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

**FFA Creed**

1st place ($100): Alison Finn, Freehold
2nd place ($75): Cheyanne Hicks, Phillipsburg
3rd place ($50): Lynee’ Dotson, Northern Burlington

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

1st place ($100): McKenzie May, Newton
2nd place ($75): Alyssa Valentine, Hackettstown
3rd place ($50): Renee Stillwell, Allentown

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

1st place ($100): Leah Glennon, Newtown
2nd place ($75): Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
3rd place ($50): Melonie Weaver, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking

1st place ($100): Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown
2nd place ($75): Trisha Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
3rd place ($50): Meagan Weaver, South Hunterdon

Retiring Address: Stuart Faunce
State FFA Parliamentarian, Stuart Faunce gave his retiring address, titled “Discover.” He thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
The 2014 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is Brian Ducey of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

1st place ($100): Mathew Bonnet, Freehold
2nd place ($75): Rosie Rudman, Cumberland Regional
3rd place ($50): Emily Musick, Cape May Tech

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators
President of the NJAAE, Mr. John Neyhart brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.
Agricultural Awareness Awards
1st place ($150): Penns Grove FFA

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
1st place ($125): Phillipsburg FFA
2nd place ($100): Allentown FFA
3rd place ($50): Freehold FFA

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award
The winner of the 2014 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
1st place ($150): Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA
2nd place ($100): Cumberland Regional FFA
3rd place ($50): Woodstown FFA

Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker
Leah Glennon of the Newton FFA Chapter presented her 6-8 minute speech, “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road.”

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2014 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is Carley Coles from the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2014 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is Renee Stillwell of the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Retiring Address: Kelly Gangel
Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary gave her retiring address, “What About Now?” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with an Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award
The Princeton Agricultural Leadership Society Award was presented to Amanda Wengryn of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 540 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent
Carri Kilian of the Camden Tech East FFA Chapter performed “The Man Who Can’t Be Moved” by The Script.
Summer Career Development Event Awards

**Agronomy**
H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 1st place: Jacob Krull, Newton
- 2nd place: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- 3rd place: Erika Medina, Newton
- 4th place: Danielle Pierson, Newton
- 5th place: Justin Hattersley, Newton

Medals
- Gold: Jacob Krull, Newton
- Silver: Erika Medina, Newton
- Bronze: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the *Newton FFA Chapter*!

**Dairy Cattle Evaluation**
H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 1st Place: Jordan Allen, Belvidere
- 2nd Place: Matt Duckworth, Belvidere
- 3rd Place: Nick Sebold, Belvidere
- 4th Place: Benjamin Laubach, Belvidere

Medals
- Gold: Jordan Allen, Belvidere
- Silver: Matt Duckworth, Belvidere
- Bronze: Nick Sebold, Belvidere

The first place team is the *Belvidere FFA Chapter*!

**Dairy Handlers**
- 1st Place: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- 2nd Place: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- 2nd Place: Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Medals
- Silver: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- Silver: Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
- Bronze: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Gold Medal and a Banner
- Gold: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

**Food Science and Technology**
H.O Sampson Certificates
- 1st Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
- 2nd Place: Liz Muller, Newton
- 2nd Place: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd Place: Madison Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
- 4th Place: Steph Pierson, Newton
- 5th Place: Destiny Bennett, Essex Co. VTS

Medals
Gold: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional  
Silver: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional  
Bronze: Liz Muller, Newton  
The first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

**Horse Evaluation**  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown  
2nd Place: Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional  
2nd Place: Andrew Pryslak, Hackettstown  
3rd Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown  
4th Place: Emily Lapolla, Woodstown  
5th Place: Jessie Stockton, Northern Burlington  
Medals  
Gold: Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown  
Silver: Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional  
Silver: Andrew Pryslak, Hackettstown  
Bronze: Carley Coles, Woodstown  
The first place team is the Hackettstown FFA Chapter!

**Livestock Evaluation**  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech  
2nd Place: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech  
3rd Place: Zach Tomory, Newton  
3rd Place: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown  
4th Place: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton  
4th Place: Frankie Burtt, Newton  
5th Place: Emma Kline, Newton  
Medals  
Gold: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown  
Silver: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech  
Bronze: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech  
The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

**Poultry Evaluation**  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Cody Coles, Woodstown  
2nd Place: Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington  
3rd Place: Kalen Linser, Northern Burlington  
4th Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown  
5th Place: Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington  
Medals  
Gold: Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington  
Silver: Cody Coles, Woodstown  
Bronze: Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington  
The first place team is the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!

**FFA Talent**  
The Freehold FFA Band entertained the audience with their musical talent.
Fall Career Development Event Awards

**Fruits and Vegetables**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Moenika Chowdhury, Union County
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Shannon Wilson, Allentown
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kim Slezak, Newton
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Medals

*Gold*: Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
*Silver*: Moenika Chowdhury, Union County
*Bronze*: Shannon Wilson, Allentown
*Bronze*: Kim Slezak, Newton

The first place team is the *Union County FFA Chapter*!

**Land Judging**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Steven Williams, Allentown
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lacey Hickey, Allentown
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Heidi Free, Belvidere
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Melissa Strom, Belvidere

Medals

*Gold*: Steven Williams, Allentown
*Silver*: Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
*Bronze*: Lacey Hickey, Allentown

The first place team is the *Allentown FFA Chapter*!

**Milk Quality and Products**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charlotte Cercone, Newton
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Benjamin Laubach, Belvidere

Medals

*Gold*: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
*Silver*: Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills
*Bronze*: Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

The first place team is the *Warren Hills FFA Chapter*!

**Turf Management**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Clayton Rogers, Allentown
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jonathon Nelk, Monmouth County
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jake Bucci, Monmouth County
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Thomas Lupo, Monmouth County
Medals

Gold: Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County  
Silver: Clayton Rogers, Allentown  
Bronze: Jake Bucci, Monmouth County

The first place team is the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter**!

**FFA Creed Presentation**

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Alison Finn from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

**Winter Career Development Event Awards**

**Farm Business Management**

Medals

Gold: Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown  
Silver: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon  
Silver: Nico Boscia, Newton  
Bronze: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter**!

**Floral Design**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Krystan Kaczmarek, Allentown  
2nd Place: Emily Donnell, Allentown  
2nd Place: Kayley McCarthy, Newton  
3rd Place: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County  
3rd Place: Jennie Ferrara, Cumberland Regional  
4th Place: Andrianna Borrego, Sussex Tech  
4th Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional  
4th Place: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg  
5th Place: Maria Martinez, Monmouth County  
5th Place: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

Medals

Gold: Krystan Kaczmarek, Allentown  
Silver: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional  
Bronze: Jessie Hickey, Allentown  
Bronze: Kayley McCarthy, Newton

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter**!

**Forestry**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Mike Drislane, Newton  
1st Place: Thomas Rinehart, Newton  
2nd Place: Liz Muller, Newton  
3rd Place: Charlotte Cercone, Newton  
4th Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
5th Place: Christopher Faunce, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Liz Muller, Newton  
Silver: Mike Drislane, Newton  
Bronze: Thomas Rinehart, Newton
The first place team is the **Newton FFA Chapter**!

**Meat Evaluation and Technology**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- **1st Place**: Linnea Pierson, Newton
- **2nd Place**: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- **3rd Place**: Sarah Hosler, Newton
- **4th Place**: Brian Masi, Newton
- **5th Place**: Kait Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Medals

- **Gold**: Linnea Pierson, Newton
- **Silver**: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- **Bronze**: Sarah Hosler, Newton

The first place team is the **Newton FFA Chapter**!

**FFA Talent**

Krista Ford from the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter performed “Mama’s Broken Heart” by Miranda Lambert.

**Spring Career Development Event Awards**

**Agricultural Sales**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- **1st Place**: Emily Karr, Freehold
- **2nd Place**: Anthony Sanchez, Newton
- **3rd Place**: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- **4th Place**: Medina Demiri, Freehold
- **5th Place**: Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- **5th Place**: Sophia Baselice, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Medals

- **Gold**: Emily Karr, Freehold
- **Silver**: Bryanna Dowd, Freehold
- **Silver**: Anthony Sanchez, Newton
- **Bronze**: Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- **Bronze**: Sophia Baselice, Middlesex-East Brunswick

The first place team is the **Freehold FFA Chapter**!

**Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- **1st Place**: Jay Hyland, Allentown
- **2nd Place**: Tom Viviano, Allentown
- **3rd Place**: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
- **4th Place**: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
- **5th Place**: Coleby Etherton, Cumberland Regional

Medals

- **Gold**: Jay Hyland, Allentown
- **Silver**: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
- **Bronze**: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter**!
Environmental and Natural Resources
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Stephen Bond, Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
3rd Place: Wil Winter, Cape May Tech
4th Place: Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg
5th Place: Liz Muller, Newton

Medals
Gold: Stephen Bond, Cape May Tech
Silver: Liz Muller, Newton
Bronze: Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech

The first place team is the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter!

Floriculture
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
2nd Place: Brooke Reczka, Newton
3rd Place: Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township
4th Place: Leonela Vega, Union County
5th Place: Jessica Buyers, BCIT Westampton

Medals
Gold: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
Silver: Jessica Buyers, BCIT Westampton
Bronze: Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township

The first place team is the Pemberton Township FFA Chapter!

Nursery and Landscape
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Jonathan Nelk, Monmouth County
2nd Place: Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
3rd Place: Brandy Steelman, Cape May Tech
4th Place: Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech
5th Place: Alex Fiedler, Newton

Medals
Gold: Jonathan Nelk, Monmouth County
Silver: Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
Bronze: Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County

The first place team is the Monmouth County FFA Chapter!

Veterinary Science
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Rachael McCorkle, Woodstown
2nd Place: Amber Gates, Phillipsburg
3rd Place: Claire Brown, Allentown
3rd Place: Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet
5th Place: Alexandria Wilson, Freehold
4th Place: Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg
5th Place: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
Medals

Gold: Claire Brown, Allentown
Silver: Rachael McCorkle, Woodstown
Bronze: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

The first place team is the Biotechnology FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent
Jeanette Gray from the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter performed “Let It Go” from the movie Frozen.

National Event Sweepstakes Award
Chapter: Congratulations to the Allentown FFA Chapter for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 14th in Floriculture Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 20th out of 183 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Catherine Cincotta, 2013-2014 State FFA Reporter presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 556 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Mitch Baker
National FFA Secretary, Mitch Baker presented his Keynote Address, “Every Day an Adventure.”

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year
The Member of the Month recipients for 2013-2014 were honored:

May: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
June: Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren
September: Jimmy LeClair, North Warren
October: Jessie Hickey, Allentown
December: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
January: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
February: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
March: Kiana Harris, Allentown
April: George Stillwell, Allentown

The 2013-2014 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to Benjamin Wainwright of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.
Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

1st Place: Freehold FFA
2nd Place: Allentown FFA
3rd Place: Essex Co. Vo. Tech

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition
New Jersey’s American Degree Candidates were as follows:

- Stuart Faunce, Allentown
- Anna Lubas, Allentown
- Nichole Ondy, Allentown
- Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
- Delaney Gray, Freehold
- Shane Greco, Newton
- Jonathon Heater, Newton
- Caitlin Lubey, Newton
- Jared Martz, Newton
- Emily Ventura, Newton
- Dave Watts, Penns Grove
- Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
- Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

World Food Prize Recognition
Alexandria Wilson from the Freehold FFA Chapter represented New Jersey as a delegate at the World Food Prize. Alexandria was selected to the EARTH University in Giacimo, Costa Rica to work as a World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Intern.

New Jersey’s candidate for the Global Youth Institute for 2014 is Taylor Cats of the Ocean County FFA Chapter!

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, NJ FFA Advisor and State Program Leader for agricultural education brought greetings on behalf of the Office of Agricultural Education.

Honorary State Degree Ceremony
The following people were presented with the Honorary Garden State FFA Degree:

- Michael Brooks – Farmer at Dusty Lanes Farm
- Sabrina Brown – Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County Agent
- William Carney – FFA Alumni President, Allentown FFA Chapter
- Paul Hlubik – NJ State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency
- Mitchell Jones – Owner of Mountain Top Farmers, Warren County
- Lisa Roach – Career Exploration Teacher, Cape May CVTS
- Ryck Suydam – NJ Farm Bureau President
- Lisa Tauscher – Manager of Special Needs Students/Programs, Union County VTS
- Chuck Wojtaszek – Freehold FFA Chapter Chaperone
- Daniel Wunderlich – New Jersey Department of Agriculture Employee
Job Interview Event
1st Place ($100): Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
2nd Place ($75): Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
3rd Place ($50): Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

Demonstration Event Awards
Individual Awards
1st Place ($100): Tyler Kohlhaas, Cape May Tech
2nd Place ($75): Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown
3rd Place ($50): Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

Team Awards
1st Place ($200): Cape May Tech FFA
2nd Place ($150): Hackettstown FFA
3rd Place ($100): Northern Burlington FFA

Retiring Address: Delaney Gray
State FFA Vice President, Delaney Gray gave her retiring address entitled, “Value.” She thanked her support system by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association
The 2013-2014 State FFA President, Kyle Clement and State FFA Reporter Catherine Cincotta presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Kelly Gangel, 2013-2014 State FFA Secretary, and Delaney Gray, 2013-2014 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and a New Jersey FFA record of 656 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “One”
The State Officers presented their reflections, which put into perspective how important the agricultural industry is, and encouraged members to make a difference.

Chapter Challenge Award
The winner of the 2014 Chapter Challenge Award is the Freehold FFA Chapter!

Star Chapter Award
Jimmy LeClair of the North Warren FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2013-2014 Star State Chapter Placement Award.
Star Greenhand Award
The 2013-2014 Star State Greenhand is Renee Stillwell of the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Greetings from Young Farmers & Ranchers
Gillian Armstrong, past State Officer and Chair of the New Jersey Young Farmers & Ranchers Program brought greetings on behalf of the NJ YF&R and NJ Farm Bureau.

Superior Chapter Recognition
Belvidere
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Monmouth County
North Warren
Woodstown

National Chapter Award
Gold: Allentown
Northern Burlington Middle
Penns Grove

Silver: Northern Burlington

Bronze: Freehold
Ocean County
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Warren Hills

Most Improved Chapter
Congratulations to the Woodstown FFA Chapter for being named the 2014 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Greetings from Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno
Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey State Government and discussed the importance of the agricultural industry.

Proficiency Awards
2014 Dairy Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional
2014 Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
2014 Grain Production Placement Proficiency Award: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
2014 Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education
Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, and Honorary American Degree recipient brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the Office of Career and Technical Education.
National FFA Officer Candidate Introductions
The New Jersey National Officer Candidates introduced themselves to the audience. The candidates are:
  Delaney Gray, Freehold
  Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Gold Rating:  
  Allentown  
  Cape May Tech  
  Cumberland Regional  
  Freehold  
  Middlesex-East Brunswick  
  Newton  
  North Warren  
  Northern Burlington  
  Phillipsburg  
  Salem Co. Vo. Tech  
  South Hunterdon  
  Sussex Tech  
  Woodstown

Silver Rating:  
  Hackettstown  
  Middlesex-Piscataway  
  Monmouth County  
  Northern Burlington Middle  
  Ocean County  
  Penns Grove  
  Somerset County  
  Union County  
  Warren Hills

Bronze Rating:  
  BCIT – Westampton  
  BCIT West-Vet  
  Belvidere  
  Biotechnology  
  Buena Regional  
  Camden – Pennsauken  
  Camden – Tech East  
  Delsea Regional  
  Essex Co. Vo. Tech  
  Pemberton Township  
  South Hunterdon Middle

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Quiz Bowl:  
The Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter is the winner of the 2014 FFA Quiz Bowl event!

Lifetime Membership:  
The 2013-2014 State FFA Officer Team received Lifetime Alumni Membership after stepping up to the challenge and raising the necessary funds for this honor.
Special Recognition: Ms. Butch
The NJ Alumni Association and NJ State FFA Officers presented Ms. Sue Butch with the “Service Above Self” Award for her unwavering support of the FFA since 1995.

Best Dressed Chapter Award
Congratulations to the Woodstown FFA Chapter for being named the 2014 Best Dressed Chapter!

Soybean Yield Contest Awards
The winner of the 2013 Soybean Yield Contest is Kristi Dickison of the North Warren FFA Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards
Division II: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
Division III: Alana Kegel, Middlesex Piscataway

FFA Week Awards
1st Place ($150): Hackettstown FFA
2nd Place ($100): Allentown FFA
3rd Place ($50): Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA

Greetings from Rutgers University
Dr. Barry Jesse, Associate Dean for Academic Administration brought greetings on behalf of Rutgers University.

Distinguished Service
The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:
  - The Horse Park of New Jersey
  - Linden Moose Lodge 913
  - Team Toyota of Princeton
  - Zoetis

Convention Recognition
The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:
  - Krista Cruzan
  - Leon Delcher
  - Jimmie Ferguson
  - Joe Goodenough
  - Dane Grossnickle
  - Alec McAlarnen
  - Eric Nelson
  - Sam Rubinstein
  - Brianne Scholl
  - Brett Speakman
  - Stephanie Tarlowe
  - Ashley Willits
**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**
For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, the members of the Allentown FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was awarded for their efforts.

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**

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The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Corey Blake** of the **Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA Chapter**!

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Sue Butch, and Mrs. Erin Noble presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and the Executive Committee with certificates of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.
Talent and State Degree Seating
Julianna Humphreys entertained the audience with her dancing talent.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown: Grayson A. Asprocolas
Roni L. Freed
Kiana Harris
Colby P. Rothstein
George F. Stillwell
Shawn M. Wolford

Belvidere: Maren M. McEvoy

Cape May Tech: Siana Aspenburg
Joseph A. Bravo
Johanna Hunter DeFeo
Jeanette F. Gray
Sydne E. Hunter
Emily K. Musick

Middlesex-East Brunswick: Corey J. Blake

Middlesex-Piscataway: Peter Dudek

Newton: Alex T. Armstrong
Nico V. Boscia
Eliaana E. Casqueira
Charlotte Cercone
Michael G. Drislane
Leah M. Glennon
Kyle J. Kasharian
Emma L. Kline
Elizabeth H. Muller
Stephanie Nicole Pierson
Thomas R. Rinehart
Anthony J. Sanchez
Darren U. Smith
Rebecca L. Viersma

Northern Burlington: Robert W. Bercy, Jr.
Sean J. Hamner
Stephen Y. Specca

Penns Grove: Carleigh R. Huff

Salem Co. Vo. Tech: Kyle S. Fisher
Hannah J. Mann
Sierra N. Savidge

Sussex Tech: Paige E. Hennihan

Warren Hills: Stacey Giordano

Woodstown: Rachael McCorkle
Kelly Van Cleave
Ariel Wilson

State Star Award Recognition

2013-2014 State Star Farmer: George Stillwell, Allentown
Retiring Address: Kyle Clement
Kyle Clement, State FFA President presented his retiring address entitled “Make the Most of It!” Kyle thanked his support system by presenting his family and advisors with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report
Chelsey Fitton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

- Executive Committee: Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Catherine Cincotta, Dave Watts, Stuart Faunce
- State Parliamentarian: Kyle Fisher
- State Sentinel: Sean Hamner
- State Reporter: Hope Cahill
- State Treasurer: Benjamin Wainwright
- State Secretary: Jenna Pinhas
- State Vice President: Kelly Gangel
- State President: Kristianne Dowd

Motion by Chelsey Fitton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter to elect the candidates to their respective state offices.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Past State Office Power Point
A Power Point was presented as a tribute to all the past state officers.

Installation of 2014-2015 State Officers
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

Convention in Review
The 2014 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

Closing Ceremonies
Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Antonio Mejia, Bankbridge Regional
Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Kiersten Sangastiano, Monmouth County
Kyle Folds, Delsea Regional
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County
Lynee’ Dotson, Northern Burlington Middle
Mrs. Hamilton, Northern Burlington

Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East
Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
Angie Mansilla, Essex County Vo. Tech
Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary
Mr. Dannucci, Northern Burlington
Kristina B, BCIT Westampton

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss and review Horticultural Exposition and the Floral Design CDE.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Create a new category for State Officers/Alumni members, modeled after the “Advisor’s Folly”
- Add in each class description the wording “No plug in electricity”
- Create a “Floral Headpiece” category
- Change the wording in the Floral Design Rubric to state “Black Dress Slacks” for female official dress
- Create a “Miniature Garden Category”
- Rename “Dried Delights” to “Country Delights”
- Create a new category for body flowers, for the display of atypical corsages and other pieces
- Reword the Bonsai tree description regarding the wiring of young trees
- Reword flat of bedding plants to read “One entry per chapter”
- Increase the pot size to 22” and suitable for a table display in classes 108-109
- Change Topiary size limit to 3’-5’ wide
- Class 103 Nursery to include any outside NJ landscape material
- Rearrange the tables in the Floral Design CDE so that instructions are easily heard

Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick – Chairman
Kiersten Sangastiano, Monmouth County – Secretary
Career Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Charlotte Cercone, Newton
Alyssa Sebold, Belvidere
Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
Olivia Cullen, North Warren
Dustin Engel, Pemberton Township
George Stillwell, Allentown
Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian

Andy Snyder, Somerset County
Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg
Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington
Ms. Tiffany Morey, South Hunterdon

Purpose of Meeting:
To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Keep the 60% Mastery Level in effect
• There should be more promotion for career development events such as YouTube series or specific website for CDEs

Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills – Chairman
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg – Secretary
Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
Elizabeth Taylor, Buena Regional
Joe Bravo, Cape May Tech
Clara Kolba, Hackettstown
Denise Huscha, Piscataway
Margaret Hopkins, Union County
Carri Kilian, Camden Tech East
Sean Walker, Ocean County
Sarah Smith, Belvidere
Kyle Clement, State FFA President

Purpose of Meeting:
To review and evaluate Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities of the New Jersey FFA Association and make any suggestions necessary.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Amend Bylaws Article I-Organization of local chapters, Section C to replace “Grace Period” with “Probation” and insert a following clarification sentence stating “A chapter placed on probation will not be able to participate in state/national events until the standards necessary for the chapter to remain chartered with the NJ State FFA Association are met.”
- Amend Bylaws Article III-State Officers to insert a Section J that should read “Being that state officers receive a high degree of exclusive professional leadership and public speaking training, state officers still enrolled in secondary education are not permitted to compete in individual career development events.”
- Include State Community Service Project Article 10 Section II of the POA (list as item D) “Statewide community service project” with goals and action steps to be determined by the state executive board.

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman
Sarah Smith, Belvidere – Secretary
State Leadership Activities
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Cody Coles, Woodstown
Leonella Vega, Union County
Sabrena Colon, BCIT West-Vet
Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon
Delaney Gray, State FFA Vice President

Matt DeChristiano, Monmouth County
Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington
Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Yanitza Mendez, Camden Penn Tech

Purpose of Meeting:
Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Give members more information on careers and other opportunities in Agriculture during leadership conferences
• Encourage FFA members to voice their opinions at FFA events
• Increase interactions with members and state officers
• Revise session times based on comments found in evaluations
• Consider implementing regional conferences in order to promote interactions between local chapters (state officers could facilitate for their own region’s conference)

Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg – Chairman
Cody Coles, Woodstown – Secretary
State Convention Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Connor O’Leary, Biotechnology
Collin Cudworth, Warren Hills
Megan Rohloff, BCIT West-Vet
Carleigh Huff, Penns Grove
John Zidzik, South Hunterdon

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech
Jason Weaver, Delsea Regional
Morgan Houser, Bankbridge Regional
Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township
David Watts, State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:
Evaluate the convention, the community service project, and the courtesy corps application.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Create a showcase for CDEs, or advertisement on IHigh
- Make schedule more apparent for chapter members
- Backstage remains organized as it was for 2014 Convention
- Better information for Courtesy Corps
- More activity for non-competing members
- Assigned seating for all award winners
- Better enforcement of dress code

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech – Chairman
Carleigh Huff, Penns Grove – Secretary
State FFA Applications
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:
Alexandria Wilson, Freehold          Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
Anne Linke, Middlesex-East Brunswick  Carley Coles, Woodstown
Haley Lubey, North Warren            Adrianne Borrego, Sussex Tech
Javon Goodman, Essex Tech             Estefania Medina, Penns Grove
Siera Savidge, Salem Co. Vo. Tech    Mr. Rudderow, Penns Grove
Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer

Purpose of Meeting:
To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Change #3 in Blue Jacket, Bright Futures Application to a list, and make seniors in High school eligible to apply
- Member of the Month: carry over applications from previous months
- Add percentages instead of max number involved in Advisor of the Year Application
- Remove Section 2 Part a Ag Awareness, promote through social media, chapter visits, and creating ag awareness month
- Promotion through email application opportunities to chapter officers

Alexandria Wilson, Freehold – Chairman
Carley Coles, Woodstown – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Taylor Cats, Ocean County
Alana Kegel, Piscataway
Kevin Kenneolly, Biotechnology
Mike Drislane, Newton
Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech
Dr. McLean, Northern Burlington

Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle
Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet
Gus Semanchik, Hackettstown
Ali Trotman, South Hunterdon
Catherine Cincotta, State FFA Reporter

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss the effectiveness of Program Affiliation as well as recruitment and communication ideas.

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:
- Have hashtag challenges on social media sites to encourage member involvement
- Place the BCIT Medford FFA Chapter on a one year probation for the 2014-2015 year
- Change the format of the state officer request form to GoogleForm to ease submission
- Expand poster program as a reward
- Expand member participation by allowing 7th and 8th graders to participate in 3-5 minute speaking and Division I essay event

Comments:
Suggestion for Poster Series: include better demonstration of the words concept, and should have a number. Use group photos instead of individual photos to prevent them from becoming outdated and to use as incentive awards.

Rebecca Shannon, Freehold – Chairman
Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet – Secretary
2013-2014 State FFA Executive Board

State President: Kyle Clement
State Vice President: Delaney Gray
State Secretary: Kelly Gangel
State Treasurer: Kristianne Dowd
State Reporter: Catherine Cincotta
Sentinel: David Watts
Parliamentarian: Stuart Faunce
Executive Committee Chair: Ernest Arians
Executive Committee: Anne Poinsett, Lauren Fillebrown
Teacher Representative: Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets
State Advisor: Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist: Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer: Ms. Susan R. Butch
FFA MISSION

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

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MISSION

Preparing People for Leadership and Careers in Agriculture

THE THREE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF A COMPLETE PROGRAM OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- Supervised Agricultural Experience
- FFA