83rd New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings

May 22-24, 2012
Session I

Alec McAlarnen, 2011-2012 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 484 members, advisors, and guests present.

Welcome to Rutgers University
Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the college.

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

FFA Jacket Presentation
46 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets. The jackets were funded through the “Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.” Jacket Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown: Jay Hyland Thomas Viviano
Biotechnology: Rebecca Barresi Lakshmi Iyengar
Joyce Lee Ananya Sureshkumar
Gianna Tempera
Buena Regional: Drew Puelo
Cape May Tech: Brandon Alloway Siani Aspensberg
Joe Bravo Eric Breder
Johanna DeFeo Jeanette Gray
Nate Horvath Sydne Hunter
Summer Jones Quinn Overcash
Leeza Roberto
Cumberland Regional: Andrew Wolbert
Delsea Regional: Joe Del Giorno
Essex County: Caitlin Cartagena Nathania Hector
Natalie Ramos
Freehold: Marie Boyle Stephanie Hood
Emily Karr Maria Martinez
Brenda Reyes
Middlesex-East Brunswick: Ashley Galati
Samantha Meyer
Amanda Linke
Morgan Montgomery
Middlesex-Piscataway: Katelyn Boscia
Alana Kegel
Lorena Cruz
Liz Molina
Monmouth County: Chris Muzer
North Warren: Jack Butrymowicz
Matthew Conk
Abby Casey
Northern Burlington: Sean Hamner
Penns Grove: Kendal Morgan
South Hunterdon: Mitchell Haug
Union County: Kristen Schafer
Warren Hills: Stacey Giordano

Keynote Address
Grant Baldwin presented his speech, “Being a Difference Maker.”

Introduction of NJ State FFA Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee
Alec McAlarnen described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Stephanie Tarlwoe introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

- Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown
- Stuart Faunce, Allentown
- David Watts, Penns Grove
- Adult Coordinator – Mrs. Rebecca Lambert
- Executive Committee Representative – Eric Nelson

State Officer Candidates were invited to come to the stage and introduce themselves. The candidates were:

- Ernest C. Ariens, Ocean County
- Kyle H. Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech
- Alex M. Feltwater, Newton
- Lauren A. Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
- Joseph D. Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
- Delaney M. Gray, Freehold
- Muriel M. Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech
- Jonathan R. Heater, Newton
- Gaspar Hernandez IV, Newton
- Stephen Milo, Freehold
- Erin Mulrooney, Phillipsburg
- Anne M. Poinsett, Northern Burlington
- Kelsey Anne Weigand, Phillipsburg
**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. Two FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships were presented this year thanks to a donation by past State FFA Officer Alison Keggan. Scholarship winners were:

1st Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

2nd Place: Stuart Faunce, Allentown

The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were:

1st Place: Cumberland Regional

2nd Place: Middlesex-East Brunswick

**State FFA Scholarships**

The following scholarship winners were announced. Scholarships were made possible through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship** – Eric Nelson, Newton; Jeffrey Neyhart, Biotechnology; and Katrina Nicoletta, Cape May Tech

**Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship** – Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Casey DeStasio, Freehold

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Sarah Turner, North Warren

**Warren Hills Ag Education Scholarship & Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship** – Jenny Allen, Warren Hills

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship & Charles Evans Peterson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** – Mackenzie Tierney, Union County

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, David Seely Memorial Scholarship** – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship** – Kelsey Rinehart, Phillipsburg

**Stephen Tucker Scholarship** – Molly Sternal, Union County

**William G. Smith Scholarship** – Jared Colon, Freehold

**Roszel Scholarship & Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship & William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** – Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

**The Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Rachel Layton, Woodstown

**May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship** – James Ferguson III, Cape May Tech

**The Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Lindsay Kornberger, Belvidere

**Bilinski Senior Award** – Levi Gibbs, Hackettstown
Harold Heinz Memorial Scholarship – Narissa Richie, Middlesex-Piscataway

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon; Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Erin Eckenroad, Penns Grove; James Ferguson III, Cape May Tech; Douglas Gomez, Union County; Tiauna Marie Griffin, Essex County; Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton; and Stephen Milo, Freehold

Delaware Valley College Scholarship – Anna Lubas, Allentown

National FFA Convention Scholarship – Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington

National FFA Scholarships
$1,000 Archer Daniels Midland Company Scholarship – Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon

$1,000 NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship – Shelly Grinshpun, Biotechnology

$1,000 Dean Foods Company Scholarship – Muriel Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech

$1,000 Ford National Scholarship – Jeffrey Neyhart, Biotechnology

$8,000 ConAgra Foods Scholarship – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA Western Region Vice President Seth Pratt brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: James Ferguson III
James Ferguson III gave his retiring address entitled “…In Being Happy Myself” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Ms. Keely Weinberger, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Erin Eckenroad, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules
The State Officers played a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 491 members, advisors, and guests present.
2011-2012 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards
The Member of the Month recipients for 2011-2012 were honored
May: Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington
June: Muriel Haney, Salem County Vo. Tech
September: Stephen Milo, Freehold
October: Jennifer Ludwig, Penns Grove
November: Catrena Clair, Penns Grove
December: Mary Watts, Penns Grove
January: Erin Eckenroad, Penns Grove
February: Kelsey Weigand, Phillipsburg
March: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
April: Alex Feltwater, Newton

The 2012 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to Alex Feltwater of the Newton FFA Chapter.

Greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Monique Purcell, Director of the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture brought greetings to the convention.

Official Ceremonies Event Award
1st Place: Allentown
2nd Place: Buena Regional
3rd Place: Freehold

The 1st place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Landscape Design Event Awards
1st Place: Brianna Besso, Freehold
2nd Place: Scott Jordan, Somerset County
3rd Place: David Modrowsky, Somerset County

Retiring Address: Samuel Rubinstein
Samuel Rubinstein gave his retiring address entitled “Best Day Ever” and presented his parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Art Competition Awards
Fine Art Division:
1st Place: Dana Gould, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place: Jessica Turner, Warren Hills
3rd Place: Alexander Sansone, Phillipsburg

Photography Division:
1st Place: Lauren Golba, Freehold
2nd Place: Nichole Wright, Allentown
3rd Place: Jessie Hickey, Allentown

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 – Ananya Sureshkumar, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Joyce Lee and Lindsey Sniffen, Biotechnology

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems
   Division I – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology
   Division II – Akhil Chakravarti, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Alyssa Cendagorta and Bhavani Taramangalam, Biotechnology

Food Products and Processing Systems
   Division II – Kevin Kenneally, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Donna Kwon and William Wang, Biotechnology

Plant Systems
   Division II – Rebecca Barresi, Biotechnology
   Division III – Connor O’Leary and Patrick Rogers, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Lakshmi Iyengar and Michelle Zhao, Biotechnology

Power, Structural, and Processing Systems
   Division II – Kevin Trigani, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Daniel Greenberg and Gianna Tempera, Biotechnology

Social Systems
   Division II – Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
   Division IV – Daisy Hoagland and Emily Moschowits, Biotechnology

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, addressed the convention on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

FFA Essay Events Awards
   Division II Winner: Paige Hickman, Cumberland Regional
   Division III Winner: Narissa Richie, Middlesex-Piscataway

FFA Week Awards
   1st Place: Essex County
   2nd Place: Northern Burlington
   3rd Place: Allentown

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition
   Horticulture Division: Raymond Kelly, Middlesex-East Brunswick
   Fresh Division: Deirdre Sabo, Bankbridge Regional
   Permanent Division: Kimberly Roach, Freehold
   Adult Division: Kate Stickney, BCIT-Medford

Retiring Address: Gillian Armstrong
Gillian Armstrong gave her retiring address entitled “Food for Thought” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.
8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Gold Ranking:  
- BCIT Westampton  
- Buena Regional  
- Freehold  
- Middlesex-Piscataway  
- Monmouth County  
- North Warren  
- Northern Burlington  
- Penns Grove

Silver Ranking:  
- Allentown  
- Union County

Bronze Ranking:  
- Middlesex-East Brunswick  
- Ocean County

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter for receiving this year’s Outstanding Community Service Award.

Statewide Community Service Project

The “New Jersey FFA Against Hunger” campaign was initiated to support hunger relief efforts. Wristbands saying “NJ FFA Against Hunger” were sold for $1 each to support New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger and raised $2,000. The State Association also collected 758 nonperishable food items to donate to Rutgers Against Hunger. Ms. Kristina Guttadora brought greetings on behalf of Farmers Against Hunger, and Dr. Larry Katz spoke on behalf of Rutgers Against Hunger. The following participating chapters were recognized onstage:

- Allentown  
- BCIT-Medford  
- BCIT Westampton  
- Buena Regional  
- Cape May Tech  
- Freehold  
- Middlesex-East Brunswick  
- Middlesex-Piscataway  
- Monmouth County  
- Northern Burlington  
- Ocean County  
- Penns Grove  
- Sussex Tech  
- Union County  
- Warren Hills

The chapters who collected the most food items for Rutgers Against Hunger were presented gift cards to the National FFA Store.

1st Place: Middlesex-East Brunswick  
2nd Place: Buena Regional  
3rd Place: Monmouth County

Closing Ceremonies
2012 Delegate Business Session

State President, Alec McAlarnen, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:05 pm. Mr. Randy Trivette served as the official Parliamentarian.

There were 58 delegates and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The 82\textsuperscript{nd} NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President.

Motion by James Ferguson III of the State FFA Association to approve the proceedings of the 82\textsuperscript{nd} New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Jessica Tegano of the Allentown FFA chapter. Motion passed.

The National FFA Constitution Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President.

Motion by Jennifer Berry-Burkhart of the Ocean County FFA Chapter to recommend that New Jersey's delegates vote "yes" on the National Proposal.

Seconded by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion passed.

The 2012-2013 Program Affiliation proposal was presented by Gillian Armstrong, State FFA Parliamentarian.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong of the State FFA Association to accept the Program Affiliation structure.

Seconded by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Nyasia Ruiz of the Camden Tech East Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Michelle Moss of the Middlesex-Piscataway Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Dante Ricci of the Cumberland Regional Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- State FFA Vice President James Ferguson III spoke in favor of the motion.
- Nyasia Ruiz of the Camden Tech East Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- State FFA Advisor Mrs. Nancy Trivette provided information regarding the motion.

Motion by Gabriella Oakley of the Freehold FFA Chapter to amend the main motion to change the membership number brackets rather than fee prices.

Seconded by Mitchell Haug of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter. Motion was withdrawn.

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter suggested ten-person increments.
- Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative, spoke in favor of the proposal.
- State FFA Parliamentarian Gillian Armstrong clarified for Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets.
- State FFA Advisor Mrs. Nancy Trivette recommended to finish approving the proposal.
- Alex Clark asked to know the benefits of Affiliation, so State FFA President Alec McAlarnen read from the information packet.
- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
Jessica Tegano of the Allentown FFA Chapter moved the Previous Question. Seconded by Ernest Arians of the State FFA Association. Motion Passed.

Main Motion passed.

Alex Clark of the Newton FFA Chapter called for Division of the House. 39 in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to adjourn the 83rd delegate business session. Seconded by Charles Zielke of the Delsea Regional FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.

Session III

Stephanie Tarlowe, 2011-2012 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 508 members, advisors, and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards
Mr. Tom Byrne, New Jersey Farm Bureau First Vice President, assisted with award presentations and brought greetings from the Farm Bureau.

FFA Creed
1st Place: Emily Karr, Freehold
2nd Place: Kyle Kasharian, Newton
3rd Place: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

3-5 Minute Public Speaking
1st Place: Steve Petrides, Biotechnology
2nd Place: Sarah Aidukas, Allentown
3rd Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

6-8 Minute Public Speaking
1st Place: Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
2nd Place: Gabriella Medina, Freehold
3rd Place: Justine Wolenski, Hackettstown

Extemporaneous Speaking
1st Place: Chris Chioffe, Phillipsburg
2nd Place: Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown
3rd Place: Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Agricultural Issues Forum Awards
1st Place: South Hunterdon
New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
Congratulations to Mrs. Patricia Thorne of the Buena FFA Chapter for being named the 2012 New Jersey Advisor of the Year.

Superior Teacher Recognition Program
Bronze: Daniel Delcher, Sussex Tech
Silver: Tiffany Morey, Essex County VTS
       Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle
       Bonnie Baldasare, Union County
Gold: John Petronglo, BCIT-Westampton
      Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional
      John Neyhart, Monmouth County
      Jennifeur Wilson, North Warren
      Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County
      Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators
John Neyhart, President of the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators, brought greetings on behalf of the NJAAE.

Teach Agriculture Event Awards
1st Place: Chelsea Errickson, Buena Regional
2nd Place: Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Kristen Stephenson, Freehold

Agriculture Awareness Awards
1st Place: Penns Grove
2nd Place: Middlesex-Piscataway

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
1st Place: Penns Grove
2nd Place: Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Warren Hills

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
1st Place: Allentown
2nd Place: Buena Regional
3rd Place: Camden Tech East

Hall of States Exhibit Event Awards
1st Place: Salem County Vo. Tech

Retiring Address: Ernest Arians
Ernest Arians gave his retiring address entitled “The Mountain Pass” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2012 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is Kristianne Dowd from the Freehold FFA Chapter.
New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2012 New Jersey FFA Secretaries of the Year are Kayla Windham and Lauren Fillebrown from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Public Relations Awards
1st Place: BCIT-Westampton

Video Public Relations Awards
Annual Report Category: Allentown
FFA Week Category: Northern Burlington

Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker
Lauren Fillebrown of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter presented her speech, “Food for Thought.”

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award
The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to Peter Dudek of the Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition
Gold Rating: Allentown Northen Burlington
Cape May Tech Penns Grove
Cumberland Regional Phillipsburg
Freehold Salem County Vo. Tech
Middlesex-Piscataway South Hunterdon
Monmouth County Union County
Newton

Silver Rating: BCIT-Medford North Warren
BCIT-Westampton Northern Burlington Middle
Buena Regional Ocean County
Essex County Warren Hills
Hackettstown Woodstown
Middlesex-East Brunswick

Bronze Rating: Belvidere Somerset County
Biotechnology South Hunterdon Middle
Camden Tech East Sussex Tech

Closing Ceremonies
CDE Session

Opening Ceremonies
Official Ceremonies were presented by the first place official ceremonies team from the Allentown FFA Chapter.
**Introduction of Guests**
There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 508 members, advisors, and guests present.

**Out-of-State Career Development Event Awards**

**Dairy Handlers**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Courtney Sodtalbers, North Warren  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Molly English, Woodstown

Medals  
**Gold:** Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional  
**Silver:** Courtney Sodtalbers, North Warren  
**Bronze:** Sarah Hamner, Northern Burlington

**Horse Evaluation**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Molly English, Woodstown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Desiree Clark, Woodstown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kyle Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kylie Bobbit, Salem County Vo. Tech  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Katie Hall, Woodstown  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Shannon Wilson, Allentown  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Lindsey Foster, Salem County Vo. Tech

Medals  
**Gold:** Desiree Clark, Woodstown  
**Silver:** Kyle Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech  
**Bronze:** Shannon Wilson, Allentown

The first place team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

**Poultry Evaluation**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Molly English, Woodstown  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paulina Oleinik, Northern Burlington  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Remington Little, Northern Burlington  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Marissa Drombaski, Northern Burlington  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Katie Hall, Woodstown  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jared Nutt, Woodstown  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Nick Italiano, Woodstown

Medals  
**Gold:** Molly English, Woodstown  
**Gold:** Paulina Oleinik, Northern Burlington  
**Silver:** Remington Little, Northern Burlington  
**Bronze:** Marissa Drombaski, Northern Burlington

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

**Talent Performance**
Danielle Horstmann from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter performed a lyrical dance to “Sorry.”
**Fall Career Development Event Awards**

**Milk Quality and Products**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

- *1st Place:* Alexa Beaumont, Belvidere
- *2nd Place:* Christine Casterline, Belvidere
- *3rd Place:* Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills
- *4th Place:* Alex Feltwater, Newton
- *4th Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- *5th Place:* Sarah Smith, Belvidere

Medals

- *Gold:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown
- *Silver:* Alexa Beaumont, Belvidere
- *Bronze:* Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

*The first place team was the Belvidere FFA Chapter.*

**Fruits and Vegetables**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

- *1st Place:* Tara Daly, Allentown
- *2nd Place:* Sarah Aidukas, Allentown
- *2nd Place:* Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County
- *2nd Place:* Stephanie White, Monmouth County
- *2nd Place:* Nichole Wright, Allentown
- *3rd Place:* Brianna Besso, Freehold
- *3rd Place:* Zak Botelho, Monmouth County
- *3rd Place:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton
- *4th Place:* Lucinda Abbott, BCIT-Westampton
- *4th Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- *4th Place:* Milton Landes, Freehold
- *4th Place:* Brandi Meyers, Phillipsburg
- *4th Place:* Harrah Newman, Freehold
- *4th Place:* Stephen Specca, Northern Burlington
- *4th Place:* Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County
- *4th Place:* Alexandra Wilson, Freehold
- *5th Place:* Alyssa Cassidy, Newton
- *5th Place:* Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington
- *5th Place:* Erin Dearborn, Newton
- *5th Place:* Susan Wang, Hackettstown
- *5th Place:* Brandy Weaver, BCIT-Westampton

Medals

- *Gold:* Tara Daly, Allentown
- *Silver:* Sarah Aidukas, Allentown
- *Silver:* Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County
- *Silver:* Stephanie White, Monmouth County
- *Silver:* Nichole Wright, Allentown
- *Bronze:* Brianna Besso, Freehold
- *Bronze:* Zak Botelho, Monmouth County
- *Bronze:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton

*The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.*
Land Judging
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1\textsuperscript{st} Place: George Stillwell, Allentown
   2\textsuperscript{nd} Place: Stuart Faunce, Allentown
   3\textsuperscript{rd} Place: Shannon Thomas, Newton
   4\textsuperscript{th} Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
   5\textsuperscript{th} Place: Jessica Tegano, Allentown

Medals
   \textit{Gold}: George Stillwell, Allentown
   \textit{Silver}: Stuart Faunce, Allentown
   \textit{Bronze}: Shannon Thomas, Newton

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Turf Management
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1\textsuperscript{st} Place: Tucker Ritchie, Monmouth County
   2\textsuperscript{nd} Place: Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
   3\textsuperscript{rd} Place: Frank Merrill, Somerset County
   4\textsuperscript{th} Place: Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
   5\textsuperscript{th} Place: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

Medals
   \textit{Gold}: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
   \textit{Silver}: Frank Merrill, Somerset County
   \textit{Bronze}: Matthew DeChristino, Monmouth County

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

FFA Creed Presentation
The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Emily Karr from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm Business Management
Medals
   \textit{Gold}: Hannah Mann, Salem County Vo. Tech
   \textit{Gold}: Ethan Muller, Newton
   \textit{Silver}: Shannon Thomas, Newton
   \textit{Bronze}: Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Forestry
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1\textsuperscript{st} Place: Shannon Bley, Freehold
   2\textsuperscript{nd} Place: Joey Sellitto, Newton
   2\textsuperscript{nd} Place: Kyle Yost, Newton
   3\textsuperscript{rd} Place: Jared Martz, Newton
   3\textsuperscript{rd} Place: Robbie Passafaro, Newton
4th Place: Sarah Hughes, Freehold  
5th Place: Gabriella Oakley, Freehold

Medals
Gold: Shannon Bley, Freehold  
Silver: Kyle Yost, Newton  
Bronze: Joey Sellitto, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter

Agronomy
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Jon Heater, Newton  
2nd Place: Mike Drislane, Newton  
3rd Place: Thomas Rinehart, Newton  
4th Place: Jeremy Henegan, Newton  
5th Place: Katelyn Haggar, Freehold

Medals
Gold: Jon Heater, Newton  
Silver: Mike Drislane, Newton  
Bronze: Stephen Milo, Freehold

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter

Floral Design
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Krystina Mable, BCIT-Westampton  
2nd Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
3rd Place: Jessica Buyers, BCIT-Westampton  
4th Place: Jessica Tegano, Allentown  
5th Place: Brandy Weaver, BCIT-Westampton  
5th Place: Zak Botelho, Middlesex-Piscataway  
5th Place: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Medals
Gold: Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington  
Silver: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington  
Bronze: Dana Gould, Cumberland Regional

The first place team was the BCIT-Westampton FFA Chapter.

Meat Evaluation and Technology
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Joey Cercone, Newton  
2nd Place: Shane Greco, Newton  
3rd Place: Alex Armstrong, Newton  
4th Place: Josh Lemasson, Newton  
5th Place: Chris Chioffe, Phillipsburg

Medals
Gold: Joey Cercone, Newton  
Silver: Shane Greco, Newton  
Bronze: Josh Lemasson, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.
**Talent Performance**
Jackie Driscoll from the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter sang “Colors of the Wind” from the movie “Pocahontas.”

**Spring Career Development Event Awards**

**Dairy Cattle**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

- *1st Place:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- *2nd Place:* Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
- *3rd Place:* Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle
- *4th Place:* Taylor Drummey, South Hunterdon Middle
- *5th Place:* Nicole Werkheiser, Phillipsburg

Medals
- *Gold:* Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
- *Silver:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- *Bronze:* Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle
- *Bronze:* Kaitlyn Robinson, Belvidere

The first place team was the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.

**Livestock Judging**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

- *1st Place:* Josh Lemasson, Newton
- *2nd Place:* Chase Nelson, Woodstown
- *3rd Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- *4th Place:* Ally Hitchner, Woodstown
- *5th Place:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown

Medals
- *Gold:* Chase Nelson, Woodstown
- *Silver:* Josh Lemasson, Newton
- *Bronze:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown

The first place team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

- *1st Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton
- *1st Place:* Drew Hitchner, Cumberland Regional
- *1st Place:* Daniel Hutson, Northern Burlington
- *1st Place:* Daniel Sudol, Allentown
- *1st Place:* Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
- *2nd Place:* Cody Cassady, Salem County Vo. Tech
- *2nd Place:* Jacob Kolb, Northern Burlington
- *2nd Place:* Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon
- *2nd Place:* Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
- *2nd Place:* Darl Westover, North Warren
- *3rd Place:* Rhiannon Bruynell, Salem County Vo. Tech
- *3rd Place:* Michael Giambrone, North Warren
- *3rd Place:* Jared Marty, Newton
4th Place: Ben Shimp, Cumberland Regional
5th Place: David Morowsky, Somerset County
5th Place: Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington
5th Place: Thomas Viviano, Allentown

Medals
Gold: Daniel Sudol, Allentown
Silver: Daniel Huston, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Michael Giambrone, North Warren

The first place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Sales**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Hashem Selim, Union County
2nd Place: Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Kyle Kumpel, Northern Burlington
4th Place: Jackie Driskill, Middlesex-East Brunswick
5th Place: Chelsea Jones, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Medals
Gold: Hashem Selim, Union County
Silver: Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Jon Heater, Newton
Bronze: Sean Pruszkowski, Union County

The first place team was the Union County FFA Chapter.

**Environmental and Natural Resources**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Stephen Milo, Freehold
2nd Place: Jared Colon, Freehold
3rd Place: Ryan Brewster, Newton
4th Place: Katelyn Haggar, Freehold
5th Place: Nicholas Allin, Warren Hills

Medals
Gold: Stephen Milo, Freehold
Silver: Jared Colon, Freehold
Bronze: Katelyn Haggar, Freehold

The first place team was the Freehold FFA Chapter.

**Floriculture**
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Brianna Qualls, Warren Hills
2nd Place: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Aimee Prendergast, Freehold
4th Place: Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
5th Place: Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton

Medals
Gold: Aimee Prendergast, Freehold
Silver: Brianna Qualls, Warren Hills
Bronze: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

The first place team was Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.
Nursery and Landscape
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
   2nd Place: William Mullins, Cape May Tech
   3rd Place: Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
   4th Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
   5th Place: Kimberly Roach, Freehold
Medals
   Gold: Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
   Silver: William Mullins, Cape May Tech
   Bronze: Brendan Powers, Monmouth County
The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.

Veterinary Science
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
   2nd Place: Amanda Thomson, Northern Burlington
   3rd Place: Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford
   4th Place: Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
   5th Place: Lakshmi Iyengar, Biotechnology
Medals
   Gold: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
   Silver: Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
   Bronze: Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford
The first place team was the Biotechnology FFA Chapter.

National Event Sweepstakes Award
Chapter: Congratulations to the Allentown FFA Chapter for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 6th in Homesite Evaluation. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to Bronson Lyon of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 8th out of 171 individuals in Ag Mechanics.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 535 members, advisors, and guests present.
Seth Pratt’s Keynote Address
Seth Pratt, 2011-2012 National FFA Western Region Vice President, presented his keynote address, “Astound Yourself!”

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards
1st Place: Allentown
2nd Place: Penns Grove
3rd Place: Phillipsburg

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition
New Jersey’s American FFA Degree candidates were recognized as follows:
- Kylie Smith, Cape May Tech
- Samuel L. Rubinstein, Freehold
- Margaret Castle, Newton
- Amanda R. Kirchoff, Newton
- Ashley Ann Lemoncelli, Newton
- Tessa C. Masi, Newton
- Harlene McMahon, Newton
- Andrew W. Morris, Newton
- Miranda Victoria Nunn, Newton
- John Wlodarski III, Newton
- Michael F. Willadsen, Penns Grove
- Nathan Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
- Jordan Weller, Phillipsburg
- Mackenzie Lynn Tierney, Union County
- Jennifer Anema, Warren Hills

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

Honorary State Degree Ceremony
The following people were presented the New Jersey Honorary State FFA Degree:

Mr. Joseph Alvarez – Secretary, Cape May County Beach Plum Association

Mr. Patrick Leary – Director of Guidance, Allentown High School

Mr. Jeffrey Lerner – Teaching Supervisor and Next Principal, Union County Technical High School

Ms. Rita Muzzarelli – Owner/Operator, Muzzarelli Farms and Farm Markets

Mr. Justin Noble – New Jersey FFA Foundation Representative, New Jersey FFA Alumni Association

Ms. Debbie Pribell – Membership Benefit Coordinator, New Jersey Farm Bureau

Ms. Vivian Quinn – Event Assistant, Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event
Greetings from the National FFA Organization
Dr. Dwight Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer of the National FFA Organization, brought greetings from the National FFA Organization.

Tractor Driving Event
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: James Asprocolas, Allentown
   2nd Place: Joe Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
   3rd Place: Brandon Powers, Monmouth County
   4th Place: Robert Porter, Cumberland Regional
   5th Place: Jerret Belcher, North Warren

Medals
   Gold: James Asprocolas, Allentown
   Silver: Joe Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
   Bronze: Brandon Powers, Monmouth County

Job Interview Event
   1st Place: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
   2nd Place: Katherine Herrman, Phillipsburg
   3rd Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Demonstration
Individual Awards
   1st Place: Morgan Schnorrbush, Phillipsburg
   2nd Place: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
   3rd Place: Siani Aspenberg, Cape May Tech

Team Awards
   1st Place: Cape May Tech
   2nd Place: Hackettstown
   3rd Place: Monmouth County

Retiring Address: Stephanie Tarlowe
Stephanie Tarlowe delivered her retiring address “Can I Get a Mulligan, Please?” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

Closing Ceremonies
Session V


Official Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 6 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, and 553 members, advisors, and guests present.

Reflections – “Our Keys”
The State Officers spoke about a word relating to leadership and reflected upon how it helps to “Unlock the Possibilities.”

Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards
2011-2012 Star State Greenhand: George Stillwell, Allentown

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education
Mrs. Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, brought greetings to the convention from the New Jersey Department of Education’s Office of Career and Technical Education.

Standing Committee Reports

Delegate Business Session II

State President Alec McAlarnen presided and called Delegate Business Session II to order. Mr. Randy Trivette Served as the Parliamentarian.

There were 56 delegates and 8 Executive Board members present; a majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 43 votes.

- Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation
  Motion by Catherine Cincotta of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- CDE Review and Evaluation
  Motion by Kyle Fisher from the Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities
  Motion by Jennifer Berry-Burkhart from the Ocean County FFA Chapter to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Leadership Activities
Motion by Gabriella Oakley from the Freehold FFA Chapter to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

    There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Convention Evaluation
  Motion by Stefania Swider from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

    There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Applications
  Motion by Jessica Tegano from the Allentown FFA Chapter to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

    There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- Membership and Chapter Relations
  Motion by Mitchell Haug from the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

    There is an implied second. Motion passed.

Superior Chapter Awards
Belvidere
Cape May Tech
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County
Union County

National Chapter Award
Gold: Allentown – 2nd
     Penns Grove – 1st
Silver: BCIT-Westampton – 3rd
       Newton
Bronze: Buena Regional
       Essex County VTS Agriscience
       Freehold
       Phillipsburg

Most Improved Chapter
Congratulations to the Freehold FFA Chapter for being named the 2012 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

USDA-APHIS AgDiscovery Program
Congratulations to Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter for being recommended for a summer internship in the 2012 AgDiscovery Program. Mr. Randy Cadet brought greetings from the program.

State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition
Alec McAlarnen, & James Ferguson
Advisors – Mr. Hans Toft
Administrator – Mr. John Ord & Dr. Nancy Hudanich

Stephanie Tarlowe
Advisors – Ms. Marilyn Patterson
Administrator – Mr. Earl C. Clymer III

Ernest Arians
Advisor – Mrs. Kim Szulecki
Administrator – Mr. William Hoey

Samuel Rubinstein
Advisors – Mr. Brian Ducey, Mrs. Kristina Guttadora, Mrs. Jillian Wojtaszek
Administrators – Ms. Elizabeth Higley

Gillian Armstrong
Advisor – Mrs. Nan Hamilton & Mr. Michael Hlubik

Proficiency Awards
Agricultural Sales, Placement: James N. Nardelli II, Cumberland Regional

Best Dressed Chapter
Congratulations to the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter for being the 2012 Best Dressed Chapter.

Distinguished Service
The State Distinguished Service awards were presented to Kube-Pak, Incorporated; the Cape May County Beach Plum Association; Hawk Pointe Golf Club; and CSX Transportation.

Special Recognition
Grey Vanaman
Keely Weinberger
Rebecca Lambert
Krista Freed
Leon Delcher
Brianne Scholl

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition
For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, members of the BCIT-Westampton FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was presented for their efforts.

Courtesy Corps Recognition
Allentown: Grayson Asprocolas, Kiana Harris, Jay Hyland, Kimran Simon, Hunter Tubbs
BCIT-Westampton: Jessica Buyers
Buena Regional: Tyler Luscko, Jay Noah Repko, John Reynolds, Zachary Snyder, Thomas West
Camden Penn Tech: DeJesus Gage, Jontavia Jones
Camden Tech East: LaShawn Coleman, Nyasia Ruiz
Cumberland Regional: McKenna Stevens, Andrew Wolbert
Congratulations to Zac Motta of the Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter for being named the 2012 Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member.

State 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 Performance
Casey DeStasio from the Freehold FFA Chapter sang “Set Fire to the Rain” by Adele.

Garden State Degree Ceremony
Allentown: Stuart T. Faunce
Buena Regional: Jay N. Repko
Cape May Tech: Anjeleen Christine Coppa
Sara J. Ehrhardt
Shavon Santa Mangold
William Ward Mullins
Jo-Lin Michelle Parker
Christopher Ryan Pujols
Carlie A. Schweininz
Cumberland Regional: Robert B. Porter
Freehold: Jared C. Colon
Delaney M. Gray
Katelyn M. Haggar
Stephen Milo
Brian C. Reyes
Middlesex-Piscataway: Narissa Richie
Monmouth County: Hope L. Cahill
Newton: Alex M. Feltwater
Shane M. Greco
Jonathan R. Heater
Gaspar Hernandez IV
Jared W. Martz
Kellie Rose Mokrzycki
Ethan M. Muller
Robert Passafaro
Hailey N. Reczka
Victoria A. Rieken
Joseph L. Selitto
Emily C. Ventura
North Warren: Mike Giambrone
Northern Burlington: Joseph D. Goodenough IV
Gianna L. Grupp
Sarah M. Hamner
Anne M. Poinsett
Ocean County: Jennifer A. Berry-Burkhart
Dylan N. Hoffman
Penns Grove: Adam C. Brant
Catrena E. Clair
Erin M. Eckenroad
Daniel Garcia
Justice S. Hines
Jennifre E. Ludwig
David P. Watts
Mary E. Watts
Phillipsburg: Lauren A. Fillebrown
Alexander J. Sansone
Morgan R. Schnorrbusch
Kelsey Weigand
Kayla M. Windham
Union County: Jasmine K. Walker
Warren Hills: Nina Earle
William H. Segreaves

Star State Awards
2011-2012 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Joseph Goodenough IV, Northern Burlington
2011-2012 State Star in Agribusiness: Jay Noah Repko, Buena Regional

Retiring Address: Alec McAlarnen
Alec McAlarnen delivered his retiring address “Go the Distance” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report
Kelly Gangel of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee: Alec McAlarnen, James Ferguson III, Stephanie Tarlowe, Samuel Rubinstein, and Gillian Armstrong
State Parliamentarian: Lauren Fillebrown
State Sentinel: Joseph Goodenough IV
State Reporter: Kyle Clement
State Treasurer: Gaspar Hernandez IV
State Secretary: Delaney Gray
State Vice President: Anne Poinsett
State President: Ernest Arians

Motion by Kelly Gangel from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the Nominating Committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passed.
Motion by Catherine Cincotta from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the 2012-2013 slate of State Officers.

Seconded by Hank Waddington of the Woodstown FFA Chapter. Motion passed.

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

Installation of 2012-2013 State Officers
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

Convention in Review
The 2012 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel
2011-2012 State FFA President Alec McAlarne, passed the gavel to 2012-2013 State FFA President Ernest Arians, who brought closing remarks.

Closing Ceremonies
Horticultural Exposition Committee  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:  
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County  
Taylor Drummey, South Hunterdon Middle  
Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington  
Kristen Schafer, Union County  
Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg  
Morgan Houser, Bankbridge Regional  
Will Mullins, Cape May Tech  
Anne Linke, Middlesex-East Brunswick  
Charles Zielke, Delsea Regional  
Gillian Armstrong, State FFA Parliamentarian

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken
  ● Eliminate Dried Delights  
  ● Provide judges with measuring tapes  
  ● Provide directions on campus and to workshops  
  ● Provide clear itinerary to all advisors in advance through email  
  ● Provide carts, tables, and boxes for arrival and take home of entries  
  ● Clarify that fresh flowers should have water source separate from silk

Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington – Chairman  
Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg – Secretary

Constitution, By-Laws, and POA Committee  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:  
Dante Ricci, Cumberland Regional  
Tylena Simmonds, Essex County  
Jennifer Berry-Burkhart, Ocean County  
Miranda Gable, Northern Burlington Middle  
Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech  
Kelly Polacek, North Warren  
Peter Dudek, Middlesex-Piscataway  
Aniko Smigelsky, Phillipsburg  
Peyton Bond, South Hunterdon Middle  
Alec McAlarne, State FFA President  
Ms. Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle (Advisor)

Purpose of Meeting:  
To review the State Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities and make any suggestions necessary.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
  ● Updates "dues" to reflect the new Program Affiliation structure in the State Constitution,  
    Bylaws, and Program of Activities  
  ● Evaluate "Section D" of the Program of Activities, Member Activities

Jennifer Berry-Burkhart, Ocean County – Chairman  
Kelly Polacek, North Warren – Secretary

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State Convention Review Committee
Committee Report
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:
Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
Rebecca Cruts, North Warren
Deirdre Sabo, Bankbridge Regional
Milissa Klemens, Union County
Stefania Swider, Hackettstown
Lindsay McNeill, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Brenda Haines, BCIT-Medford
Hanna Toft, New Jersey FFA Association

Purpose of Meeting:
To make recommendations for improving State Convention.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
- Incorporate more ice breakers so that everyone meets more people
- Split up key note speakers and speeches
- Provide more air circulation in the rooms
- Have a small intermission in the middle of the longest session to energize the audience
- Direct attention to the signature page in the back of the convention books and offer a prize to create more interest

Stefania Swider, Hackettstown – Chairman
Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon – Secretary

State Leadership Activities Committee
Committee Report
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:
Gabriella Oakley, Freehold
Christina McCosker, Salem County Vo. Tech
Carlie Schweibinz, Cape May Tech
Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
Shawn Mechowski, Monmouth County
James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President
Dylan Hoffman, Ocean County
Kristiana Mohr, BCIT-West Vet
Jennifer Ludwig, Penns Grove
George Stillwell, Allentown
Ally Hitchner, Woodstown
Mr. Dale Cruzan, Allentown (Advisor)

Purpose of Meeting:
To review state activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve these activities.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
- 360 Curriculum – Use the 360 curriculum but make workshops more engaging
- Outstanding Leadership Award – Present two awards, one to a male and one to a female
- Create a larger 360 conference that includes all FFA members, not just chapter officers
- State FFA Officers should facilitate the 212 Conference
- Provide more time for the career fair at ALLD

Gabriella Oakley, Freehold – Chairman
Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington – Secretary
State Applications Committee  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:  
Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westampton  
Katie Hall, Woodstown  
Katelyn Boscia, Middlesex-Piscataway  
Sarah Hughes, Freehold  
Stephanie Tarlowe, State FFA Secretary  
Alexandra Clark, Newton  
Jessica Tegano, Allentown  
Nina Earle, Warren Hills  
Vincent Petruzzi, Buena Regional  
Mr. Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove (Advisor)

Purpose of Meeting:  
To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Advisor of the Year – Remove student enrollment and change the number of students involved to be percentage of members involved for each application and event  
- Courtesy Corps – Accept the proposed application, but clarify that CDE participation is for scheduling purposes only  
- Star State Greenhand and Chapter – Add an essay  
- WLC Scholarship – Review further for state officer eligibility  
- Outstanding Community Service Award – Continue showing winning powerpoints  
- Find a way for only "active" members to receive state awards

Jessica Tegano, Allentown – Chairman  
Alexandra Clark, Newton – Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations Committee  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2012

Committee Members Present:  
Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon  
Michelle Tubertini, BCIT-Medford  
Macey Miller, Camden Penn Tech  
Mike Quertucci, Sussex Tech  
Stephen Milosh, Delsea Regional  
John Houghton, Buena Regional  
Heilem Moore, Camden Penn Tech  
Ernest Arians, State FFA Reporter

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Continue Program Affiliation for the 2012-2013 year due to increased membership  
- A State Officer video chat/Youtube account should be created to allow additional interaction between State Officers and FFA members; this will supplement, not replace, chapter visits

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman  
Michelle Tubertini, BCIT-Medford – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Shannon Thomas, Newton
Robin Garber, BCIT-West Vet
Nathania Hector, Essex County
Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
Andy Snyder, Somerset County
Ms. Tiffany Morey, Essex County (Advisor)

Natasha Langfritz, Warren Hills
Austin Gibbs, Hackettstown
Kyle Fisher, Salem County Vo. Tech
Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington Middle
Samuel Rubinstein, State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:
To review and suggest changes to CDEs for improvement and to discuss future CDEs.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
- Turf Management and Nursery Landscape – Display ID list during the events as a poster or have separate sheets for each category
- Floriculture – Give more time for ID
- Online CDEs – Chapters must pass with a 75% score to compete at National Convention
- Milk Quality and Products – Judges must specify to swish and spit out rather than drink the milk
- Fruits and Vegetables – Provide clearer instructions at class judging table
- Send a CDE Interest Inventory to all chapters
- Create preliminaries for CDEs with large team numbers

Kyle Fisher, Salem County Vo. Tech – Chairman
Shannon Thomas, Newton – Secretary
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