86th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings

May 20-22, 2015
Session I

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, 8 state alumni officers and 524 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Welcome to Monmouth University
Mrs. Luanne Russell 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
49 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. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown
- Madison
  - Meredith R. Dauphars
  - Sean A. Wright
  - Chanya K. Singh
  - Matthew Gold

Camden Penn Tech
- Diya
  - Corey Edmonds
  - Arnickia Nicki Jones
  - Christopher Salcedo
  - Selymar Rodriguez
  - Anthony Torres

Cape May Tech
- Tessa
  - Abigail Greenberg
  - Samuel Clarke
  - William Dietrich
  - Taylor Patterson
  - Amanda Logan
  - Shawna Barry
  - Tiffany Woolley
  - Tori Tomlin
  - Morgan Bradshaw

Freehold
- Alyssa
  - Narjis Moosavi
  - Samantha H. Blitzer
Keynote Address
Gian Paul Gonzalez presented his speech, “Go All In!”

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee
Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Deion Gonzalez, Essex County
Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Caitlyn Herbert, Phillipsburg
Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington
Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator
Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
Lauren Fillebrown, Executive Board Rep

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

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
Matthew Bonett, Freehold
Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg
Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech

Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
Tyler Kohlhass, Cape May Tech
Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
Meagan Warner, South Hunterdon
New Jersey FFA Foundation Report
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2015 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 – Katelyn Gleason, North Warren; Emily Karr, Freehold

Bilinski Senior Award – Jessica Ervey, Hackettstown

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Brenda Reyes, Freehold

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Sarah Smith, Belvidere

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Kristi Dickison, North Warren

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, David Seeley Memorial Scholarship – Brooke Ross, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

William G. Smith Scholarship – Angela Linke, Middlesex East Brunswick

Roszel Scholarship – Jay Hyland, Allentown

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Margaret Hopkins, Union County

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Glenn Roedel, Belvidere

Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship – Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington; Elizabeth Muller, Newton

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon; Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Emily Donais, Penns Grove; Bryanna Dowd, Freehold; Kristianne Dowd,
Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA Central Region Vice President, Kristen Schmidt, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Kelly Gangel
Kelly Gangel, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, “Just Be G.O.O.D.” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Ms. Delaney Gray, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Diana Martinez, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules
The State Officers played their version of “Late Night with FFA,” a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, 8 state alumni officers and 534 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings: New Jersey State Board of Education
Mr. Mark Biedron, President, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey State Board of Education.
Art Competition Awards
Fine Art Division:
1st place ($100): Sarah Meehan, North Warren
2nd place ($75): Ceyannah Handy, Monmouth County
3rd place ($50): Christopher Wira, Allentown

Photography Division:
1st place ($100): Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East
2nd place ($75): Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
3rd place ($50): Leslie Bernard, Camden Penn Tech

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

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

Landscape Design Event Awards
1st place ($100): Samantha Blitzer, Freehold
2nd place ($75): Karen Reyes, Freehold
3rd place ($50): Amanda Chudkowski, Freehold

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.

Retiring Address: Kyle Fisher
State FFA Parliamentarian, Kyle Fisher, gave his retiring address entitled “Who Do You See in the Mirror?” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition
Silver Ranking:
Essex County Vo. Tech
Monmouth County
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Woodstown

Gold Ranking:
Allentown
Belvidere
Buena Regional
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg

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 was “Feeding Our Friends the Healthy Way.” Chapters conducted food drives, collecting healthy, well balanced meals to deliver to food banks around the state. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

**Allentown**
**Monmouth County**
**Ocean County**
**Phillipsburg**

**Retiring Address: Ben Wainwright**
Ben Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer, gave his retiring address entitled “Find the Gold Within You” 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 I* – Amy Elwell, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
*Division II* – Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Kelly O’Rourke and Julianna Mastropierro, Biotechnology

**Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**
*Division I* – Dylan Cook, Biotechnology
*Division III* – Darrel D’Souza and Jonathan Shen, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Vahini Talamati and Mary Hanna-Alla, Biotechnology

**Food Products and Processing Systems**
*Division II* – Simran Tatuskar, Biotechnology
*Division III* – Jared Chiou and Winsten Chen, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Peter Nekrasov and Jonathon Mowsik, Biotechnology

**Plant Systems**
*Division I* – Adam Seykot, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
*Division II* – Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology
*Division III* – Amy You and Joyce Xu, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Michelle Chen and Jodie Chiou, Biotechnology

**Power, Structural, and Processing Systems**
*Division II* – Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology
*Division III* – Alexia Cosatto and Kaitlyn Casey, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Ranjan Pati and Michael Abelar, Biotechnology

**Social Systems**
*Division II* – Burton Ye, Biotechnology
*Division III* – Danielle Lo and Amy Lim, Biotechnology
*Division IV* – Himani Jani and Katherine Shiu, Biotechnology
Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition

Horticulture Division
Andrew DeJesus, Delsea Regional
Class 120: Cactus/Succulent Dish Garden

Permanent Division
Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County
Class 328: Cascade Bouquet

Fresh Division
Vincent Viviano, Allentown
Class 234: Jersey Fresh

Adult Division
Nichol Carroll, Cumberland Regional
Class 432: Advisor’s Folly

Closing Ceremonies

2015 Delegate Business Session

State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd, presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 65 delegates and 13 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 40 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 52 votes.

The schedule for the 86th New Jersey FFA State Convention was presented by Hope Cahill, State FFA Reporter.

Motion by Hope Cahill to accept the order of business for the 86th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon. Motion passes.

The 85th New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President.

Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to accept the 85th NJ State FFA Convention proceedings.

Seconded by Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington Middle. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Jeremy Poslusny, Allentown to recommend that New Jersey votes “yes” on the National Proposals.

Seconded by Hector Pena, Middlesex East Brunswick. Motion passes.

Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding the Executive Board Representative on the State Nominating Committee.

Motion by Emily Karr, Freehold to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding the Executive Board Representative on the State the Nominating Committee.

Seconded by Ashley Dudley, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.
This motion required a two-thirds vote. 73 delegates in favor, 0 oppose.
Motion passes.
The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the realignment of New Jersey FFA regions was presented by Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian.

Motion by Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington to accept the proposal regarding the realignment of New Jersey FFA regions.

Seconded by Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County.

Question of Privilege by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg regarding the statistics of the change.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 65 delegates were in favor, seven opposed. Motion passes.

The 2014-2015 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Benjamin Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Renee Stillwell, Allentown to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Middle. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Career Development Event Evaluation & Review

Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Mike Drislane, Newton regarding the parliamentarian present at the delegate business session.

Motion by Charlotte Cercone, Newton to amend the committee report to add recommendations for eliminating the 60% mastery policy.

Seconded by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg.

- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in favor of the motion.
- Cody Coles, Woodstown debated in opposition of the motion.

Hector Pena, Middlesex East Brunswick moved to previous question.

Seconded by Ashley Dudley, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 59 delegates were in favor. 21 delegates opposed. Motion passes.

Motion by Mike Drislane, Newton to reconsider.

Seconded by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg.

Mike Drislane, Newton called Division of the House.

This required a two-thirds vote. 17 delegates were in favor. 57 delegates opposed. Motion fails.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Mike Drislane, Newton regarding the number of delegates needed to vote.

Amendment to add recommendations for eliminating the 60% mastery policy in the committee report fails.

Main motion to accept the standing committee report as read passes.
Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills 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 Cody Coles, Woodstown to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second.
- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in opposition of the motion.
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.
- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in opposition of the motion.
- Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg debated in opposition.
- Hillary Raymond, Cape May Tech debated in favor.
Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Leah Salino, North Warren to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Sarah Smith, Belvidere regarding time allotted for voting.

Motion passes.

Motion by Emily Karr, Freehold to adjourn the 2015 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.

Session III


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 537 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
1<sup>st</sup> place ($100): Angela Largo, Phillipsburg
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($75): Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Madison Stein, Freehold

3-5 Minute Public Speaking
1<sup>st</sup> place ($100): Ariel Noebeck, Cape May Tech
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($75): Allison Finn, Freehold
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Amy Elwell, Salem County Vo Tech

6-8 Minute Public Speaking
1<sup>st</sup> place ($100): Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($75): Kim Slezak, Newton
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Paul Popovick, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking
1<sup>st</sup> place ($100): Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($75): Trisha Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Claire Brown, Allentown

Agricultural Issues Forum
1<sup>st</sup> place ($300): Northern Burlington
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($225): Allentown

Retiring Address: Hope Cahill
State FFA Reporter, Hope Cahill, gave her retiring address titled “Fate Finds a Way”. She thanked her family and advisors by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
The 2015 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is Keely DiTizio of the Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award
1<sup>st</sup> place ($100): Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington FFA
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($75): Mike Quartucci, Sussex Tech FFA
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

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
1<sup>st</sup> place ($150): Penns Grove FFA
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($100): Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
1<sup>st</sup> place ($125): Phillipsburg FFA
2<sup>nd</sup> place ($100): Warren Hills FA
3<sup>rd</sup> place ($50): Northern Burlington FFA

Marketing Plan CDE
Mr. Brian Palmer of the New Jersey Soybean Board assisted with the presentation of the awards and brought greetings from the New Jersey Soybean Board.
Hall of States Exhibit Event Award
The winner of the 2015 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
1st place ($150): Camden Tech East FFA
2nd place ($100): Biotechnology FFA
3rd place ($50): Allentown FFA

Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker
Kaitlyn Tallamy of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter presented her 6-8 minute speech, “Fueling the Demand for Agriculture Education.”

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2015 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is Brenda Reyes from the Freehold FFA Chapter!

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2015 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is Claire Brown of the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Retiring Address: Jenna Pinhas
Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary gave her retiring address, “Live like You’re Dying” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with an Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 560 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent
Andrew Hunt of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter performed a drum solo.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Dairy Cattle Evaluation
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Jason Pene, Belvidere
2nd Place: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere
2nd Place: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
3rd Place: James Bronico, Belvidere
4th Place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere
Medals

Gold: Jason Pene, Belvidere
Silver: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere
Bronze: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

The first place team is the Belvidere FFA Chapter!

**Dairy Handlers’**

1st Place: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
2nd Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Sarah Carter, Woodstown
4th Place: Peyton Bond, South Hunterdon
5th Place: Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional

Medals

Silver: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Sarah Carter, Woodstown

Gold Medal and a Banner

Gold: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

**Food Science and Technology**

H.O Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Sarah Loew, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place: Christie Metellus, Essex Co. VTS
3rd Place: Jacobus Sherman, Cumberland Regional
4th Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
5th Place: Michael Quartucci, Sussex Tech
5th Place: Destiny Bennett, Essex Co. VTS

Medals

Gold: Brock Lore, Cumberland Regional
Gold: Christie Metellus, Essex Co. VTS
Silver: McKayla Dilks, Woodstown
Bronze: Sarah Loew, Cumberland Regional
Bronze: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

**Horse Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
2nd Place: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Alyssa Viet, Allentown
4th Place: Alyanna Privatera, Freehold
5th Place: Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington
Silver: Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

The first place team is the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!
Livestock Evaluation
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown
2nd Place: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
3rd Place: Nicole Franchino, Newton
4th Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
5th Place: Randy Struble, Newton

Medals

Gold: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown
Silver: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
Bronze: Stefan Carter, Woodstown

The first place team is the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

Poultry Evaluation
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Andrew Carpen, Northern Burlington
2nd Place: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Michelle Snyder, Woodstown
3rd Place: Cody Coles, Woodstown
4th Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown
5th Place: Ernie Bell, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Andrew Carpen, Northern Burlington
Silver: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Carley Coles, Woodstown

The first place team is the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent
Julianna Humphreys of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with a lyrical dance.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Renee Stillwell, Allentown
2nd Place: Arianna Reed, Monmouth County
3rd Place: Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills
4th Place: Peter Mount, Warren Hills
5th Place: Alissa Lebers, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Renee Stillwell, Allentown
Silver: Arianna Reed, Monmouth County
Bronze: Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!
Land Judging
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Alexis Daesner, Allentown
2nd Place: Christa Lebers, Allentown
3rd Place: James Bronico, Belvidere
4th Place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere
5th Place: Brian Masi, Newton

Medals
Gold: Alexis Daesner, Allentown
Silver: Christa Lebers, Allentown
Bronze: James Bronico, Belvidere

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Milk Quality and Products
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Nicholas Cals, Belvidere
2nd Place: Samantha Locandro, South Hunterdon
3rd Place: Nicole Franchino, Newton
4th Place: Zachary Tomory, Newton
5th Place: Madison Beaumont, Belvidere

Medals
Gold: Madison Lofgren, Allentown
Silver: Nicholas Cals, Belvidere
Bronze: Matthew Gold, Allentown

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Turf Management
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Christopher Rodermann, Monmouth County
2nd Place: Richard Tazzetto, Monmouth County
3rd Place: Jacob Peters, Allentown
4th Place: Caleb Brown, Allentown
5th Place: Stephen Patchett, Monmouth County

Medals
Gold: Christopher Rodermann, Monmouth County
Silver: Richard Tazzetto, Monmouth County
Bronze: Stephen Patchett, 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, Angela Largo from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.
Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm Business Management

Medals
- Gold: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
- Silver: Emma Herrighty, Allentown
- Silver: Mike Drislane, Newton
- Bronze: Linnea Pierson, Newton
- Bronze: Thomas Rinehart, Newton

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 1st Place: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County
- 2nd Place: Sophia Baselice, Middlesex- East Brunswick
- 3rd Place: Lacey Hickey, Allentown
- 4th Place: Joanna Ricci, Allentown
- 4th Place: Stephanie Pierson, Newton
- 5th Place: Brooke Crawford, Hackettstown
- 5th Place: Caitlin Herbert, Phillipsburg

Medals
- Gold: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County
- Silver: Lacey Hickey, Allentown
- Bronze: Caitlin Herbert, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter!

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 1st Place: Sarah Hosler, Newton
- 2nd Place: Brian Masi, Newton
- 2nd Place: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton
- 2nd Place: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- 3rd Place: Tyler Hagar, Northern Burlington
- 4th Place: Michael Sadlon, Northern Burlington
- 5th Place: Brandon Outten, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Medals
- Gold: Sarah Hosler, Newton
- Silver: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- Silver: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton
- Bronze: Brian Masi, Newton

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 1st Place: Justin Marenzana, Newton
- 2nd Place: Logan Kellenberger, Newton
- 3rd Place: Bradford Howie, Newton
- 4th Place: Shawn Coiro, Newton
- 5th Place: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
Medals

Gold: Justin Marenzana, Newton
Silver: Logan Kellenberger, Newton
Bronze: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent

Jacelyn Rudderow from the Penns Grove FFA Chapter performed “God Made Girls”.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
2nd Place: Kelsey Stockton, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
3rd Place: Matthew Bonett, Freehold
4th Place: Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
5th Place: Kimmie Ervey, Hackettstown

Medals

Gold: Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Silver: Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
Bronze: Matthew Bonett, Freehold

The first place team is the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter!

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Caleb Brown, Allentown
2nd Place: Derek Van Veldhuisen, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Dale Sutton, Pemberton
4th Place: Jimmy Leclair, North Warren
5th Place: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Medals

Gold: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
Silver: Caleb Brown, Allentown
Bronze: Chris Faunce, Allentown

The first place team is the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!

Environmental and Natural Resources
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Veronica Erdman, Phillipsburg
2nd Place: Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
4th Place: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
5th Place: Tyler Hagar, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Liz Muller, Newton
Silver: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
Bronze: Veronica Erdman, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter!
Floriculture
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: Hana Feulner, Cape May Tech
   2nd Place: Melissa Strom, Belvidere
   3rd Place: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg
   4th Place: Katie Spadaccini, Belvidere
   5th Place: Stephanie Pierson, Newton
Medals
   Gold: Hana Feulner, Cape May Tech
   Silver: Melissa Strom, Belvidere
   Bronze: Stephanie Pierson, Newton

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

Nursery and Landscape
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown
   2nd Place: Robert Croft, Cape May Tech
   3rd Place: Rebekah Oakley, Cape May Tech
   4th Place: Nathan Steward, Northern Burlington
   5th Place: Juliana Humphreys, Hackettstown
Medals
   Gold: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown
   Silver: Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
   Bronze: Justin Hattersley, Newton

The first place team is the Hackettstown FFA Chapter!

Veterinary Science
H.O. Sampson Certificates
   1st Place: Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology
   2nd Place: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
   3rd Place: Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown
   4th Place: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
   5th Place: Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology
Medals
   Gold: Aneka Goyal, Biotechnology
   Silver: Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology
   Bronze: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

The first place team is the Biotechnology FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent
Sydney Gavinelli from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed “Crazier” by Taylor Swift.

National Event Sweepstakes Award
   Chapter: Congratulations to the Biotechnology FFA Chapter for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 10th in Veterinary Science Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.
Individual: Congratulations to Stacey Giordano of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 31st out of 155 individuals in the Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Kelly Gangel, 2014-2015 State FFA Vice President presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 583 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Kristen Schmidt
National FFA Central Region Vice President, Kristen Schmidt presented her Keynote Address, “See it.”

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year
The following Member of the Month recipients for 2014-2015 were honored:

May: Emily Karr, Freehold
June: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
September: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Philipsburg
November: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
December: Chase Nelson, Woodstown
January: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
February: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
March: Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech
April: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

The 2014-2015 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to Paige Hennighan of the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards
1st Place: Freehold FFA
2nd Place: Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

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

Grayson Asprocolas, Allentown
James Asprocolas, Allentown
Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
Alexandra Clark, Newton

Shannon Thomas, Newton
Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

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:

**Scott Anderson** – Branch Manager of Farm Credit East
**George Asprocolas** – Owner of Asprocolas Acres
**Peter Capodice** – Superintendent of Schools, Union County VTS
**Nichol Carroll** – Teacher of Agriculture, Cumberland Regional High School
**Thomas Coleman** – Superintendent of Schools, Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District
**Ronald Dancer** – Assemblyman of District 12, New Jersey General Assembly
**G. Kennedy Greene** – Superintendent of Schools, Newton High School
**Eric Nelson** – Leadership Director/ Past President, NJ FFA Alumni Association
**Nancy Wheeler-Driscoll** – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Cape May County Technical High School
**Cynthia Zidzik** – Co-Advisor, South Hunterdon Regional High School

**Job Interview Event**
1st Place ($100): Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place ($75): Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
3rd Place ($50): Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

**Demonstration Event Awards**
Individual Awards
1st Place ($100): Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place ($75): Andrew Nelson, Cape May Tech
3rd Place ($50): Emily Donnell, Allentown

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

**Retiring Address: Sean Hamner**
State FFA Sentinel, Sean Hamner gave his retiring address entitled, “Awesomely Average.” He thanked his support system by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

**Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association**
The 2014-2015 State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd and State FFA Reporter Hope Cahill presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

**Closing Ceremonies**

**Session V**

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 639 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “We Are FFA”
The State Officers presented their reflections, which showed how all of the officers are bonded through FFA and how being a member in this organization shaped their lives.

Chapter Challenge Award
1st place ($150): Freehold FFA
2nd place ($100): Allentown FFA

Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award
Chelsey Fitton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Placement Award.

Star Chapter Agribusiness Award
Jeremy Poslusny of the Allentown FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Agribusiness Award.

Star Chapter Farmer
Renee Stillwell of the Allentown FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award
The 2014-2015 Star State Greenhand is Joanna Ricci of the Allentown FFA Chapter!

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

National Chapter Award
Gold: Allentown- 2nd
     Penns Grove- 1st
     Salem Co. Vo. Tech- 3rd

Silver: Northern Burlington
       Northern Burlington Middle

Bronze: Freehold
      Newton
      Phillipsburg
      South Hunterdon
      South Hunterdon Middle
      Warren Hills
      Woodstown
Most Improved Chapter
Congratulations to the Salem County Vo. Tech for being named the 2015 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Proficiency Awards
2015 Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement Proficiency Award: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
2015 Diversified Agriculture Production Placement Proficiency Award: Chase Nelson, Woodstown
2015 Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: George Stillwell, Allentown
2015 Specialty Animal Production Placement Proficiency Award: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
2015 Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education
Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the Office of Career and Technical Education.

National FFA Officer Candidate Introduction
The New Jersey National Officer Candidate, Lauren Fillebrown of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter, introduced herself.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition
Gold Rating: Allentown
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Freehold
Monmouth County
Newton
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Woodstown

Silver Rating: Buena Regional
Camden Penn Tech
Hackettstown
Middlesex-East Brunswick
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Somerset County
Sussex Tech
Union County
Warren Hills
Bronze Rating:  Belvidere
Biotechnology
Camden Tech East
Delsea Regional
Middlesex-Piscataway
Northern Burlington Middle
Pemberton Township
South Hunterdon Middle
The Calais School

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:
The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are Renee Stillwell of the Allentown
FFA Chapter and Kaitlyn Tallamy of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Quiz Bowl:
The Newton FFA Chapter is the winner of the 2015 FFA Quiz Bowl event!

Lifetime Membership:
The 2014-2015 State FFA Officer Team received Lifetime Alumni Membership
after stepping up to the challenge and raising the necessary funds for this honor.

Best Dressed Chapter Award
Congratulations to the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter for being named the 2015 Best Dressed
Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards
Division II: Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech

FFA Week Awards
1st Place ($150): Allentown FFA
2nd Place ($100): Northern Burlington FFA
3rd Place ($50): Hackettstown FFA

Greetings from Rutgers University
Dr. Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs, brought greetings on behalf of
Rutgers University.

Distinguished Service
The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:
The Rue Family
Dusty Lane Farms, LLC
New Jersey Agricultural Society
South Hunterdon Regional FFA Alumni

Convention Recognition
The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:
Ernie Arians
Catherine Cincotta
Kyle Clement
Krista Cruzan
Convention Stage Decorations Recognition
For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, the members of the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was awarded for their efforts.

Courtesy Corps Recognition

**Allentown**
- Meredith Schmidt
- Susan Delcher
- Chanya Singh
- Madison Lofgren
- Christa Lebers
- Caleb Brown
- Jacob Peters
- Sean Wright
- Trevor Coffey
- Morgan LaSacco

**Buena Regional**
- Samantha Peck
- Kayla Vasquez
- Christopher Giordano
- Kishaun Branch

**Camden Penn Tech**
- Xiomara Franceschi
- Bryan Pinto
- Briana Delgado
- Leslie Bernard
- Hadiya Lindsay
- Siani Bailey
- Corey Edmonds
- Alya Kizee
- Cierra Nieves

**Cape May Tech**
- Rebekah Oakley
- Aubrey McQuaid
- Brandie Steelman
- Alana LaCava
- Emily Hall
- Alissa D’Amico

**Cumberland**
- Brock Lore
- Jacobus Sherman
- Toby Cuff
- Bryan Pettit
- Jose Lopez
Essex County
- Angie Mansilla
- Stefani Garajua

Hackettstown
- Kimberly Ervey

Middlesex-East Brunswick
- Tim Janas

Monmouth County
- Rebecca Gallagher
- Courtney Schoenleber
- Anthony Gonzalez
- Daniel Jacobs

North Warren
- Sydney Spranger
- Sarah Meehan
- Jess Keimel
- Kyle Crane
- Shane Peck
- John Kott
- Collin Mayer

Northern Burlington
- Michael Sadlon
- Kevin Hagar
- Lynee Dotson
- Gab Kenny

Ocean County
- Joshua Todd
- Justin Johnson
- John Edelesandro
- John Espinos

Penns Grove
- Alex Del Olmo
- Karlie Brayerton
- Gerardo Michaca
- DeAmonte Holden
- Shalyn Roberts

Salem Co Vo. Tech
- Randy Wentzell
- Dylan Tilton

South Hunterdon
- Diana Martinez
- Sadie Lerman
- Ryan Minschwaner
- Alexander Eldridge
- Ashlyne Bacorn

Warren Hills
- Peter Mount

Woodstown
- Jean Miller
- Morgan Heritage

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is Diana Martinez of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!

State FFA Executive Board Recognition
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey, and Mrs. Erin Noble presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and presented the Executive Committee with certificates of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

Talent and State Degree Seating
Sydney Gavinelli entertained the audience with her singing talent.
Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:  
- Jay Hyland
  Thomas James Viviano

Camden Tech East:  
- Heather Flemmings

Cape May Tech:  
- Robert Thomas Craft, Jr.
  Alissamarie Mary D’Amico
  Cody Alexander Hanek
  Tyler Ethan Kohlhaas
  Sarah McInnis
  Rebekah Lynn Oakley
  Hillary Judy Raymond
  Brandie Joelle Steelman
  Wil Samuel Winter

Cumberland Regional:  
- Melanie Lou Mayhew

Essex County:  
- Matthew Robert Bonett

Freehold:  
- Sydney C. Gavinelli
  Brenda Corrotea Reyes

Newton:  
- Francesca Marie Burtt
  Tommy Robert Giordano
  Justin Thomas Hattersly
  Sarah Emily Hosler
  Lukas Daniel Kellenberger
  Brian Francis Masi
  McKenzie Suzanne May
  Linnea Astrid Pierson
  Kevin Anthony Rodriguez
  Kimberly K. Slezak
  Randall Howard Struble
  Zachary Taylor Tomory

Northern Burlington:  
- Lauren Alexis Stevens

Penns Grove:  
- Emily A. Donais
  DeAmonte Holden

Phillipsburg:  
- Amanda Gail Buchel
  Rebecca Collin
  Lindsay Collins
  Morgan M. Rutar
  Kaitlyn Tallamy

South Hunterdon:  
- Myranda Morgan Bond
  Peyton J. Bond
  Katie Lynn DeAngelo
  Taylor Drummey
  Charles McDaniel
  Meagan Warner
  Amanda Wengryn

Sussex Tech:  
- Adrianna Maria Borrego
  Christina Elizabeth Boutillette
  Alyssa F. Ferraro
  Michael Anthony Quartucci

Woodstown:  
- Chelsey Lynn Fitton
  Georgia Lucas
  Chase Nelson
**State Star Award Recognition**

2014-2015 **State Star in Agricultural Placement**: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown  
2014-2015 **State Star in Agribusiness**: Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon  
2014-2015 **State Star Farmer**: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

**Retiring Address: Kristianne Dowd**
Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President presented her retiring address entitled “Anything But Normal”. She thanked her support system by presenting her family and advisors with certificates of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**
Jamie Munyon of the Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

- **Executive Committee**: Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, and Kyle Fisher  
- **State Parliamentarian**: Alyssa Ferraro  
- **State Sentinel**: Tyler Kohlhass  
- **State Reporter**: Hannah Mann  
- **State Treasurer**: Morgan Rutar  
- **State Secretary**: Morgan Rutar  
- **State President**: Hope Cahill

**Motion by Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter** to accept the committee report as read and 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 2015-2016 State Officers**
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

**Convention in Review**
The 2015 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**
2014-2015 State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd, passed the gavel to 2015-2016 State FFA President, Hope Cahill.

**Closing Ceremonies**
Committee Members Present:
Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional  Jake Newel, Cumberland Regional
Alexis Speller, Middlesex-Piscataway  Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County  Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
Emiliano Chirigliano, Union County  Michael Andrews, Delsea Regional
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County  Kelly Gangel, State FFA Vice President
Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington  Sarah Meehan, North Warren
Mrs. Nan Hamilton, Northern Burlington  Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Middle

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Allow 2 entries per chapter for National Ag Day and Jersey Fresh classes
- Change class name “magical miniature garden” to “enchanted/fairytale garden”
- Create multicultural class. Description up to executive board
- All accessories to be attached to the arrangement
- For classes requiring candles, candles must be incorporated into the arrangement
- Conceal student and school names in entry cards

Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional – Chairman
Sarah Meehan, North Warren – Secretary
Career Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:
Mike Drislane, Newton  Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary
Emily Karr, Freehold  Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional
Colin Cudworth Jr., Warren Hills  Georgia Lucas, Woodstown
Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon  Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg
Sophie Baselic, Middlesex-East Brunswick  Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington Middle
Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak, Allentown  Ms. Tiffany Morey, South Hunterdon
Stuart Faunce, NJ FFA Association

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Keep the Fruits and Vegetables Identification Written Test
- Move Dairy Handlers and Horse Judging to New Jersey
- Keep the Marketing Plan CDE
- Ensure that all CDE teams will arrive to Spring CDEs no later than 10:05am and late teams will be subject to missed rotations. This will be published in the CDE handbook
- Research other locations for the livestock judging CDE such as Eastern PA FFA Day
- Suggest clearer directions for the meat judging portion of Meat Evaluation CDE
- Place timer on the computer for online CDEs
- Provide higher quality pictures for all CDEs
- Look for sponsors for the Ag Sales CDE sooner
- Use the national rubric for all CDEs
- Provide all national CDE scores and percentages on Judging Card

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman
Emily Karr, Freehold – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Samantha Gregory, Pemberton
Anthony Tobolski, Buena Regional
Jocelyn Herrmann, BCIT West Vet
Brian Gerges, Hackettstown
Faith Smith, Middlesex- Piscataway
Dr. Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle
Caitlyn Cifelli, Somerset County
Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech
John Vagott, MCTS Sypek Center
Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
Kristianne Dowd, 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:
- Approve the proposed POA changes

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills– Chairman
Jocelyn Herrmann, BCIT West Vet– Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Cody Coles, Woodstown                      Jake Bucci, Monmouth County
Aaron Etienne, Union County                Madison Lofgren, Allentown
Erica Todd, Ocean County                  Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington
Miguel Acevedo, Penns Grove               Tiara Ritter, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Destiney Bennett, Essex County            Adrianna Borrego, Sussex Tech
Ben Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer       Mr. Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Propose a regional community service project on a non-school day
- Explore the possibility of working with an organization against hunger, similar to National FFA Days of Service
- Incorporate more information about CDEs in SGC
- For LEAD, improve Q & A portion and re-evaluate rules video
- Include percentages on evaluations
- Use electronic form to evaluate each session at the end
- Rearrange ALLD; consider expanding due to lack of seating
- Reflections at LEAD were excellent
- Individual workshops were interactive and successful with officers

Cody Coles, Woodstown – Chairman
Tiara Ritter, Salem Co. Vo. Tech – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology  
Robert Jones, Camden Tech East  
Anada Osbare, Essex County  
Victoria Householder, Ocean County  
Mr. Dale Cruzan, Allentown  
Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech  
Lena Pierce, Delsea Regional  
Christian Friend, Bankbridge Regional  
Amber Scelza, Pemberton Township  
Sean Hamner, State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:
Evaluate the convention and create recommended actions to be taken.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Increase efficiency of ice cream social and provide other options  
• Make sure all facilities are ready upon the arrival of FFA members  
• Increase the efficiency of awards being handed out  
• Position seating of the people receiving awards closer to the stage

Comments
• Ice cream social felt rushed  
• Members were able to go to the dorms, but the bathrooms were locked  
• It felt rushed on stage and there was a delay in some students making their way to the stage

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech – Chairman  
Amber Scelza, Pemberton Township – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon               Glenn Roedel, Belvidere
Hector Pena, Middlesex-East Brunswick          Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg
Charlotte Cercone, Newton                      Alyssa Breur, Sussex Tech
Brianna Bonilla, Camden Penn Tech              Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove
Melanie Gaston, Salem Co. Vo. Tech             Ms. Laura Pinhas, Sussex Tech
Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian

Purpose of Meeting:
To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Motion to accept the proposed Advisor of the Year application with changes to section 11
to include total # of active members to consider percentage of participation
• Move to accept proposed Blue Jacket, Bright Futures Application

Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove – Chairman
Melanie Gaston, Salem Co. Vo. Tech – Secretary
Membership and Chapter Relations
Committee Report
May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:
Hillary Raymond, Cape May Tech  Kaitlyn Kelly, Northern Burlington Middle
Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology  Yamalis Diaz, BCIT West-Vet
Ishan Shabazz, MCTS Sypek Center  Leah Salino, North Warren
Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East  Sarah Smith, Belvidere
Mrs. Keely DiTizio, Salem Co. Vo. Tech  Hope Cahill, 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:
• Contact chapters to raise awareness of social media
• Create a New Jersey State FFA Snapchat
• Photo-A-Day challenges in October and May due to events in those months as well as FFA Week photo challenge
• Create a Facebook fan page group
• Create a chapter field day
• Provide more interaction with chapter visits
• Connect with Farmers Against Hunger through social media
• Motion by Sarah Smith, Belvidere to suggest revoking the charter of BCIT Medford and BCIT Westampton.
  Seconded by Kaitlyn Kelly, Northern Burlington Middle. Motion passes.

Leah Salino, North Warren – Chairman
Sarah Smith, Belvidere – Secretary
2014-2015 State FFA Executive Board

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Executive Committee:
- Delaney Gray
- Catherine Cincotta
- David Watts
- Stuart Faunce
Teacher Representative: Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets
State Advisor: Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist: Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Administrative Assistant: Ms. Debra McClusky
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