89th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings
Renee Stillwell, 2017-2018 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 443 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Jacket Presentation
51 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. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown
Aly Carotenuto
Ava R. Conte
Jennifer Healey
Becca Hopkins
Ethan Lipper
Levi Mains
Susan Mandeville
Jillian Parascondola
Brian K. Posluszy

Bergen County Academies
Hannah Ahn
Mariana Meriles
Jessica Shi

Cape May Tech
Christopher Cimino
Macy Jo Gregory
Alexander Hoppe
Olivia Jordan
Ruby Redmond

Monmouth County
Alexandre Patricio
Luke Altamura
Emily Louise Fiordland
Christian Sollitto

Northern Burlington
Nicole Wiater

Northern Burlington Middle
Nicholas Lewis
Adam Sadlon

Penns Grove
Karla Chardon

Salem Tech
Bridget Terese Bradway
Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Renee Stillwell, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech
Elizabeth Dietrich, Somerset County
Nicole Haralampoudis, Freehold
Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington
Joan McAnulty, Cape May Tech
Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg
Eric Nelson, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
Morgan Rutar, Executive Committee Representative

The State Officer Candidates were invited to the stage to introduce themselves. The candidates were:
Keynote Address
Caleb Gustin presented his speech, “Engineering Success”.

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2018 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations
The following scholarship winners were announced. The scholarships were funded through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

William G. Smith Scholarship – Madeline Enriquez, Newton

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Bilinski Senior Award – Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

David Seely Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Rebecca Muscat, Belvidere
Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

Woodstown Alumni Chapter/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Alexandria Floyd, Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters Scholarship – Renee Hoerning, Freehold; Maddison Stein, Freehold; and Allison Finn, Freehold.

Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship – Allison Foote, Woodstown

Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship – Matthew Gold, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship – Jessica Corbett, Allentown

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Jeremy Poslusny, Allentown; Brian Gerges, Hackettstown; Kass Wojcik, Newton; Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; and Nicole Sickler, Woodstown.

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Jeremy Poslusny, Allentown; Renee Stillwell, Allentown; and Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional.

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

$1,000 Chevy Trucks Scholarship – Nicolas Alpeza, Northern Burlington and James Broncio, Belvidere.

$1,000 Bunge North America Scholarship – Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren

$1,000 Ram Trucks Dealer/John Johnson Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills and Brian Gerges, Hackettstown.

$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Matthew Gold, Allentown and Jeremy Poslusny, Allentown.
$1,500 America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund Scholarship – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove and Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington.

Greetings from the National FFA Foundation
Ms. Molly Ball, President of the National FFA Foundation, brought greetings from the National FFA Foundation.

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship
The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention and will help out with the Hall of States booth. The 2018 scholarship winner is Briana Williams from the Salem Tech FFA Chapter.

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA President, Breanna Holbert, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Jeremy Posluszny
Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Vice President, gave his retiring address, “Break the Mirror” and thanked his family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

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

State Convention Rules
The State Officers played their presentation of “Funniest Home Videos, FFA Style”, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies
Session II

Sarah Kelly, 2017-2018 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 451 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Art Competition Awards
Fine Art Division:
   3rd Place ($50): Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington
   2nd place ($75): Christopher Yurga, Allentown
   1st place ($100): Cara Katzmar, Cumberland Regional

Photography Division:
   3rd place ($50): Caitlyn Bailey, Newton
   2nd place ($75): Alix Wojcik, Newton
   1st place ($100): Levi Mains, Allentown

Official Ceremonies Event Awards
   3rd place: Allentown
   2nd place: Northern Burlington
   1st place: Freehold

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

Retiring Address: McKenna Moore
State FFA Sentinel, McKenna Moore, gave her retiring address entitled “Confident Cat-itude” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition
Bronze Ranking: Somerset County
Gold Ranking: Allentown
Belvidere
Essex County
Monmouth County
Newton
Northern Burlington
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
Union County
**Outstanding Community Service Award**

Congratulations to the **Newton 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 supporting the Bridge of Books Foundation. Chapters were encouraged to collect used books that will be gifted to children in underdeveloped areas in New Jersey. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

- Allentown
- Belvidere
- Cape May Tech
- Middlesex East Brunswick
- Monmouth County
- Union County
- Woodstown
- Warren Hills

**Greetings: Bridge of Books Foundation**

Ms. Abby Daly, Founder and Executive Director, brought greetings and thanked the chapters for their donations on behalf of the Foundation.

**Greetings: National FFA Alumni & Supporters**

Chandler Vaughan, Regional Vice President of the National FFA Alumni & Supporters Association, brought greetings on behalf of the national association.

**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 III** – Angela Yuan, Bergen County Academies
- **Division IV** – Ivan Hunter Moore & Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech
- **Division V** – Maria Ruszkiewicz, Bergen County Academies

**Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**
- **Division III** – Mariana Meriles, Bergen County Academies
- **Division V** – Gordon Sherman, Bergen County Academies

**Food Products and Processing Systems**
- **Division III** – Benjamin Zatz, Bergen County Academies
- **Division V** – Toni Baker, Salem Tech
**Plant Systems**

*Division III* – Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies  
*Division V* – Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies  
Division VI – Maryjo Hobeika & Alexandra Sobocinski, Bergen County Academies

**Retiring Address: Allison Finn**
State FFA Parliamentarian, Allison Finn, gave her retiring address entitled “Don’t Scroll Past Me” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Closing Ceremonies**
FFA President, Renee Stillwell presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:00 pm.

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.

The 89th New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

**Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington** to accept the schedule for the 89th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Woodstown. Motion passes.**

Renee Stillwell entertained a motion to accept the 88th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

**Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington** to accept the 88th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

**Seconded by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren. Motion passes.**

Jeremy Poslusny, State FFA Vice President, presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposed amendments.

**Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington** to remove Collegiate FFA Membership Type in the New Jersey FFA Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Union County. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington** to change “Agricultural Education” to “Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education” where appropriate in the New Jersey FFA Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Seconded by Madeleine Enriquez, Newton. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Hannah Wilcoxen, Cape May Tech** to clarify the types of membership in the New Jersey FFA Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Seconded by Karli Hider, Salem Tech. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington** to update the good standing requirements in the New Jersey FFA Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Seconded by James Broncio, Belvidere. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren** to clarify State Officer Participation in Career and Leadership Development Events in the New Jersey FFA Association’s Constitution and Bylaws.

**Seconded by Dante Terrigno, Cumberland Regional. Motion passes.**
Ariel Norbeck, State FFA Reporter, presented the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws Amendment proposals.

**Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington** to change the State FFA Degree requirements in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

  *Seconded by Jayden Johnson. Motion passes.*

**Motion by Colleen Clarke, Union County** to replace the word “active” with “student” in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

  *Seconded by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.*

**Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington** to replace the word “Alumni” with the word “adult” in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

  *Seconded by Diana Martinez, Phillipsburg. Motion fails.*

**Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington** to move honorary as a National FFA Membership kind to Degrees in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

  *Seconded by Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech. Motion passes.*

Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer, presented the 2018-2019 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure and the National FFA Proposal for the Membership Fee Increase.

**Motion by Hannah Wilcoxen, Cape May Tech** to accept the 2018-2019 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

  *Seconded by Eileen McGowan, Buena Regional. Motion passes.*

**Motion by Ariel Norbeck, State Association** to accept the Membership Fee Increase from National FFA.

  *Seconded by Catrina Bennett, North Warren. Motion passes.*

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County** 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 Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington** to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

  *There is an implied second. Motion passes.*
Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities
   Motion by James Broncio, Belvidere 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 Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.
   There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation
   Motion by Clint McEvoy, Belvidere to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.
   There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State FFA Applications
   Motion by Madeleine Enriquez, Newton to accept the State Applications committee report as read.
   There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations
   Motion by Abigail Podejko, Somerset County to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.
   There is an implied second. Motion passes.

   Motion by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren to adjourn the 2018 Delegate Business Session.
   Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Union County. Motion passes.
Kelsey Stockton, 2017-2018 State FFA Secretary, presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 461 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

**Public Speaking Awards**
Molly Ball, National FFA Foundation President, assisted with the following award presentation.

**FFA Creed**
- 3rd place ($50): Kaylie Hanisack, Phillipsburg
- 2nd place ($75): Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington
- 1st place ($100): Kirk Avondoglio, Newton

Mr. Al Murray, the executive director of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, assisted with the next two awards.

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**
- 3rd place ($50): Josh Williams, Northern Burlington
- 2nd place ($75): Aleynna Boothe, Phillipsburg
- 1st place ($100): Bridget Fajvan, Newton

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**
- 3rd place ($50): Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove
- 2nd place ($75): Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies
- 1st place ($100): Alexia Perminter, Phillipsburg

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President, assisted with the next two awards.

**Extemporaneous Speaking**
- 3rd place ($50): Toni Baker, Salem Tech
- 2nd place ($75): Alexander Ward, Warren Hills
- 1st place ($100): Christopher Cimino, Cape May Tech

**Agricultural Issues Forum**
- 3rd place: Freehold
- 2nd place ($225): Bergen County Academies
- 1st place ($300): Salem Tech

**Greetings from the New Jersey Farm Bureau: Ryck Suydam**
Farm Bureau President, Ryck Suydam, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, as they supported the Agricultural Issues Forum Event.
Retiring Address: Ariel Norbeck
State FFA Reporter, Ariel Norbeck, gave her retiring address titled “Life as a Sidewalk Flower” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
The 2018 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is Ms. Jenny Allen of the Newton FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award
5th place: Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
4th place: Katherine White, Allentown
3rd place: Eileen McGowan, Buena Regional
2nd place: Issac Rivera, Camden Tech East
1st place: Leah Satterfield, Cape May Tech

Love what you do. Do what you love. Teach Ag!
Individuals were recognized for taking their first steps in becoming a teacher of agriculture through the Signing Day Ceremony at the Teach Ag Dinner the previous day.

Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies
Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies
Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick
Sarah Sablom, Monmouth County
Chris Arlotta, Monmouth County
Lynee Dotson, Northern Burlington
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
Kim Koellmann, Union County
Beatriz Cruz, Union County
Jonathan Kerman, Union County
TaZyar Best, Union County
Colleen Clarke, Union County
Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators
President of the NJAAE, Dr. Robin McLean, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

Years of Service Presentation
Ms. Deanna Miller recognized the following agricultural educators for their years of service:
One Year: Ms. Susan Stant  
Five Years: Ms. Laura Pinhas, Ms. Taryn Romanczak  
10 Years: Mr. Erik Fargo  
20 Years: Dr. Robin McLean, Mrs. Nan Hamilton  
25 Years: Mr. Joel Rudderow  
35 Years: Mrs. Nancy Trivette  
40 Years: Mr. Brian Leh

Agricultural Awareness Awards
3rd place: Allentown  
2nd place: Penns Grove  
1st place: Newton

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
3rd place ($50): Northern Burlington  
2nd place ($100): Woodstown  
1st place ($125): Allentown

Marketing Plan Event Awards
1st Place ($300): Bergen County Academies

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award
The winner of the 2018 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
3rd place ($50): Allentown  
2nd place ($100): Salem Tech  
1st place ($150): Newton

Landscape Design Event Awards
1st Place: Tyler Bartsch, Bergen Tech Paramus

FFA Week Awards
3rd place: Monmouth County  
2nd place: Woodstown  
1st place: Northern Burlington

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2018 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is Nathan Sparks from the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2018 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is awarded to Olyvia Evanko and Rachel Markley of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!
Retiring Address: Sarah Kelly
Sarah Kelly, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “Are You Afraid of the Dark?” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 461 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent
Jaalisa Ellis of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter performed a lyrical date.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy
H.O. Sampson Certificates
4th place: Alberto Turner, Cumberland Regional

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regionals
2nd place and Silver Medal: Alyssa Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional
1st place and Gold Medal: Alexis Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional

The first place is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management
Member of the 1st Place Team: Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills
5th place: Colleen Cowell, Phillipsburg
4th Place: Edward Baldwin, Newton

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: Victoria Burd, Warren Hills
2nd place and Gold Medal: Isobel Costello, Newton
1st place and Silver Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

The first place team is the Warren Hills FFA Chapter!

Food Science and Technology
Member of the first place team: Ashley Noll, Sussex Tech
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Cameron Robbins, Netown
3rd place: Elijah Keppler, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills
1st place: Brandon McVey, Cumberland Regional

Medals
Silver Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton
2nd place and Bronze Medal: Alex McVeigh, Sussex Tech
4th place and Gold Medal: Emily Brothman, Newton
2nd place and Gold Medal: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter!

Horse Evaluation
Member of the first place team: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Colleen Cowell, Phillipsburg
3rd place: Victoria Burd, Warren Hills
2nd place: Harlee Dawson, Woodstown
2nd place: Ashley Murphy, Woodstown
1st place: Devon Meshach, Warren Hills

Medals
5th place and Bronze Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
4th place and Silver Medal: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown
3rd place and Gold Medal: Aliza Rozen, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the Warren Hills FFA Chapter!

Livestock Evaluation
Member of the first place team: Angelico Villaniz, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Rachael Mardus, Sussex Tech
4th place: Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Edward Baldwin, Newton

Medals
1st place and Bronze Medal: Dominique Crawford, Cumberland Regional
2nd place and Silver Medal: Isobel Costello, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Madeleine Enriquez, Newton

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

Poultry Evaluation
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Emma Deery, Sussex Tech
5th place: Kathleen Reidmiller, Newton
4th place: Cole Caltabiano, Woodstown
2nd place: Kara Yarrington, Woodstown

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: Nichole Niemynski, Newton
3rd place and Silver Medal: Talia Priore, Woodstown
1st place and Gold Medal: Dylan Smith, Woodstown

The first place team is the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent
Galileo Wang of the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter entertained the audience with his violin.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables
Members of the first place team: Sara Loew and Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional
4th place: Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech
2nd place and Silver Medal: Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown
1st place and Gold Medal: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional

The first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

Land Judging
Members of the first place team: Christian Hastie and Grant Parker, Newton
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere
4th place: James Borncio, Belvidere

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: Mathew Bronico, Belvidere
2nd place and Silver Medal: Travis LeMasson, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Madeleine Enriquez, Newton

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

Milk Quality and Products
Member of the first place team: Rebecca Muscat and Megan Hausamann, Belvidere
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Regional
3rd place: Ashley Sendgikoski, Belvidere
2\textsuperscript{nd} place: Dalton Hummel, Newton

\textbf{Medals}

\textit{Silver Medal:} Rebecca Phillips, South Hunterdon Regional
\textit{4\textsuperscript{th} place and Bronze Medal:} Talia Priore, Woodstowne
\textit{1\textsuperscript{st} place and Gold Medal:} Taylor Beaumont, Belvidere

The first place team is the \textbf{Belvidere FFA Chapter!}

\textbf{Turf Management}
Member of the first place team: Michael Cappetto, Monmouth County Vocational

\textbf{H.O. Sampson Certificates}

\textit{5\textsuperscript{th} place:} Brian Gerges, Hackettstown
\textit{4\textsuperscript{th} place:} Alexandre Patricio, Monmouth County Vocational
\textit{3\textsuperscript{rd} place:} Hunter Zimmermann, Monmouth County Vocational

\textbf{Medals}

\textit{Silver Medal:} Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East
\textit{2\textsuperscript{nd} place and Bronze Medal:} Elizabeth Dietrich, Somerset County Vo-Tech
\textit{1\textsuperscript{st} place and Gold Medal:} Jonathan Hall, Monmouth County Vocational

The first place team is the \textbf{Monmouth County Vocational FFA Chapter!}

\textbf{Greetings from Rutgers Turf Program}
Mr. Brad Park brought greetings from the Rutgers Turf Program and was thanked for their generosity in supporting scholarship to FFA members and for supporting the Turf Management CDE.

\textbf{FFA Talent}
Ethan Lipper from the Allentown FFA Chapter performed a dance.

\textbf{Winter Career Development Event Awards}

\textbf{Farm & Agribusiness Management}
Member of the first place team: Abigail Appleby, Cumberland Regional

\textbf{Medals}

\textit{Bronze Medal:} Kathleen Reidmiller, Newton
\textit{Bronze Medal:} Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional
\textit{Silver Medal:} Morgan Hood, Cumberland Regional
\textit{Gold Medal:} Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional

The first place team is the \textbf{Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!}

\textbf{Floral Design}
Members of the first place team: Jessica Corbett and Ava Conte, Allentown

\textbf{H.O. Sampson Certificates}
5th place: Chalee Yale, Phillipsburg
5th place: Elizabeth Saks, Newton
4th place: Kelsey Pittenger, Newton
3rd place: Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East
2nd place: Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech

Medals
Bronze Medal: Cheyenne Archer, Allentown
3rd place and Silver Medal: Cassidy Viersma, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Heather Fortunato, Allentown

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Forestry
Member of the first place team: Cora Katzmar, Cumberland Regional
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton
4th place: Mathew Rosa, Newton
3rd place: Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional

Medals
4th place and Bronze Medal: Michael Acosta, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional
1st Place and Gold Medal: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional

The first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

Meat Evaluation and Technology
H.O. Sampson Certificates
5th place: Talia Priore, Woodstown
4th place: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Medals
3rd place and Bronze Medal: John Vierma, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Ryan Rittie, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Dalton Hummel, Newton

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

FFA Talent
Gordon Sherman from the Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter performed a song on the clarinet.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales
Member of the first place team: TJ Illuzzi, Freehold

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Arielle Yu, Freehold
4th place: Dominique Simeone, Newton
3rd place: Maddison Stein, Freehold

Medals

Gold Medal: Jonathan Reynolds, Somerset County Vo-Tech
2nd place and Bronze Medal: Lauren Nee, Freehold
1st place and Silver Medal: Emily Brothman, Newton

The first place team is the Freehold FFA Chapter!

**Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Luke Synder, South Hunterdon Regional
4th place: Ronnie Heaney, Woodstown
1st place: Robert Coblentz, Salem Tech

Medals

Silver Medal: Benjamin Haines, Woodstown
4th place and Bronze Medal: Dean Weiss, Woodstown
2nd place and Gold Medal: AJ Foote, Woodstown

The first place team is the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

**Environmental and Natural Resources**

Member of the first place team: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Lizzy Fuchs, Phillipsburg
3rd place: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional
1st place: Grant Parker, Newton

Medals

Silver Medal: Matthew Gold, Allentown
4th place and Bronze Medal: Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional
2nd place and Gold Medal: Abigail Sherman, Cumberland Regional

The first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

**Floriculture**

Member of the first place team: Cassidy Viersma, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Elizabeth Saks, Newton
3rd place: Kelsey Pittenger, Newton

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Sophia Loiacono, Newton
5th place and Silver Medal: Kaitlyn Parkhill, Camden Tech East
1st place and Gold Medal: Paige Sirak, South Hunterdon Regional

The first place team is the Newton FFA Chapter!

**Nursery and Landscape**
Members of the first place team: Ava Conte and Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 5th place: Jonathan Hall, Monmouth County Vocational
- 4th place: Elizabeth Caccese, Phillipsburg
- 1st place: Chalee Yale, Phillipsburg

Medals
- Silver Medal: Jennifer Healey, Allentown
- 3rd place and Bronze Medal: Kaylie Hanisak, Phillipsburg
- 2nd place and Gold Medal: Heather Fortunato, Allentown

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

**Veterinary Science**
Members of the first place team: Susan Mandeville and Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates
- 5th place: Eve Cronin, Hunterdon Polytech Central
- 4th place: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington
- 3rd place: Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

Medals
- Silver Medal: Brandan Bernstein, BCIT West Vet
- 2nd place and Bronze Medal: Madison Lofgren, Allentown
- 1st place and Gold Medal: Francesca Buchalski, Allentown

The first place team is the Allentown FFA Chapter!

**National Event Sweepstakes Award**

**Chapter:** Congratulations to the Newton FFA Chapter for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 12th in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

**Individual:** Congratulations to Kass Wojcik of the Newton FFA Chapter for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 10th out of 162 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

**Closing Ceremonies**
Jeremy Posluszny, 2017-2018 State FFA Vice President presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 480 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

**Keynote Address:** Breanna Holbert  
National FFA President, Breanna Holbert presented her Keynote Address.

**New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year**
The following Member of the Month recipients for 2017-2018 were honored:
- **May:** Matthew Gold, Allentown
- **September:** Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
- **October:** Madison Lofgren, Allentown
- **November:** Jessica Corbett, Allentown
- **December:** Sierra Eachus, Cumberland Regional
- **January:** Nicole Sickler, Woodstown
- **February:** Kass Wojcik, Newton
- **March:** Meredith Dauphars, Allentown
- **April:** Harlee Dawson, Woodstown

The 2018 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to Jamie Specca of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

**Employment Skills Event**
- **3rd place:** Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional
- **2nd place:** Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills
- **1st place:** Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold

**Demonstration Event**

**Individual Demonstration Event**
- **3rd place:** Katie Mihal, Cape May Tech
- **2nd place:** Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon
- **1st place:** Dan Rosa, Phillipsburg

**Team Demonstration Event**
- **3rd place:** Monmouth County
- **2nd place:** Camden Tech East
- **1st place:** Cape May Tech
Past State Officer Reception
Past State Officers who were recognized on the convention stage:

- 1982-1983: James Specca and Steven Gruenberg
- 1983-1984: Steven Gruenberg
- 1984-1986: Kathy Gangel
- 1989-1991: Liz Thompson and Joel Rudderow
- 1995-1996: Bill Taylor
- 1998-1999: Keith Wassall
- 1999-2000: Keith Wassall, Devin Daniels
- 2000-2001: Patty Thorne, Greg Babbitt, and Erin Noble
- 2001-2002: Erin Noble
- 2002-2004: Jen Wilson
- 2005-2006: Dale Cruzan and Dan Delcher
- 2006-2007: Dan Delcher
- 2007-2008: Amanda Hall
- 2008-2009: Keely DiTizio and Hannah Toft
- 2009-2010: Hanna Toft and Eric Nelson
- 2010-2011: Eric Nelson, Keely DiTizio, and Jimmie Ferguson
- 2012-2013: Ernie Arians, Anne Prouse, Lauren Fillebrown, Delaney Gray, and Kyle Clement
- 2014-2015: Kristianne Dowd, Kelly Gangel, and Hope Cahill
- 2015-2016: Hope Cahill, Hannah Mann, Tyler Kohlhaas, and Morgan Rutar
- 2016-2017: Morgan Rutar, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, Jeremy Poslusnzy, and Renee Stillwell
- 2017-2018: Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Poslusnzy, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel Norbeck, McKenna Moore, and Allison Finn

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

- Renee Stillwell, Allentown
- Steven Williams, Allentown
- Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
- Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional
- Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
- Maggie Drislane, Newton
- Summer Muscher-Malone, Newton
Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

**National Officer Candidate Introduction**
Renee Stillwell from Allentown and Kaitlyn Tallamy from Phillipsburg were announced as potential candidates to become New Jersey’s National Officer Candidate.

**Greetings from the Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Education**
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, NJ FFA Advisor and State Program Leader for Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education brought greetings on behalf of the Office of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education.

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

- **Robert Amberg** – Amberg’s Perennial Farm; Owner, Grower and Garden Center Manager
- **Donna Bouchelle** – Northern Burlington County Regional High School; Long-Term Substitute for Agricultural Mechanics
- **Lillian Burry** – Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Freeholder Deputy Director
- **Dale Cruzan III** – Allentown High School; Agricultural Educator & FFA Advisor
- **Delaney Gray** – NJ FFA Alumni & Supporters Association; NJ FFA Alumni President-Elect
- **Christine Jenkins** – Zoetis Veterinary Medical Services Group; Chief Veterinary Medical Officer
- **Yvonne LaForge** – Newton High School; Science Teacher
- **Thomas Leustek** – Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Assessment
- **Debra McCluskey** – Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education; Administrative Assistant
- **Angelo Trapani** – Trapper’s Honey; Owner of Trapper’s Honey

**Retiring Address: Kelsey Stockton**
Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Secretary, gave her retiring address, “The Color-Coded Planner” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association**
The 2017-2018 State Officer Team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

**Closing Ceremonies**
Session V


Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 598 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Timeless Traditions. Endless Possibilities”
The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the traditions of FFA and Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, and how FFA members should continue to cherish these traditions while also honoring how they have changed overtime to remain relevant.

Greetings from the Office of Career Readiness
Mr. David McNair brought greetings to New Jersey FFA Members on behalf of the Office of Career Readiness from the Department of Education.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award
Jessica Corbett of the Allentown FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2017-2018 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

State Star Chapter Farmer
Cheyenne Archer of the Allentown FFA Chapter is the recipient of the 2017-2018 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award
The 2017-2018 Star State Greenhand is Elizabeth Wheelan of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter!

Superior Chapter Recognition
Belvidere
Essex County
Monmouth County
Newton

National Chapter Award
Bronze
Northern Burlington
Warren Hills
Gold: Allentown – 1st
Penns Grove – 2nd
Salem Tech – 4th
Woodstown – 3rd

**Most Improved Chapter**
Congratulations to the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter for being named the 2018 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

**Proficiency Awards**
- **2018 Agricultural Processing Proficiency Award:** Susan Schmidt, Allentown
- **2018 Forage Production Proficiency Award:** Clint McEvoy, Belvidere
- **2018 Landscape Management Proficiency Award:** James Vincent Broncio, Belvidere
- **2018 Outdoor Recreation Placement Proficiency Award:** Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional
- **2018 Small Animal Production and Care Proficiency Award:** Matt Gold, Allentown

**Special Speaker: Jason Cameron**
Jason Cameron, DIY Network Star, encouraged our members to become skilled tradesmen to fulfill the employment gap.

**H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition**

*Bronze Rating:* Belvidere
- Bergen County Academies
- BCIT West Vet
- Camden – Pennsauken
- Essex County VTS Agriscience
- Hackettstown
- MCTS Sypek Center
- North Warren
- Northern Burlington Middle
- South Hunterdon Middle
- Union County

*Silver Rating:* Buena Regional
- Camden Tech East
- Monmouth County
- Somerset County
- South Hunterdon

*Gold Rating:* Allentown
- Cape May Tech
- Cumberland Regional
- Freehold
- Middlesex-East Brunswick
Best Dressed Chapter Award
Congratulations to the Newton FFA Chapter for being named the 2018 Best Dressed Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards
Division I: Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies
Division II: Kass Wojcik, Newton

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report
Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:
The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are Cheyenne Archer of the Allentown FFA Chapter and Rebecca Hatchel of the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Quiz Bowl:
The second place Quiz Bowl team is the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter and the first place team is the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

Lifetime Membership:
Sarah Kelly, Allison Finn, McKenna Moore and Ariel Norbeck received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

Distinguished Service
The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:
Grown in Monmouth, Monmouth County Division of Economic Development
Union County Board of Agriculture
Central Jersey Equipment
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture’s Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Convention Recognition
The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:
Ernie Arians
Hope Cahill
Leon Delcher  
Kristianne Dowd  
Stuart Faunce  
Jimmie Ferguson  
Lauren Fillebrown  
Delaney Gray  
Hannah Mann  
Eric Nelson  
David Watts

**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, the members of the Allentown FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was awarded for their efforts.

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**

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The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is Alyssia Caroenuto of the Allentown 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
Michael Cappetto of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter entertained the audience with his talent of singing.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown: Cheyenne Archer
Jessica Corbett
Meredith Dauphars
Madison Lofgren
Belvidere: James Broncio
Clint McEvoy
Cape May Tech: Christine Albrecht
Joan McAnulty
Cumberland Regional: Molli Chiari
Sierra Eachus
Sara Loew
Dante Terrigno
Clarence Wills
Monmouth County: Jaalisa Ellis
Newton: Michael Acosta
Giovanni Bevacqua
Madeleine Enriquez
Nico Fiore
Timothy Houlihan
Sarah Irizarry
Kathleen Reidmiller
Matthew Rosa
Elizabeth Saks
Kass Wojcik
Northern Burlington: Olyvia Evanko
Lynne Dotson
Tyler Hagar
Alexis Hutson
Penns Grove: Shalyn Roberts
Zaria Robinson
Emileigh Zane
Somerset County: Elizabeth Dietrich
Sussex Tech: Alyssa Breur
Aliza Rosen
Warren Hills: Owen Donnelly
Woodstown: Abigail Evans
Alexandria Floyd
Nicole Sickler
State Star Award Recognition

2017-2018 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Tyler James Hagar, Northern Burlington
2017-2018 State Star Farmer: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere

Retiring Address: Renee Stillwell
Renee Stillwell, State FFA President gave her retiring address and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report
Nicole Haralampoudis of the Freehold FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair: Renee Stillwell
Executive Committee Member: Kelsey Stockton
State Parliamentarian: Jacob Newkirk
State Sentinel: Christine Albrecht
State Reporter: Susan Schmidt
State Treasurer: Kaitlyn Tallamy
State Secretary: Brittany Smith
State Vice President: Jamie Specca
State President: Joshua Loew

Motion by Nicole Haralampoudis, Freehold 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 2018-2019 State Officers
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

Convention in Review
The 2018 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel
2017-2018 State FFA President, Renee Stillwell, passed the gavel to 2018-2019 State FFA President, Joshua Loew.

Closing Ceremonies
Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:
Dominick Gable, Bankbridge Regional 
Adam Sadlon, Northern Burlington Middle 
Colleen Clarke, Union County 
Destiny Forrest, Delsea Regional 
Christina Rodriquez, Middlesex-East Brunswick 
Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth Vocational 
McKenna Moore, State FFA Association 
Tally Frendak, Phillipsburg 
Keith Dannucci, Advisor 
Kris Guttadora, Advisor 
Nan Hamilton, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:
To review the horticulture exposition and discuss improvements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Removing FFA celebration (201-301), keeping FFA theme (202), changing description to: 
an arrangement to depict NJ State FFA theme (Students are welcome to influence the 
FFA colors National Blue and Corn Gold).
• Include Horticultural Systems Division which showcases food products grown in 
hydroponics, aeroponics, or aquaponic systems. Students should include diagram, a one 
paragraph description, pictures and their food product in its growing medium.
• Workshops that center around career explorations, guest speakers, and 
demonstrations. Demonstrations can utilize the horticulture program at Mercer County 
Community College to help host these workshops (Philly Flower Show, Sesame Place 
Topiaries).
• Include a point system rather than automatic disqualification with an average of the 
judges points to determine placing.

Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County – Chairman 
Christina Rodriquez, Middlesex East Brunswick – Secretary
Career Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:
Sarah Sablom, Monmouth County  Jayden Johnson, Somerset County
Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove  Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington
Karli Hider, Salem Tech  Karley Sickler, Woodstown
Gabbie Vilanova, Freehold  Alyssa Bruer, Sussex Tech
Kass Wojcik, Newton  Matthew Gold, Allentown
Ariel Norbeck, State FFA Association  Dale Cruzan, Advisor

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
- Review CDEs to align with state and national qualifications especially with those struggling to meet the 60% rule as well as adding a rubric modeling that of nationals to allow teams to properly prepare.
- Suggesting the revamp of Winter CDEs to include more hands-on portions when applicable.
- Seek schools in Northern, Central, and Southern locations that would host schools and unbiased proctors.
- Merge Floriculture and Floral Design where it would be held at Rutgers during Spring CDEs while ensuring that Floral Design is represented every year through a Floral Design Practicum while maintaining rotating practicums.
- Seeing as Floral Design has a constant practicum, the planter and corsage practicums would be reevaluated.
- Consider the separation of Homesite and Land Judging to align with National CDE.
- Consider providing additional resources such as videos on how to better prepare for CDEs.
- Review the practicality of the exam portion of the Farm Business Management CDE.

Comments:
- For land judging/homesite, the CDEs remain the same and the only change would be the separation of the two, not the judging.
- Ensure that videos have a strong educational aspect.
- Recommend consistency for how they mark the livestock along with brighter colors for identification.

Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington – Chairman
Kass Wojcik, Newton – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
James Broncio Jr., Belvidere            Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon
Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech              Brandan Berstein, BCIT – West Vet
Maryjo Hobeika, Bergen County Academies Theresa Lane, Pemberton
Renee Stillwell, State Association     Patricia Thorne, Advisor

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:
- The state POA should be on the AET to align with the requirements for chapters.
- In POA, Section 2B, add a goal number three: “All relevant information and/or changes to events/CDEs, must be sent with a minimum of thirty days notice prior to the event.”

Comments:
- Provide clearer instructions on how to use itself and provide hands-on training at Fall Ag Ed conference for the AET.

James Broncio Jr., Belvidere – Chairman
Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon – Secretary
State Leadership Activities
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:
Jonathan Kerman, Union County
Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington
Hannah Wilcoxen, Cape May Tech
Brian Willa, Cumberland Regional
Erin Simeron, BCIT West Vet
Deanna Miller, Advisor

Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren
Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills
Zaria Robinson, Penns Grove
Kaitlynn Barr, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Association

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• LEAD: Go back to reviewing officer specific responsibilities, infuse “my FFA Story” aspect into the workshops, and recognize chapter officers with certificate. Research how to include information on agricultural colleges.
• ALLD: Make the scavenger more game-like with an emphasis on mingling with other chapters, have a demographically and geographically diverse panel, have a back-up activity in case the symposium dies down, and easier microphone access for questions.
• Recognize outstanding social media chapters at all state activities as an incentive.

Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington – Chairman
Hannah Wilcoxen, Cape May Tech – Secretary
State Convention Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:
Catrina Bennett, North Warren        Clint McEvoy, Belvidere
Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech         Courtney Barlow, South Hunterdon Middle
Sarah Kelly, State FFA Association   Robin McLean, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:
Establish further improvements of the New Jersey FFA Convention

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• Improve the promotion of the statewide community service project.
• Improve communication regarding committee room assignments via the use of QR codes.
• Push evaluations of state FFA convention.

Comments:
• Create statewide community service posters for Spring CDEs and other events.
• Enforce name change of “Ice Cream Social” to “FFA Social.”

Clint McEvoy, Belvidere – Chairman
Catrina Bennett, North Warren – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Dante Terrigno, Cumberland Regional                   Leah Satterfield, Cape May Tech
Danielle Marino, Freehold                            Raeann Caltabiano, Woodstown
Diana Meza, Phillipsburg                              Victoria Burd, Warren Hills
Madeleine Enriquez, Newton                           Nick Lewis, Northern Burlington Middle
Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon                        Cheyenne Archer, Allentown
Jeremy Posluszny, New Jersey FFA Association         Keely DiTizio, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:
To review state applications, and discuss changes in requirements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:
• For the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Jacket Set application to have the following requirements: chapter funding needed, participation and membership size, community service, and goals.
• For all applications, move from excel to the AET and research adding Chapter and Greenhand degree applications on AET as well.
• For SAE records, require members to use the AET Record Book for state degree, and have the state provide training to advisors and chapters.
• All applications should provide full and clear requirements and instructions for application and given forms.

Comments:
• The committee believes all forms should require the same member information for uniformity. The committee aspires for all applications and event forms to be 100% electronic.

Madeleine Enriquez, Newton – Chairman
Leah Satterfield, Cape May Tech – Secretary
Membership and Chapter Relations
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:
Sara Folds, Delsea Regional
Tyler Bartsch, Bergen Tech Paramus
Abigail Podejko, Somerset County
Dylan McClure, Pemberton
Amy Kline, Advisor
Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies
Andrea Murphy, Bankbridge Regional
Kylie Hendricks, South Hunterdon Middle
Allison Finn, State FFA Association

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss the effectiveness of communication with chapters and members

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:
• An email list for members to be created.
• In poster series, have poster for social media.
• To have a social media poster at CDEs with a QR code for snapchat.

Comments:
• Email list for events throughout the year so members hear from the association

Abigail Podejko, Somerset County – Chairman
Sara Folds, Delsea – Secretary
2018-2019 State FFA Executive Board

State President  
Joshua Loew

State Vice President  
Jamie Specca

State Secretary  
Brittany Smith

State Treasurer  
Kaitlyn Tallamy

State Reporter  
Susan Schmidt

State Sentinel  
Christine Albrecht

State Parliamentarian  
Jacob Newkirk

Executive Committee Chair  
Renee Stillwell

Executive Committee Member  
Kelsey Stockton

Teacher Representative  
John Neyhart

State Advisor  
Nancy J. Trivette

State FFA Specialist  
Erin E. Noble

State Executive Treasurer  
Debra McCluskey
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