

# 90<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



## Session I

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Josh Loew, 2018-2019 State FFA President, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 441 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Greetings: New Jersey Department of Agriculture**

Douglas Fisher, Secretary of Agriculture, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

#### **FFA Jacket Presentation**

61 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. Luke O’Leary, National FFA President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

**Allentown**

Kylie Byrne  
Joseph Colamarino  
Giulianna Guarraggi  
Cail Lang  
Patrick McMahon  
Ryan Wright

**Bergen County Academies  
Cape May Tech**

Avi Zatz  
JP Gray  
Karlin Jimenez  
Jemma Kraft  
Yarra Lim  
Kate Mihal

**Freehold  
Monmouth County**

James Nieves  
Julianna Davi  
Madeline Clymore  
Jada Figueroa  
Steven Rodermann  
Mark Stackewicz

**Northern Burlington  
Northern Burlington Middle**

Nicolas Triano  
Elizabeth Roloson  
Lexi Enger  
Damon Hoffman  
Kalena Johnson

**Penns Grove**

Jacob Gilchrist  
Teagan Rudderow  
Rebecca C. Borges  
Alexis D. Perminter

**Phillipsburg**

**Salem Tech**

Kasey Beal  
Morgan Berry  
Conner Cagle  
Kaitlyn Clason  
Jessica Collura  
Alyssa Foss  
Lillian Gerace  
Madison Griscom  
Chloe Hess  
Hannah McCann  
Catherine McQuade  
Jamila Rivera  
Lexi Stretch-Huff

**South Hunterdon**

Christina Baggitt  
Kelsey Tulley

**South Hunterdon Middle  
Sussex Tech**

James Breuer  
Kalla Corring

**Union County**

Elizabeth Debski  
Erykka Leeman  
Jess Southway  
Casey A Varcadipane  
Ava LaLande  
Michael G Laumbach  
Lucia Mauriello  
Gianna Sandull  
Zachary Winigrad

**Woodstown**

Grace Clark  
Shannon Emmett  
Hailey-Michele Hitchner  
Kate Lowery  
Shannon McCann  
Grace Oliver  
Allyson Stierle  
Caitlin Williams

**Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee**

Josh Loew, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Brittany Smith, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Macy Gregory, Cape May Tech  
Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold  
Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington  
Amy Murillo, Phillipsburg  
Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon  
Rebecca Hatchell, Woodstown  
Hanna Mann, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator  
Renee Stillwell, Executive Committee Representative

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

Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional  
Ryan Jordan, Cumberland Regional  
Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional  
Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington  
Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech  
Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills  
Talia Priore, Woodstown  
Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

**Retiring Address: Jake Newkirk**

State FFA Parliamentarian, Jake Newkirk, gave his retiring address entitled “Dig Your Roots and Plant your Seeds,” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, Board of Trustees member, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

**2019 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** – Alexis Perminter, Philipsburg

**David Seely Memorial Scholarship** – Alexis Perminter, Philipsburg

**James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship** – Kayla Rhinesmith, Cape May Tech

**Washington Grange #117 Scholarship** – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

**Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship** – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

**Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship** – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – David Tohon, Union County

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

**Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship** – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

**May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship** – Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

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

**Earl Tindal Memorial Scholarship**—Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington

**Woodstown Alumni Chapter/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Dean Weiss, Woodstown

**New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters Scholarship** – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; Nicole Haralampoudis, Freehold; and Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick

**Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship** – Nathan Sparks, Woodstown

**Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship** – Katrina Henriques. Monmouth

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship** – Matthew Gold, Allentown

**William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** – Olyvia Evanko; Alex Bohoyni; Kaitlin Quinn, Northern Burlington

**Roszel Scholarship** – Renee Stillwell, Allentown

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship** – Renee Stillwell, Allentown

**Randy & Nancy Trivette Teach Ag Endowment**- Renee Stillwell, Allentown

**Growing America’s Farmers Scholarship** – Renee Stillwell, Allentown; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Toni Baker, Salem Tech; Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

**Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship** – Allison Finn, Freehold; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Matthew Gold, Allentown; Allison Finn, Freehold; Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington; Alexis Permitter, Phillipsburg; Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg; Toni Baker, Salem Tech; Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills; Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

### **National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**\$1,500 America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders**- Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington

**\$1,000 Chevy Trucks Scholarship** – Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington

**\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship** – Joanna Ricci, Allentown

### **National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship**

The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention and will help with the Hall of States booth. The 2019 scholarship winner is Karley Sickler from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

### **Keynote Address: Luke O’Leary**

National FFA President, Luke O’Leary presented his Keynote Address.

### **Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Delaney Gray, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair, Arturo Hernandez-Cruz, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

### **State Convention Rules**

The State Officers played their presentation of “FFA Oscars”, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## Session II

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Jake Newkirk, 2018-2019 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 457 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Art Competition Awards**

##### **Fine Art Division:**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$50):* Alexis Stretch-Huff, Salem Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Christopher Yurga, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Julia Zonca, Newton

##### **Photography Division:**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Alexandra Echeverria, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Ava LaLande, Union County

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Alison Germadnig, Freehold

#### **Official Ceremonies Event Awards**

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Salem Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Allentown

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

#### **Retiring Address: Christine Albrecht**

State FFA Sentinel, Christine Albrecht, gave her retiring address entitled “Embrace Existence” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

#### **8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

*Silver Ranking:* Penns Grove  
Union County

*Gold Ranking:* Allentown  
Newton  
Phillipsburg  
Woodstown

#### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

Congratulations to the **Woodstown 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 building bat houses that were given to the Rutgers Wildlife Conservation & Management Program. Chapters were encouraged to come help build the bat boxes before the start of convention. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

**Allentown**  
**Bergen County Academies**  
**Camden Tech East**  
**Cape May Tech**  
**Cumberland Regional**  
**Delsea Regional**  
**Freehold**  
**MCTS Sypek**  
**Middlesex East Brunswick**  
**Monmouth County**  
**Northern Burlington**  
**Penns Grove**  
**Phillipsburg**  
**Salem Tech**  
**South Hunterdon**  
**Sussex Tech**  
**Union County**  
**Woodstown**  
**Warren Hills**

### **Greetings: Rutgers Wildlife Conservation & Management Program**

Dr. Brooke Maslo, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist with Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources at Rutgers, brought greetings and thanked the chapters for the time they spent making the boxes.

### **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:

#### **Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**

*Division III* – Thomas King, Bergen County Academies

*Division V* – Andrew Song, Bergen County Academies

#### **Food Products and Processing Systems**

*Division V* – Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies

#### **Plant Systems**

*Division III* – Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

*Division V* – Sohyun Cho, Bergen County Academies

Division VI –Angela Yuan & Ryan Xu , Bergen County Academies

**Power, Structural, and Mechanical Systems**

*Division V* – Oliver Sandiford, Bergen County Academies

**Social Systems**

*Division III* – Lauren Kim, Bergen County Academies

*Division IV* – Sara Cho & Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold

**Retiring Address: Brittany Smith**

State FFA Secretary, Brittany Smith, gave her retiring address entitled “Changing Direction” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Closing Ceremonies**

## 2019 Delegate Business Session

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FFA President, Josh Loew presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 55 delegates and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 28 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 37 votes.

The 90<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

**Motion by Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton** to accept the schedule for the 90<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon. Motion passes.**

Josh Loew entertained a motion to accept the 89<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

**Motion by Rylee Laffery, Delsea** to accept the 89<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

**Seconded by Emma Deery, Sussex Tech. Motion passes.**

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

**Motion by Cheyenne Archer, Allentown** to change membership kind from “active” to “student” throughout the state association’s constitution and bylaws where applicable.

**Seconded by Bridget Fajvan, Newton. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills** to change membership kind from “alumni” to “adult” throughout the state association’s constitution and bylaws where applicable.

**Seconded by Cassidy Hunt, South Hunterdon Middle. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech** to change Honorary Degree from “Membership Kind” to “Degrees” in the state association’s constitution, and bylaws.

**Seconded by Rylee Laffery, Delsea. Motion passes.**

Christine Albrecht, State FFA Sentinel, presented the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws Amendment proposals.

**Motion by Bridget Fajvan, Newton** to amend the national FFA Constitution: Article VI. Degrees and Privileges of Membership, Section E, 2. By striking out, “(24 months)” and insert the words, “and paid for two years”.

**Seconded by Abigail Podejko, Somerset. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Jayden Johnson, Somerset** to amend the National FFA Constitution by: Striking out the current wording and replacing it with the below wording in the constitution, and deleting proposed sections and renumbering the subsequent Articles

**Seconded by Cheyenne Archer, Allentown. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Alex Echeverria, Phillipsburg** to amend the National FFA Bylaws by: Striking out the current wording and replacing it with the suggested wording in the bylaws and deleting proposed sections and renumbering the subsequent Articles.

**Seconded by Rylee Laffery, Delsea. Motion passes.**

Kaitlyn Tallamy, State Treasurer, presented the 2019-2020 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure and the National FFA Proposal for the Membership Fee Increase.

**Motion by Maria Fountaine, Sussex** to accept the 2019-2020 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

**Seconded by Olivia Swanson, Belvidere. Motion passes.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### *Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Rylee Laffery, Delsea** 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 Jacob Dotson, 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 Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton** 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 Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

#### *State Convention Evaluation*

**Motion by Emma Deery, Sussex Tech** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

*State FFA Applications*

**Motion by Alex Echeverria, Phillipsburg** 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 Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech** to adjourn the 2019 Delegate Business Session.

**Seconded by Cheyenne Archer, Allentown. Motion passes.**

## Session III

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Christine Albrecht, 2018-2019 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 471 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Public Speaking Awards**

##### **FFA Creed**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Kalena Johnson, Northern Burlington Middle

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Cierra Simmons, Freehold

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Brianna Smith, Phillipsburg

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

##### **3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Jennifer Healey, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Thomas King, Bergen County Academies

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Ashley Abruzzo, Phillipsburg

##### **6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Kayleen Kollasch, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Ruby Redmond, Cape May Tech

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

##### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

##### **Agricultural Issues Forum**

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$225):* Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **Parliamentary Procedure Event**

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Cumberland Regional

### **New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year**

The 2019 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Ms. Deanna Miller** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**. Congratulations!

### **Teach Agriculture Event Award**

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Mariana Meriles, Bergen County Academies

### **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.

Renee Stillwell, Allentown  
Hailey Niederberger, Cape May Tech  
Kayla Rhinesmith, Cape May Tech  
Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Hannah Demeter, Northern Burlington  
Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington  
Heather Infante, Northern Burlington  
Kailyn Kelly, Northern Burlington  
Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington  
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington  
Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg  
Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

### **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. Andrew Rudd, Mrs. Patty Smith, Ms. Catherine Yuhas

*Five Years:* Ms. Clare Kennedy

*10 Years:* Mr. Brian Ducey, Mrs. Amanda Hayes

*15 Years:* Mrs. Erin Noble, Mrs. Taryan Romanczak, Mrs. Patricia Thorn

*25 Years:* Mr. Keith Dannucci

*30 Years:* Mr. Gary Nelson

*35 Years:* Ms. Bonnie Baldasare, Mr. Brian Burns

### **Retiring Address: Jamie Specca**

Jamie Specca, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, "Counting Down the Days" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Agricultural Awareness Awards**

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Salem Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Penns Grove

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100):* Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$125):* Monmouth County

### **Marketing Plan Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$300):* Bergen County Academies

### **Social Media Challenge**

*September:* Anthony Varga, Northern Burlington

*October:* Rebecca Hatchell, Woodstown

*November:* Talia Priore, Woodstown

*December:* Macy Gregory, Cape May Tech

*January:* Ivonne Ovalles, High Tech

*February:* Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional

*March:* Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington

The Overall Social Media Challenge Winner is Talia Priore from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

### **Hall of States Exhibit Event Award**

The winner of the 2019 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Camden Tech East

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100):* Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$150):* Newton

### **Landscape Design Event Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Juliette Ezilioglu, Bergen Tech Paramus

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Rebecca Graf, Bergen Tech Paramus

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Julianna Davi, Freehold

### **FFA Week Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Woodstown

### **Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award**

The 2019 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Karley Sickler** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**



**New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award**

The 2019 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Abigail Goodenough** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

**Closing Ceremonies**

## CDE Session

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Kaitlyn Tallamy, 2018-2019 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 480 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### FFA Talent

Cora Katzmar of the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter performed a song.

### Summer Career Development Event Awards

#### Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Nick Brewer, Northern Burlington

4<sup>th</sup> place: Olivia Evanko, Northern Burlington

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington

Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Brandon Marenzana, Newton

2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal: Jordan Sliker, Newton

1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton

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

#### Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Angelico Villaruz, Newton

Medals

2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal: Nick Costa, Newton

3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Isobel Costello, Newton

1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal: Brett Bergey, Newton

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

#### Food Science and Technology

Member of the first place team: Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4<sup>th</sup> place: Jess Southway, Sussex Tech

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Elijah Keppler, Sussex Tech

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alex Wojcik, Newton

## Medals

*5<sup>th</sup> and Silver Medal:* Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

*Bronze Medal:* Bryant Kye, Bergen County Academies

*Gold Medal:* Lauren Kim, Bergen County Academies

The first place team is the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

## Horse Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Chloe Rust, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Devon Meshach, Warren Hills

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Taylor Sandy, Woodstown

## Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Morgan Ferry, Woodstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Paige Pierson, Woodstown

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

## Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Remi Ivaldi, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Ben Haines, Woodstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Dan Cleary, Newton

## Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Karleen Wilford, Cumberland

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Kira Hartmann, Sussex Tech

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Jacob Tonking, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* John Lutz, Sussex Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Brett Bergy, Newton

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

## Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Grace Oliver, Woodstown

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Victor Shumway, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Donovan Hetzal, Newton

## Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Harlee Dawson, Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Grace Clark, Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Kate Lowery, Woodstown

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

## **FFA Talent**

Kalena Johnson of the Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter entertained the audience with a song.

## **Fall Career Development Event Awards**

### **Fruits and Vegetables**

Members of the first place team: Jon Finney and Toni Baker, Salem Tech  
H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Olive Scaff, Allentown

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Michelle Zaremski, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Karli Hider, Salem Tech

The first place team is the **Salem Tech FFA Chapter!**

### **Land Judging**

Members of the first place team: Matthew Kuever and Nick Costa, Newton  
H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Macy Gregory, Cape May Tech

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Cierra Simmons, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Jacob Tonkin, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* James Nieves, Cape May Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Brett Bergey, Newton

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

### **Milk Quality and Products**

Member of the first place team: Nathan Sparks, Woodstown  
H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Karley Sickler, Woodstown

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Ava LaLande, Union County

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Paige Pierson, Woodstown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Talia Priore, Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Anne Reed, Northern Burlington

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

### **Turf Management**

Members of the first place team: Zachary Panarra and Chris Torres, Monmouth County Vocational

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Olivia Evanko, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Gabriel Jones, Camden Tech East

Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Chris Sollitto, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Thomas Murphy, Monmouth County

*4<sup>th</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East

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

### **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.

### **FFA Talent**

Jaalisa Ellis from the Monmouth County FFA Chapter performed a dance.

## **Winter Career Development Event Awards**

### **Farm & Agribusiness Management**

Members of the first place team: Jill Burden and Magaly Hernandez, Woodstown

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Kayla Hopkins, Woodstown

*Silver Medal:* Paige Pierson, Woodstown

*Gold Medal:* Cassidy Viersma, Newton

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

### **Floral Design**

Members of the first place team: Haley Alborano and Shelby Perna, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Kelsey Pittenger, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Kira Hartmann, Sussex Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Hunter Hayes, Phillipsburg

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Cassidy Viersma, Newton

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

### **Forestry**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Cheyenne Archer, Allentown

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Grant Parker, Newton

Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Bridget Fajvan, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Travis LeMasson, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Sal Zonca, Newton

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

### **Meat Evaluation and Technology**

Member of 1<sup>st</sup> place team: Nick Costa, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Brett Bergy, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Toni Baker, Salem Tech

Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Eddie Baldwin, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Talia Priore, Woodstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

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

### **FFA Talent**

Cheyenne Archer from the Allentown FFA Chapter performed a song.

## **Spring Career Development Event Awards**

### **Agricultural Sales**

Members of the first place team: Vincent Ercone and Sarah Phillips, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Edward Baldwin, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington

Medals

*4<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Danielle Lockwood, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Kirk Avondoglio, Newton

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

### **Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team: Levi Mains and Ryan Wright, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Anthony Varga, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Trevor Skow, North Warren

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* George Curreri, North Warren

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Michael Zuppa

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Ryan Jordan, Cumberland Regional

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Brian Posluszny, Allentown

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

### **Environmental and Natural Resources**

Member of the first place team: Sal Zonca and John Viersma, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Oliver Sandiford, Bergen County Academies

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Andrew Song, Bergen County Academies

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Chase Hale, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Travis LeMasson, Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Grant Parker, Newton

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

### **Floriculture**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Elise Nietzsche, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Alex Echeverria, Phillipsburg

Medals

*4<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Tally Frendak, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Paige Sirak, South Hunterdon

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Hunter Hayes, Phillipsburg

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

### **Nursery and Landscape**

Members of the first place team: Ivan Moore and Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Thomas Murphy, Monmouth County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Zachary Panarra, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Dominik Gruca, Salem Tech  
*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington  
*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Jon Finney, Salem Tech

The first place team is the **Salem Tech Chapter!**

### **Veterinary Science**

Members of the first place team: Allison Ortiz and Erin Simeron, BCIT West Vet  
H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Patrick McMahon, Allentown

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Zoey Potter, BCIT West Vet

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Illeara Ma Mecaj, Newton

Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Nicole Hughes, BCIT West Vet

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the **BCIT West Vet FFA Chapter!**

### **National Event Sweepstakes Award**

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **Francesca Buchalski** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 162 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

### **Closing Ceremonies**



## Session IV

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Brittany Smith, 2018-2019 State FFA Secretary presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 496 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Greetings from the Association of Career & Technical Education**

Nancy Trivette brought greetings from the Association of Career & Technical Education.

Recognition was given to Mrs. Trivette for her 35 years of dedicated service to the New Jersey FFA Association, and the "Trivette Fun Run" was introduced, which will be held each convention on Thursday morning, open to those who want to participate.

#### **New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year**

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2018-2019 were honored:

*May:* Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

*September:* Talia Priore, Woodstown

*October:* Rebecca Hatchell, Woodstown

*November:* Cheyenne Archer, Allentown

*December:* Toni Baker, Salem Tech

*January:* Nathan Sparks, Woodstown

*February:* Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold

*March:* Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon

*April:* Kara Yarrington, Woodstown

The 2019 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Jacelyn Rudderow** of the **Penns Grove FFA Chapter**.

#### **Employment Skills Event**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Benjamin Zatz, Bergen County Academies

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Kayla Rhinesmith, Cape May Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Anthony Varga, Northern Burlington

#### **Demonstration Event**

Individual Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Katie Mihal, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Ciara Concepcion, MCTS Sypek Center

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Jaalisa Ellis, Monmouth County

Team Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* High Tech High

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* South Hunterdon

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Cape May Tech

### **Retiring Address: Kaitlyn Tallamy**

Kaitlyn Tallamy, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “Your Time, Not Theirs” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Honorary State Degree Ceremony**

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

**Chelsea Utter** – Wildlife Refuge Specialist, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

**Anastasia Essl** – Guidance Office Administrative Assistant, Allentown High School

**Lauren Fillebrown** – State FFA Facilitator, New Jersey Office of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Education

**Bette Jane Kowalski** – Freeholder Chair, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

**Laura Lawson** – Dean of Academic Programs, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University

**Lu-Ann Russell** – Senior Director of Conference Services and Special Events, Monmouth University

**Patty Thorne** – Teacher of Agriculture, Cumberland Regional High School

### **Past State Officer Reception**

Past State Officers who were recognized on the convention stage:

1976-1977: Timothy Wasser

1977-1978: Donna Wasser and Cindy Bowman

1978-1979: Cindy (Hamlen) Bowman, Yvonne Hamlen, David Hamlen, and Margie Fineran-Hurley

1979-1980: Margie Fineran-Hurley

1980-1981: Nancy Trivette

1982-1983: James Specca

1985-1986: Patty Smith

1987-1988: Ann Andrews

1989-1991: Joel Rudderow

1991-1992: Allison Mains

1998-2000: Keith Wassall

2000-2001: Patty Thorne, Greg Babbitt, Erin Noble, and Chris Nnadi

2001-2002: Erin Noble and Chris Nnadi

2005-2006: Dale Cruzan and Dan Delcher

2006-2007: Dan Delcher

2007-2008: Karli Schoenlank

2008-2009: Keely DiTizio and Hannah Toft

2009-2010: Hanna Toft, Jess Heritage, and Eric Nelson

2010-2011: Eric Nelson, Keely DiTizio, and Jimmie Ferguson

2011-2012: Jimmie Ferguson and Sam Rubinstein  
2012-2013: Lauren Fillebrown and Delaney Gray  
2013-2014: Delaney Gray, David Watts and Kristianne Dowd  
2014-2015: Kristianne Dowd and Hope Cahill  
2015-2016: Hope Cahill, Hannah Mann, Tyler Kohlhaas, and Morgan Rutar  
2016-2017: Morgan Rutar, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, Jeremy Posluszny, and  
Renee Stillwell  
2017-2018: Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel  
Norbeck, and Allison Finn  
2018-2019: Josh Loew, Jamie Specca, Brittany Smith, Kaitlyn Tallamy, Christine Albrecht,  
and Jacob Newkirk

### **American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Christopher Faunce, Allentown  
Matthew R. Gold, Allentown  
Heidi A Hyland, Allentown  
Jeremy David Posluszny, Allentown  
Joanna N Richie, Allentown  
Vincent Viviano, Allentown  
James V Bronico, Belvidere  
Clint Thomas McEvoy, Belvidere  
Justin Marenzana, Newton  
Kathleen Louise Reidmiller, Newton  
Michael Francis Reidmiller, Newton  
Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington  
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington  
Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington  
Aaron J. Etienne, Union County

### **Keynote Address**

Amberly Snyder presented her speech, "There is no future in Giving up".

### **Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association**

The 2018-2019 State Officer Team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## Session V

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Jamie Specca, 2018-2019 State FFA Vice President and Kaitlyn Tallamy, 2018-2019 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 601 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Reflections – “Embrace, Embark, Empower”**

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme embrace, embark, empower and the many possibilities that are out there for FFA Member to continue to strive for into the future.

#### **Greetings from Assemblyman Houghtaling**

Assemblyman Houghtaling is the chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resource committee of the General Assembly and helps to shape legislation that provides a promising future for agriculture in New Jersey.

#### **State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award**

**Talia Priore** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2018-2019 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

#### **Star Greenhand Award**

The 2018-2019 Star State Greenhand is **Elizabeth Stenard** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

#### **Superior Chapter Recognition**

Monmouth County  
Newton  
Somerset County

#### **National Chapter Award**

*Bronze:* Freehold

*Silver:* Northern Burlington  
Phillipsburg  
Woodstown

*Gold:* 1<sup>st</sup> Allentown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Penns Grove  
3<sup>rd</sup> Salem Tech

**Most Improved Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for being named the 2019 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

**Proficiency Awards**

**2019 Swine Production Entrepreneurship:** Toni Baker, Salem Tech

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

<i>Bronze Rating:</i>	Belvidere Bergen County Academies BCIT West Vet Camden Tech East Delsea Regional High Tech MCTS Sypek Center Middlesex East Brunswick North Warren Northern Burlington Middle South Hunterdon
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<i>Silver Rating:</i>	Bergen County Academies Somerset County Sussex Tech Union County Warren Hills
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<i>Gold Rating:</i>	Allentown Cape May Tech Cumberland Regional Freehold Monmouth County Newton Northern Burlington Penns Grove Phillipsburg Salem Tech Woodstown
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**Best Dressed Chapter Award**

Congratulations to the **Delsea FFA Chapter** for being named the 2019 Best Dressed Chapter!

**FFA Essay Events Awards**

*Division II:* Ryan Xu Bergen County Academies

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

**Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:**

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Alexis Perminter** of the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** and **Susan Mandeville** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter**.

**Quiz Bowl:**

The second place Quiz Bowl team is the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** and the first place team is the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter!**

**Lifetime Membership:**

Christine Albrecht, Kaitlyn Tallamy, Brittany Smith, Jake Newkirk and Jamie Specca received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

**Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

Farm Credit East- Flemington Branch  
Allentown Lions Club  
Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge

**Convention Recognition**

The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:

Hope Cahill  
Leon Delcher  
Kristianne Dowd  
Jimmie Ferguson  
Delaney Gray  
Hannah Mann  
Eric Nelson  
David Watts  
Allison Finn  
Margie Hurley  
Sarah Kelly  
Tyler Kohlhaas  
Ariel Norbeck  
Jeremy Posluszny  
Sam Rubinstein  
Morgan Rutar  
Kelsey Stockton  
Renee Stillwell

**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

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

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**

Delaney Gray recognized members that served on courtesy corps throughout convention.

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Brian Posluszny** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Debra McCluskey, and Ms. Lauren Fillebrown 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**

Ethan Lipper of the Allentown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with a dance.

**Garden State Degree Ceremony**

<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	<b>Kayla Rhinesmith</b>
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	<b>Ryan Jordan</b> Karleen Wilford
<b>Monmouth County:</b>	<b>Katrina Henriques</b>
<b>Newton:</b>	<b>Isobel Costello</b> Bridget Fajvan Travis LeMasson Sophia Loiacona Grant Parker John Viersma Salvatoro Zonca
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	<b>Abigail Goodenough</b> Kailyn Kelly Hunter Quinn
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	<b>Alexander W. Clason</b> Arturo Hernandez-Cruz
<b>Phillipsburg:</b>	<b>Alexis Perminter</b>
<b>Salem Tech:</b>	<b>Toni Baker</b> Kailyn Emmett Karli Hider Ethan Tomasso Briana Williams
<b>Somerset County:</b>	<b>Abigail Podejko</b> Maria Scarpantonio
<b>Union County:</b>	<b>Colleen Clarke</b>
<b>Woodstown:</b>	<b>Harlee Dawson</b> Allison Foote Benjamin Haines Rebecca Hatchell Joseph McCann Talia Priore

Nathan Sparks

**State Star Award Recognition**

**2018-2019 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

**2018-2019 State Star Farmer:** Toni Baker, Salem Tech

**Retiring Address: Josh Lowe – “Waves Come, Days End”**

Josh Loew, State FFA President gave his retiring address and thanked his family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Elizabeth Stenard of the Freehold FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

State Parliamentarian:	Ryan Jordan
State Sentinel:	Nicole Sickler
State Reporter:	Karleen Wilford
State Treasurer:	Talia Priore
State Secretary:	Kailyn Emmett
State Vice President:	Owen Donnelly
State President:	Jamie Specca

**Motion by Elizabeth Stenard, 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 2019-2020 State Officers**

The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

**Convention in Review**

The 2019 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**

2018-2019 State FFA President, Josh Loew, passed the gavel to 2019-2020 State FFA President, Jamie Specca.

**Closing Ceremonies**





## Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### Committee Members Present:

Rylee Lafferty, Delsea

Adam Sadlon, Northern Burlington Middle

Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County

David Tohan, Union County

Jamie Specca, State FFA Association

David Catanch, MCTS Sypek

Bridget Fajvan, Newton

Cheyenne Archer, Allentown

Keith Dannucci, Advisor

Kris Guttadora, Advisor

### Purpose of Meeting:

To review the horticulture exposition and discuss improvements.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create two universal size restrictions for arrangements.
- Class 122 to be placed in a plastic container (sustainable ag)
- Evaluate language in FFA theme descriptions.
- Change “silk and dried” to “permanent” in class 337 (country delights)
- Evaluate categories, pricing cards, and scoring of cards for Horticulture Division.
- Change “Mid-Summer Night’s Dream” to “Summer Celebration”.
- Change “winter solstice” to “winter wonderland” and “happy holidays”.

### Comments:

- Talk to Mercer about temperature.
- Start cleanup process sooner.
- Horticulture Division: environmentally friendly category, recycling symbol required.
- Share price through google or mycaert.
- Ensure consistency in scoring and require names to be folded down while judging.
- Less broad names (look at that container, patio planter)
- Need a “holds water” clarification in look at that container description

Rylee Lafferty, Delsea – Chairman

David Tohan, Union County – Secretary

## **Career Development Event Review and Evaluation**

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington  
Maria Scarpantonio, Somerset  
Hunter Hayes, Phillipsburg  
Shawn Lee, Delsea Regional  
Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon  
Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech  
Kaitlyn Tallamy, State FFA Association

Olivia Swanson, Belvidere  
Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove  
Jon Hall, Monmouth County  
Chris Benz, Delsea Regional  
Karlin Jimenez, Cape May Tech  
Dale Cruzan, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

### **Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Committee would like to see the Floriculture Career Development Event and Floral Design Event combined and to keep the times of the identification portion of the event the same regardless of what Nationals does.
- Committee would like the Winter CDEs moved to an onsite location and to spend the money that would have been spent on the online testing platform to being able to have an onsite testing location.
- Committee would like to implement the second chance policy to the 60% rule.

### **Comments:**

- The Floriculture interview sheet needs to be easier to read and clearer.

Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington – Chairman  
Teagan Rudderow – Secretary

## **Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities**

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### **Committee Members Present:**

Amber Tucker, BCIT West Vet

Amelia Casper, Salem Tech

Alison Germadnig, Freehold

Ivonne Ovalles, High Tech

Josh Loew, State Association

Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton

Cedar Scull, Pemberton

Gabriel Jones, Camden Tech East

Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

Jenny Allen, 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:**

- Accept Proposed changes to the POA

Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton – Chairman

Amber Tucker, BCIT West Vet – Secretary

## **State Leadership Activities**

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jonathan Kerman, Union County  
Kailyn Kelly, Northern Burlington  
Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon  
Madison Lamb, Cumberland Regional  
Brittany Smith, State FFA Association

Scott Krauss, Delsea Regional  
Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills  
Eric Aguilera, Penns Grove  
Deanna Miller, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

### **Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- LEAD: Allow more song requests, maybe have note cards, add a chapter survey via email after conference, change time of flag raising, add a session to introduce FFA to any age members; COLT: smaller, more focused activities, add more time to POA session; SGC: add FFA history & officer positions, focus on mission statement.
- 212: Make sessions more concise and make dress business casual.
- SOCS: Add session for decision making, state officers experiences, add a before conference.
- ALLD: Keep diversity of panel, add anonymous question box, have students choose breakouts, add questions to scavenger hunt.
- More advertising for conferences on social media, have a student email list, include conference descriptions.

Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon – Chairman  
Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills – Secretary

## State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### Committee Members Present:

Victoria Frink, MCTS Sypek

Jasmyn Williams, BCIT West Vet

Hannah Ann, Bergen County Academies

Jacob Newkirk, State FFA Association

Emma Deery, Sussex Tech

Trevor Sirak, South Hunterdon Middle

Keely DiTizio, Advisor

### Purpose of Meeting:

Establish further improvements of the New Jersey State FFA Convention.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Add an ice breaker to the FFA social.
- Create an event for state convention t-shirt design with the winner receiving a plaque and free t-shirt
- Recognize the top 5 individuals in Art Competition with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place receiving certificates
- For convention evaluations, display QR code on a slideshow during session 5

### Comments:

- One random participant will receive a gift from the FFA Store

Emma Deery, Sussex Tech – Chairman

Victoria Frink, MCTS Sypek – Secretary

**State FFA Applications**  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2019

**Committee Members Present:**

Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech	Jada Lavan, Cape May Tech
Valenska Yaninas, Freehold	Alexis Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional
Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington Middle	Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown
Alexandra Echeverria, Phillipsburg	Emily Leidner, Warren Hills
Christine Albrecht, New Jersey FFA Association	Dale Cruzan, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review state applications and discuss changes in requirements.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- For all applications, move from Excel to Jotform and add name pronunciation.
- The committee accepts the changes from the advisor of the year application with the additional change of striking out “does your chapter attend” and adding “is your chapter able to attend” under FFA questions.

**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 and on Jotform. The committee believes that all applications should be easier to find, alphabetical, and that due dates are clear.

Alexandra Echeverria, Phillipsburg – Chairman  
Emily Leidner, Warren Hills – Secretary

## **Membership and Chapter Relations**

Committee Report

May 23, 2019

### **Committee Members Present:**

Nicole Rodriquez, Camden Tech East  
Theresa Lang, Pemberton  
Abigail Podejko, Somerset County  
Jessica Heritage, Advisor

Monty Hemphill, Bankbridge Regional  
Gianna Rankins, Camden Penn Tech  
James Breuer, South Hunterdon Middle  
Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Association

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss the effectiveness of communication with chapters and members

### **Recommendation Actions to be Taken:**

- Incorporate reminders about FFA week in advertisements to members.
- Consider exploring having an email list with members that they can sign up for at events and online.
- Consider having a Kahoot game before session to interact with members.
- Continue to host social media challenge.
- Consider creating a scavenger hunt consisting of QR codes.

### **Comments:**

- All members enjoyed the state officer chapter visits.
- Advertising social media on poster series has been resourceful.
- Members have interest in interacting with state officers more at chapter events.

Abigail Podejko, Somerset County – Chairman

Theresa Lang, Pemberton – Secretary

## **2019-2020 State FFA Executive Board**

State President	Jamie Specca
State Vice President	Owen Donnelly
State Secretary	Kailyn Emmett
State Treasurer	Talia Priore
State Reporter	Karleen Wilford
State Sentinel	Nicole Sickler
State Parliamentarian	Ryan Jordan
Teacher Representative	Dale Cruzan
State Advisor	Erin Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey



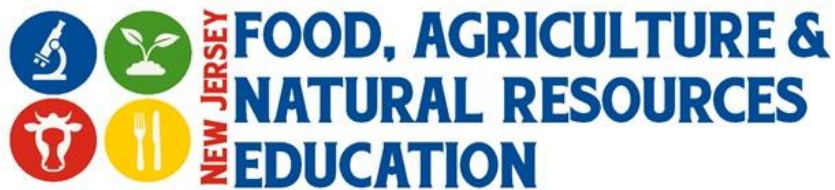


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