

91ST NEW JERSEY STATE FFA CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



Session I

Jamie Specca, 2019-2020 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and numerous 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

21 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. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

**Bergen Tech Paramus
Monmouth County Vocational**

**Northern Burlington Middle
Salem Tech**

**Sussex Tech
Union County**

Woodstown

Rebecca Graf
Ryan Kotch
Chris Munoz
Abigail Sanchez
Tiffani Odasz
Megan Brooks
Donald Chattin
Hannah Elrod
Benjamin Fairfield
Kaylee Faison
Tyler Cooper
Owen Miller
Jasmine Richardson
Rachel Anne Scholl
Lydia DeHart
Alexis Dowd
Samantha Filippone
Cali Foote
Ben Foote
Audrey Sickler
Blake Wenzel

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Talia Priore, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Nicole Sickler, State FFA Sentinel, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Devin DeTetta, Cape May Tech
Cierra Simmons, Freehold
Bridget Fajvan, Newton
Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington
Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon
Shannon Emmett, Woodstown
Hannah Mann, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
Christine Albrecht, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Kayla Rhinesmith, Cape May Tech
Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold
Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington
Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington
Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington
Kayleen Kollasch, Northern Burlington
Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech
Talia Priore, Woodstown

Retiring Address: Talia Priore

State FFA Treasurer, Talia Priore, gave her retiring address entitled “The Magic of Your Mind,” and presented her 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.

2020 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 – Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex – East Brunswick

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex – East Brunswick

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Michael Laumbach, Union County

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Kayla Rhinesmith, Cape May Tech

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Cassidy Schazlin, Belvidere

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Alexis Hutson; Kaitlin Quinn, Northern Burlington

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlin Quinn, Northern Burlington

Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship – Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

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

Earl Tindall Memorial Scholarship—Toni Baker, Salem Tech

Woodstown Alumni Chapter/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Nathan Sparks, Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters Scholarship – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; Olivia-Mei Simon, Freehold; and Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship – Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Joanna Ricci, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship – Joanna Ricci, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

Randy & Nancy Trivette Teach Ag Endowment- Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

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

Samuel Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Talia Priore, Woodstown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Joanna Ricci, Allentown; Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington; Kaitlin Quinn, Northern Burlington; Jillian Burden, Woodstown; Talia Priore, Woodstown; Kara Yarrington, Woodstown

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$1,000 Chevy Trucks Scholarship – Bridget Fajvan, Newton

\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Jessica Corbett; Joseph Colamarino, 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 2020 scholarship winner is Cali Foote from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Keynote Address: Luke O’Leary

National FFA Western Region Vice President, Lyle Logemann presented his Keynote Address.

State Convention Rules

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

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Nicole Sickler, 2019-2020 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 3 state staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

3rd Place (\$50): Mikayla Boyd, Cumberland Regional

2nd place (\$75): Lexi Strech-Huff, Salem Tech

1st place (\$100): Bryant Kye, Bergen County Academies

Photography Division:

3rd place (\$50): Meghan Caughron, Somerset County

2nd place (\$75): Angel Garrison, Cumberland Regional

1st place (\$100): Emiliana Reprezza, Somerset County

Official Ceremonies Event Awards

1st place: Allentown

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

Retiring Address: Kailyn Emmett

State FFA Secretary, Kailyn Emmett, gave her retiring address entitled “Hummingbirds and Butterflies” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Silver Ranking: Penns Grove

Gold Ranking: Allentown
Newton
Woodstown

Outstanding Community Service Award

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

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 – Rachel Anne Scholl - Union County

Division V – Thomas King - Bergen County Academies

Division VI - Pauline Llu & Abigail Saks - Bergen County Academies

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division III – Parthai Patel - Somerset County

Division VI - Bryant Kye & Emma Brown - Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division V – Sarah Bae, Bergen County Academies

Division VI –Miranda Meng & Lauren Klm, Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, and Mechanical Systems

Division V – Leena Memon, Bergen County Academies

Retiring Address: Ryan Jordan

State FFA Parliamentarian, Ryan Jordan, gave her retiring address entitled “In the Spark” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

2020 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 51 delegates and 6 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 27 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 34 votes.

The 91st New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

Motion by Ryan Jordan, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the schedule for the 91st New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Emily Leidner, Warren Hills. Motion passes.

Jamie Specca entertained a motion to accept the 90th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

Motion by Talia Priore, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the 90th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

Seconded by Bridget Fajvan, Newton. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Maria Scarpantonio, Somerset County to include an "Emergency Clause" in Article VII, Section C of the constitution.

Seconded by Julianna Davi, Freehold. Motion passes.

Talia Priore, State Treasurer, presented the 2020-2021 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Motion by Emily Leidner, Warren Hills to accept the 2020-2021 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Riley Lafferty, Delsea Regional. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Elise Nitzsche, Phillipsburg 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 Bridget Fajvan, Newton 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 Emily Fischer, Middlesex Piscataway 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 Julianna Davi, Freehold to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Rylee Lafferty, Delsea Regional to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Sophia Benavente-Sayani, High Tech to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Emily Leidner, Warren Hills to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Nominating Committee Report

Emily Sadlon of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Jamie Specca
Executive Committee:	Owen Donnelly
State Parliamentarian:	Jacob Dotson
State Sentinel:	Katelyn Duell
State Reporter:	Kayleen Kollasch
State Treasurer:	Elizabeth Stenard
State Secretary:	Alexis Hutson
State Vice President:	Abigail Goodenough
State President:	Talia Priore

Motion by Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington to accept the committee report as read and elect the candidates to their respective state offices.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech to adjourn the 2020 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Joseph Mild, Somerset County. Motion passes.

Session III

Ryan Jordan, 2019-2020 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

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Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed

3rd place (\$50): Dominica Bosca, Newton

2nd place (\$75): Andrea Falar, Union

1st place (\$100): Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

2nd place (\$75): Kennedy Campbell, Cape May Tech

1st place (\$100): Pranav Hooda, Bergen County Academies

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

2nd place (\$75): Leena Memon, Bergen County Academies

1st place (\$100): Kaylie Hanisak, Philipsburg

Greetings from the New Jersey Agricultural Society: Al Murray

Mr. Al Murray, the executive director of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, recorded greetings for the convention members and guests.

Extemporaneous Speaking

2nd place (\$75) : Abigail Saks, Bergen County Academies

1st place (\$100): Jennifer Healey, Allentown

Teach Agriculture Event Award

3rd place: Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech

2nd place: Sarah Bae, Bergen County Academies

1st place: Hazel Gilligan, Cumberland Regional

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 on Wednesday.

Willow Lugo, Allentown

Hazel Gilligan, Cumberland Regional

Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex Easy Brunswick

Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington

Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

*Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech
Hannah McCann, Salem Tech
Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
Nicole Sickler, Woodstown*

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

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

Retiring Address: Nicole Sickler

Nicole Sickler, State FFA Sentinel, gave her retiring address, “Live Like Rowdy” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Agricultural Awareness Awards

3rd place: Woodstown
2nd place: Northern Burlington
1st place: Penns Grove

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

3rd place (\$50): Woodstown
2nd place (\$100): Newton
1st place (\$125): Allentown

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

The winner of the 2020 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Landscape Design Event Awards

3rd Place: Rebecca Graf, Bergen Tech Paramus
2nd Place: Angelina Diangson, Freehold
1st Place: Trinity Stockel, Freehold

FFA Week Awards

3rd place: Newton
2nd place: Warren Hills
1st place: Woodstown

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2020 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Karley Sickler** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2020 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Shannon Emmett** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Owen Donnelly, 2019-2020 State FFA Vice President, presided.

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Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Joshua Jordan, Cumberland Regional

4th place: Claudio Ibarra, Newton

3rd place: Alberto Turner, Cumberland Regional

Medals

Bronze Medal: Jordan Sliker, Newton

3rd place and Silver Medal: Dominik Gurca, Newton

1st place and Gold Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton

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

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

Members of the first place team: Jasa Kopack and Devon Meshach, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th Place: Rebecca Smith

4th Place: Shelby Perna, Newton

4th Place: Michelle Zaremski, Newton

Medals

1st place and Bronze Medal: Jillian Burden, Woodstown

5th place and Silver Medal: Amanda Burdett, Warren Hills

3rd place and Gold Medal: Kayleen Kollasch, Northern Burlington

2nd place and Gold Medal: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

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

Food Science and Technology

Member of the first place team: Geoffrey Guindine, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Cassidy Viersma, Newton

4th place: Alix Wojcik, Newton

4th place: Sarah Phillips, Newton

3rd place: Connor Shillcock, Sussex Tech
2nd place: Shelby Perna, Newton
1st place: Maya Tanikawa-Brown, Northern Burlington
1st place: Maria Fontaine, Sussex Tech

Medals

Bronze Medal: Kayla Woo, Bergen County Academies
Silver Medal: Meera Patel, Bergen County Academies
Gold Medal: Heather Schein, Bergen County Academies

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

Horse Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Zia Tomasi, Hunterdon County Polytech
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Victorialynn Byk, Hunterdon County Polytech
3rd place: Mackenzie Viersma, Newton

Medals

1st place and Bronze Medal: Emma Bacon, Hunterdon County Polytech
4th place and Silver Medal: Devon Meschach, Warren Hills
2nd place and Gold Medal: Lauren Jarowicz, Hunterdon County Polytech

The first place team is the **Hunterdon County Polytech FFA Chapter!**

Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Abbey Goodenough and Kayleen Kollasch, Northern Burlington
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Raven Vanderhoof, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Kira Hartmann, Sussex Tech

Medals

1st place and Bronze Medal: John Lutz, Sussex Tech
4th place and Silver Medal: Jake Dason, Northern Burlington
2nd place and Silver Medal: Angelique Garrison, Cumberland Regional
2nd place and Gold Medal: Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

The first place team is the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Samantha Filippone, Woodstown
4th place: Dominic Megna, Newton
3rd place: Peter Weissensee, Newton

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Donovan Hetzel, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Lydia Dehart, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Amanda Gould, Newton

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

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team: Ryan Wright, Susan Mandeville and Kylie Byrne, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Kennedy Campbell, Cape May Tech

5th place: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills

4th place: Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

1st place and Silver Medal: Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

2nd place and Gold Medal: Michael Nolau, Union County

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

Land Judging

Members of the first place team: James Ginocchio, Tye Jean and Sean Call, Belvidere
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Benjamin Foote, Woodstown

4th place: Maria Scarpantonio, Somerset County

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Donovan Hetzel, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Riley Kardos, Belvidere

1st place and Gold Medal: Patrick McMahon, Allentown

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

Milk Quality and Products

Member of the first place team: Shannon Emmett, Karley Sickler and Audrey Sickler,
Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Bridget Fajvan, Newton

2nd place: Abby Ruggiero, Woodstown

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Rebecca Phillips, South Hunterdon

1st place and Silver Medal: Connor McNeill, Allentown

4th place and Gold Medal: Michael Laumbach, Union County

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

Turf Management

Members of the first place team: Daniel McGrath and Steven Rodermann, Monmouth County
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Matthew Kuever, Newton

1st place: Caden Gilligan, Monmouth County

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Mark Stackewicz, Monmouth County

3rd place and Silver Medal: Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East

4th place and Gold Medal: Nick Brewer, Northern Burlington

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.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm & Agribusiness Management

Members of the first place team: Ilira Mecaj, Newton

Medals

Bronze Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton

Silver Medal: Alix Wojcik, Newton

Gold Medal: Cassidy Viersma, Newton

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

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Cail Lang, Allentown

3rd place: Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Patrick McMahon, Allentown

2nd place and Silver Medal: Ava Conte, Allentown

1st Place and Gold Medal: Grant Parker, Newton

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

Member of 1st place team: Karley Sickler, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington

4th place: Tyler Castner, Warren Hills

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Justin Haines, Woodstown

3rd place and Silver Medal: Grace Clark, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

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

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

Members of the first place team: Seungwoo Jeong, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Robert Ford, Newton

4th place: Kassandra Mull, Newton

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Bryant Kye, Bergen County Academies

1st place and Silver Medal: Grace EE, Bergen County Academies

2nd place and Gold Medal: Michael Papadopoulos, Bergen County Academies

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Members of the 1st place team: Nick Lewis and Ryan Shearer, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Patrick Evanko, Northern Burlington

4th place: Madysen Hayes, Salem Tech

4th place: Porter Little, South Hunterdon

2nd place: Luke Thompson, Cumberland Regional

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

2nd and Silver Medal: Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon

2nd place and Gold Medal: Mason Buckalew, Northern Burlington

1st place and Gold Medal: George Curreri, North Warren

The first place team is the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Environmental and Natural Resources

Member of the first place team: Abigail Saks, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Salvatore Zonca, Newton

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Jessica Kim, Bergen County Academies

3rd place and Silver Medal: Sarah Bae, Bergen County Academies

2nd place and Gold Medal: Pauline Lui, Bergen County Academies
1st place and Gold Medal: Paige Sirak, South Hunteron

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

Floriculture

Members of the first place team: Michelle Zaremski and Shelby Perna, Newton
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Paige DeVenzia, Newton
4th place: Olivia Simon, Freehold
3rd place: Erika Perry, Monmouth County

Medals

Bronze Medal: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech
2nd place and Silver Medal: Chris Munoz, Monmouth County
1st place and Gold Medal: Alix Wojcik, Newton

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

Nursery and Landscape

Members of the first place team: Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Claudio Ibarra, Newton
3rd place: Benjamin Fairfield, Salem Tech

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Joseph Mild, Somerset County
2nd place and Silver Medal: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech
3rd place and Gold Medal: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

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

Veterinary Science

Members of the first place team: Mollie Zimm and Jordan Russell, Hunterdon County Polytech
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Jennifer Ball, Hunterdon County Polytech
4th place: Ashlee Gibbons, Hunterdon County Polytech
2nd place: Megan Brooks, Salem Tech
1st place: Krystina DeCastro-Mattei, Allentown

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Hannah McCann, Salem Tech
3rd place and Silver Medal: Patrick McMahan, Allentown
Gold Medal: McKenzie Viersma, Newton

The first place team is the **Hunterdon County Polytech FFA Chapter!**

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 4th in the Food Science & Technology Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to **Miranda Meng** of the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 6th out of 148 individuals in the Food Science & Technology Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Kailyn Emmett, 2019-2020 State FFA Secretary presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 3 state staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

Dr. James Woodard brought greetings from the National FFA Organization.

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2019-2020 were honored:

September: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

October: Heather Infante, Northern Burlington

November: Nicholas Brewer, Northern Burlington

December: Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington

January: Jennifer Healey, Allentown

February: Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown

March: Susan Mandeville, Allentown

April: Nathan Sparks, Woodstown

The 2020 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Abigail Goodenough** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

Employment Skills Event

2nd place: Ivonne Ovalles, High Tech

1st place: Thomas King, Bergen County Academies

Demonstration Event

Individual Demonstration Event

2nd place: Lacey Crawford, Cumberland Regional

1st place: Jonathan Finney Salem Tech

Team Demonstration Event

2nd place: Cumberland Regional

1st place: High Tech

Retiring Address: Owen Donnelly

Owen Donnelly, State FFA Vice President, gave his retiring address, "A Little More Love" and presented his 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:

Kyle Clement – Past President, New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters

Erik Fargo – Teacher of Agriculture, Somerset County Vocational Technical School

Peter Furey – Executive Secretary, New Jersey Farm Bureau

Will Heyniger – Professor, Kean University

Bernard Luongo – Groundskeeper, Northern Burlington County Regional High School

David McNair – Planning Associate & Career Cluster Lead, New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Career Readiness

Donna Rafano – Scheduling Coordinator, Rutgers University, Office of Continuing Professional Education

Joan West – Secretary (Retired), Upper Freehold Regional School District, Newell Elementary School

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Jessica Corbett, Allentown

Meredith Dauphars, Allentown

Brianna Dul, Newton

Madeleine Enriquez, Newton

Daniel Power, Newton

Kass Wojcik, Newton

Alexander Clason, Penns Grove

McKenna Moore, Salem Tech

Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

National Officer Candidate Recognition

Jamie Specca was recognized as the 2020 National Officer Candidate.

Keynote Address

Gian Paul Gonzalez presented his speech, "All In".

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2019-2020 State Officer Team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Talia Priore, 2019-2020 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 3 state staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Your Story. Your Legacy.”

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

Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Education

Mr. Erskine Glover, director of the Office of Career Readiness in the New Jersey Department of Education presented remarks.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Alyssia Carotenuto of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2019-2020 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2019-2020 Star State Greenhand is **Olive Scaff** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter**!

Superior Chapter Recognition

Newton
Warren Hills

National Chapter Award

Silver: Northern Burlington

Gold: 1st Woodstown
2nd Allentown
3rd Penns Grove
Salem Tech

Proficiency Awards

2020 Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement: Nathan Sparks, Woodstown

2020 Agricultural Sales Placement: Rebecca Hatchel, Woodstown

2020 Beef Production Placement: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

2020 Equine Science Placement: Kayleen Kollasch, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Belvidere
Bergen Tech Paramus
Camden Tech East
Delsea Regional
High Tech
Hunterdon County Polytech
MCTS Sypek Center
Middlesex – East Brunswick
North Warren
Northern Burlington Middle
Sussex Tech

Silver Rating: Bergen County Academies
Cape May Tech
Monmouth County
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
Somerset County
South Hunterdon
Union County

Gold Rating: Allentown
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Newton
Northern Burlington
Salem Tech
Warren Hills
Woodstown

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division II: Pauline Liu, Bergen County Academies

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Shannon Emmett** and **Grace Clark** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

Quiz Bowl:

The first place team is the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

Lifetime Membership:

Owen Donnelly, Kailyn Emmett, Talia Priore, Nicole Sickler and Ryan Jordan received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

- Cedar Lane Farms
- FOR Solutions
- Stillwell Truck Repair
- Westhaven Farm, Inc.

Greetings from Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Ms. Monique Purcell presented remarks on behalf of the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

Ms. Kristianne Dowd recognized the State Officers for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown	Alyssia Carotenuto Joseph Colamarino Jennifer Healey Susan Mandeville
Belvidere	Clay McEvoy Alyssa Rudd
Freehold	Elizabeth Stenard
Newton	Kirk Avondoglio Edward Baldwin Brett Bergey Daniel Cleary Nicholas Costa Matthew Kuever Cassidy Viersma Angelico Villaruz Alix Wojcik
Northern Burlington	Jacob Dotson Kayleen Kollasch Emily Sadlon
Penns Grove	Micahel Piotrowski
Salem Tech	Amelia Casper Katelyn Duell Ivan Hunter Moore
South Hunterdon	Rebecca Phillips Paige Sirak Luke Snyder Kelsey Tulley
Union County	Michael Laumbach
Warren Hills	Amanda Burdett

Woodstown

Jillian Burden
Karley Sickler
Kara Yarrington

State Star Award Recognition

2019-2020 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Jacob Dotson, Northern Burlington
2019-2020 State Star Farmer: Clay McEvoy, Belvidere

Retiring Address: Jamie Specca

Jamie Specca, State FFA President gave her retiring address, “A Story Worth Telling” and thanked his family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Emily Sadlon of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report that had been elected during the delegate business session:

- Executive Committee Chair: Jamie Specca
- Executive Committee: Owen Donnelly
- State Parliamentarian: Jacob Dotson
- State Sentinel: Katelyn Duell
- State Reporter: Kayleen Kollasch
- State Treasurer: Elizabeth Stenard
- State Secretary: Alexis Hutson
- State Vice President: Abigail Goodenough
- State President: Talia Priore

Past State Office Power Point

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

Installation of 2020-2021 State Officers

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

Passing of the Gavel

2019-2020 State FFA President, Jamie Specca, passed the gavel to 2020-2021 State FFA President, Talia Priore.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Tiffani Odasz, Northern Burlington Middle

Brianna Richardson, Middlesex East Brunswick

Elise Nitszche, Phillipsburg

Nico Triano, Monmouth County

Andrea Sandoval, Freehold

Brittany Smith, State Association

Lucia Mauriello, Union County

Lacey Crawford, Cumberland Regional

Dylan Lester, Pemberton

Jess Southway, Sussex Tech

Kris Guttadora, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review the horticulture exposition and discuss improvements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Find a more efficient way of submitting digital files
- Offer more floral design and plant-based workshops (Industry Speakers, How to create a portfolio)
- Create a standard for photo entries (Backgrounds, having class and entry number in photos)
- Have an online option in the future to give more opportunities to members (make it its own division and have a slide show showing photos at expo)
- Create subcommittees with members and advisors to help with online processes for the future
- Go through and change arrangement descriptions to make them clearer and more descriptive.

Comments:

- Need more time to submit digital entries in the future
- If switched to an online format in the future fresh arrangement price cards could be excused depending on the timing
- To insure authenticity, have front and back photos of arrangements, and have paper with entry number and category in photo
- When back at Mercer, make sure to check the temperature to help the longevity of fresh arrangements
- Post pictures grouped by classes for easy viewing.

Elise Nitszche, Phillipsburg – Chairman

Andrea Sandoval, Freehold – Secretary

Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Karley Sickler, Woodstown

Spencer Perrine, MCTS Sypek Center

Devon Meshach, Warren Hills

Mollie Zimm, Hunterdon County Polytech

Talia Priore, New Jersey FFA Association

Brianna Cassidy, BCIT West Vet

Bridget Fajvan, Newton

Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

Susan Stant, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Transition Official Ceremonies CDE into Conduct of Chapter Meeting LDE
- See the Land Judging CDE participants informed to bring hand towels to the CDE
- See the 10-minute tractor driving rule better enforced at the Tractor Driving CDE
- Explore other online testing platforms and use for online CDEs
- Move the Forestry CDE to an onsite location rather than online

Bridget Fajvan, Newton – Chairman

Devon Meshach, Warren Hills – Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Michael Laumbach, Union County	Alex Echeverria, Phillipsburg
Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington Middle	Emily Fischer, Middlesex Piscataway
Vincenzo Robles, Camden Penn Tech	Maria Scarpantonio, Somerset
Theodore Martin, Hunterdon County ESEA	
Jamie Specca, State Association	Keely DiTizio, 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 Constitution
- Accept Proposed changes to the POA

Alex Echeverria, Phillipsburg – Chairman
Emily Fischer, Middlesex Piscataway – Secretary

State Leadership Activities

Committee Report

May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown
Paige Sirak, South Hunterdon
Isryanna Cruz, BCIT West Vet
Cassidy Viersma, Newton
Kailyn Emmett, State Association

Eric Aguilera, Penns Grove
Julianna Davi, Freehold
Alyssa Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional
Hannah McCann, Salem Tech
Brian Ducey, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create “how to” videos for their respective Career/Leadership Development Event showcasing how to perform tasks, identify resources, and a real-world connection.
- Utilize social media platforms to help showcase various applications (degree etc.) and create a link to the respective post back to the main website with the application.
- Utilize social media to create a virtual pamphlet/schedule for future leadership events and create a google or iCalendar for all members and advisors to access
- Create an in-depth presentation during Delegate Orientation to review parliamentary procedures so delegates are more familiar with the proceedings
- Have pre-registered questions that included the student name and chapter, read by the president, for the panelist at ALLD and to allot 15 student slots for in person questions.

Julianna Davi, Freehold – Chairman
Hannah McCann, Salem Tech– Secretary

State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon

Loriann De Sousa Rego, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Ashlee Gibbons, Hunterdon County Polytech

Ryan Jordan, New Jersey FFA Association

Cassandra Diaz, Pemberton

Rylee Lafferty, Delsea Regional

Hanna Toft, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Establish further improvements of the New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Ice-Cream Social: Changing the location of the event to make it more inviting and improve the atmosphere - Pushing back the time to allow for members to change into desired clothing - Letting advisors decide if members attend (due to scheduling)
- T-Shirt Design: Applications would be due at the end of FFA week in February for their submission into the contest, the winner would then be announced before state convention registration allowing for members to place orders for state convention T-shirts.
- Convention Evaluation: Adding a link along with the QR code in the last slide of Section 5 In Order to allow individuals without the access to a QR code scanner to access the link and complete the form
- Virtual Convention: Keeping format for the meetings the same using either zoom or google meet and then using google classroom to organize files and individuals based off of which "group" their in for whatever activity they are doing.

Comments:

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

Rylee Lafferty, Delsea Regional – Chairman

Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon – Secretary

State FFA Applications
Committee Report
May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Susan Mandeville, Allentown
Mark Stackewicz, Monmouth County
Sophia Benavente-Sayani, High Tech
Nicole Sickler, State Association

Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove
Brianna Odasz, Northern Burlington
Joseph Mild, Somerset
Joel Rudderow, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications and discuss changes in requirements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- On the Department of Agriculture website, we recommend that the applications be listed in alphabetical order with their corresponding due dates listed next to the application names in the State Activity Guide.
- We also recommended that the Hall of States, the Star Greenhand and the Star Chapter applications be converted into JotForms.

Sophia Benavente-Sayani, High Tech – Chairman
Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove – Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

May 21, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Kayla Hayden, Delsea Regional

Reilley Peck, High Tech

Gianna Griffirith, MCTS Sypek Center

Owen Donnelly, State Association

Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

Amelia Casper, Salem Tech

Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

Jenny Allen, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To identify problems within membership relations and inclusion and identify possible solutions.

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:

- Highlight chapter events through reposting different activities on state association pages
- Create a hashtag to be used state wide to help share different chapter events
- Create online Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events and Leadership Conferences in conjunction to in person events
- Create online workshops facilitated by the state officers throughout the year
- Insure that workshops are inclusive of people of all ableness through the removal of terms such as "get up and run" and the addition of terms such "move from your seats and go to"
- Modify all ceremonies to be more inclusive to gender through replacing "s/he" and "her/him" pronouns to "them" and "they"

Emily Leidner, Warren Hills – Chairman

Kayla Hayden, Delsea Regional – Secretary

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State FFA Specialist	Kristianne Dowd
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

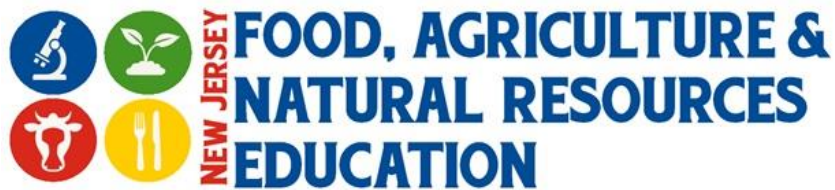


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