

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



## Session I

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Chase Sherburne, 2023-2024 State FFA President, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### FFA Jacket Presentation

125 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:

#### **Allentown**

Scott R. Cairns  
Abigail Cappiello  
Ryan T. Frieberger  
Lorelie G. Harris  
Tierney Lang  
Matthew Mains  
Mitchell Mains  
Elizabeth Mooney  
Nic Recalde  
Chloe Vincent

#### **Bergen County Academies**

#### **Cape May Tech**

Andie Park  
Michell Rozenfeld  
HollyAnna Fesler  
Sarah Joy Harrison  
Gianna Hart  
Jocelyn Jamison  
Logan Leith  
Lydia Marcinkiewicz  
Skyler Mills  
Ryan Myers  
Hailey Osborn  
Domingo Zapata  
Samantha Zuba

#### **Cumberland Regional**

Audrey Blew  
Colin G. Buehler

	Codey Fleetwood Gabby A Swift
<b>Delsea Regional</b>	Vincent Allonardo Ashley Johnson
<b>Essex West Caldwell</b>	Raquel Palacios Jangel Torres Evan Rivera Xavier Pintado
	Jamilla Abreu
<b>Freehold</b>	
<b>Hunterdon County ESEA</b>	Matthew Banas Aly Garcia Autumn Grumbridge Zach Hachill Liz Kellogg Clara Loesner Cole Martin Joanna McDonald Carey H. Padmos Paul Porambo Charles Smith Muhammad Subhan
<b>Hunterdon County Poly Tech</b>	Adyson Frace Maya Hart Klaudia Kosikowski
<b>Middlesex - East Brunswick</b>	Grace Campbell Tyler Fanslow Leila Hagin Isabella Hernandez Jonathan Minafo Jace Roque Veronica Zalewski
<b>Monmouth County Vocational Newton</b>	Bryan Caldas Jasmine Bridgers Nathaly Hernandez Reyes Katreena Lee Haeleigh Lestz Giovanna Lydon Caitlin Miller Megan Muldoon Lanie Stutz Brayden Walker

**Northern Burlington**

Austin Mills  
Caleigh Beatty  
Cayla Cassar  
Katharina Conk  
Brodie DeVinney  
Raigen Gibson  
Courtney Gutierrez  
Rebecca Kearns  
Isabella Ojeda  
Jeffery Winzinger

**Northern Burlington Middle**

Tricia Artz  
Madison Birr  
Xavier Duckett  
Lyla Puvel

**Phillipsburg**

Dakota Alverez  
Raffaele S. Antonuccio

**Salem Tech**

Nicolette Balas  
Sophia Robinson  
Abigail Beals  
Carler G. Buckley  
Emory G. Carter  
Jacob DeHart  
Payton Fitzpatrick  
Chloe J. Kohnke  
Gabby Lemke  
Caley Loveland  
Benjamin Allen Tindall  
Christian van Tonder

**Union County**

Adysen Annan-Smith  
David Balchunas Jr.  
Valentina Gallego  
Jiya Kochar  
Kacey Louiselle  
Miguel Panesso  
Leila Schuster  
Eduardo M. Sumaria Cisneros

**Vineland**

Presley Wueve  
Kari Fuentes  
Adrienne Mass  
Juliana Torres  
Xander White  
Rebecca Zang

**Woodstown**

Delaney Abel  
Wyatt Ambruster  
Melanie Banff  
Jade Batten  
Ali Bowser  
Abigail Christy  
Bailee Coles  
Taylor Gattuso  
Danielle Hannah  
Analiese Hines  
Madison LaPalomento  
Paige Lott  
Fiona McViegh  
Callie Prinsen  
Morgan Vengenock  
Jersey Vinciguerra

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

Chase Sherburne, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Julia Moreno, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Maddin Emmons, Allentown  
Abigail Digiamberardino, Cape May Tech  
Naduni Arachchi, Freehold  
Emma Wuerthner, Hunterdon County ESEA  
Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills  
Trisha Casady, Woodstown  
Abbey Goodenough, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator  
Emily Sadlon, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Niccolo Conte, Allentown  
Allison Josielewski, Allentown  
Tyler Murnaghan, Cape May Tech  
William Rutherford, Cape May Tech  
Nina Wieland, Hunterdon County ESEA  
Lily Clements, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg

### **Retiring Address: Maisie Shimko**

State FFA Vice President, Maisie Shimko, gave their retiring address entitled “Not So Fancy Nancy” and presented their family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Board of Trustees member and Vice President, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

### **2024 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** – Emma Glasser, Middlesex East Brunswick

**Washington Grange #117 Scholarship** – Hana Puzycki, Warren Hills

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship** – Hana Puzycki, Warren Hills

**Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship** – Ava Yabko, Freehold

**James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship** – Abigail Biederman, Newton

**David Seeley Memorial Scholarship** - Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

**Billinski Senior Award** – Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

**C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship** – Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg

**Charles C. Drawbaugh Honorary Scholarship** – Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA

**Philip Alampi Memorial Scholarship** – Lily Clements, Middlesex East Brunswick

**New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Scholarship** – Frank Boffa, Newton; Sarah Schuck, Cape May Tech; Kylie Byrne, Allentown

**Roszel Scholarship** – Kylie Byrne, Allentown

**May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship** – Maisie Shimko, Union County

**Randy & Nancy Trivette Teach Ag Endowment Scholarship** – William Rutherford, Cape May Tech

**William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** - Gavin Byrne, Allentown

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Anna Holman, Allentown

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship** – Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newtown

**Growing America’s Farmers Scholarship** - Aaron Foote, Woodstown

**Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Meredith Whitlock, Hunterdon County ESEA

**Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Sadie Wyckoff, Belvidere

**Anthony Juestrich Memorial Scholarship** – Jordan Collins, Buena Regional

**Jay P. Zukus Memorial Scholarship** – Niccolo Conte, Allentown

**Ronald Emley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** - Niccolo Conte, Allentown

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship** – Lilly Haines, Allentown

**Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship** – Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Lilly Haines, Allentown; Phoebe Lanzone, Cape May Tech; Nina Wieland Hunterdon County ESEA; Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newtown; Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg; Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech; Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

**National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**Bayer-Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship** – Tyler Murnaghan, Cape May Tech and Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

**George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Endowment Scholarship** – Gavin Byrne, Allentown and Dallas Blair, Freehold

**Farm Aid Scholarship** – Lydia Kilinski, Hunterdon County Polytech

**Georgia M. Hellberg Memorial Scholarship** – Niccolo Conte, Allentown and Sarah Schuck, Cape May Tech

**National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship**The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention. The 2024 scholarship winner is Kaci Byrne from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

**Keynote Address: Carter Howell**

National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Carter Howell presented his Keynote Address.

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Chase introduced the courtesy corps and the courtesy corps coordinator, Kylie Byrne.

**State Convention Rules**

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

**Closing Ceremonies**

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## 2024 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 54 delegates, and 4 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 28 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 36 votes.

The 95<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

**Motion by Chase Sherburne, New Jersey FFA Association** to accept the schedule for the 95<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Sadie Wyckoff, Belvidere. Motion passes.**

Jonathan Finney entertained a motion to accept the 94<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney, New Jersey FFA Association** to accept the 94<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

**Seconded by Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton. Motion passes.**

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

**Motion by Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA** to amend the National Constitution and Bylaws with the proposed amendment.

**Seconded by Aaron Dean, Salem Tech. Motion passes.**

Jonathan Finney presented the 2024-2025 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

**Motion by Damian Hager, MCTS Sypek Center** to accept the 2024-2025 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

**Seconded by Jenna Pollock, Vineland. Motion passes.**

Maisie Shimko, State FFA Vice President, Presented the New Jersey State FFA Value Statements Proposal.

**Motion by Lexi Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA** to accept the adopt the National FFA Values Statements.

**Seconded by Connor Haney, Salem Tech. Motion passes.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

*Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Lexi Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA** 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 Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional** to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

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

*State Convention Evaluation and Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities/State Applications*

**Motion by Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills** to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/ Program of Activities/ State Applications committee report as read.

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

*Membership, Chapter Relations, and State Leadership Activities*

**Motion by Gabe Weaver, Bankbridge** to accept the Membership, Chapter Relations, State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

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

**Motion by Grace McInerney-Shanahan, Somerset** to adjourn the 2024 Delegate Business Session.

**Seconded by Kyle DeVito, Camden Penn Tech. Motion passes.**

## Session II

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Julia Moreno, 2023-2024 State FFA Secretary, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **State Convention T-Shirt Design Recognition**

This year a member was awarded for their creative t-shirt design. The 2023-2024 NJ State FFA T-Shirt Design winner was Lilly Haines of the Allentown FFA Chapter

### **Art Competition Awards**

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

- 5<sup>th</sup> place:* Kari Fuentes, Vineland
- 4<sup>th</sup> place:* Jamisen Bozarth, Woodstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Elizabeth Panero, Middlesex East Brunswick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Fiona Beauchamp, Freehold
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Miranda Warren, Salem Tech

#### **Photography Division:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> place:* Niccolo Conte, Allentown
- 4<sup>th</sup> place:* Maddin Emmons, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Mackenzie Stanley, Hunterdon County ESEA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Lexi Peterson, Salem Tech
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Clara Woodruff, Warren Hills

### **Conduct of Chapter Meetings Event Awards**

#### **Division I:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Freehold
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Allentown

#### **Division II:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Allentown
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Penns Grove

The first place Division II Conduct of Chapter Meetings team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

### **Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Allentown
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Salem Tech

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

*Bronze Ranking:* Northern Burlington Middle

*Silver Ranking:* Allentown  
Cumberland Regional  
Penns Grove

*Gold Ranking:* Belvidere  
Buena Regional  
Newton  
Philipsburg  
Salem Tech  
Warren Hills  
Woodstown

### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

Congratulations to the **Buena Regional FFA Chapter** for winning this year's Outstanding Community Service Award!

### **Statewide Service Project**

The following chapters have collected items to be utilized in our Confidence Closets: Allentown; Bergen County Academies; Bergen Tech Paramus; Cape May Tech; Cumberland Regional; Delsea Regional; Freehold; Hunterdon County ESEA; Hunterdon County ESEA; Middlesex East Brunswick; Monmouth County; Newton; Northern Burlington; Salem Tech; South Hunterdon; South Hunterdon Middle; Sussex Tech; Union County; Vineland; Warren Hills; Woodstown.

### **Agriscience Fair Recognition**

The following individuals will submit their written projects in a pre-qualifier for the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

#### **Animal Systems**

*Division II* – Fiona Beauchamp, Bergen County Academies

*Division V*- Muhammad El-Sherbiny, Bergen County Academies

*Division VI*- Tatiana Bullock & Abigail Matlosz, Hunterdon County Polytech

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

*Division IV* – Anjali Dafarty & Dana Chung, Bergen County Academies

*Division V*- Michelle Rozenfeld, Bergen County Academies

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

*Division I* – Michelle Vidal-Mendez, Montague Township Middle

*Division II*- Katie Christman & Hanna Eastridge, Montague Township Middle

*Division V* – Esat Acikgoz, Bergen County Academies

*Division VI*- Luanna Pratisoli & Hannah Lee, Bergen County Academies

**Plant Systems**

*Division I- Baylee Drake, Montague Township Middle*

*Division III- Andie Park, Bergen County Academies*

*Division V- Meredith Whitlock, Hunterdon County ESEA*

*Division VI- Justin Ahn & Pravit Kochar, Bergen County Academies*

**Power, Structural, & Technical Systems**

*Division V- Nathan Srivasta, Bergen County Academies*

**Social Systems**

*Division III- Ellie Drucker, Freehold*

**Closing Ceremonies**

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## CDE Session

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Jonathan Finney, 2023-2024 State FFA Executive Committee Chair, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

### Winter and Miscellaneous Career Development Event Awards

#### Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

Members of first place team:

Morgan Vengernock, Woodstown

Aaron Foote, Woodstown

Wyatt Ambruster, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Mackenzie Cacitch, Belvidere

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Sadie Forsyth, Hunterdon County Polytech

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jada Larson, Belvidere

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> & Bronze Medal: Cora Bermingham, Newton

2<sup>nd</sup> & Silver Medal: Ava Bryski, Newton

1<sup>st</sup> & Gold Medal: Cole Eachus, Woodstown

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

#### Farm & Agribusiness Management

Members of first place team:

Emmett Kenney, Hunterdon County ESEA

Ned Scannell Hunterdon County ESEA

Students Receiving Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

*Silver Medal:* Benjamin Huebscher, Hunterdon County ESEA

*Gold Medal:* Meredith Whitlock, Hunterdon County ESEA

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

## **Floral Design**

Members of the first place team:

Niccolo Conte, Allentown

Madia Resch, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Kiyah Morales, Sussex Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Emma Dalgarn, Salem Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Bryan Caldas, Monmouth County

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Emily Grant

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Rachel Siegwarth, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> and Silver Medal:* Maddin Emmons, Allentown

*4<sup>th</sup> and Gold Medal:* Lorelei Harris, Allentown

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

## **Food Science and Technology**

Member of first place team:

Pravit Kochar, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Esat Acikgoz, Bergen County Academies

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Haley Poulsen

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Rakshaan Shaik, Bergen County Academies

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Claire Fly, Hunterdon County ESEA

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Gold Medal:* Justin Ahn, Bergen County Academies

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

## **Horse Evaluation**

Member of first place team:

Meghan Burd, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Cayla Cassar, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Kaylie Perticari, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Ayla Blankenbush, Hunterdon County Polytech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Hana Puzycki, Warren Hills

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

### **Livestock Evaluation**

Member of the first place team:

Tatiana Bullock, Hunterdon County Polytech

Sophia Heinold, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Cassidy Hunt, Hunterdon County Polytech

4<sup>th</sup> place: Axel Conzalez, Northern Burlington

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Colin Buehler, Cumberland Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

5<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Lydia Kilinski, Hunterdon County Polytech

2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal: Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal: Cora Yakubosky, Salem Tech

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

### **Meat Evaluation and Technology**

Members of first place team:

Samantha Sutton, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Dylan Cole, Newton

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Aaron Dean, Salem Tech

1<sup>st</sup> place: Analiese Hine, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Aaron Foote, Woodstown

4<sup>th</sup> place and Gold Medal: Barry Thomson, Newton

Medals

Silver: Joseph Gigante Newton

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

### **Poultry Evaluation**

Members of first place team

Fiona McVeigh, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Emily Milej, Newton

4<sup>th</sup> place: Tyler Casper, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> and bronze medal: Paige Lott, Woodstown

1<sup>st</sup> and silver medal: Delaney Abel, Woodstown

2<sup>nd</sup> and gold medal: Callie Prinsen, Woodstown

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



## Fall Career Development Event Awards

### Forestry

Members of the first place team:

Rafferty Burden, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Cora Bermingham, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Sophia Jones, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Anthony Nelson, Cape May Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Adam Ugi, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Dylan Cole, Newton

Medals

Bronze: Matthew McCormick, Allentown

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

### Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team:

Lucy Peterson, Monmouth County Vocational

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Yamileth Galvez-Hernandez, Camden Tech East

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Rachel Gast, Hunterdon County ESEA

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Ashley Castro, Monmouth County Vocational

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Racheal Siegwarth, Monmouth County Vocational

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Roxy Nixon, Monmouth County Vocational

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Claire Fly, Hunterdon County ESEA

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Madeline Bates, Somerset County Vo-Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Kira Steeber, Middlesex East Brunswick

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

### Land Judging

Members of the first place team:

Paige Conroy, Allentown

Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Xavier Clark, Phillipsburg

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Natalie Hoffman, Hunterdon County ESEA

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Lilly Haines, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Niccolo Conte, Allentown

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

### **Milk Quality and Products**

Members of first place team:

Taylor Gattuso, Woodstown

Daisy Mullin Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place: Cody Ponzio, Allentown*

*3<sup>rd</sup> place: Madia Resch, Allentown*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*4<sup>th</sup> and Bronze: Leah Clark, Woodstown*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal: Cole Eachus, Woodstown*

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal: Chloe Vincent, Allentown*

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

### **Turf Management**

Members of the first place team:

Marcella Junkroft, Union County

Emma Teevan, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place: Beetle Wojtarkowski, Camden Tech East*

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Jude Derosa, Union County*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Bronze Medal: Maura McGuigan, Camden Tech East*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal: Thomas Mui, Union County*

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal: Justin Perry, Monmouth County Vocational*

The first place team is the **Union County FFA Chapter!**

### **Spring Career Development Event Awards**

#### **Agricultural Sales**

Members of the first place team:

Jonas Lapining, Union County

Jude Derosa, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Jalexis Rodriguez, Vineland*

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Lydia Kilinski, Hunterdon County, ESEA*

*3<sup>rd</sup> place: Joseph Brewer, Northern Burlington*

*2<sup>nd</sup> place: Fiona McVeigh, Woodstown*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal: Tyler Murnaghan, Cape May Tech*

Medals

*Bronze Medal: Jade Woo, Freehold*

*Bronze Medal: Katie Osborne, Union County*

*Silver Medal: Marcella Junkroft, Union County*

The first place team is the **Union County FFA Chapter!**

## **Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team:

Adam Sentak, Northern Burlington

Curt VanMeter, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Michael Parks, Warren Hills

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Connor Lovenduski, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Larry Pomper, Salem Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Dustin Kline, Belvidere

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Timothy Bilyk, Belvidere

Medal:

Gold: Jack Smylie, Northern Burlington

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

## **Agronomy**

Members of first place team:

Thomas Phillips, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates:

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Cora Bermingham, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Matthew Miranda, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*1<sup>st</sup> and Bronze:* Dylan Cole, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Silver:* Sofia Dias, Union County

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Gold:* Tommy Kober, Union County

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

## **Environmental and Natural Resources**

Members of the first place team:

Avi Frank, Union County

Emma Teevan, Union County

Kacey Louiselle, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Kara Vandyke, Somerset County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Juliann Bonomi, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Nathan Srivasta, Bergen County Academies

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Thomas Mui, Union County

The first place team is the **Union County FFA Chapter!**

## **Floriculture**

Members of the first place team:

Emma Summitt, Warren Hills  
Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills  
Sophia Tirabassi, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Nadyalis, Beauchamp, Sussex Tech  
*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Karla Luna Perez, Cumberland Regional  
*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Olivia DaSaliva, Warren Hills  
*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Abigail Biederman, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Silver Medal:* Valentino Gallego, Union County

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Charlotte Little, Sussex Tech  
*Gold Medal:* Niccolo Conte, Allentown

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

## **Nursery and Landscape**

Members of the first place team:

Emmett Kenney, Hunterdon County ESEA  
Rowdy Meys, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Joseph Morena, Bergen Tech Paramus  
*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Ava Hernandez Lu, Freehold  
*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Emiliano Lopez, Monmouth County

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA  
*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA

Medals:

Bronze Medal: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

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

## **Veterinary Science**

Members of the first place team:

Ava Hayes, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Amber Polonczyk, BCIT West Vet  
*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Tierney Land, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*1<sup>st</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Elizabeth Mooney, Warren Hills  
*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Klaudia Kozikowski, Hunterdon County Polytech  
*3<sup>rd</sup> and Gold Medal:* Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

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

### **National Event Sweepstakes Award**

The National Career Development Event Sweepstakes Team Winner is the **Newton FFA Chapter!**

The National Career Development Event Sweepstakes Individual winner is **Asher Haiduc-Dale** of the **Newton FFA Chapter!**

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## Session III

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Chase Sherburne, 2023-2024 State FFA President, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Agricultural Issues Forum**

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Essex West Caldwell

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

The 2024 New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year is **Mrs. Denise Emmons** from the **Allentown** FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

#### **Teach Agriculture Event Award**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Nicolette Balas, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Shelby Norin, Northern Burlington

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

#### **Love what you do. Do what you love. Teach AG!**

Individuals were recognized for taking their first steps in becoming a teacher of agriculture through the Signing Day Ceremony at the Teach Ag luncheon on Thursday.

*William Rutherford, Cape May Tech*

*Wyatt Pace, Cumberland Regional*

*Jamila Abreu, Freehold*

*Lily Clements, Middlesex East Brunswick*

*Kelsey Snellen, Newton*

#### **Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

President of the NJAAE, Ms. Deanna Miller, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

#### **Agricultural Awareness Awards**

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

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

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

#### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

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

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

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

### **Marketing Plan Awards**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: (\$150): Salem Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place* (\$225): Bergen County Academies
- 1<sup>st</sup> place* (\$300): Freehold

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Salem Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Warren Hills
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Woodstown

### **Landscape Design Event Awards**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Savannah Ondevuleo, Middlesex East Brunswick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Amelia, Ragusano, Freehold
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Matthew Dendes, Bergen Tech Paramus

### **FFA Week Awards**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Vineland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Warren Hills
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Woodstown

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

The 2024 Treasurer of the Year is **Jake Coles** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

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

The 2024 Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Ben Doak** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

### **Public Speaking Awards**

#### **FFA Creed**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Nayeli Rubin, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Tierney Lang, Allentown
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton

#### **Spanish FFA Creed**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Kiodes Zoamy Echivarria Feliciano, Penns Grove
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Maria Taracena, Essex West Caldwell

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Amanda Caberera, High Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Briahnee Coolanges, Northern Burlington
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Gianna Hart, Cape May Tech

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Francesca DiMarcello, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Colleen Santos, High Tech
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Cora Birmingham, Newton

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place*: Madeline Bates, Somerset County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place*: Tatianna Bullock Hunterdon County Polytech
- 1<sup>st</sup> place*: Krys Siwik, Allentown

## Closing Ceremonies

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## Session IV

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Maisie Shimko, 2023-2024 State FFA Vice President, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

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

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2023-2024 were honored:

*May:* Anna Holman, Allentown

*June:* Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

*September:* Cody Ponzio, Allentown

*October:* Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

*November:* Lilly Haines, Allentown

*December:* Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA

*January:* Trisha Casady, Woodstown

*February:* Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

*March:* Abigail Biederman, Newton

*April:* Frank Boffa, Newton

The 2024 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Kathryn Giovanelli** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

#### **Employment Skills Event**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Romayssae Saidi, High Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Emily Milej, Newtown

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Faith Pasmore, Phillipsburg

#### **Demonstration Event Awards**

Individual Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Alyssa Blaugher, Norther Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Elizabeth Mooney, Warren Hills

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

Team Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Northern Burlington

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

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* High Tech

#### **Retiring Address: Julia Moreno**

Julia Moreno, State FFA Secretary, gave her retiring address, "Fearless" 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:

**Matthew DiTizio**- Agriculture Mechanics Instructor & FFA Advisor at Salem County Technical Schools

**Kristianne Goodenough** – Seed and Sales Representative at Pinelands Nursery & Supply

**Mrs. Jane Griesinger** – Supervisor of Academics for Hunterdon County Vocational School Districts

**Mrs. Rebecca Haines** – Teacher and FFA Co-Advisor at Woodstown High School

**Ms. Rosemary Kay** – Manager at Burlington County Farm Fair

**Dr. Andrew Zuckerman** – Superintendent for Northern Burlington County Regional School District

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

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follow:

Ryan Wright, Allentown

Loriann De Sousa Rego, Middlesex East Brunswick

Megan Brooks, Salem Tech

Natalie Catalano, Salem Tech

Cali Foote Woodstown

Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

### **Keynote Address**

Tess Siebel presented her speech, "Lessons I Learned the Hard Way"

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

The 2023-2024 State Officer team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## Session V

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Julia Moreno, 2023-2024 State FFA Secretary and Maisie Shimko, 2023-2024 State FFA Vice President, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 3 State Officers, 1 executive Committee Member, 3 state staff, and 791 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Reflections – “RADIATE”**

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme, Radiate.

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

**Cody Ponzio** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2023-2024 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

#### **State Star Chapter in Agriscience**

**Nina Weiland** of the **Hunterdon County ESEA FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2023-2024 State Star Chapter in Agriscience.

#### **State Star Chapter Farmer**

**Kathryn Giovanelli** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2023-2024 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

#### **Star Greenhand Award**

The 2023-2024 Star State Greenhand is **Audrina Medeiros** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

#### **Superior Chapter Recognition**

Buena Regional  
Essex West Caldwell  
Hunterdon County ESEA  
Middlesex East Brunswick  
Vineland

#### **National Chapter Award**

*Bronze:* Cumberland Regional  
Freehold

*Silver:* Northern Burlington  
Phillipsburg  
Salem Tech  
Warren Hills

*Gold:* Allentown  
Newton  
Penns Grove  
Woodstown

**Most Improved Chapter**

The Most Improved Chapter is awarded to the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

**Proficiency Awards**

**2024 Beef Production – Entrepreneurship Proficiency Awards- Chloe Eachus, Woodstown**

**2024 Dairy Production - Placement Proficiency Award- Megan Brooks Salem Tech**

**2024 Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award- Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown**

**2024 Equine Science Proficiency Award- Deana Fowler, Buena Regional**

**2024 Fruit and Nut Production Proficiency Award- Niccolo Conte, Allentown**

**2024 Landscape Management Proficiency Award- Cody Ponzio, Allentown**

**2024 Small Animal Production & Care Proficiency Award- Lilly Haines, Allentown**

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

*Bronze Rating:* Belvidere  
Bergen Tech Paramus  
Camden-Tech East  
High Tech  
MCTS Sypek Center  
North Warren  
Somerset County  
Sussex Tech  
Vineland

*Silver Rating:* Bergen County Academies  
Buena Regional  
Cape May Tech  
Cumberland Regional  
Essex- West Caldwell  
Hunterdon County Polytech  
Monmouth County

Penns Grove  
Warren Hills  
Woodstown

*Gold Rating:* Allentown  
Freehold  
Hunterdon County ESEA  
Middlesex- East Brunswick  
Newton  
Northern Burlington  
Phillipsburg  
Salem Tech  
Union County

### **FFA Essay Events Awards**

*Division I:* David Balchunas, Union County

*Division II:* Jezabelle Wilson, Vineland

### **New Jersey FFA Alumni Report: Abbey Goodenough**

#### **Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:**

The scholarship went to **Caley Loveland** of the **Salem Tech FFA Chapter!**

#### **Quiz Bowl:**

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

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Union County

#### **Lifetime Membership:**

Julia Moreno and Maisie Shimko both received their lifetime memberships.

### **Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture

Rancocas Veterinary Associates

Cierech's Greenhouse

Hope Fire Company

### **Greetings from Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources**

Mr. Frank Minch presented remarks on behalf of the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

### **Convention Recognition**

Convention staff were welcomed to the stage to be thanked for their hard work and dedication in making the convention run smoothly. The following convention staff are as follows:

*Leon Delcher*  
*Crystal Bomgardner*  
*Megan Brooks*  
*Kylie Burne*  
*Abigail Goodenough*  
*Joe Goodenough*  
*Kristianne Goodenough*  
*Jacelyn Ladner*  
*Grace McCarty*  
*Justin Noble*  
*Talia Priore*  
*Jeremy Posluszny*  
*Emily Sadlon*

### **Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

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

### **Courtesy Corps Recognition**

<b>Allentown</b>	Kaci Byrne Abigail Cappiello Scott Cairns Ryan Freiburger Ava Hayes Sophia Jones Tierney Lang Matthew Mains Mitchell Mains Elizabeth Mooney Madia Resch Chloe Vinent
<b>Buena Regional</b>	Aurora Esquillia Chelsea Schaller
<b>Cape May Tech</b>	Jocelyn Jamison Ryan Myers Domingo Zapata
<b>Cumberland Regional</b>	Colin Buehler Mason Seay Gabriella Swift
<b>Middlesex- East Brunswick</b>	Roman Bialoblocki

<b>Monmouth County</b>	Mandy Randovanic Jake Bennett Jayden Johnson Emilano Lopez Rory Nixon James Weisneck Jr.
<b>Newton</b>	Eraldo Aguliar John Albert-Tinio Sean Kolarick Alex Palma Camilo Rodriguez
<b>Northern Burlington</b>	Caitlyn Miller Ella Hirthler
<b>Penns Grove</b>	Ivanelissa Pena Rivera Miranda Jimenez Lopez
<b>Union County</b>	Mia La Kacey Louiselle
<b>Warren Hills</b>	Gracie Bucher Gavin Fink Ben Heerwagen Kaylie Peticari Hana Puzycki Clara Woodruff
<b>Woodstown</b>	Wyatt Ambruster Jake Coles Benjamin Doak Aaron Foote Harley Toulson

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Mitchell Mains** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Jenny Allen, and Ms. Debra McCluskey presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and presented the Executive Committee Member with a certificate of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

**Talent and State Degree Seating**

Danielle Hannah of the Woodstown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her talent.

**Garden State Degree Ceremony**

<b>Allentown:</b>	<b>Niccolo Conte</b> Kathryn Giovanelli Cody Ponzio
<b>Belvidere:</b>	<b>Timothy Bilyk</b>

	Olivia Franceschino
	Ashley Postma
	Sadie Wyckoff
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	<b>Jordan Collins</b>
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	<b>Pheobe Lanzone</b>
	Tyler Murnaghan
	William Rutherford
	Sarah Shuck
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	<b>Jade Toler</b>
<b>Freehold:</b>	<b>Dallas Blair</b>
	Ava Dohan
	Paige Dunberg
	Carly Jones
	Alexa Primiani
	Breanna Rosmarin
	Scarlett Sampino
	Ava Yabko
<b>Hunterdon County ESEA:</b>	<b>Nina Weiland</b>
<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick:</b>	<b>Lily Clements</b>
	Rose Cruz-Duran
	Emma Glasser
	Kayla Romero
<b>Newton:</b>	<b>Cora Bermingham</b>
	Dylan Cole
	Mashara Edwards
	Benjamin Knehr
	Finnegan Martin
	Emily Milej
	Matthew Miranda
	Jack Rearick
	Joshua Siegel
	Samatha Sutton
	Barry Thomson
	Claire Willis
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	<b>Kalena Johnson</b>
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	<b>Shariana Gonzalez Ruperto</b>
	Isabella Lope
	Katlyn Mills
<b>Phillipsburg:</b>	<b>Abrianna Portillo</b>
<b>Salem Tech:</b>	<b>Emma Dalgarn</b>
	Sophia Marandola
	Layla Milligan
<b>Union County:</b>	<b>Samatha Zack</b>
<b>Warren Hills:</b>	<b>Meghan Burd</b>



Woodstown: Hana Puzycki  
Trisha Casady

**State Star Award Recognition**

**2023-2024 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** Ashley Postma, Belvidere  
**2023-2024 State Star in Agriscience:** Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA  
**2023-2024 State Star Farmer:** Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

**Retiring Address: Chase Sherburne**

Chase Sherburne, State FFA President gave his retiring address titled, “Crossing the Creek” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Maddin Emmons of the Allentown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Julia Moreno
State Parliamentarian:	Lily Clements
State Sentinel:	William Rutherford
State Reporter:	Nina Weiland
State Treasurer:	Abrianna Portillo
State Secretary:	Tyler Murnaghan
State Vice President:	Allison Josilewski
State President:	Niccolo Conte

**Motion by Maddie Emmons, Allentown** 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 2024-2025 State Officers**

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

**Convention in Review**

The 2024 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**

2023-2024 State FFA President, Chase Sherburne, passed the gavel to the 2024-2025 State FFA President, Niccolo Conte.

**Closing Ceremonies**

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**Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation**  
Committee Report  
May 23, 2024

**Committee Members Present:**

Joseph Brener, Northern Burlington  
Raigen Gibson, Northern Burlington  
Karla Luna Perez, Cumberland Regional  
Lexi Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA  
Lilly Haines, Allentown  
Rachel Siegwarth, Monmouth County  
Emily Corsaro, Freehold  
Elliana Etayem, Penns Grove  
Liliana Snyder, Phillipsburg  
Madison Birr, Northern Burlington Middle  
Maisie Shimko, New Jersey Association

Meghan Burd, Warren Hills  
Danny Hager, MTCS Sypek Center  
Grace McInerney- Shanahan, Somerset Tech  
Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Mia La, Union County  
Jenna Pollock Vineland  
Kiyah Morales, Sussex Tech  
Connor Jishov, Salem Tech  
Kierra McDevitt, Delsea Regional  
Kylie Naylor, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To make recommendations about the Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE for the upcoming year.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Discuss the creation of a wearable pieces category.
- Discuss the removal of the orchid category
- Discuss altering the description of administrative professionals' category
- Discuss changing the name of puppy dog pals to "It's a Boy" and sugar and spice to "It's a Girl".
- Discuss the creation of a funeral floral design competition.
- Discuss altering the Jersey Fresh description to require divisions for the category.
- Discuss the possibility of creating a hands-on workshop.

**Comments:**

- Corsage and Boutonniere separate.
- For succulent/ cactus, have 3+ plants and 6+ plant categories.
- For Jersey Fresh keep fruit with fresh and permanent fruit with permanent.
- Discuss possibly offering hands-on or lecture style workshops
- Discuss cost offering hands-on workshops

Lexi Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA – Chair  
Karla Luna-Perez, Cumberland Regional – Secretary

**Career and Leadership Development Event Review and Evaluation**  
Committee Report  
May 25, 2023

**Committee Members Present:**

Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA	Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington
Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton	Payton Perez, Phillipsburg
Leah Clark, Woodstown	Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional
Kyle DeVito, Camden Penn Tech	Kate Lazo, Essex West-Caldwell
Sadie Wyckoff, Belvidere	Ellen Duffy, Somerset County
Matthew Mullins, Somerset County	Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown
Megan Rockafellow, South Hunterdon	Tierney Lang, Allentown
Juliana Gonzalez, South Hunterdon Middle	Lorelei Harris, Allentown
Lydia Kilinski, Hunterdon County Polytech	Gabriela Ruberti, Buena
Sarah St. Jean, Vineland	Aaron Dean, Salem Tech
Andie Park, Bergen County Academies	Marrissa Williams, Pemberton
Julia Moreno, State FFA Association	Deanna Miller, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and discuss Career Development Events for the New Jersey FFA Association.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Move Floriculture CDE to the Horticultural Expo.
- Eliminate floral design CDE.
- Floriculture should have 2 practicums, with one of them always being floral design.
- Hold regional LDE's as outlined by the document that was provided.
- Move Ag sales and Marketing Plan to the Ag Convention.
- Add Ag Communications to NJ at Ag convention.
- Continued alignment of State CDE's to national CDE's, including time limit events.
- Move PA CDE's to NJ.
- Move Food Science CDE to Spring CDE day at Rutgers.
- Unpair animal CDE's from 4-H.
- Move the Land Judging CDE to a nearby location to allow soil pit to be dug.
- Provide written and verbal instructions at each CDE station.
- Provide a hardship evaluation for chapters unable to provide CDE equipment

**Comments:**

- Handbooks out earlier.
- CDE volunteers need training.
- Milk Quality and Products plate samples in non-contest room.
- Floriculture/Floral Design practicum higher quality materials.
- Reduce Vet Science practicum options and horse judging classes.
- CDE coordinators verify current ID list

Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional– Chair  
Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA – Secretary

# **Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities, State Applications, & State Convention Evaluation**

Committee Report  
May 25, 2023

## **Committee Members Present:**

Joey Olbrich, Woodstown

Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

Nadyalis Beauchamp, Sussex Tech

Kylie Labbe, Essex Tech W.C.

Dakota Meys, Hunterdon Poly Tech

Gary Kalymnius, North Warren

Ryan Colby, Monmouth County

Sarah Schuck, Cape May Tech

Alex Riley, Penns Grove

James Freeman, Middlesex East Brunswick

Deana Fowler, Buena

Jonathan Finney, State FFA Association

Joel Rudderow, Advisor

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review the constitution, bylaws, and program of activities and to evaluate State Convention and State Applications.

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

- Highlight non-traditional agriculture at State Convention.
- Improve State Convention Experience.
- Increase accessibility of state Application.
- Hist regional public speaking preliminary events.

## **Comments:**

- Provide more non-traditional agricultural vendors.
- Host industry speakers to provide insights.
- Explore methods of a better dining experience.
- Offer an open rec room containing board and card games.
- Offer more activities/games during alumni social.

Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills – Chair

Dakota Meys, Hunterdon County Polytech – Secretary

**Membership, Chapter Relations, and State Leadership Activities**  
Committee Report  
May 25, 2023

**Committee Members Present:**

Frank Boffa, Newton  
Ashley Postma, Belvidere  
Ashley Johnson, Delsea Regional  
McKayla Jones, South Hunterdon Middle  
Dallas Blair, Freehold  
Xavier Duckett, Northern Burlington Middle  
Chase Sherburne, State FFA Association

Pheobe Lanzone, Cape May Tech  
Gabe Weaver, Bankbridge  
Aleksander Kuscowsk, South Hunterdon  
Avi Frank, Union County  
Isabella Lope, Penns Grove  
  
Renne Stillwell, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review how the State Association can better its relations with chapters, and how to accommodate members based on interests and abilities.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Utilize social media to inform about new and existing programs.
- Create quiet rooms for those who struggle with over stimulation at FFA dances and ensure all videos include closed captioning.
- Invite industry professionals and university reps to share information regarding specific programs and fields at state events.

**Comments:**

- Promote the ability to invite state officers to Chapter events.
- Create virtual opportunities for members to meet graduates to discuss post-graduation FFA opportunities.
- Highlight chapter activities on social media and create informational content regarding the usage of AET.

Gabe Weaver, Bankbridge – Chair  
Avi Frank, Union County– Secretary

## **2023-2024 State FFA Executive Board**

State President	Chase Sherburne
State Vice President	Maisie Shimko
State Secretary	Julia Moreno
Executive Committee Chair	Jonathan Finney
Teacher Representative	Dale Cruzan
State Advisor	Erin Noble
State FFA Specialist	Jenny Allen
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

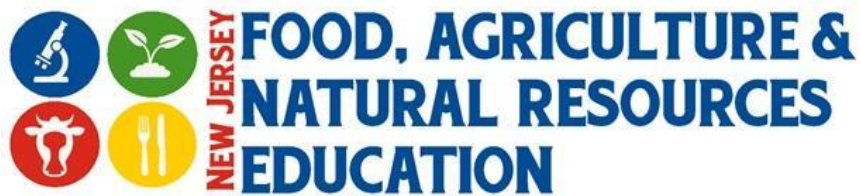


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