

# 96<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention At-A-Glance

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## ***WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2025***

- 1:00 – Registration**  
**3:00 pm** *Residence Halls*
- 1:00 – Convention Practice**  
**3:00 pm** *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 1:00 – Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Meeting**  
**2:45 pm** *Pozycki Hall, Room 115*
- 1:00 pm Nominating Committee Orientation**  
*Pollak Theatre 139*  
Ms. Abigail Goodenough, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Julia Moreno, Nominating Committee Assistant
- 2:00 – Recreation – Optional for Early Arrivals**  
**4:00 pm** *Elmwood Dorms*  
*Volleyball*
- 3:00 pm Day of Service Activity**  
*Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*  
*(Pre-registration Required)*
- 3:00 pm Talent Meeting/Practice**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
*(Mandatory for all talent)*
- 3:00 pm Conduct of Chapter Meetings LDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 128*
- 3:00 pm Parliamentary Procedure LDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 133*  
Mr. Dan Wunderlich, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Creed Speaking LDE Finals**  
*Bey Hall, Rooms 223*  
Ms. Maisie Shimko, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Spanish Creed Speaking LDE**  
*Bey Hall, Rooms 222*  
Ms. Amarilys Olivo Mockabee, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Teach Agriculture Event**  
*Bey Hall, Room 227*  
Ms. Kari Schoenlank, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Portable Exhibit Set-Up**  
*Pozycki Hall, Upper-Level Lobby*

- 3:00 pm Application & Event Drop-Off**  
*Bey Hall, Room 134*  
Scrapbook, Secretary's Book and Treasurer's Book
- 3:30 pm State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*
- 4:00 pm Art Competition Set-Up**  
*Bey Hall, Room 130*
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
Ms. Lilly Haines, Coordinator
- 5:00 – 5:45 pm Dinner – Magill Commons**
- 5:30 pm Star in Agricultural Placement & Star Farmer Interviews**  
*Bey Hall, Room 129*  
Mr. David Specca, Coordinator
- 5:45 pm Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting**  
*Pozyski Hall, Room 115*  
Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Debra McCluskey, and Ms. Deanna Miller
- 6:00 pm Marketing Plan CDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 230*  
Ms. Kari Schoenlank, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Agricultural Issues Forum**  
*Bey Hall, Room 223*  
Ms. Sydney Gavinelli, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Landscape Design Event**  
*Bey Hall, Room 228*  
Mr. David DeFrange, II, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Scrapbooks**  
*Bey Hall, Room 132*  
Mrs. Jessica Wilke, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Secretary and Treasurer of the Year Applications**  
*Bey Hall, Room 133*  
Mr. Tyler Kohlhaas, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**  
*Pozyski Hall, Upper Level Lobby*  
Ms. Maisie Shimko, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition**  
*Bey Hall, Room 130*  
Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Leadership Workshop**  
"Different by Design"  
*Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*  
Ms. Abigale Jacobsen, National FFA Western Region Vice President

**6:00 pm Delegate Workshop**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
Mr. Niccolo Conte, State President & Ms. Allison Josielewski, State Vice President

**7:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION I**



***“BREAKING GROUND”***

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Mr. Niccolo Conte, State President***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture**

Assistant Secretary Atchison

New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture

**Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.**

FFA Jacket Presentation

**Introduction of State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee**

***“Map of Connections”***

*Retiring Address*

Mr. William Rutherford, State Sentinel

Special Recognition

**New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, President

**2025 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations**

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA Foundation through Special Projects

- William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship
- Bilinski Senior Award Scholarship
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship
- James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship
- Charles C. Drawbaugh Honorary Scholarship
- Jay P. Zukus Memorial Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship
- Ronald Emley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Growing America's Farmers Scholarships
- New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Scholarships
- John Cummings Memorial Scholarship
- Anthony Juestrich Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- May Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial Scholarship

- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships

### **National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

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

#### **Keynote Address**

“A Double-Sided Coin”

Miss Abigale Jacobsen, National FFA Western Region Vice President

#### **Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Lilly Haines, Coordinator

#### **State Convention Rules**

#### **Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 – Recreation & FFA Social**

**10:30 pm** *Residence Hall Quad (weather permitting)*

**11:00 pm** **Lights Out**

## ***THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025***

**5:30 am** **Trivette Fun Run – Maplewood Hall**

**7:00 – Breakfast – Magill Commons**

**8:00 am**

**8:15 am** **Delegates Seated**

**8:15 am** **Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**8:30 am** **SESSION II**



***“CULTIVATING CHANGE”***

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Mr. William Rutherford, State Sentinel***

#### **Opening Ceremony**

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

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

#### **Art Competition Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

#### **“Do and Do Well”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Tyler Murnaghan, State Secretary

Special Recognition

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

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

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

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

#### **Excellence in Community Service Recognition**

**Statewide Community Service Project Recognition**

**Agriscience Fair Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“Different by Design”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Nina Weiland, State Reporter

Special Recognition

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 am Extemporaneous Speaking Competitors Please Arrive to Bey Hall, Room 130**

**10:00 am PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

*Members and guests should select and attend one of the three public speaking events:*

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking LDE**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

Ms. Talia Priore, Coordinator

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking LDE**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 115*

Mr. Chad Ripberger, Coordinator

**Extemporaneous Speaking LDE**

*Bey Hall, Rooms 130*

Ms. Masie Shimko, Coordinator

**10:00 am Committee Meetings**

**Constitution, Bylaws, Program of Activities, & State Convention Evaluation**

*Bey Hall, Room 227*

Past State Officer: Niccolo Conte

**Membership and Chapter Relations**

*Bey Hall, Room 201 (Turrell Board Room)*

State Officer: Nina Weiland

**State Leadership Activities**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 205*

State Officer: Tyler Murnaghan

**State Applications**

*Bey Hall, Room 228*

State Officer: William Rutherford

**CDE/LDE Review and Evaluation**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 206*

State Officer: Allison Josielewski

**Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 204*

State Officer: Abrianna Portillo

**11:15 am Teach Ag Signing Event & Lunch**

*(by invitation only)*

*Parson Café, Great Hall*

**11:45 am Lunch** – *Magill Commons*

**12:30 – Recreation –**

**2:00 pm** *Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)*

**1:00 pm Leadership Workshop**

“Tell a Great Story”

*Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*

Mr. Josiah Cruikshank, Past National Officer

**1:00 pm Employment Skills Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 227*

Mrs. Tracy Smith, Coordinator

**1:00 pm FFA Quiz Bowl**

*Bey Hall Rooms 128 & 130*

Mr. Joseph Goodenough

**1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 223*

Ms. Kelly Steimle, Coordinator

**1:00 pm Team Demonstration Event**

*Bey Hall Room 230*

Ms. Maisie Shimko, Coordinator

**1:00 pm Delegate Business Session\***

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

*Presiding:*

Mr. Niccolo Conte, State President

*Roll Call:*

Mr. Tyler Murnaghan, State Secretary

*Approval of the 96<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention Agenda*

*Approval of the 95<sup>th</sup> State Convention Proceedings*

*National FFA Constitution and By-Laws Amendment Proposals*

Ms. Allison Josielewski, State Vice President

*State Program Affiliation Fee Proposal*

Ms. Abrianna Portillo, State Treasurer

*Standing Committee Reports*

- Constitution, Bylaws, Program of Activities and State Convention Evaluation
- Membership and Chapter Relations
- State Leadership Activities
- State Applications
- CDE/LDE Review and Evaluation
- Hort Expo Review and Evaluation

*Business Session Concludes*

***\*Delegate business session will continue after Session IV if needed***

**2:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**2:15 pm**    **Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**2:30 pm**    **SESSION III**



***“ROOTING FOR SUCCESS***

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Ms. Abrianna Portillo, State Treasurer***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Public Speaking Awards**

**Creed Speaking**

Sponsored by Ms. Debra McCluskey and National FFA Foundation

**Spanish Creed Speaking**

Sponsored by Ms. Debra McCluskey

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society and National FFA Foundation

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA  
Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**Agricultural Issues Forum Awards**

Sponsored by NJ Farm Bureau and National FFA Foundation

**Agricultural Communications Awards**

Sponsored by the NJ FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**Marketing Plan Awards**

Sponsored by the NJ FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Teach Agriculture Event Awards**

Sponsored by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

**Love What You Do. Do What You Love. Teach Ag! Presentation**

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

Ms. Deanna Miller, NJAAE President

***“Life is in the Little Things”***

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Allison Josielewski, State Vice President

Special Recognition

**Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Landscape Design Event Awards**

Sponsored by Pinelands Nursery

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

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

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

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

### **Closing Ceremony**

**4:30 pm** *Members and guests should select and attend one of the following events:*

- *CDE Awards Ceremony/Talent*
- *Student Leadership Workshop*

**4:30 pm** **CDE AWARDS/TALENT**



#### **“SPROUTING EXCELLENCE”**

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Mr. Tyler Murnaghan, State Secretary***

### **Opening Ceremony**

Presented by 1st Place Team

Division II Conduct of Chapter Meetings

### **Career Development Event Awards**

***(Recipients, please sit in designated areas)***

*The NJ FFA Association and NJ FFA Foundation fund banners and medals for all first-place teams and individuals. The National FFA Foundation sponsors plaques.*

### **Talent Performance**

#### **Winter/Miscellaneous CDEs**

*Dairy Cattle Evaluation*

*Farm & Agribusiness Management*

*Floriculture*

*Food Science & Technology*

*Horse Evaluation*

*Livestock Evaluation*

*Meat Evaluation & Technology*

*Poultry Evaluation*

### **Talent Performance**

#### **Fall CDEs**

*Forestry*

*Fruits & Vegetables*

*Land Judging*

*Milk Quality & Products*

*Turf Management*

### **Talent Performance**

#### **Spring CDEs**

*Agricultural Sales*

*Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems*

*Agronomy*

*Environmental & Natural Resources*

*Nursery/Landscape*

*Veterinary Science*



**National Sweepstakes Recognition**

- Chapter
- Individual

**Closing Ceremony**

**4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop**  
*Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*  
“The Power of Influence”  
Ms. Abigale Jacobsen, National FFA Western Region Vice President

**5:45 – Dinner – Magill Commons**  
**6:45 pm**

**7:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION IV**



**“BLOOMING BRILLIANCE”**  
**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**  
*Presiding: Ms. Nina Weiland, State Reporter*

**Opening Ceremony**

**NJ FFA Member of the Month & Member of the Year Awards** Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Employment Skills LDE Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Demonstration Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

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Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**“The Confidence to Bloom in a Field of Flowers!”**  
*Retiring Address*  
Ms. Abrianna Portillo, State Treasurer  
Special Recognition

**Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**

**American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

**Keynote Address**  
“Authentic Positivity”  
Mr. Josiah Cruikshank, Past National Officer

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

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 pm Delegate Business Session**  
*(if needed)*

**9:30 – FFA Dance**  
**11:30 pm** *Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*  
*(All Members Must Attend)*

**12:00 am Lights Out**

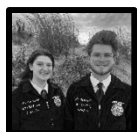
## ***FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025***

**7:00 – Breakfast – Magill Commons**  
**8:00 am**

**8:15 am Delegates Seated**

**8:15 am Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**8:30 am SESSION V**



**“GROW BEYOND”**

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Ms. Allison Josielewski, State Vice President & Mr. Tyler Murnaghan, State Secretary***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Reflections – “Grow BEYOND”**

**State Star Chapter Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**State Star Greenhand Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Chapter Evaluation Awards**

- Superior Chapter Recognition
- National Emblem Chapters  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
- Grow Beyond Recognition
- State Premier Chapter Awards  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Education**

Dr. Jorden Schiff, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Teaching and Learning Services

**Proficiency Awards**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**HO Sampson Award Program Recognition**

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

- WLC Scholarship
  - FFA Quiz Bowl Awards
  - Lifetime Membership Ceremony
- Mr. Chuck Wojtaszek, President NJ FFA Alumni & Supporters Association

**Distinguished Service Awards**

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture**

Mr. Frank Minch, Director, Division of Agricultural & Natural Resources

**Convention Recognition**

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

**Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Talent Performance**

**Star State Farmer & Star State in Agricultural Placement Awards**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**“Shift into Success”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Niccolo Conte, State President

Special Recognition

**Nominating Committee Report**

**Election of 2025 – 2026**

**New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**“A Tradition of Excellence”**

Past New Jersey FFA State Officer Presentation

**Installation of 2025 – 2026**

**New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**96th State FFA Convention in Review**

**Remarks by 2025 – 2026**

**State FFA President**

**Closing Ceremony**

**11:15 am 2025 – 2026 Officer Team Photo**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

**11:30 am Check Out** – Garden Apartments, Redwood, Mullaney, Oakwood, Spruce, & Cedar Residence Halls

**12:15 – 2024-2025 and 2025-2026**

**1:00 pm State Officer & Convention Staff Luncheon**

*Pollak Theatre*

**1:00 – 2025-2026 State FFA**

**3:00 pm Officer Meeting**

*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*