

Welcome FFA members, advisors, and guests:

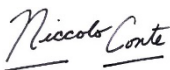
We are ecstatic to kick-off the 96th New Jersey State FFA Convention and celebrate the development and excellence that have **Grown Beyond** expectations this year!

Since last May, we have been **Breaking Ground** as we expanded our association and made connections with the 3,463 members of the New Jersey FFA Association. Together, we have been **Cultivating Change** by incorporating the values and mission of the National FFA Organization. Your devotion to **Rooting for Success** has been conveyed through your outstanding leadership, accomplishments, and advancements in the agricultural industry.

We appreciate the continuous **Sprouting Excellence** of our supporters, alumni, and mentors that make New Jersey FFA flourish. The **Blooming Brilliance** of the diverse group of individuals who make up our exceptional Association portrays an immeasurable amount of professionalism, expertise, and perspectives that strengthen the influence of the most fundamental industry of our nation.

At this Convention, take the opportunity to learn, connect, and commemorate in order to *raise the bar* and “**Grow Beyond.**”

Sincerely,



Niccolo Conte
State President



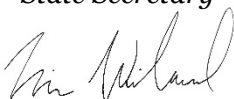
Allison Josielewski
State Vice President



Tyler Murnaghan
State Secretary



Abrianna Portillo
State Treasurer



Nina Weiland
State Reporter



William Rutherford
State Sentinel

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

8:00 am **State Officers and Convention
Staff meet at Garden Apartments
to unpack**

10:00 am **Convention Hall Set-up**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:45 am –Lunch

12:45 pm *Hawk House, Magill Commons*

1:00 pm **Convention Practice**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

5:30 – **Dinner**

6:30 pm *Hawk House, Magill Commons*

7:00 pm **Retiring Address Workshop**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:00 pm **Lights Out**

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

7:00 am **Breakfast**
Hawk House, Magill Commons

8:00 – **Convention Practice**
11:30 am *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

11:45 am –Lunch

12:45 pm *Hawk House, Magill Commons*

1:00 pm **Convention Practice**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

5:00 – **Dinner**

6:00 pm *Hawk House, Magill Commons*

6:00 – **Convention Practice**
10:00 pm *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

11:00 pm **Lights Out**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

- 7:00 am Breakfast**
Hawk House, Magill Commons
- 8:00 – Convention Practice**
11:30 am *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 11:45 am –Lunch**
12:30 pm *Hawk House, Magill Commons*
- 12:30 – Convention Information**
8:30 pm *Pollak Theatre Lobby*
Mr. Leon Delcher
- 12:30 pm Registration Set-up**
Residence Halls
Ms. Debra McCluskey,
Facilities Coordinator
- 1:00 – Registration**
3:00 pm *Residence Halls*
- 1:00 – Convention Practice**
3:00 pm *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 1:00 – Food, Agriculture and Natural**
2:45 pm Resources Education Advisory
Council Meeting
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**
4:00 pm Arrivals
Elmwood Dorms
Volleyball
- 3:00 pm Day of Service Activity**
Rebecca Stafford Student Center,
Anacon Hall
(Pre-registration Required)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

- 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**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

- 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**
Pozycki 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**
Pozycki 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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

(scholarships continued)

- 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**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

“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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

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)*

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

- 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 96th State FFA
Convention Agenda*
- Approval of the 95th 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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

(business session continued)

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

(public speaking awards continued)

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

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



THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

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

Demonstration Event Awards

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**

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

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

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

**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



State Convention

Leadership Workshops

Wednesday, May 22 – 6:00 PM

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall
“Different by Design”

Miss Abigale Jacobsen, National FFA Western Region
Vice President



In FFA, and in life, we don't just come together in spite of our differences, but rather because of them. Let's take a look at what makes us uniquely different and discover strategies to learn more about the unique people in our lives.

Thursday, May 23 – 1:00 PM

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall
“Tell a Great Story”

Mr. Josiah Cruikshank, Past National FFA Officer



As people, we constantly tell stories. Whether we're talking to our friends in the living room or to an employer in a job interview, sharpening our storytelling skills will help us become effective leaders who connect well with people. Join Josiah Cruikshank for this workshop to learn some tips and tricks of the storytelling trade!

Thursday, May 23 – 4:30 PM

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall
“The Power of Influence”

Miss Abigale Jacobsen, National FFA Western Region
Vice President



Together, we'll dive into what influence really means, explore how it plays a role in our everyday lives, and discover ways to use it to lead, support others, and create real change in our schools and communities.

2025 HONORARY GARDEN STATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

David DeFrange

Owner

Copper Creek Landscaping

Daniel Delcher

Agriscience Teacher

Essex County Technical Schools – West Caldwell

Denise Foote

President

Woodstown FFA Alumni & Supporters

Cathy Lubbe

Instructional Assistant

Allentown High School

Jessica Sanguiliano

Business Administrator

Hunterdon County Vocational School District

William Spearman

Assemblyman – District 5

New Jersey State Legislature

2025 STATE FFA OFFICER PARENTS RECEIVING THE HONORARY GARDEN STATE FFA DEGREE

Ulderico and Lori Conte

Elan Josielewski and Sherri Stupak

Corey and Karen Murnaghan

Jancis Portillo and Leanne Deats

Bill and Sally Rutherford

Benjamin and Kelly Weiland

2025 STATE FFA OFFICER ADMINISTRATORS RECEIVING THE HONORARY GARDEN STATE FFA DEGREE

Jamie Moscony

Superintendent

Cape May County Technical High School

Todd Pae

Principal

Allentown High School

2025 NEW JERSEY FFA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Allentown Presbyterian Church
Amwell Valley Fire Company
Hampton Inn Bordentown
Rutgers Continuing Education

2025 AMERICAN DEGREE CANDIDATES

Deana Fowler, Buena
Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

2025 PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

Equine Science
Paige Conroy, Allentown

Fruit & Nut Production
Ashley Postma, Belvidere

Small Animal Production & Care
Kathryn Giovanelli Allentown

Turf & Landscape Maintenance
Owen Gambale, Belvidere

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Plan & conduct a scientific experiment

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Reports

2025 GARDEN STATE FFA DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Allentown

Rafferty Burden
Paige Conroy
Maddin Emmons
Derek Voorhees

Belvidere

Carolyn Bilyk
Andrew Duckworth

Buena Regional

Michael Bristowe
Aurora Esquilin
Jiavonni Jones
Andriana Levari
Gabrielle Ruberti
Tori Thompson
Edward Zebedies

Cape May Tech

Abigale
DiGiamberardino

Cumberland Regional

Madison Corson
Peter DelCollo
Samantha Seay

Delsea Regional

Jacob Bramble

Essex County

Emilia Anderson
Samia Bruno
Miranda Courtright
Angelica Delarosa
Imani Fraser
Madison Hill
Gisabel Hodge
Andrea Pillco
Xavier Rodriguez
Zulianys Torres
Rafael Velez

Hunterdon County ESEA

Juliann Bonomi

Middlesex East Brunswick

Kara Erickson
Haley Poulsen
Sierra Romero

Newton

Eraldo Aguilar-Romero
Jack Boffa
Justin Evanski
Brenda Lamberti
Pawel Macikowski
Ryan Marschall
Thomas Phillips
Karlee Reid
Rachel Yacuk

Penns Grove

Miranda Jimenez Lopez
Ivanelisse Pena Rivera

Salem Tech

Kaylin Beardsley
Dominic Militti

Union County

Sofia Dias

Woodstown

Leah Clark
Jacob Coles
Aaron Foote
Audrina Medeiros

2024-2025 NJ FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT COORDINATORS AND JUDGES

New Jersey FFA Association extends sincere appreciation to those individuals and companies/organizations who contributed time, expertise and materials to benefit Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education students through FFA Career Development Events.

Agricultural Communications – Mrs. Sharon Kinsey (Coordinator), Mrs. Liz Thompson

Agronomy – Mrs. Kristianne Goodenough (Coordinator), Mr. Joe Goodenough (Coordinator)

Agricultural Sales Event – Mr. Christian Luciano (Coordinator), Ms. Harna Patel, Ms. Kathryn Homa, Ms. Bella Walz, Ms. Diana Diaz, Mr. Chad Ripberger, Ms. Yvette Bogert, Ms. Nikki Steward, Ms. Maureen Carroll, Mr. Clint Shontz

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Event – Mr. Justin T. Noble (Coordinator), Mr. Joe Clark (Coordinator), Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Ms. Kim Cullen, Mr. Jeremy Rys, Mr. Dan Coogan

Dairy Cattle Evaluation Event – New Jersey 4-H

Dairy Handlers' Event – Ms. Trista Bond (Coordinator), Mrs. Tracy Smith (Coordinator)

Environmental/Natural Resources Event – Ms. Sarah Falk (Coordinator), Ms. Emily Hall, Mr. Brian Taylor, Mr. Johannus Franken

Farm Business Management – Mrs. Dawn Edmonds (Coordinator), Farm Credit East

Floriculture Event – Mrs. Leah Ducey (Coordinator), Mr. Richard Belcher, Mr. Carmen Mondelli, Mrs. Laurie Neyhart, Mr. Stuart Paterson, Ms. Cat Swiderski, Mr. Craig Tolley

Food Science & Technology Event – Pennsylvania FFA Association

Forestry Event – Mr. Joe Greipp (Coordinator), Ms. Maxine Marvosa, Mr. Joshua Best, Ms. Jackie Johnston, Mr. Beau Norris, Mr. Dave Wells, Ms. Roslyn Dvorin

Fruits & Vegetables Event – Mr. Dennis McNamara (Coordinator), Ms. Catherine Van Benschoten, Delicious Orchards

Horse Evaluation Event – New Jersey 4-H

Land Judging Event – Mr. Fred Schoenagel (Coordinator), Rutgers University, Ms. Stephanie Murphy, Ms. Courtney Crouse, Ms. Natalie Repak

Livestock Evaluation Event – Pennsylvania FFA Association

Meat Evaluation Event – Mr. Dan Wunderlich (Coordinator), Mr. Ernest Arians, Rutgers Farm Store

Milk Quality and Products Event – Mr. Dan Wunderlich (Coordinator), Mr. Ernie Arians, Cream-O-Land Dairy, Inc.

Nursery/Landscape Event – Mrs. Amy Ricco (Coordinator), Mr. Beau Norris, Ms. Gail Woolcott, Mr. George Futterkecht, Mr. Russ Klockner, Mr. Chuck Bacon, Mr. Jeff Burd, Mr. John Neyhart, Mr. Andee Dixon

Poultry Evaluation Event – Pennsylvania FFA Association

Turf Management Event – Mr. Joe Clark (Coordinator), Rutgers Turf Farm, Ms. Kim Cullen

Veterinary Science Event – Dr. Stephanie Tarlowe (Coordinator), Mrs. Angie Cunha, Ms. Paige DeMarcello, Ms. Ericka Haines, Ms. Veronica Phillips, Ms. Hannah Bonaventure, Merck Animal Health

2024-2025 State FFA Executive Board

Niccolo Conte
State President

Allison Josielewski
State Vice President

Tyler Murnaghan
State Secretary

Abrianna Portillo
State Treasurer

Nina Weiland
State Reporter

William Rutherford
State Sentinel

Mr. Dale Cruzan
Teacher Representative

Mrs. Erin E. Noble
*State Program Leader for Food, Agriculture &
Natural Resources Education/
State FFA Advisor*

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NEW JERSEY STATE FFA PRESIDENTS

1926-PRESENT

1926-27	Cecil Jones, Clinton
1927-28	John Tilton, Mount Holly
1928-29	Elvin Shaffer, Bridgeton
1929-30	Earl Losey, Sussex
1930-31	Alex Hill, Salem
1931-32	William Robbins, Woodstown
1932-33	Alex Alampi, Glassboro
1933-34	Harold Heinz, New Brunswick
1934-35	Doug Friend, Sussex
1935-36	Robert Hill, Newton
1936-37	Arthur Jarman, Woodstown
1937-38	Wes Demarest, Sussex
1938-40	John Pew, Mount Holly
1940-41	E. Herbert Johnson, Woodstown
1941-42	Everett Thompson, Swedesboro
1942-43	John Metz, Pioneer (Springfield)
1943-44	Edward Flitcraft, Woodstown
1944-45	Samuel Patrick, Salem
1945-46	Robert Waddington, Woodstown
1946-47	Elmer T. Denman, Sussex
1947-48	Leon Brown, Sussex
1948-49	Donald Springle, Pioneer (Springfield)
1949-50	Edward A. Parker, Bordentown
1950-51	Joseph Blakeslee, Newton
1951-52	Joseph Jones, Woodstown
1952-53	Earl Snook, Sussex
1953-54	Paul Cooper, Glassboro
1954-55	Roger Locandro, Archibald
1955-56	Frank Gromlich, Newton
1956-57	Richard Van Auken, Newton
1957-58	Owen Pool, Woodstown
1958-59	Anthony Cerami, Caldwell
1959-60	Wayne Sliker, North Hunterdon
1960-61	Jack Smith, Washington
1961-62	Raymond Powell, Newton
1962-63	John Wyckoff, Belvidere
1963-64	Louis Nyiri, Allentown
1964-65	Raymond Ayers, Sussex
1965-66	Richard Hartung, Belvidere
1966-67	Rupert Freiburger, Allentown
1967-68	James Spencer, North Hunterdon
1968-69	Donald Shinn, Northern Burlington
1969-70	Bernard Beatty, North Hunterdon
1970-71	Larry Frace, North Hunterdon
1971-72	Cathy MacAllister Malison, N. Burlington
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1973-74	Michael Coles, Woodstown
1974-75	Robert Nyland, Warren Hills
1975-76	James Drews, Allentown
1976-77	William Snyder, Freehold

1977-78	Dominic Cicalese, Freehold/Allentown
1978-79	Margie Fineran Hurley, Oakcrest
1979-80	Kenneth J. Novak, Hunterdon Central
1980-81	Robert J. Graham, Oakcrest
1981-82	Michael Novak, Hunterdon Central
1982-83	Ronald J. Rette, Allentown
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1985-86	John Sebastiano, Hunterdon Central
1986-87	Dennis Symons, Allentown
1987-88	Michele Moro, Allentown
1988-89	Michael Iannitelli, Belvidere
1989-90	Daniel Berg, Allentown
1990-91	Liz Jost Thompson, Warren Hills
1991-92	Sharon Duckworth Kinsey, Belvidere
1992-93	Travis Eachus, Cumberland Regional
1993-94	Tiffany Roberson Hoy, Northern Burlington
1994-95	James Kruize, Hunterdon Hills
1995-96	William Taylor, Cumberland Regional
1996-97	Michelle Holmes Kruize, Allentown
1997-98	B. J. Kelly, Phillipsburg
1998-99	Paulette Z. Nyiri Clark, Phillipsburg
1999-00	Nichole Steward, Northern Burlington
2000-01	Michael J. Butler, Newton
2001-02	Michael N. Brooks, Woodstown
2002-03	Brian Dalbow, Penns Grove
2003-04	Jennifeur Wilson, Northern Burlington
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2005-06	Dale Cruzan, III, Cumberland Regional
2006-07	Daniel Delcher, Buena
2007-08	Alyssa Mottram Morgan, Phillipsburg
2008-09	Karis Byram, Allentown
2009-10	Hanna Toft, Cape May Tech
2010-11	Eric Nelson, Newton
2011-12	Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
2012-13	Ernest Arians, Ocean County
2013-14	Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
2014-15	Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
2015-16	Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
2016-17	Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
2017-18	Renee Stillwell, Allentown
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2019-20	Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
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- State FFA Awards and Activities Fund
- Memorial Scholarships
- Blue Jacket. Bright Futures. New Jacket Program
- State Officer "Club" Fund
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VISION STATEMENT

Procure sustainable resources to ensure a lifetime of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture.

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The FFA Alumni and Supporters Association is a vital part of the State FFA Association. The State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association raises money to support special projects such as:

- State Officer Leadership Training
- Banquet Speech and Retiring Address Workshops
- Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship
- College Scholarships

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Golfers and sponsors are welcome.

Contact Debra McCluskey at
877-243-3332

Register Online

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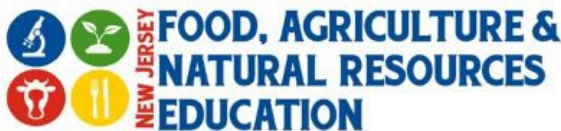
NEW JERSEY FFA ADVISORS' YEARS OF SERVICE

TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE/ CHAPTER ADVISORS	YEAR STARTED	YEARS OF SERVICE
Joel Rudderow*	1993	32
Dawn Viveiros Meredith	1996	22
Nan Hamilton	1998	27
Robin McLean	1998	27
Brian Martin	1999	26
Peggy Grady	2000	25
Kristina Guttadora	2001	14
Patricia Thorne*	2004	21
Edward Birdsall	2005	21
Taryn Romanczak	2005	20
Erik Fargo	2007	17
Denise Emmons	2008	18
Daniel Delcher*	2009	16
Brian Ducey	2009	16
Dale Cruzan*	2010	15
Tiffany Morey	2010	12
Brian Hayes	2011	14
Hanna Toft*	2012	13
Keely DiTizio*	2012	13
Jessica Heritage*	2013	12
Laura Pinhas	2013	12
Andee Dixon	2014	11
Deanna Miller	2015	10
Carly Chaapel	2015	10
Matthew DiTizio	2015	10
Nicole Smith	2016	9 1/2
Jill Wetzel	2018	7
Kimberly Bartholomew	2018	7
Patty Smith*	2018	7
Sam Casqueira	2019	6 1/2
Andrew Morris	2019	6 1/2
Kylie Naylor	2019	6
Katie Avagnano	2019	6
Rachel VanGorden	2019	5
Joanna Knoblauch	2020	5
Annaliese Castellini*	2020	4 1/2

NEW JERSEY FFA ADVISORS' YEARS OF SERVICE *(continued)*

TEACHERS OF AGRICULTURE/ CHAPTER ADVISORS	YEAR STARTED	YEARS OF SERVICE
Matthew Duckworth	2021	4
Renee Stillwell*	2021	4
Rachel Arena	2022	3
Amy Balliet	2022	3
Karissa Kester	2022	3
Catherine Markowitz	2022	3
Justin Naylor	2022	3
Dominique Otiepka	2022	3
Adrianna Ruggieri	2022	3
Kaitlyn Tallamy*	2022	3
Carmela Schlitzer	2023	2 1/2
Mike Adams	2023	2
Owen Donnelly*	2023	2
Patrick Dougherty	2023	2
Giselle Gomes	2023	2
Jennifer Obrizan	2023	2
Matthew Monaco	2024	1
Wendi Resman	2024	1
Liam Ryan	2024	1

**denotes past New Jersey State Officer*



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Preparing students for leadership and careers
in the science, business, education and technology of
agriculture

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION DATES AND LOCATIONS

2025 October 28- Nov. 1 Indianapolis, IN

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FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

DEFINITION OF SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE – SAE (Work-Based Learning)

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) is a student led, instructor supervised, work-based learning experience that results in measurable outcomes within predefined, agreed upon set of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) Technical Standards and Career Ready Practices aligned to a career plan of study.

SAE is a...

- Career exploration and planning system for all students.
- Student-led, teacher-supervised path to college and career readiness
- Tool for measuring student progress toward college and career readiness
- Method for authentically enhancing the high school experience
- Small business incubator for young entrepreneurs
- Path to connect students to STEM careers and mentors
- Critical component of a comprehensive Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

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Following these rules will help you meet your conference expectations and others will benefit as well!

1. I will keep the room assignment given at registration.
2. I will be in my room by the assigned time as listed in the convention program so I am fully alert for the next day's activities.
3. I will be courteous, polite and considerate to others. As a result, I gain the respect of others.
4. I will attend all sessions in official/business dress and participate in all activities.
5. I will turn off any electronic devices, such as cell phones, headphones, gaming devices, and tablets during all sessions and convention events.
6. I will not have and will not use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vapes at any time during the convention.
7. I will not visit the room of another FFA member regardless of gender.
8. I will arrive at least ten minutes early to all sessions and events. This demonstrates my respect for other convention participants and allows the session and event to begin on time.
9. I will report all illnesses, injuries and other problems to my advisor so that appropriate action can be taken.
10. I will not accept food deliveries after lights out.
11. I will respect all advisors, state convention staff, and other convention participants.

I commit to doing my very best to follow these rules. Doing so will enable me to maximize the benefits to the New Jersey State FFA Convention. If I violate any of the above rules, I understand it will mean immediate dismissal from the State FFA Convention.

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Allentown
Buena Regional
Cumberland Regional
Essex West Caldwell
Freehold
Hunterdon County ESEA
Middlesex East Brunswick
Newton
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
Salem Tech
Vineland
Warren Hills
Woodstown

*Chapters in bold will receive both Superior
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recognition

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Convention Evaluation

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*Allentown
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Bergen Tech Paramus
Buena Regional
Camden Tech East
Camden Penn Tech
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Delsea Regional
Essex – West Caldwell
Freehold
High Tech
Hunterdon County ESEA
Hunterdon County Poly Tech
MCTS Sypek Center
Middlesex East Brunswick
Middlesex Piscataway
Monmouth County
Montague Township Middle
Newton
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Northern Burlington Middle
Pemberton Township
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Phillipsburg
Salem Tech
Somerset County
South Hunterdon
South Hunterdon Middle
Sussex Tech
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Warren Hills
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Getting to Know You **BINGO**

Find someone that fits each description and write their name in the corresponding spaces.

**SOMEONE WHO
LOVES TO
DANCE**

**SOMEONE
WHO HAS RAN
A MARATHON**

**SOMEONE
WHO IS AN
ONLY CHILD**

**SOMEONE WHO
LOVES TO
CREATE ART**

**SOMEONE WHO
HAS SWAM IN
THE OCEAN**

**SOMEONE WHO
CAN PLAY A
MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT**

**SOMEONE
WHO HAS
BEEN ON TV**

**SOMEONE
WHO HAS
BEEN OUT OF
THE COUNTRY**

**SOMEONE
WHO LIKES TO
READ BOOKS**

**SOMEONE WHO
IS BORN IN THE
SAME MONTH
AS YOU**

**SOMEONE WHO
CAN SPEAK
ANOTHER
LANGUAGE**

**SOMEONE WHO
HAS SERVED
AS A STATE
OFFICER**

**SOMEONE WHO
HAS BEEN TO A
BROADWAY
SHOW**

**SOMEONE WHO
LOVES SPORTS**

**SOMEONE
WHO HAS AN
INTERESTING
COLLECTION**