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To: 97th National FFA Convention Attendees

From: Jenny J. Allen, State FFA Specialist

Re: 97th National FFA Convention – October Update

State Staff Contact Information

Questions about the state housing block, state suite and state breakfast should be directed to Debra McCluskey (609-649-0884). Questions about CDEs/LDEs, the Delegate Process and the State FFA Officers should be directed to Jenny Allen (609-475-2373) and Erin Noble (609-571-0441).

Participant Lists, Advisor Statement of Assurances, and Student Codes of Conduct

If you have not already, please submit your Participant Lists, Advisor Statement of Assurances, and Student Codes of Conducts ASAP. Reminders went out today to chapters missing materials. Thank you to those who have submitted your forms!

Convention Registration

Registration is open. Early Bird Registration Rate (\$85) is available until 7:59 pm on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Standard Full registration is \$105 (starting 8:00 pm EDT Wednesday, October 2, 2024) and Daily Registration is \$45 per person. Onsite Full Registration is \$110 and Onsite Daily Registration is \$53 per person.

Convention Event Participation and Code of Conduct Waiver

Please remember to enter in all names and assign all event activities to each participant before arriving on site to pick up badges. No registration is complete, and a badge will not print without the Health, Safety, Event Participation and Code of Conduct waiver e-signed. Instructions for these steps can be found in the registration confirmation email. For registration assistance, email registrationsupport@ffa.org.

New Jersey FFA Breakfast

The New Jersey FFA Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the Indiana Convention Center, Rooms 203 and 204 from 6:45 – 8:15 a.m.** Breakfast will begin at 6:45 am. Please arrive promptly at 6:45 am, you may leave as your schedule permits, but it is important that you arrive by 6:45 am. Registration for breakfast is required. You can submit your numbers here: <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/NatConRSVP>.

State Suite

The State Suite is **#LS43B** and is located in Lucas Oil Stadium. If you requested tickets, you will receive them from Debra McCluskey at the State Breakfast or another pre-arranged time. A final list will be shared the week before convention. There are a few spots available in some sessions. To reserve tickets, be sure to complete the JotForm at <https://form.jotform.com/NJFFA/NatConRSVP>.

National FFA Convention New Jersey Room Block

Housing is now closed. For those who reserved rooms, the New Jersey FFA Housing Block is at the **Hampton Inn & Suites Indianapolis Airport – 9020 Hatfield Dr, Indianapolis, IN 43241** (https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/indarhx-hampton-suites-indianapolis-airport/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-HX-INDARHX&y_source=1_MjA4NTI1NC03MTUtbG9jYXRpb2ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D) Please contact the hotel directly to get the balance of your hotel expenses for the week, confirm your arrival and departure dates and identify any special room needs. The final room payment will be due directly to the hotel.



NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION STATS & FACTS



- **Schools Attending - 17 Chapters** (Allentown, Bergen County Academies, Cape May Tech, Cumberland Regional, Essex County, Freehold, Hunterdon County ESEA, Hunterdon County Polytech, Middlesex East Brunswick, Newton, Northern Burlington, Penns Grove Phillipsburg, Salem Tech, Union County, Warren Hills, Woodstown)
- **200+ New Jersey Representatives**
- **3 State Association Delegates** – Niccolo Conte, Allison Josielewski and Tyler Murnaghan
- **American Degree Recipients** (Six Students)
 - Ryan Wright (Allentown), Loriann De Sousa Rego (Middlesex East Brunswick), Megan Brooks (Salem Tech), Natalie Catalano (Salem Tech), Cali Foote (Woodstown) and Audrey Sickler (Woodstown)
- **Honorary Degree Recipients** (Three Adults)
 - Mr. Dale Cruzan (Agriculture Teacher, Allentown High School)
 - Mr. Matthew Konowicz (Director of Instruction for Agriscience, Applied Technology, Business, Family Consumer Science and Visual & Performing Arts, Northern Burlington Regional High School)
 - Mrs. Tracy Smith (Warren Hills FFA Alumni Treasurer, Warren Hills Regional High School)
- **National Chapter Recognition**
 - Three Stars (Two Schools)
 - Allentown and Woodstown
 - Two Stars (Two Schools)
 - Newton and Penns Grove
- **National Convention Scholarship Recipient** – William Olbrich, Woodstown
- **Competitions**
 - Team CDE (87 Students)
 - Agricultural Issues, Agricultural Sales, Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems, Agronomy, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management, Environmental & Natural Resources, Farm & Agribusiness Management, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Forestry, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Marketing Plan, Meats Evaluation & Technology, Milk Quality and Products, Nursery/Landscape, Parliamentary Procedure, Poultry Evaluation, Veterinary Science
 - Individual CDE (5 Students)
 - Creed Speaking, Dairy Handlers Activity, Employment Skills, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Prepared Public Speaking
 - Agriscience Fair Finalists (5 Individuals & 3 Teams – 11 Students Total)
- **State Officer Activities**
 - State Flag Bearer – Abrianna Portillo, State Treasurer
 - Delegate Days of Service
 - Leadership Workshops
- **National Alumni & Supporters Convention Attendees**
 - Talia Priore
- **New Jersey Awards Receptions**
 - Honorary American Degree Reception
- **State Recognition Breakfast**
- Wednesday, October 23, 2024 @ Indiana Convention Center Rooms 203 and 204

