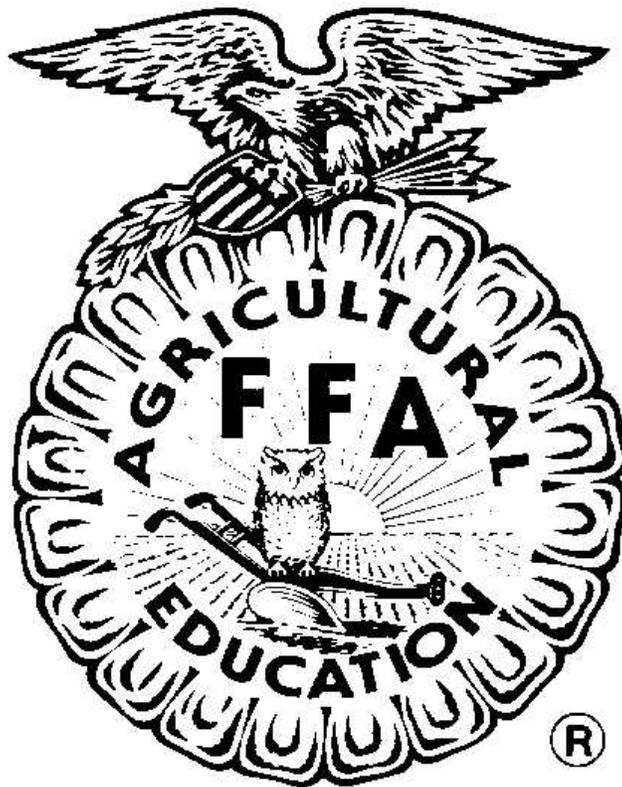


# 82<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings

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**May 24-26, 2011**



## Session I

Eric Nelson, 2010-2011 State FFA President, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 479 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### Welcome to Rutgers University

Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the college.

#### Greetings from the NJDA

New Jersey's Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

#### FFA Jacket Presentation

46 New Jersey FFA members were presented with a new FFA Jacket. The jackets were funded through the "Blue Jackets. Bright Futures" Jacket Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

<b>Allentown:</b>	George Stillwell Jenna Pinhas Grayson Asprocolas	Jessie Hickey Blair Giehl
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	Tyler Luscko	
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	Nick Martin Ricky Emmel Hannah Stone	Timmie Lavalette Matthew Rucci Robert Vazquez
<b>Freehold:</b>	Harrah Newman Michaela Kramer Megan Chin Milton Landes Kristianne Dowd Samantha Clarke	Victoria Villafane Brianna Besso Sarah Hughes Allie Wilson Rebecca Shannon
<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick:</b>	Anne Linke	
<b>Middlesex-Piscataway:</b>	Peter Dudek Michelle Moss	Abigail Leader Stephen Mehes
<b>Monmouth County:</b>	Alex DiPersio	
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	Noah Bassett	Jake Kolb



### **State FFA Scholarships**

The following scholarship winners were announced. Scholarships were made possible through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship** – Dylan Hoffman – Ocean County; Kelsey Rinehart – Phillipsburg; Ashley Lemoncelli – Newton; Mackenzie Tierney – Union County

**Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship** – Tessa Masi, Newton

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Andra Ehrhardt, Cape May Tech

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Brittney Smith, Phillipsburg

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, Warren Hills Ag Education Scholarship, C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship** – Jenny Allen, Warren Hills

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship** – Jeffrey Neyhart, Biotechnology

**Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship** – Jessica Voll, Phillipsburg

**Stephen Tucker Scholarship** – Christine Roberts, Penns Grove

**William G. Smith Scholarship** – Sacred DeFeo, Cape May Tech

**Roszel Scholarship** – Anna Lubas, Allentown

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship** – Nichole Ondy, Allentown

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship & Bill Hilgendorff Memorial Scholarship** – Annaliese Gancarz, Northern Burlington

**The Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Desiree Clark, Woodstown

**The Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Faith McEvoy, Belvidere

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Gillian Armstrong – Northern Burlington; James Nardelli II – Cumberland Regional; Katrina Nicoletta – Cape May Tech; Nichole Ondy – Allentown; Heather Shinn – Northern Burlington; Keely Weinberger – Cape May Tech; Dustin Wilson – Woodstown; Eric Nelson – Newton

**National FFA Convention Scholarship** – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

### **National FFA Scholarships**

**\$1,000 Ford National Winner Scholarship** – Ami Adams – Cape May Tech

**\$23,034 Johnson & Wales University Scholarship** – Maggie Castle – Newton

**\$1,000 RAM Trucks Scholarship** – James Nardelli II – Cumberland Regional & Sarah Phillips – South Hunterdon

### **Greetings from the National FFA Organization**

National FFA Western Region Vice President, Shannon Norris brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

### **Retiring Address: Alec McAlarnen**

Alec McAlarnen gave his retiring address entitled “Just the Way You Are” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

### **Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Mr. Chris Nnadi, with the help of the Courtesy Corps Chair, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of those individuals.

### **State Convention Rules**

The State Officers played a video skit that displayed the rules for State Convention.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## **Session II**

James H. Ferguson III, 2010-2011 State FFA Sentinel presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 488 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### **Official Ceremonies Event Award**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Buena Regional

The 1<sup>st</sup> place Official Ceremonies team will conduct the Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

#### **Landscape Design Event Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kimberly Roach, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stephen Milo, Freehold

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

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, addressed the convention on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

#### **Greetings from CSX Transportation**

Ms. Stacey Anderson, CSX Transportation Manager of Professional Recruiting, brought greetings on behalf of CSX Transportation.

### **FFA Essay Events Awards**

Division 1 winner: Harrah Newman, Freehold  
Division 2 winner: Nichole Ravas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech  
Division 3 winner: Amanda Desarden, Middlesex Piscataway

### **FFA Week Awards**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Northern Burlington  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hackettstown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Buena Regional

### **Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition**

*Horticulture Division:* Jozanna Muscella, Northern Burlington  
*Fresh Division:* Caitlin Lubey, Newton  
*Permanent Division:* Melinda Border, Northern Burlington  
*Adult Division:* Elizabeth Mikotowicz, BCIT Medford

### **2010-2011 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards**

The Member of the Month recipients for 2010-2011 were honored

*May:* Ernest Arians, Ocean County  
*June:* Dylan Hoffman, Ocean County  
*September:* Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills  
*October:* Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington  
*November:* Brittney Smith, Phillipsburg  
*December:* Nichole Ondy, Allentown  
*February:* Ami Adams, Cape May Tech  
*March:* Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington  
*April:* Anna Lubas, Allentown

The 2011 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Gillian Armstrong** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

### **Retiring Address: Julianne Robinson**

Julianne Robinson gave her retiring address entitled “Ignite Your Spark” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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

**Gold Ranking:** BCIT Westampton  
Buena Regional  
Newton  
Penns Grove  
Phillipsburg  
Union County

**Silver Ranking:** Monmouth County  
Northern Burlington Middle

### **Outstanding Community Service Award**

Congratulations to the **Penns Grove FFA Chapter** for receiving this year’s Outstanding Community Service Award.

### **Statewide Community Service Project**

The “FFA Cares” campaign was initiated to support cancer research. Earlier this year, one of our beloved FFA Advisors, Mr. Hilgendorff from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter was taken by cancer. In an effort to support cancer patients and research to find a cure, the State FFA Association encouraged chapters to sell blue FFA Cares ribbons for \$1. Chapters that participated in the project include:

**BCIT Westampton  
Cape May Tech  
Warren Hills  
Monmouth County  
Union County  
Middlesex Piscataway  
Northern Burlington**

### **Art Competition Awards**

Fine Art Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Angelina Roslin, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Leila Ganjaei, Union County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Harrah Newman, Freehold

Photography Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jamie Jelliffe, Warren Hills
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

### **Retiring Address: Jessica McCosker**

Jessica McCosker gave her retiring address entitled “Life is Like a Book,” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

### **Agriscience Student of the Year**

The Agriscience student of the year was Ami Adams of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter.

### **Agriscience Fair Recognition**

The following individuals will have the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

*Division I Winners:*

**Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science** – Hanna Man, Salem Co. Vo. Tech  
**Environmental Sciences** – Craig Ricci, Cumberland Regional  
**Engineering** – Rodney Cruzan, Cumberland Regional

*Division II Winners:*

**Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science** – Amelia Sollitti, Biotechnology  
**Botany** – Samantha Griffen, Biotechnology  
**Environmental Sciences** – Deborah Bakshiyev -Biotechnology  
**Zoology** – Kai Rau, Biotechnology

*Division III Winners:*

**Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science** – Lakshmi Iyengar & Michelle Zhao, Biotechnology  
**Botany** – Suzanne Riegelman & Maria Wissler, Biotechnology  
**Environmental Science** – Steve Petrides and Alex Byrnes-Biotechnology

*Division IV Winners:*

**Botany** – Rebecca Barresi and William Wang, Biotechnology

**Zoology** – Lindsey Foster & Christina McCosker, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

**Environmental Sciences** – Kevin Trigani & Ananya Sureshkumar, Biotechnology

**Biotechnology/Microbiology/Food Science** – Julia Vanzelli & Pankti Kothari-  
Biotechnology

**Engineering** – Daniel Greenberg & Gianna Tempera, Biotechnology

**Closing Ceremonies**

**2011 Delegate Business Session**

State President, Eric Nelson, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:05 pm. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor, served as the official Parliamentarian.

There were 59 delegates and 7 executive board members present. A majority vote would require 34 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The 81<sup>st</sup> NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Eric Nelson, State FFA President.

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen of the State FFA Association** to approve the proceedings of the 81<sup>st</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Nichole Ondy of the Allentown FFA chapter. Motion passes.**

National FFA Constitutional Proposal 1 regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by Keely Weinberger, State FFA Vice President.

**Motion by Rhiannon Bruynell of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter** to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> National Proposal.

**Seconded by Heather Shinn of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.**

National FFA Constitutional Proposal 2 regarding the provision for setting of dues if the National FFA Convention was not held because of natural disasters or health risks was presented by Jessica McCosker, State FFA Reporter.

**Motion by Obina Nnadi of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter** to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Proposal.

**Seconded by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.**

National FFA Constitutional Proposal 3 regarding changing the National FFA Organization fiscal year was presented by James Ferguson, State FFA Sentinel.

**Motion by Heather Shinn of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Proposal.

**Seconded by Casey DeStasio of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.**

The 2011-2012 Program Affiliation proposal was presented by Rachel Layton, State FFA Treasurer.

**Motion by Delany Gray to from the Belvidere FFA chapter** to accept the Program Affiliation Proposal.

**Seconded by Kelly Albanir of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.**

- Obina Nnadi of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Sarah Pagluighi of the Buena Regional FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Ashley Lemoncelli of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Natasha Langfritz of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Heather Shinn of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Taylor Casey of the North Warren FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Rhiannon Bruynell of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Tiauna-Marie Griffin of the West Essex FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Miranda Nunn of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Obina Nnadi of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Sara Ehrhardt of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- *Erin Noble, State FFA Specialist, gave background information on the Program Affiliation Model*
- Rachel Robbins of the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Anjeleen Coppa of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion.
- Sarah Pagluighi of the Buena Regional FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.

**Amendment by Miranda Nunn of the Newton FFA Chapter to amend the main motion by adding the phrase “middle schools will not be required to affiliate.”**

**Seconded by Obina Nnadi, Penns Grove. Amendment Passes.**

- Taylor Casey of the North Warren FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion as amended.
- Levi Wainwright of the Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion as amended.
- Ariel Friel of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion as amended.
- Anjeleen Coppa of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter spoke in favor of the motion as amended.

**Jessica McCosker, State FFA Reporter, moved previous question.**

**Seconded by Alec McAlarnen, State FFA Secretary. Motion Passes**

**Main Motion as Amended Passes.**

**Motion by Delany Gray of the Freehold FFA chapter to adjourn the 81<sup>st</sup> delegate business session.**

**Seconded by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.**

### **Session III**

Keely Weinberger, 2010-2011 State FFA Vice President, presided.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

## **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 504 members, advisors, and guests present.

## **Public Speaking Awards**

### *FFA Creed*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julia Cassidy, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kyle Schmidt, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

### *3-5 Minute Public Speaking*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alexandra Clark, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Harrah Newman, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stuart Faunce, Allentown

### *6-8 Minute Public Speaking*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Katherine Herman, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Caley Mikesell, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tiauna-Marie Griffin, West Essex

### *Extemporaneous Speaking*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nichole Ondy, Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dmitri Malaniowk, Hackettstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maura McAleese, Cape May Tech

## **Retiring Address James H. Ferguson III**

James H. Ferguson gave his retiring address entitled “Be You!” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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

Congratulations to **Ms. JoAnn Sopchak** of the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for being named the 2011 New Jersey Advisor of the Year.

## **Superior Teacher Recognition Program**

- Silver:* Ms. Robin McLean- Northern Burlington Middle  
Mr. Brian Martin, Monmouth County
- Gold:* Mr. John Petronglo, BCIT Westampton  
Ms. JoAnn Sopchak, Cape May Tech  
Mrs. Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County  
Mrs. Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional  
Mr. Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove  
Ms. Tiffany Morey, West Essex  
Mr. John Neyhart, Monmouth County  
Ms. Bonnie Baldasare, Union County

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

John Neyhart, President of the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educator, brought greetings on behalf of the NJAAE.

### **Teach Agriculture Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington FFA

### **Agriculture Awareness Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Penns Gove

### **Greetings from the State Grange**

Jack Robinson, New Jersey State Grange Representative, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey State Grange.

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* BCIT Medford

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Phillipsburg

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Middlesex Piscataway

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Phillipsburg

### **Retiring Address Rachel Layton**

Rachel Layton gave her retiring address entitled “Who Are You?!” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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

The 2011 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Jess Keen** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

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

The 2011 New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year is **Morgan Schnorrbush** from the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter**.

### **Public Relations Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* BCIT-Westampton

### **Video Public Relations Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Northern Burlington

### **Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker**

**Katherine Herman** of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter presented her speech.

### **Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award**

The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to **Zac Motta** of the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter**.

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

*Gold Rating:* Allentown  
Cape May Tech  
Cumberland Regional  
Freehold

Middlesex Piscataway  
Newton  
Northern Burlington  
Penns Grove  
Phillipsburg  
Salem Co. Vo. Tech  
West Essex

*Silver Rating:* BCIT Westampton  
Middlesex East Brunswick  
Monmouth County  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Ocean County  
South Hunterdon  
South Hunterdon Middle  
Union County  
Warren Hills  
Woodstown

*Bronze Rating:* BCIT Medford  
Belvidere  
Buena Regional  
Camden- Pennsauken  
Hackettstown  
North Warren  
Somerset County

### **Closing Ceremonies**

### **CDE Session**

Julianne Robinson, 2010-2011 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Official Ceremonies were presented by the first place official ceremonies team from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 505 members, advisors, and guests present.

### **Talent Performance**

Katie King from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter performed her talent – Drummer Salute “Early Days.”

### **Summer Career Development Event Awards**

#### **Dairy Handlers**

Heather Shinn from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter received a banner for placing first place in the event.

## **Horse Evaluation**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brittany Weir, Cumberland Regional
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nicole Smith, Cumberland Regional
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Desiree Clark, Woodstown
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
- 4<sup>th</sup> Muriel Haney, Salem Co. Vo. Teh
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ella Parish, Woodstown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Rhiannon Bruynell, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

### *Medals*

Gold: Nicole Smith, Cumberland Regional  
Silver: Brittany Weir, Cumberland Regional  
Bronze: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**The winning team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.**

## **Poultry Evaluation**

### *H.O. Sampson*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne Poinsett, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington

### *Medals*

Gold: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington  
Silver: Anne Poinsett, Northern Burlington  
Bronze: Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

## **Talent Performance**

Brian Reyes from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed his talent – Saxophone “On the Floor” and “Part-time Lover.”

## **Fall Career Development Event Awards**

## **Dairy Foods**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leah Makarevich, North Warren
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clair McKittrick, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
- 4<sup>th</sup> Amber Sickler, Woodstown  
Christina Casterline, Belvidere
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nina Earle, Warren Hills  
Tyler Wesley, Newton

### *Medals:*

Gold: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills  
Silver: Tara Daly, Allentown  
Bronze: Amber Sickler, Woodstown

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

## **Fruits and Vegetables**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Specca, Allentown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Sternal, Union County  
3<sup>rd</sup> Leah Sommons, Freehold  
Emily Halo, Freehold  
Alexis Demitroff, Buena Regional  
Erin Mulrooney, Phillipsburg  
Rachael Swider, Hackettstown  
Mario Caltabiano, Woodstown  
4<sup>th</sup> George Stillwell, Allentown  
Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County  
Stefania Swider, Hackettstown  
Shawn Mechkowski, Monmouth County  
Christopher Fekete, Belvidere  
Shawn Perry, BCIT- Westampton  
5<sup>th</sup> Pooja Patel, Freehold  
Jessie Hickey, Allentown  
Brittney Smith, Phillipsburg  
Joe Raddi, Phillipsburg  
Kimberly Mayer, BCIT Medford

### *Medals*

- Gold: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
Stephen Specca, Northern Burlington  
Silver: Molly Sternal, Union County  
Bronze: Leah Sommons, Freehold  
Emily Halo, Freehold  
Alexis Demitroff, Buena Regional  
Erin Mulrooney, Phillipsburg  
Rachael Swider, Hackettstown  
Mario Caltabiano, Woodstown

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

## **Land Judging**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Steven Milo, Freehold  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Wright, Allentown  
3<sup>rd</sup> James Asprocolas, Allentown  
4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Morris, Newton  
5<sup>th</sup> Joseph Goodenough, Northern Burlington

### *Medals*

- Gold: Steven Milo, Freehold  
Silver: Nicole Wright, Allentown  
Bronze: James Asprocolas, Allentown

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

## **Turf Management**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Justin Preziosi, Monmouth County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Raymond Alvarez, Monmouth County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Steven Giuffrida, Ocean County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nicolas Macaluso, Monmouth County
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tyler Skrobacz, Monmouth County

### *Medals*

- Gold: Justin Preziosi, Monmouth County
- Silver: Raymond Alvarez, Monmouth County
- Bronze: Tyler Skrobacz, Monmouth County

**The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.**

## **FFA Creed Presentation**

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Julia Marie Cassidy from the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter.

## **Winter Career Development Event Awards**

### **Farm Business Management**

#### *Medals*

- Gold: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
- Silver: George Stillwell, Allentown
- Bronze: Roni Freed, Allentown

**The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.**

### **Forestry**

#### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Struble, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kellie Mokrickey, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jon Heater, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Shane Grecco, Newton

#### *Medals*

- Gold: Ryan Struble, Newton
- Silver: Jon Heater, Newton
- Bronze: Kellie Mokrickey, Newton

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter**

### **Agronomy**

#### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Victoria Rieken, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alexandra Clark, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emily Ventura, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tessa Masi, Newton

#### *Medals*

- Gold: Alexandra Clark, Newton
- Silver: Victoria Rieken, Newton

Bronze: Emily Ventura, Newton

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter**

### **Floral Design**

*H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brenda Espinal, Union County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Loew, Cumberland Regional
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Krystina Mabie, BCIT Westampton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tara Daly, Allentown
- 4<sup>th</sup> Maggie McDermott, Cumberland Regional
- Clair McKittrick, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Brenda Haines

*Medals*

Gold: Megan Loew, Cumberland Regional

Silver: Tara Daly, Allentown

Bronze: Mackenzie Tierney, Union County

**The first place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.**

### **Meat Evaluation**

*H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup>

*Medals*

Gold:

Silver:

Bronze:

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.**

### **Talent Performance**

Casey DeStasio from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed her singing talent – “The Voice Within.”

## **Spring Career Development Event Awards**

### **Dairy Cattle**

*H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sarah Phillips, South Hunterdon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jennifer Wengryn, South Hunterdon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kaitlyn Robinson, Belvidere
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Alexis Castner, Belvidere
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Hannah Casey, Warren Hills

*Medals*

Gold: Sarah Phillips, South Hunterdon

Silver: Jennifer Wengryn, South Hunterdon

Bronze: Hannah Casey, Warren Hills

**The first place team was the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.**

## **Livestock Judging**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Cara Weidman, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Jon Gercie, Phillipsburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place      Rachel Robbins, Cumberland
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place      Zach Hitchner, Cumberland

### *Medals*

Gold: Cara Weidman, Phillipsburg

Silver: Jon Gercie, Phillipsburg

Bronze: Miranda Oberly, Phillipsburg

**The first place team was the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.**

## **Agricultural Mechanics**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Bronson Lyon, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Ryan Struble, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Jared Martz, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place      Jack Brennan, Phillipsburg
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place      Joe Bibus, Northern Burlington

### *Medals*

Gold: Bronson Lyon, Northern Burlington

Silver: Steven Specca, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Ryan Struble, Newton

**The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

## **Agricultural Sales**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Anne Poinsett, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Brian Reyes, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place      Nicholas Gardner, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place      Nick Sucameli, Newton

### *Medals*

Gold: Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

Silver: Anne Poinsett, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Brian Reyes, Freehold

**The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.**

## **Environmental and Natural Resources**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Caley Mikesell, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Ethan Muller, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Andrew Morris, Newton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place      Alex Feltwater, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place      Lindsey Steelman, Cape May Tech

### *Medals*

Gold: Ethan Muller, Newton

Silver: Caley Mikesell, Newton

Bronze: Andrew Morris, Newton

**The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.**

## **Floriculture**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Katelyn Haggar, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Casey DeStasio, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Alexis Rivera, Phillipsburg

### *Medals*

- Gold: Jesse Kamm, Cape May Tech
- Silver: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- Bronze: Delany Gray, Freehold

**The first place team was Freehold FFA Chapter.**

## **Nursery and Landscape**

### *H.O. Sampson Certificates*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Andre Evans, Monmouth County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Anjeleen Coppa, Cape May Tech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shavon Mangold, Cape May Tech
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Justin Preziosi, Monmouth County
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Robert Porter, Cumberland Regional

### *Medals*

- Gold: Andre Evans, Monmouth County
- Silver: Justin Preziosi, Monmouth County
- Bronze: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

**The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.**

## **Talent Performance**

Danielle Horstmann from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter performed her talent – Lyrical Dance to “Jar of Hearts.”

## **National Event Sweepstakes Award**

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes award. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

*Individual:* Congratulations to **Tara Daly** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes award.

## **Closing Ceremonies**

### **Session IV**

Rachel Layton, 2010-2011 New Jersey State FFA Treasurer, presided.

## **Opening Ceremonies**

### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, and 515 members, advisors, and guests present.

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> Place team was the **Allentown FFA Chapter**.

## **Shannon Norris' Keynote Address-“What’s in the Picture?”**

Shannon Norris, 2010-2011 National FFA Western Region Vice President, presented her keynote address “What’s in the Picture?”

## **American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

New Jersey’s American FFA Degree candidates include the following:

Jenny Allen – Warren Hills  
Adam Trevour Armstrong – Newton  
Samuel Casqueira – Newton  
Courtney J. Clair – Penns Grove  
Katherine I. Loew – Cumberland Regional  
Eric Neal Nunn – Newton  
Brett Matthew Olsen – Newton  
Bridget Stewart – Newton  
Christina Flora Straway – Newton  
Alec McAlarnen – Cape May Tech

## **Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education**

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, State Program Leader for Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor, brought greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education.

## **Honorary State Degree Ceremony**

*The following people were presented the New Jersey Honorary State FFA Degree:*

**Dr. Barry Jesse**– Associate Dean of Academic Administration, Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

**Mrs. Rebecca Lambert** – Leadership Chair, New Jersey FFA Alumni Association

**Mr. James Nichnadowicz** – Union County 4H Agent

**Mr. Pete Pomper**– Past State Grange President

**Mr. Jim Qarella**– Owner and Operator of Bellview Winery

**Mr. Fred Schoenagel** – Resource Soil Scientist, Natural Resource Conservation Service

**Ms. Colleen Stemme** – New Jersey Department of Agriculture

**Ms. Heather White** – Public Relations Chair, New Jersey FFA Alumni Association

**Mr. Ralph Bakely Sr.** – Cape May County Freeholder

## **Tractor Driving Event**

*H.O. Sampson Certificates*

1<sup>st</sup> Place      James Nardelli, Cumberland Regional

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Joe Goodenough, Northern Burlington  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Alden Brown, Allentown  
*Medals:*  
Gold and Banner: James Nardelli, Cumberland  
Silver:          Joe Goodenough, Northern Burlington  
Bronze:         Alden Brown, Allentown

### **Job Interview Event**

1<sup>st</sup> Place:      Matt Bassett, Northern Burlington  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:      Andra Ehrhardt, Cumberland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place:      Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

### **Demonstration**

#### *Individual Awards*

1<sup>st</sup> place:      Adam Brant, Penns Grove  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:      Morgan Schnorrbush, Phillipsburg  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place:      Jen Bucko, Northern Burlington

#### *Team Awards*

1<sup>st</sup> Place:      Cape May Tech  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:      Warren Hills  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place:      Freehold

### **Retiring Address- Keely Weinberger “The Real Keel”**

Keely Weinberger delivered her retiring address “The Real Keel,” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

### **National FFA Officer Candidate Introduction**

Eric Nelson of the Newton FFA Chapter is New Jersey’s National FFA Officer Candidate.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## **Session V**

Jessica McCosker, 2010-2011 State Reporter, and Alec McAlarnen, 2010-2011 State Secretary, presided.

### **Official Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 536 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### **Reflections – “Think Global”**

The State Officers played a video and provided motivational reflections encouraging FFA members to think global.

### Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards

**2010-2011 Star State Greenhand:** Jessica VanOrden, Middlesex-Piscataway

**2010-2011 Star State Chapter in Placement:** Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**2010-2011 Star State Chapter Farmer:** Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

### Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education

Mrs. Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, brought greetings to the convention from the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education.

### Annual Report of New Jersey FFA Association

Jessica McCosker, 2010-2011 State FFA Reporter, and Eric Nelson, 2010-2011 State FFA President, presented the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association, highlighting events throughout the year.

### Standing Committee Reports

#### **Delegate Business Session II**

State President Eric Nelson presided and called the Delegate Business Session II to order. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor served as official Parliamentarian.

There were 61 delegates present, 8 executive committee members; a majority vote would require 31 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 41 votes.

- *Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Kelsey Weigand of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** to accept the Hort Expo Review and Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**
- *CDE Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Ashley Lemoncelli from the Newton FFA Chapter** to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**
- *Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities*  
**Motion by Greg Cacace from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter** to accept Constitution and Bylaws/POA committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**
- *State Leadership Activities*  
**Motion by Matt Bassett from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**
- *State Applications*  
**Motion by Mary Watts from the Penns Grove FFA Chapter** to accept the State Applications committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

- *Membership and Chapter Relations*  
**Motion by Keith Errickson from the Buena Regional FFA Chapter** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read. There is an implied second.  
**Motion passes.**
- *State Convention Evaluation*  
**Motion by Taylor Casey from the North Warren FFA Chapter** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

**Superior Chapter Awards**

Monmouth County  
 Northern Burlington Middle  
 North Warren  
 Ocean County  
 West Essex

**National Chapter Award**

Gold: Cape May Tech – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Penns Grove – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Allentown – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 BCIT Westampton – 4<sup>th</sup>

Silver: Newton  
 Union County  
 Warren Hills

Bronze: Buena Regional  
 Northern Burlington  
 Woodstown

**Most Improved Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Freehold FFA Chapter** for being named the 2011 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

**State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition**

*Eric Nelson*

Advisors – Mr. Pede, Mr. Christian, & Mr. Ridge  
 Administrator – Mr. Walton

*Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, & James Ferguson*

Advisors – Ms. JoAnn Sopchak & Hans Toft  
 Administrator – Mr. Michael Adams & Dr. Nancy Hudanich

*Rachel Layton*

Advisors – Ms. Cheryl Lowe, Ms. Amy Warren  
 Administrator – Dr. Hoopes

*Jessica McCosker*

Advisors – Ms. Kim Desrochers  
 Administrators – Mr. Helder

*Julianne Robinson*

Advisor – Mr. Hlubik, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Dannucci, Mrs. Potts

Administrator – Mr. Wigley

### **Proficiency Awards**

**Dairy Production Entrepreneurship:** Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

**Small Animal Production & Care Placement:** Alyssa Granato, Freehold

### **Best Dressed Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** for being the 2011 Best Dressed Chapter.

### **Greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**

Ms. Monique Purcell, Director of the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, New Jersey

Department of Agriculture brought greetings to the convention.

### **Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service awards were presented to the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, Donald C. Garrison Farms, Mercer County Soil Conservation District and Williams Nursery.

### **Special Recognition**

Grey Vanaman

Chris Nnadi

Rebecca Lambert

Krista Freed

Jessica Voll

Leon Delcher

Robby Currey

James Rockwell

Steve Dringus

Fred Douthitt

Leevon Lacy

Sharon Kinsey

### **Courtesy Corps Recognition**

Allentown: Nichole Wright, James Asprocolas, Jenna Pinhas, Jessie Hickey, Thomas Viviano, Adam Klein, Grayson Asprocolas, Chris Reid, George Stillwell, James Walsh, Morgan Lubbe

Cumberland Regional: Travis Dase, Zach Hitchner

Freehold: Nichole, Gann, Jarad Colon, Stephen Milo

Monmouth County: Justin Preziosi, Ray Alvarez, Tyler Skrobacz, Nick Macaluso

Northern Burlington: Patrick Zavacky, Noah Bassett

Penns Grove: Erin Eckenroad, Christine Roberts, Mike Myers, David Watts

Salem Co. Vo. Tech: Christina McCosker, Julia Cassidy

Congratulations to **Erin Eckenroad** of the **Penns Grove County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2011 Outstanding Courtesy Corps Members.

### **State Executive Board Recognition**

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Sue Butch, and Mrs. Erin Noble presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and the Executive Committee with certificates of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

### **Talent Performance**

Casey DeStasio from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed her singing talent – “Rolling in the Deep.”

### **Garden State Degree Ceremony**

Allentown:	Anna M. Lubas
Cape May Tech:	Ami Violanda Adams Jamie E. Bowden Brooke Craver Sacred E. DeFeo Kaitlynn R. Dunlevy Andra Diane Ehrhardt Nichole I. Hesington Jesse Kamm Maura Anne McAleese
Cumberland Regional:	James N Nardelli II
Freehold:	Samuel L. Rubinstein
Middlesex Piscataway:	Will Temple
Monmouth County:	Andre N. Evans
Newton:	Eric J. Dillard Caitlin M. Lubey Tessa C. Masi Andrew W. Morris Francesco Parsons Nicholas A. Sucameli John Wlodarski III
Northern Burlington:	Matthew S. Bassett Heather R. Shinn
Ocean County:	Ernest Arians
Penns Grove:	Sassa M. Hernandez Christine Nichole Roberts
Phillipsburg:	Nathan T. Fillebrown Erin L. Mulrooney Kelsey M. Rinehart Jordan N. Weller
Union County:	Michael W. Jenkins Mackenzie I. Tierney
Warren Hills:	Stephanie Tarlowe
West Essex:	Tiauna-Marie Griffin Yanique C. Reid

### **Eric Nelson’s Retiring Address**

Eric Nelson delivered his retiring address “Shine On,” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Tessa Masi of the Newton FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

- Executive Committee: Eric Nelson, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Julianne Robinson
- State Parliamentarian: Gillian Armstrong
- State Sentinel: Samuel Rubinstein
- State Reporter: Ernest Arians
- State Treasurer: Anna Lubas
- State Secretary: Stephanie Tarlowe
- State Vice President: James Ferguson
- State President: Alec McAlarnen

**Motion by Sara Ehrhardt** from the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** to accept the Nominating Committee report as read. **The motion carried an implied second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Nichole Ondy** from the Allentown FFA Chapter to approve the 2011-2012 slate of State Officers. **Motion passes.**

**Past State Office Power Point**

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

**Installation of 2011-2012 State Officers**

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

**Convention in Review**

The 2011 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**

2010-2011 State FFA President Eric Nelson passed the gavel to 2011-2012 State FFA President Alec McAlarnen, who brought closing remarks.

**Closing Ceremonies**



## **2010-2011 State FFA Executive Board**

State President	Eric Nelson
State Vice President	Keely Weinberger
State Secretary	Alec McAlarnen
State Treasurer	Rachel Layton
State Reporter	Jessica McCosker
Sentinel	James H. Ferguson III
Parliamentarian	Julianne Robinson
Executive Committee Chair	Hanna Toft
Executive Committee	Brianne Scholl Alison Karr
Teacher Representative	Kristina Guttadora/ Lisa Ann Moschera- Chernigovets
State Advisor	Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Ms. Susan R. Butch

# Horticultural Exposition Committee

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Matt Connelly - ?; Miranda Furtado – South Hunterdon Middle; Stephen Milosh – Delsea Regional; Anjeleen Coppa – Cape May Tech; Levi Wiggins – BCIT Westampton; Hope Cahill – Monmouth County; Wesley Bouchelle – Northern Burlington; Mackenzie Tierney – Union County; Kelsey Weigand – Phillipsburg; Nan Hamilton – Northern Burlington (Advisor); Jimmie Ferguson – State FFA Sentinel

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss and review the Horticultural Exposition

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Keep the European Dish Garden description the same.
- Check industry standards of all pot size limits in Horticulture Division
- Themed Garden (creation of category)
- Create living wreath category
- Create Perennial plant category (up to 10” pot)
- Eliminate dried delights
- Keep Advisor Folly and combine all remaining adult designer categories to a Designer’s Choice.
- The Floral Design CDE had limited space and poor lighting.
- A teen friendly mall with additional activities for members.

Kelsey Weigand – Phillipsburg, Chairman

Levi Wiggins – BCIT Westampton, Secretary

# **CDE Review and Evaluation Committee**

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Kyle Clement – Salem Vo. Tech; Brandi Kraser – Hackettstown; Dana Gould – Cumberland Regional; Nina Earle – Warren Hills; Yanique Reid – West Essex; Julia Cosimano – Belvidere; Ashley Lemoncelli – Newton; Remington Little – Northern Burlington Middle; Dale Cruzan – Allentown (Advisor); Rachel Layton – State FFA Treasurer

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and suggest changes to CDEs and see where we can improve and discuss future CDEs

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Land Judging – Provide larger/deeper pits
- Environmental & Natural Resources – more specified way points
- State and National Events – Make state events more similar to National CDEs
- Veterinary Science – Include large animals in addition to small
- Teach Agriculture – add a review questions students can answer afterward
- Landscape Design – reduce participation in Landscape Design to one member per chapter, or look into extending participation to make more than one member per chapter in other individual CDEs
- Teach Agriculture – good idea because it will prepare for careers in Ag Ed
- Overall – CDE directions should be more clear

Ashley Lemoncelli - Newton, Chairman

Kyle Clement – Salem Co. Vo. Tech., Secretary

# **Constitution, By-Laws, and POA Committee**

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Stephen Meners – Middlesex Piscataway; Greg Cacace – Sussex Tech; Olivia Crouse – Northern Burlington Middle; Rachel Robbins – Cumberland Regional; Meagan Warner – South Hunterdon Middle; Kayla Windham – Phillipsburg; Cori Spranger – North Warren; Jordan Coughlin – Ocean County; Robin McLean – Northern Burlington Middle (Advisor); Eric Nelson – State FFA President

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review state constitution, by-laws, and POA and make suggestions

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- POA State Activities H – update VSO to CTE Advisory Council
- POA State Activities J – add goal “unified communications”
- Have delegates present potential delegate issues of realigning National FFA regional lines to the leadership delegates at State Presidents’ Conference

Greg Cacace – Sussex Tech, Chairman

Kayla Windham – Phillipsburg, Secretary

# State Leadership Activities Committee

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## Committee Members Present:

Obinna Nnadi – Penns Grove; Ariel Friel – Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Colby Clement – Woodstown; Matthew Bassett – Northern Burlington; Sara Ehrhardt – Cape May Tech; Casey DeStasio – Freehold; Tara Daly – Allentown; Dylan Hoffman – Ocean Co. Vo. Tech; Kristina Guttadora – Freehold (Advisor); Alec McAlarnen – State FFA Secretary

## Purpose of Meeting:

Have an overview of the state activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve these activities.

## Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Have more hands-on team bonding activities at LEAD
- Scavenger Hunt at LEAD
- The committee recommends adding the 360 conference to the already established calendar of events – we recommend holding the 360 conference in March because it will help to develop action plans for chapters.
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Matthew Bassett – Northern Burlington, Chairman

Tara Daly – Allentown, Secretary

# State Applications Committee

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Mary Watts – Penns Grove; Delaney Gray – Freehold; Ella Parish – Woodstown; Billy Segreaves – Warren Hills; Jess Tegano – Allentown; Cameron Cook – BCIT Westampton; Miranda Nunn – Newton; Sarah Pagliughi – Buena Regional; Peter D; Joel Rudderow – Penns Grove (Advisor); Keely Weinberger – State FFA Vice President

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

Review current state FFA applications and determine if there is any need for revision

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

Blue Jackets Bright Futures

- There will be at least one paragraph and maximum of words that will be determined by the board.

Washington Leadership Conference Application

- Those running for state office must forfeit their scholarship.
- Only students in their junior year and below may apply.
- Change question 2 to “Why should the recommendations committee select you?”

National Convention Scholarship

- Any student may apply as long as they are an active member.

Outstanding Community Service Project

- Winners may not submit the same project two consecutive years.
- Show winning PowerPoint to encourage further participation.

Mary Watts – Penns Grove., Chairman

Delaney Gray – Freehold, Secretary

# **Membership and Chapter Relations Committee**

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Tiffany Warwick – BCIT Medford; Macey Miller – Camden Penn Tech; Charles Ziekle – Delsea Regional; Keith Errickson – Buena Regional; Brenton Black – Sussex Tech; Kelly Albanir – South Hunterdon; Ryan Choynake – Somerset Co. Vo. Tech.; Darod Modrowsky – Somerset Co. Vo. Tech.; Robert Sackie – Somerset Co. Vo. Tech.; Heilem Moore – Camden Penn Tech.; Yanitza Mendez – Camden Penn Tech; Patricia Thorne – Buena Regional (advisor); Julianne Robinson – State FFA Parliamentarian

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss membership and chapter relations

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- To revoke the H.O. Sampson Collegiate Chapter charter
- To have a first year member event with hands on activities
- To have a Mentor Program for middle school members
- Create tab on the State FFA website for FFA Recruitment that includes pictures and videos
- Chapter visits to provide new information and information about applications and grants
- Leadership committee to consider the location, duration, and cost of LEAD conference.

Keith Errickson – Buena Regional, Chairman

Kelly Albanir – South Hunterdon, Secretary

# State Convention Review Committee

Committee Report

May 26, 2011

## **Committee Members Present:**

Kim Mayer – BCIT Medford; Faith McEvoy – Belvidere; Chase Opdyke – South Hunterdon; Taylor Casey – North Warren; Levi Gibbs – Hackettstown; Michael Jenkins – Union County; Dylan Dougherty – Bankbridge Regional; JoAnn Sopchak – Cape May Tech (Advisor); Jessica McCosker – State FFA Reporter.

## **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss state convention

## **Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- To shorten the speaker's time to a set limit.
- Address Rutgers about schools arriving early due to bus scheduling.
- Organize the schedules so there is more recreation time.
- Shorten sessions so we end at appropriate timing.
- Doing away with the banquet and having the CDE Awards/Leadership Workshop was a positive switch.
- Registration ran smoother.
- FFA wristbands would be a nice addition to convention.

Taylor Casey – North Warren, Chairman

Faith McEvoy – Belvidere, Secretary





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