

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

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**May 21-23, 2013**



## Session I

Ernest Arians, 2012-2013 State FFA President, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 484 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

55 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets. 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>	Amanda Greenstien Colby Rothenstein	Jeremy Posluszny Rene Stillwell
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	Sarah Kelly	
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	Bob Craft Olivia Shelton	Amanda Murray Brandie Steelman
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	Micheala Hitchner	
<b>Essex County:</b>	Danny Alfaro Deion Gonzalez	Aryanna Espinoza Xhulia Jakaj
<b>Freehold:</b>	Breanna Almeida Matthew Bonnet Allison Fink Sydney Gavinelli Alexis Mooney	Sruthi Boddapatio Bryanna Dowd Gabby Galterio Allie Haggar
<b>Hackettstown:</b>	Andrew Pryslak	
<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick:</b>	Gabby Curcio Sharnette Killings	Janiya Jackson Matt Manning
<b>Middlesex-Piscataway:</b>	Mike Peery Becky Rooney	Lexy Ratliff

<b>Monmouth County:</b>	Breanna Bishop Maria Ortega	Maria Martinez Arianna Reed
<b>North Warren:</b>	Kira Bacarro Nicholls Maddie Dean Alexander Penna	Rebecca Cruts Shane Peck
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	Patrick Byrne	Jamie Specca
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	Randy Simmerman	
<b>Salem Co. Vo Tech.:</b>	Grady Key Jr. Jamie Munyon Victoria Nelson	Cheyenne Lucas Trisha Munyon Kelsey Stockton
<b>Sussex Tech:</b>	Grace Johnson	Ashley Nielson
<b>Union County:</b>	Kevin Patino	
<b>Warren Hills:</b>	Colin Cudworth Jr. Rhiannon Robertson	Amanda McDade

**Keynote Address**

Wyatt DeJong presented his speech, “Super Hero Time!”

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

Ernest Arians described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Delaney Gray introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

Peter Dudek, Middlesex Piscataway FFA	Sean Pruszkowski- Union County FFA
Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech. FFA	Dante Ricci – Cumberland Regional FFA
Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills FFA	Jenna Pinhas- Allentown FFA
Adult Coordinator – Eric Nelson	
Executive Committee Representative – Jimmie Ferguson	

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

Hope Cahil, Monmouth County  
Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington  
Alex Clark, Newton  
Kyle H. Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech  
Jessalee Cruz, Allentown  
Kristianne Dowd, Freehold  
Stuart Faunce, Allentown  
Alex M. Feltwater, Newton  
Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional  
Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington  
Delaney M. Gray, Freehold  
Jonathan R. Heater, Newton  
Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills  
David Watts, Penns Grove  
Nicole Wright, Allentown

### **New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. Two FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships were presented this year.

WLC Scholarship winners were:

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were:

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

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

### **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** –Hope Chaill, Monmouth County; Alex Clark, Newton; and Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton.

**Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship** – Mackenzie Tierney, Union County

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Emily Ventura, Newton

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren

**Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship**– Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship**- Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship, and Washington Grange #117 Scholarship** – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**David Seeley Memorial Scholarship**- Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

**Stephen Tucker Scholarship** – Sean Pruszkowski, Union

**William G. Smith Scholarship** – Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

**Roszel Scholarship**- Nicole Wright, Allentown

**Kenneth Harding Memorial Scholarship**- Jessalee Cruz, Allentown

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

**William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship**- Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

**Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship**- Andrew Rudd, Belvidere

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship**– Stuart Faunce, Allentown

**Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship-** Jeffery Neyhart, Biotechnology and Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – James Asprocolas, Allentown; Hope Cahill, Monmouth County; Marisa Kerkendall, North Warren; Carherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington; Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington; Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg; and Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills.

**Delaware Valley College Scholarship** – Delaney Gray, Freehold

**National Convention Scholarship-** Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

**National FFA Scholarships**

**\$1,000 Archer Daniels Midland Company Scholarship** – Mackenzie Tierney

**\$1,000 NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship** – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

**\$1,000 Tractor Supply – Growing Scholars Scholarships**

Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Ethan Muller, Newton

**\$2,500 Mahindra USA Women in Agriculture Scholarship-** Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

**Greetings from the National FFA Organization**

National FFA Eastern Region Vice President Jonelle Futrell brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

**2012-2013 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards**

The Member of the Month recipients for 2011-2012 were honored

*May:* Nina Earle, Warren Hills

*June:* Jennifer Berry Burkhart, Ocean County

*September:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

*October:* Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional

*December:* Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

*January:* Nicole Wright, Allentown

*February:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

*March:* Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

*April:* Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

The 2012-2013 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Kristianne Dowd** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter**.

**Retiring Address: Kyle Clement**

Kyle Clement gave his retiring address entitled “Dream On!” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Mr. Samuel Rubenstien, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Marissa Montero from Union County, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of these individuals.

## **State Convention Rules**

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

## **Closing Ceremonies**

### **Session II**

Anne Poinsett, 2012-2013 State FFA Vice President, presided.

## **Opening Ceremonies**

### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee members, and 490 members, advisors, and guests present.

### **Greetings from the Association of Career and Technical Education**

Ms. Lauren Lessels, Senior of the Leadership Department brought greetings to the convention from ACTE

## **Art Competition Awards**

### **Fine Art:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Morgan Montgomery, Middlesex East Brunswick

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

### **Photography:**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Nina Earle, Warren Hills

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Mary Bonatakis, Freehold

## **Official Ceremonies Event Award**

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Cape May

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Middlesex East Brunswick

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

## **Landscape Design Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Tyler Gravatt, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Brenda Reyes, Freehold

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Breanna Almeida, Freehold

## **Retiring Address: Gaspar Hernandez IV**

Gaspar Hernandez gave his retiring address entitled "Find the Leader in You!" and presented his parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

## **Agriscience Fair Recognition**

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

### **Animal Systems**

*Division II* – Shawn Srolovitz, Biotechnology

*Division IV – Caitlin Young and Christina Panetta, Biotechnology*

**Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**

*Division I – Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech*

*Division II – Suzanne Riegalman, Biotechnology*

*Division IV – Lakshmi Iyengar and Michelle Zhao, Biotechnology*

**Food Products and Processing Systems**

*Division II – Akaash Kumar, Biotechnology*

*Division IV – Micheal Shen and Avina Rami, Biotechnology*

**Plant Systems**

*Division II – Anthonny Santana, Somerset County*

*Division III- JJ Larkins, Biotechnology*

*Division IV – Brandie Steelman and Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech*

**Power, Structural, and Processing Systems**

*Division II – Victoria Reyes, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.*

**Social Systems**

*Division II – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology*

*Division IV – Connor O’Leary and Radhika Gupta, Biotechnology*

**New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

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

**8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

**Gold Ranking:** Allentown  
Newton  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington

**Silver Ranking:** Freehold  
Penns Grove  
Union County  
Sussex Tech

**Bronze Ranking:** Ocean County

**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 New Jersey FFA Association’s Statewide Community Service Project focused on collecting gift cards to help in the Hurrican Sandy relief efforts. Chapters collected gift cards from stores like Target, Walmart, and other retailers and grocery stores. Over \$500 in gift cards were collected. Chapters that participated received a recognition certificate.

Ocean County  
Cape May Tech  
Monmouth County  
Northern Burlington  
Union County  
Ocean County  
Cape May Tech  
Monmouth County  
Northern Burlington  
Union County

**Retiring Address: Delaney Gray**

Delaney Gray gave her retiring address entitled “Set the Temperature for Your Life” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

**Chapter Chartering Ceremony**

The New Jersey FFA Association welcomes the Pemberton Township FFA Chapter!

**Closing Ceremonies**

**2013 Delegate Business Session**

State President, Ernest Arians, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:08 pm. Mr. Randy Trivette served as the official Parliamentarian

There were 65 delegates and 10 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The 83rd NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President.

**Motion by Cheyanne Welch of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter** to approve the proceedings of the 83<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA chapter. Motion passed.**

The National FFA Constitution Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President.

**Motion by Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter** to recommend that New Jersey's delegates vote "yes" on the National Proposal.

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

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding membership, dues, Program Affiliation, and the organization of local chapters. Because of the proposals were similar in nature, they were voted on as one proposal. This proposal was presented by Joseph Goodenough IV, State FFA Sentinel.

**Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal.

**Seconded by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter.**

**Motion by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter** to limit the debate by two speakers.

**Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.**

**Main Motion Passed.**

The 2012-2013 Program Affiliation Free Structure was presented by Gaspar Hernandez, State FFA Treasurer.

**Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the Program Affiliation fee structure.

**Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.**

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- State FFA Parliamentarian, Lauren Fillebrown provided information regarding the motion.

**Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter moved the Previous Question.**

**Seconded by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.**

**Standing Committee Reports**

- *Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Nate Horvath of the Cape May Tech. FFA Chapter** to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *CDE Review and Evaluation*  
**Motion by Alyssa Ferraro from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter** to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities*  
**Motion by Andrew Rudd from the Belvidere FFA Chapter** to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *State Leadership Activities*  
**Motion by Jessica Robinson from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *State Convention Evaluation*  
**Motion by Alex Byrnes of the Biotechnology FFA Chapter** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**
- *State Applications*  
**Motion by Nathina Hector from the Essex County FFA Chapter** to accept the State Applications committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passed.**

- *Membership and Chapter Relations*

**Motion by Victoria Reyes from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

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

- Alyssa Ferraro from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion
- Delaney Timchak from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Anne Poinsett, State FFA Vice President provided information regarding the motion.
- Mrs. Erin Noble, State FFA Specialist provided information regarding the motion.

**Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to adjourn the 83<sup>rd</sup> delegate business session.

**Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.**

### **Session III**

Lauren Fillebrown, 2012-2013 State FFA Parliamentarian presided.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

##### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 507 members, advisors, and guests present.

##### **Public Speaking Awards**

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President, assisted with award presentations and brought greetings from the Farm Bureau.

###### **FFA Creed**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Noelle Lasino, Hackettstown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Mckenzi May, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Delaney Redford, Northern Burlington Middle

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Melonie Weaver, Cape May

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Paulina Olienick, Northern Burlington

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Emily Karr, Freehold

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Steve Petrides, Biotechnology

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

###### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Stuart Faunce, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

### **Agricultural Issues Forum Awards**

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

### **Retiring Address: Joseph Goodenough**

Ernest Ariens gave his retiring address entitled “The Mountain Pass” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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

The 2013 NJ FFA Advisor of the year is **Tim Hagar** from the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**

### **Superior Teacher Recognition Program**

#### **Receiving a Gold Rating**

John Neyhart, Monmouth County

Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove

Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County

Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional

Jennifeur Wilson, North Warren

#### **Receiving a Silver Rating**

Bonnie Baldasare, Union County

#### **Receiving a Bronze Rating**

Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle

### **Teach Agriculture Event Award**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Melody Hoag, Hackettstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

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

President of the NJAAE, Mr. John Neyhart brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association

### **Agricultural Awareness Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Middlesex Piscataway

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Penns Grove

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Phillipsburg

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

### **Hall of States Exhibit Event Award**

The winner of the Hall of States Exhibit receiving a \$100 award is the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Camden Tech East

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Middlesex East Brunswick

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

**Emily Karr** of the **Freehold FFA** Chapter presented her speech, “God Needs an Agriculturalist.”

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

The 2013 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Pooja Patel** from the **Freehold FFA Chapter**.

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

The 2013 New Jersey FFA Secretaries of the Year are **Katelin Hulse** from the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter**.

**Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition**

**Horticulture Division**-Charlse Zielke, Delsea Regional ‘Bonsai Plants’

**Permanent Division**- Ashley Getta, Monmouth County ‘Going Green’

**Fresh Division**- Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional ‘Independence Day’

**Adult Division**- Allison Mains, Allentown ‘Advisor’s Folly’

**Retiring Address: Anne Poinsett**

Anne Poinsett gave her retiring address entitled “Embrace Change!” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

**Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award**

The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to **Angela Linke** of the **Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter**.

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

<i>Gold Rating:</i>	Allentown	Northern Burlington
	Cumberland Regional	Phillipsburg
	Freehold	Woodstown
	Middlesex-Piscataway	Newton
	North Warren	Monmouth County

<i>Silver Rating:</i>	Buena Regional	Cape May Tech
	Essex County VTS Agriscience	Hackettstown
	Middlesex East Brunswick	Northern Burlington Middle
	Ocean County	Penns Grove
	Salem Co. Vo. Tech	Somerset County
	Sussex Tech	Union County
Warren Hills		

<i>Bronze Rating:</i>	BCIT Medford	BCIT Westampton
	Belvidere	Biotechnology HS
	Camden Tech East	South Hunterdon

**Closing Ceremonies**

## **CDE Session**

Joseph Goodenough, 2012-2013 State FFA Sentinel, 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 509 members, advisors, and guests present.

## **Out-of-State Career Development Event Awards**

### **Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Christina Boutillette, Sussex Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Heidi Free, Belvidere

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Katie Hall, Woodstown

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Abby Koller, Belvidere

Medals

*Gold:* Heidi Free, Belvidere

*Silver:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

*Bronze:* Abby Koller, Belvidere

### **Dairy Handlers'**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Leah Makrevich, North Warren

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Medals

*Silver:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Gold Medal and a banner

*Gold:* Leah Makrevich, North Warren

### **Food Science and Technology**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Ashley Nielsen, Sussex Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Emily Ventura, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jon Heater, Newton

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional

Medals

*Gold:* Ashley Nielsen, Sussex Tech

*Gold:* Jon Heater, Newton

*Silver:* Emily Ventura, Newton

*Bronze:* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

### **Horse Evaluation**

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Heather Smylie, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Michaela Kramer, Freehold

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Michaela Hitchner, Cumberland Regional

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Hannah Steward, Northern Burlington

#### Medals

*Gold:* Heather Smylie, Northern Burlington

*Silver:* Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional

*Bronze:* Michaela Kramer, Freehold

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

### **Livestock Evaluation**

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Alex Clarke, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Darren Smith, Newton

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Josh LeMasson, Newton

#### Medals

*Gold:* Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech

*Silver:* Joey Cercone, Newton

*Bronze:* Alex Clarke, Newton

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

### **Poultry Evaluation**

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Shannon Thomas, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Emma Kline, Newton

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jacob Lounsberry, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Liz Muller, Newton

#### Medals

*Gold:* Shannon Thomas, Newton

*Silver:* Emma Kline, Newton

*Bronze:* Liz Muller, Newton

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

### **Talent Performance**

Sydney Gavenelli from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed the “Fearless Medley” arranged by Taylor Swift.

## **Fall Career Development Event Awards**

### **Fruits and Vegetables**

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Alina Robinson, Ocean County

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Ashley Getta, Monmouth County

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Sean Pruszkowski, Union County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Julianna Lubbe, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kyle Kasharian, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alexis Mooney, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jessica Buyers, BCIT-Westhampton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Christopher Villaneuva, Allentown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Carri Kilian, Camden Tech East

#### Medals

- Gold:* Alina Robinson, Ocean County
- Gold:* Ashley Getta, Monmouth County
- Gold:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton
- Silver:* Sean Pruszkowski, Union County
- Silver:* Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
- Silver:* Julianna Lubbe, Allentown
- Bronze:* Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Kyle Kasharian, Newton
- Bronze:* Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County

**The first place team was the BCIT-Westhampton FFA Chapter!**

#### **Milk Quality and Products**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Jon Heater, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alyssa Sebold, Belvideere
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Allison Hitchner, Woodstown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Andrew Burnham, Woodstown

#### Medals

- Gold:* Amber Sickler, Woodstown
- Silver:* Allison Hitchner, Woodstown
- Bronze:* Stacey Giordano, Woodstown
- Bronze:* Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg

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

#### **Land Judging**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Rene Stillwell, Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jessie Hickey, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Wesley Garrison, Belvideere
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Shannon Thomas, Newton
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

#### Medals

*Gold:* Rene Stillwell, Allentown  
*Silver:* Jessie Hickey, Allentown  
*Bronze:* Wesley Garrison, Belvideere

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

### **Turf Management**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Clayton Rogers, Allentown  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Brenden Powers, Monmouth County  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Frank Merrill, Somerset County  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Tucker Richie, Monmouth County  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Matthew DeChristino, Monmouth County

Medals

*Gold:* Frank Merril, Somerset County  
*Silver:* Tucker Richie, Monmouth County  
*Bronze:* Clayton Rodgers, Allentown

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

### **FFA Creed Presentation**

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Noelle Morino from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter.

## **Winter Career Development Event Awards**

### **Agronomy**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Liz Muller, Newton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Shannon Thomas, Newton  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Linnea Pierson, Newton  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Tommy Giordano, Newton  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Daryl Westover, North Warren  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Frank Merril, Somerset County

Medals

*Gold:* Liz Muller, Newton  
*Silver:* Shannon Thomas, Newton  
*Bronze:* Linnea Pierson, Newton

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

### **Farm Business Management**

Medals

*Gold:* Brooke Reczka, Newton  
*Silver:* Brian Masi, Newton  
*Bronze:* Ethan Muller, Newton

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

### **Floral Design**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Alexis Rothenstein, Allentown  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Holly Pipher, Monmouth County  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Nicole Wright, Allentown  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Cristen Mackintosh, BCIT-Westhampton

#### Medals

- Gold:* Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton  
*Silver:* Alexis Rothenstein, Allentown  
*Bronze:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
*Bronze:* Brooke Reczka, Newton

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

#### **Forestry**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Joey Cercone, Newton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Josh LeMasson, Newton  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Alex Armstrong, Newton  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Darren Smith, Newton  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* George Stillwell, Allentown

#### Medals

- Gold:* Jey Cercone, Newton  
*Silver:* Josh LeMasson, Newton  
*Bronze:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

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

#### **Meat Evaluation and Technology**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Nico Boscia, Newton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Charlotte Cercone, Newton  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Thomas Rinehart, Newton  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Mike Drislane, Newton  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg

#### Medals

- Gold:* Nico Boscia, Newton  
*Silver:* Charlotte Cercone, Newton  
*Bronze:* Mike Drislane, Newton

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

#### **Talent Performance**

Janet Gray from the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter performed “Temporary Home” by Carrie Underwood.

## Spring Career Development Event Awards

### Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* David Modrowski, Somerset County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* George Stillwell, Allentown
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Daniel Sudol, Allentown
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

#### Medals

- Gold:* Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
- Silver:* Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* George Stillwell, Allentown

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

### Agricultural Sales

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Edwin Robinson, Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Delaney Timchack, Sussex Tech
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Samantha Clarke, Freehold

#### Medals

- Gold:* Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
- Silver:* Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech
- Bronze:* Delaney Timchack, Sussex Tech

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

### Environmental and Natural Resources

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Peter Mount, Warren Hills
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Alex Cannavo, Phillipsburg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Gina Fagliarone, Freehold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech

#### Medals

- Gold:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- Silver:* Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg
- Bronze:* Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg

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

### Floriculture

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Clara Kolba, Hackettstown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Shawn Perry, BCIT Westhampton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Brooke Reczka, Newton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Emily Karr, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Hailey Reczka, Newton

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Krystina Mabie, BCIT-Westhampton

#### Medals

*Gold:* Clara Kolba, Hackettstown

*Silver:* Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton

*Bronze:* Brooke Reczka, Newton

*Bronze:* Emily Karr, Freehold

**The first place team was the BCIT-Westhampton FFA Chapter.**

### Nursery and Landscape

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sydne Hunter, Cape May Tech

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jon Nelk, Monmouth County

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Timothy Gallager, Monmouth County

#### Medals

*Gold:* Sydne Hunter, Cape May Tech

*Silver:* Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech

*Bronze:* Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

**The first place team was the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter.**

### Veterinary Science

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Danielle Lim, BCIT-Medford

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Liz Muller, Newton

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology

#### Medals

*Gold:* Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford

*Silver:* Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford

*Bronze:* Danielle Lim, BCIT-Medford

**The first place team was the BCIT-Medford FFA Chapter.**

### Talent

Kyle Clement from the Salem County FFA Chapter performed a medley of piano classics.

### National Event Sweepstakes Award

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 18<sup>th</sup> in Floriculture Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

*Individual:* Congratulations to **Shannon Bley** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 160 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

### Closing Ceremonies

## Session IV

Kyle Clement, 2012-2013 New Jersey State FFA Reporter, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 511 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### Joenelle Futrell's Keynote Address

Joenelle Futrell, 2012-2013 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President, presented her keynote address, "Good Enough"

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

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

#### American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American FFA Degree candidates were recognized as follows:

**Ernest Arians- Ocean County**  
**Gillian Armstrong-Northern Burlington**  
**Adam Brant-Penns Grove**  
**James H. Ferguson III-Cape May Tech**  
**Joseph D. Goodenough IV-Northern Burlington**  
**Jessica Lynn McCosker-Salem Co. Vo. Tech**  
**Erin Mulrooney-Phillipsburg**  
**James N. Nardelli-Cumberland Regional**  
**Morgan Ryan Schnorrbusch-Phillipsburg**  
**Heather R. Shinn-Northern Burlington**  
**Levi P. Wainwright- Northern Burlington**

#### 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:

**Jim Bischoff** – Owner of Jim Bischoff Landscaping

**Robert Bischoff**- Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional at Lee Bischoff Landscape Maintenance

**Stephen Cochrane**- Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at the Upper Freehold Regional School District

**Diane Galgoci**- Union County FFA Alumni Member and Parent

**Joseph Massare**- Superintendent at the Penns Grove-Carney's Point School District

**Greg McGraw-** Supervisor of Curriculum at Cumberland Regional High School

**Robin McLean-** Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Northern Burlington Middle School

**Brian Palmer-** Purdue Location Manager and Merchant

**Thomas Sansevero-**Principal at Monmouth County Career Center

**Lou Sylvester-** Vice Principal and Supervisor of Clubs and Activities at North Warren Regional High School

### **Tractor Driving Event**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Tyler Gravatt, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Brendan Powers, Monmouth County

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Cody Cassidy, Salem County

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills

Medals

*Gold:* Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

*Silver:* Tyler Gravatt, Allentown

*Bronze:* Brendan Powers, Monmouth County

### **Job Interview Event**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Carly Seldow, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford

### **Demonstration**

Individual Awards

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Paige Hennigan, Sussex Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Emily Donais, Penns Grove

Team Awards

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Delsea Regional

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Hackettstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Cape May Tech

### **Retiring Address: Lauren Fillebrown**

Lauren Fillebrown delivered her retiring address “BElieve in YOUrself ” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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

2012-2013 State FFA Reporter Kyle Clement and 2012-2013 State FFA President Ernest Arians presented the 2012-2013 Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association, highlighting events throughout the year.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## Session V

Delaney Gray, 2012-2013 State FFA Secretary, and Gaspar Hernandez IV, 2011-2012 State FFA Vice President, presided.

### **Official Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 531 members, advisors, and guests present.

#### **Reflections – “Our Habitudes”**

The State Officers shared habitudes that helped them be the best leaders they could be.

#### **WLC Scholarship**

The New Jersey FFA Alumni Association awarded **Hope Cahill** from the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter** and **Paige Hennigan** from the **Sussex Tech FFA Chapter** the opportunity to attend Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

#### **Video Public Relations Award**

The **Union County FFA Chapter** was awarded a plaque and recognition pins for their video in the single event category.

#### **Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards**

**2012-2013 Star State Chapter in Agricultural Placement:** Peter Dudek, Middlesex Piscataway

**2012-2013 Star State Chapter Farmer:** George Stillwell, Allentown

**2012-2013 Star State Greenhand:** Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

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

**Ms. Sherene Donaldson**, National FFA Executive Secretary brought greetings from the National FFA Organization and challenged the members to “Each One, Reach One” in order to get more students involved in Agricultural Education and FFA.

#### **Superior Chapter Awards**

Belvidere  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Ocean County  
Sussex Tech

#### **National Chapter Award**

*Gold:* Penns Grove – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Allentown – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
*Silver:* Northern Burlington -3<sup>rd</sup>  
Essex Co. VTS Agriscience  
*Bronze:* Freehold  
Newton  
Phillipsburg  
Warren Hills

### **Most Improved Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Salem County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2013 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

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

**Ms. Monique Purcell**, Division Director, brought greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

### **State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition**

*Lauren Fillebrown*

Advisors – Mr. Babbit and Mr. Butler

Administrator – Mr. Troxel

*Joseph Goodenough Anne Poinsett*

Advisors – Ms. Green, Mr. Dunnicki, Mrs. Potts, Mr. Hagar, Mr. Hlubik, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mr. Hilgendorff

Administrators – Mrs. Sally Lopez and Dr. Cathy McCormick

*Kyle Clement*

Advisor – Ms. Keely Weinberger

Administrator – Mr. Helder

*Gaspar Hernandez IV*

Advisors – Mr. Pede, Mr. Christian, and Mr. Ridge

Administrator – Ms. Karen Mazur

*Delaney Gray*

Advisor – Mr. Ducey and Mrs. Guttadora

Administrator- Mr. Thomas Gallahue

*Ernest Arians*

Advisor-Mrs. Szulecki

Administrator-Ms. Zavattieri

### **Proficiency Awards**

**Animal Production , Placement:** David Watts, Penns Grove

**Vegetable Production, Placement:** Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

### **Best Dressed Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for being the 2013 Best Dressed Chapter.

### **Soybean Yield Contest Awards**

The winner of the 2012 Soybean Yield Contest is **Kyle Kumple** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

### **FFA Essay Events Awards**

*Division I:* Hunter Mulryne, Allentown

*Division II:* Nina Earle, Warren Hills

*Division III:* Salvatore Rinaldo, Sussex Tech

### **FFA Week Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Monmouth County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Northern Burlington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Essex County VTS Agriscience

### **Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service awards were presented to the Garden Club of Cape May, J. Verkade Nursery, North Warren Farm and Home Supply, and Baylor's Landscapes.

### **Special Recognition**

Eric Nelson  
Keely Weinberger  
Krista Freed  
Leon Delcher  
Brianna Scholl

### **Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

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

### **Courtesy Corps Recognition**

Allentown:	Craig Baum, Clayton Rodgers, James Asprocolas
Cumberland Regional:	Joshua Loew, Brock Lore
Freehold:	Emily Karr
Hackettstown:	Robert Kucharski
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Corey Blake, Sharnette Killings, Christopher Androvich
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Stephen Mehes, Katelyn Boscia
Monmouth County:	Arianna Reed, Maria Martinez, Breanna Bishop, Luisa Ortega
Northern Burlington:	Paulina Oleinik, Jake Lounsberry
Ocean County:	Kevin Montaner, Sean Motta
Penns Grove:	Jaymes Dennison, Michael Rosario, Emily Donais
Union County:	Matthew Hirsch, Marissa Montero
Warren Hills:	Colin Cudworth
Woodstown:	Sarah Cater, Emily La Pollz, Brooke Suydam

### **Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member**

Congratulations to **Chris Androvich** from the **Monmouth County FFA** Chapter for being selected as the 2013 Outstanding Courtesy Corps member!

### **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 sang "Gone" by Kelly Clarkson.

### **Garden State Degree Ceremony**

Allentown:	James Asprocolas Jessalee Cruz
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	Jessie Hickey
	Jenna Pinhas
	Jessica Tegano
	Nicole Wright
BCIT-Westhampton:	Jessica Buyers
Belvidere:	Vincent Petruzzi
Cape May Tech:	Brandon Alloway
	Eric Emmel
	Nicholas Martin
	Matthew Ricci
	Hannah Stone
Cumberland Regional:	Kaitlyn Eachus
Freehold:	Brianna Besso
	Kristianne Dowd
	Michaela Kramer
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Angela Linke
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Michelle Moss
Monmouth County:	Katelyn Hulsel
Newton:	Ryan Brewster
	Joseph Cercone
	Alexandra Clarke
	Nicholas Cowie
	Erin Dearborn
	Joshua Le Mason
	Nicholas Lemoncelli
	Shannon Thomas
North Warren:	Christopher Bailey
	Jerret Belcher
	Marissa Kerkendall
	Dylan Suk
	Sarah Turner
Northern Burlington:	Joseph Bibus
	Wesley Bouchelle
	Clinton Carty
	Catherine Cincotta
	Kelly Gangel
	Jacob Colb
	Bronson Lyon
	Nick Pica
	Jessica Robinson
	Benjamin Wainwright
	Patrick Zavacky
Phillipsburg:	Michael Sartini
	Aniko Smigelsky
Union County:	Matthew Hirsch
	Sean Pruszkowski
Warren Hills:	Holly Whitmore
Woodstown:	Katie Hall
	Allison Hitchner
	Amber Sickler
	Shelby Willetts

**Star State Awards**

**2012-2013 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** James Asprocolas, Allentown

**2012-2013 State Star Farmer:** Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

**Retiring Address: Ernie Arians**

Ernest Arians delivered his retiring address “I Believe in You!” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Stacey Giordano of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

- Executive Committee: Lauren Fillebrown, Anne Poinsett, Ernest Arians
- State Parliamentarian: Stuart Faunce
- State Sentinel: David Watts
- State Reporter: Catherine Cincotta
- State Treasurer: Kristianne Dowd
- State Secretary: Kelly Gangle
- State Vice President: Delaney Gray
- State President: Kyle Clement

**Motion by Stacey Giordano from the Warren Hills FFA Chapter** to accept the Nominating Committee report as read.

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

**Motion by Wesley Bouchelle from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the 2013-2014 slate of State Officers.

**Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion passed.**

**Past State Office Power Point**

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

**Installation of 2013-2014 State Officers**

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

**Convention in Review**

The 2013 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**

2012-2013 State FFA President Ernest Arians, passed the gavel to 2013-2014 State FFA President Ernest Arians, who brought closing remarks.

**Closing Ceremonies**



**Career Development Events Review and Evaluation Committee**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2013

**Committee Members Present:**

Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle  
Devon Bruynell, Salem County Vo Tech  
Joe Bravo, Cape May Tech  
Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional  
Maven McEvoy, Belvidere  
Frank Merrill, Somerset  
Kyle Clement, State FFA Reporter

Brianna Besso, Freehold  
Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren  
Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg  
Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech  
Amber Suekler, Woodstown  
Dave Modrouski, Somerset  
Tiffany Morey (Teacher), Essex Co. VTS

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Link Pennsylvania FFA study guide to the New Jersey Ag Ed Bulletin Board
- Milk Quality and Products CDE:
  - Add more paddles to make event run smoothly and make labels on CMT samples more clear
- Forestry CDE:
  - Include 20 tree ID instead of 15
  - Include a chainsaw parts ID
  - Include Troubleshoot safety inspection
  - Include a tree disorder section
- Minimum percent mastery of events:
  - All teams competing in a CDE should be required to pass with a team score of at least 65% in order to qualify for representing NJ at National Convention

Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech – Chairman  
Brianna Besso, Freehold – Secretary

**Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities Committee**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2013

**Committee Members Present:**

Andrew Rudd, Belvidere	Stephanie Lighler, BCIT West Vet
Elizabeth Taylor, Buena	Michael Wilson, Ocean County
Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon	Justine Wolenski, Hackettstown
Kayla Boutillier, Sussex Tech	Angela Linke, Middlesex East Brunswick
Ernest Arians, State FFA President	
Robin McLean (Teacher), Northern Burlington Middle	

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and evaluate Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities of the New Jersey FFA Association and make any suggestions necessary.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken**

- Include State Community Service Project 10 section II of the POA (list as Item D “Statewide Community Service Project” with goals and action steps to be determined by the state executive board)

Andrew Rudd, Belvidere– Chairman  
Michael Wilson, Ocean County – Secretary

## **Horticultural Exposition Committee**

Committee Report

May 22, 2013

### **Committee Members Present:**

Miranda Gable, Northern Burlington Middle  
Kelsey Benedette, Delsea Regional  
Megan Loew, Cumberland Regional  
Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County  
Antonio Mejia, Bankbridge Regional  
Delaney Gray, State FFA Secretary

Lexy Ratliff, Piscataway Vo Tech  
Torii Mastrella, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech  
Deion Gonzalez, Essex County  
Kristen Mackintosh, BCIT Westhampton  
Nan Hamilton (Teacher) Northern Burlington

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss and review Horticultural Exposition and the Floral Design CDE.

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

- Change the “Dried Delights” category to “Country Delights”; make it both silk and dried materials.
- Create two size limits. The first being 24x24x24 and leave the second to the committee. (choose certain classes to be exempt such as “Mardi Gras”)
- Change the pot size in Class 102 from 4 1/2” to 6”
- Change the description of “European Dish Garden” so that each plant in is a separate pot.
- Change the name of “Give it All You Got “ to “Trend Setters”
- Change the sign in sheet for classes that have only one entry per chapter
- Class 108 should be clarify that it is one entry (flat) per chapter
- Create a “Fairy Garden” class
- Create a “Potted Perennial” class
- Keep the two stations at the Floral Design CDE

Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech – Chairman

Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County – Secretary

## **Membership and Chapter Relations Committee**

Committee Report

May 22, 2013

### **Committee Members Present:**

Suzane Riegelman, Biotechnology  
Alma Arriagadd, BCIT West Vet  
Chelsey Reegan, BCIT Medford  
Quinn Overcash, Cape May Tech  
Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown  
Anne Poinsett, State Vice President

Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle  
Yanitza Mendez, Camden Pennsauken  
Liz Muller, Newton  
Alina Robinson, Ocean County  
Dale Cruzan (Teacher), Allentown

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss the effectiveness of Program Affiliation as well as recruitment and communication ideas.

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

- Review the Program Affiliation and consider lowering the increments related to cost and membership.
- Place Sussex Tech FFA Chapter on a 1 year probation period
- Continue with the social media plan

Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown – Chairman

Liz Muller, Newton – Secretary

## State Applications Committee

Committee Report

May 22, 2013

### Committee Members Present:

Rebecca Cruets, North Warren  
Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington  
Janaja McClurkin, Middlesex Piscataway  
Amanda McDade, Warren Hills  
Nathania Hector, Essex County  
Gaspar Hernandez, State FFA Treasurer

Stacy Dennis, Penns Grove  
George Stillwell, Allentown  
Vinny Petruzzi, Buena  
Edgar Sanchez, Union  
Shannon Thomas, Newton  
Joel Rudderow (Teacher), Penns Grove

### Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications.

### Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Blue Jackets, Bright Futures:
  - Change question 3 to a list
  - Make seniors in high school ineligible
- FFA Week Application:
  - Number of members to be stated OR number of members and percentage of active members be stated OR number of of FFA members involved column be changed to percentage of members involved.
  - Multimedia be accepted as well as pamphlets
  - Part two should read “Describe in size 12 font in space available” instead of “Describe in 50 words or less.”
- Advisor of the Year
  - Remove percentage of enrollment of FFA member
  - Section 3, part A, question 1 be changed to a list of courses, brief description, number of sections and hours per week taught.
  - Section 2 be graded as eligibility but included in total.
- Public Relations
  - Remove “dues paid” from question 2

Nathania Hector, Essex County– Chairman  
Shannon Thomas, Newton – Secretary

## **State Convention Evaluation Committee**

Committee Report

May 22, 2013

### **Committee Members Present:**

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

Rebecca Case, South Hunterdon Middle

Shelby M. Wells, BCIT Medford

Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

Joseph Goodenough, State FFA Sentinel

Lisa Ann Moschera Chernigovets (Teacher), Middlesex East Brunswick

Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology

Nailen Y. Moore, Camden Pennsauken

Morgan Houses, Bankbridge

Joe DelGiurno, Delsea

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

Evaluate the convention, the community service project, and the courtesy corps application.

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

- Promote the Talent Show application
- Need different ideas for session one, was only a 10 or 11
- Sessions are too long. Make a lot of short sessions instead
- Enforce the lights out
- Sessions could be more audience involved
- Have intermissions in between sessions. Maybe let the members dance onstage.
- Make sure that there no room or bathroom mix-ups
- Have the ice cream at the social already served or have servers
- Courtesy Corps:
  - Only have people sign up for courtesy corps if they plan on taking it seriously
  - Application should have a reference
  - Application should have a contract
- Keep streaming the convention on iHigh
- Have fun activities or ice breakers for the students before registration.

Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology– Chairman

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon – Secretary

## **State Leadership Activities Committee**

Committee Report

May 22, 2013

### **Committee Members Present:**

Kendal Morgan, Penns Grove

Hashem Selim, Union County

Andrew Burnham, Woodstown

Brendan Powers, Monmouth County

Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington

Samuel Rubenstein, Executive Committee

Victoria Nelson, Salem County Vo Tech

Shawn Perry, BCIT Westhampton

Nina Earle, Warren Hills

Michaela Kramer, Freehold

Jessie Hickey, Allentown

Brian Ducey (Teacher), Freehold

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

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

- To have a facilitator's workshop at COLT
- Keep National Facilitators at 212
- Extend time in ALLD workshops by 15 minutes
- To have activities, trivia, and other ice breakers at the tables before brunch at ALLD

Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington– Chairman

Michaela Kramer, Freehold– Secretary

## 2012-2013 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Ernest Arians
State Vice President	Anne Poinsett
State Secretary	Delaney Gray
State Treasurer	Gaspar Hernandez IV
State Reporter	Kyle Clement
Sentinel	Joseph Goodenough IV
Parliamentarian	Lauren Fillebrown
Executive Committee Chair	Jimmie Ferguson
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