

86TH NEW JERSEY STATE FFA CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



MAY 20-22, 2015

Session I

Kristianne Dowd, 2014-2015 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, 8 state alumni officers and 524 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Welcome to Monmouth University

Mrs. Luanne Russell welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the university.

Greetings from NJDA – Secretary Fisher

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

FFA Jacket Presentation

49 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets provided through the “Blue Jacket. Bright Futures.” Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. Kristen Schmidt, National FFA Central Region Vice President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown	Madison		Lofgren
	Meredith	R.	Dauphars
	Sean	A.	Wright
	Chanya	K.	Singh
	Matthew		Gold
Camden Penn Tech	Diya		Lindsey
	Corey		Edmonds
	Arnickia	Nicki	Jones
	Christopher		Salcedo
	Selymar		Rodriguez
	Anthony		Torres
Cape May Tech	Tessa		Wozunk
	Abigail		Greenberg
	Samuel		Clarke
	William		Dietrich
	Taylor		Patterson
	Amanda		Logan
	Shawna		Barry
	Tiffany		Woolley
	Tori		Tomlin
	Morgan		Bradshaw
Freehold	Alyssa		Granito
	Narjis		Moosavi
	Samantha	H.	Blitzer

Hackettstown	Brian	Gerges
Monmouth County	Courtney	Schoenleber
	DJ	Jacobs
	Anthony	Gonzalez
	Rebecca	Gallagher
Northern Burlington	Kevin	Hagar
	Britney	Francis
	Deanna	D’Imperio
	Jacob	Dotson
Penns Grove	Alex	Del Olmo
Salem Co. Vo. Tech	Mikayla	Ellis
	Khali	Corbin
	Paige	Alestock
	Amy	Elwell
	Emma	Evernham
	Zachary	Fisher
	Melanie	E. Gaston
	Emily	R. Plummer
	Nicole	Paulus
	Brandon	J. Outten
	RJ	Wentzell
Union County	Aaron	Etienne
	Erika	J. Pego
	Stephany	Aristizabal
	Emiliano	Chirigliano

Keynote Address

Gian Paul Gonzalez presented his speech, “Go All In!”

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Deion Gonzalez, Essex County	Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator
Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech	Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
Caitlyn Herbert, Phillipsburg	Laura Fiebrich, Allamuchy
Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington	Anna Fiebrich, Allamuchy

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

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon	Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
Matthew Bonett, Freehold	Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg	Tyler Kohlhass, Cape May Tech
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County	Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg	Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech	Meagan Warner, South Hunterdon

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2015 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations

The following scholarship winners were announced. The scholarships were funded through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship – Katelyn Gleason, North Warren; Emily Karr, Freehold

Bilinski Senior Award – Jessica Ervey, Hackettstown

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Brenda Reyes, Freehold

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Sarah Smith, Belvidere

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Kristi Dickison, North Warren

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, David Seeley Memorial Scholarship– Brooke Ross, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

William G. Smith Scholarship – Angela Linke, Middlesex East Brunswick

Roszel Scholarship – Jay Hyland, Allentown

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Margaret Hopkins, Union County

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Glenn Roedel, Belvidere

Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship – Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington; Elizabeth Muller, Newton

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon; Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Emily Donais, Penns Grove; Bryanna Dowd, Freehold; Kristianne Dowd,

Freehold; Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold; Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington; Jay Hyland, Allentown; Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills; Jenna Pinhas, Allentown; Kristianne Dowd, Freehold; Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional; Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$1,000 Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars Scholarship – Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown; Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold; Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Brooke Ross, Warren Hills; Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

\$1,000 Ram Trucks Dealer Scholarship – Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech; Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

\$1,000 Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) Scholarship– Matthew Bonett, Freehold

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship – Connie Caltabiano, Woodstown

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

National FFA Central Region Vice President, Kristen Schmidt, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Kelly Gangel

Kelly Gangel, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, “Just Be G.O.O.D.” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Ms. Delaney Gray, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Diana Martinez, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played their version of “Late Night with FFA,” a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Sean Hamner, 2014-2015 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, 8 state alumni officers and 534 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings: New Jersey State Board of Education

Mr. Mark Biedron, President, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey State Board of Education.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

- 1st place (\$100):* Sarah Meehan, North Warren
- 2nd place (\$75):* Ceyannah Handy, Monmouth County
- 3rd Place (\$50):* Christopher Wira, Allentown

Photography Division:

- 1st place (\$100):* Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East
- 2nd place (\$75):* Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
- 3rd place (\$50):* Leslie Bernard, Camden Penn Tech

Official Ceremonies Event Awards

- 1st place:* Allentown
- 2nd place:* Cape May Tech
- 3rd place:* Freehold

The first place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Landscape Design Event Awards

- 1st place (\$100):* Samantha Blitzer, Freehold
- 2nd place (\$75):* Karen Reyes, Freehold
- 3rd place (\$50):* Amanda Chudkowski, Freehold

Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Ms. Purcell, Division Director, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Retiring Address: Kyle Fisher

State FFA Parliamentarian, Kyle Fisher, gave his retiring address entitled "Who Do You See in the Mirror?" and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Silver Ranking: Essex County Vo. Tech
Monmouth County
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Woodstown

Gold Ranking: Allentown
Belvidere
Buena Regional
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Belvidere FFA Chapter** for winning this year's Outstanding Community Service Award!

Statewide Service Project Recognition

The New Jersey FFA Association's Statewide Community Service Project was "Feeding Our Friends the Healthy Way." Chapters conducted food drives, collecting healthy, well balanced meals to deliver to food banks around the state. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

Allentown
Monmouth County
Ocean County
Phillipsburg

Retiring Address: Ben Wainwright

Ben Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer, gave his retiring address entitled "Find the Gold Within You" and thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with the Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

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 I – Amy Elwell, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Division II – Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology
Division IV – Kelly O'Rourke and Julianna Mastropierro, Biotechnology

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division I – Dylan Cook, Biotechnology
Division III – Darrel D'Souza and Jonathan Shen, Biotechnology
Division IV – Vahini Talamati and Mary Hanna-Alla, Biotechnology

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division II – Simran Tatuskar, Biotechnology
Division III – Jared Chiou and Winsten Chen, Biotechnology
Division IV – Peter Nekrasov and Jonathon Movsik, Biotechnology

Plant Systems

Division I – Adam Seykot, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Division II – Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology
Division III – Amy You and Joyce Xu, Biotechnology
Division IV – Michelle Chen and Jodie Chiou, Biotechnology

Power, Structural, and Processing Systems

Division II – Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology
Division III – Alexia Cosatto and Kaitlyn Casey, Biotechnology
Division IV – Ranjan Pati and Michael Abelar, Biotechnology

Social Systems

Division II – Burton Ye, Biotechnology
Division III – Danielle Lo and Amy Lim, Biotechnology
Division IV – Himani Jani and Katherine Shiu, Biotechnology

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition

Horticulture Division

Andrew DeJesus, Delsea Regional
Class 120: Cactus/Succulent Dish Garden

Permanent Division

Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County
Class 328: Cascade Bouquet

Fresh Division

Vincent Viviano, Allentown
Class 234: Jersey Fresh

Adult Division

Nichol Carroll, Cumberland Regional
Class 432: Advisor's Folly

Closing Ceremonies

2015 Delegate Business Session

State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd, presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 65 delegates and 13 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 40 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 52 votes.

The schedule for the 86th New Jersey FFA State Convention was presented by Hope Cahill, State FFA Reporter.

Motion by Hope Cahill to accept the order of business for the 86th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon. Motion passes.

The 85th New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President.

Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to accept the 85th NJ State FFA Convention proceedings.

Seconded by Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington Middle. Motion passes.

The National FFA Constitutional Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by Kelly Gangel, State FFA Vice President.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown to recommend that New Jersey votes "yes" on the National Proposals.

Seconded by Hector Pena, Middlesex East Brunswick. Motion passes.

Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding the Executive Board Representative on the State Nominating Committee.

Motion by Emily Karr, Freehold to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding the Executive Board Representative on the State the Nominating Committee.

Seconded by Ashley Dudley, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 73 delegates in favor, 0 oppose.

Motion passes.

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the realignment of New Jersey FFA regions was presented by Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian.

Motion by Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington to accept the proposal regarding the realignment of New Jersey FFA regions.

Seconded by Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County.

Question of Privilege by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg regarding the statistics of the change.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 65 delegates were in favor, seven opposed. **Motion passes.**

The 2014-2015 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Benjamin Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Renee Stillwell, Allentown to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Middle. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Career Development Event Evaluation & Review

Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Mike Drislane, Newton regarding the parliamentarian present at the delegate business session.

Motion by Charlotte Cercone, Newton to amend the committee report to add recommendations for eliminating the 60% mastery policy.

Seconded by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg.

- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in favor of the motion.
- Cody Coles, Woodstown debated in opposition of the motion.

Hector Pena, Middlesex East Brunswick moved to previous question.

Seconded by Ashley Dudley, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 59 delegates were in favor. 21 delegates opposed. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Mike Drislane, Newton to reconsider.

Seconded by Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg.

Mike Drislane, Newton called Division of the House.

This required a two-thirds vote. 17 delegates were in favor. 57 delegates opposed.

Motion fails.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Mike Drislane, Newton regarding the number of delegates needed to vote.

Amendment to add recommendations for eliminating the 60% mastery policy in the committee report fails.

Main motion to accept the standing committee report as read passes.

Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/
Program of Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Leadership Activities

Motion by Cody Coles, Woodstown to accept the State Leadership Activities committee
report as read.

There is an implied second.

- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in opposition of the motion.

Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Anthony Santano, Somerset Co. to accept the State Convention Evaluation
committee report as read.

There is an implied second.

- Mike Drislane, Newton debated in opposition of the motion.
- Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg debated in opposition.
- Hillary Raymond, Cape May Tech debated in favor.

Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove to accept the State Applications committee
report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Leah Salino, North Warren to accept the Membership and Chapter
Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second.

Parliamentary Inquiry by Sarah Smith, Belvidere regarding time allotted for
voting.

Motion passes.

Motion by Emily Karr, Freehold to adjourn the 2015 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.

Session III

Benjamin Wainwright, 2014-2015 State FFA Treasurer presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni
Officers and 537 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President assisted with the presentation of the
awards and brought greetings from the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

FFA Creed

- 1st place (\$100):* Angela Largo, Phillipsburg
- 2nd place (\$75):* Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd place (\$50):* Madison Stein, Freehold

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* Ariel Noebeck, Cape May Tech
- 2nd place (\$75):* Allison Finn, Freehold
- 3rd place (\$50):* Amy Elwell, Salem County Vo Tech

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
- 2nd place (\$75):* Kim Slezak, Newton
- 3rd place (\$50):* Paul Popovick, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
- 2nd place (\$75):* Trisha Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- 3rd place (\$50):* Claire Brown, Allentown

Agricultural Issues Forum

- 1st place (\$300):* Northern Burlington
- 2nd place (\$225):* Allentown

Retiring Address: Hope Cahill

State FFA Reporter, Hope Cahill, gave her retiring address titled “Fate Finds a Way”. She thanked her family and advisors by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2015 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Keely DiTizio** of the **Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter**. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

- 1st place (\$100):* Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington FFA
- 2nd place (\$75):* Mike Quartucci, Sussex Tech FFA
- 3rd place (\$50):* Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

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

- 1st place (\$150):* Penns Grove FFA
- 2nd place (\$100):* Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

- 1st place (\$125):* Phillipsburg FFA
- 2nd place (\$100):* Warren Hills FA
- 3rd place (\$50):* Northern Burlington FFA

Marketing Plan CDE

Mr. Brian Palmer of the New Jersey Soybean Board assisted with the presentation of the awards and brought greetings from the New Jersey Soybean Board.

1st place (\$300): Allentown
2nd place (\$225): Northern Burlington

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

The winner of the 2015 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

1st place (\$150): Camden Tech East FFA
2nd place (\$100): Biotechnology FFA
3rd place (\$50): Allentown FFA

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

Kaitlyn Tallamy of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter presented her 6-8 minute speech, “Fueling the Demand for Agriculture Education.”

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2015 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Brenda Reyes** from the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2015 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is **Claire Brown** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Retiring Address: Jenna Pinhas

Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary gave her retiring address, “Live like You’re Dying” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with an Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Hope Cahill, 2014-2015 State FFA Reporter presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 560 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent

Andrew Hunt of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter performed a drum solo.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Jason Pene, Belvidere
2nd Place: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere
2nd Place: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
3rd Place: James Bronico, Belvidere
4th Place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere

Medals

Gold: Jason Pene, Belvidere

Silver: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere

Bronze: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

The first place team is the **Belvidere FFA Chapter!**

Dairy Handlers'

1st Place: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

2nd Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

3rd Place: Sarah Carter, Woodstown

4th Place: Peyton Bond, South Hunterdon

5th Place: Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional

Medals

Silver: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Sarah Carter, Woodstown

Gold Medal and a Banner

Gold: Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

Food Science and Technology

H.O Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Sarah Loew, Cumberland Regional

2nd Place: Christie Metellus, Essex Co. VTS

3rd Place: Jacobus Sherman, Cumberland Regional

4th Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

5th Place: Michael Quartucci, Sussex Tech

5th Place: Destiny Bennett, Essex Co. VTS

Medals

Gold: Brock Lore, Cumberland Regional

Gold: Christie Metellus, Essex Co. VTS

Silver: McKayla Dilks, Woodstown

Bronze: Sarah Loew, Cumberland Regional

Bronze: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

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

Horse Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

2nd Place: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington

3rd Place: Alyssa Viet, Allentown

4th Place: Alyanna Privetera, Freehold

5th Place: Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington

Silver: Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

The first place team is the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Livestock Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

2nd Place: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown

3rd Place: Nicole Franchino, Newton

4th Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

5th Place: Randy Struble, Newton

Medals

Gold: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

Silver: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown

Bronze: Stefan Carter, Woodstown

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

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Andrew Carpen, Northern Burlington

2nd Place: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington

3rd Place: Michelle Snyder, Woodstown

3rd Place: Cody Coles, Woodstown

4th Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown

5th Place: Ernie Bell, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Andrew Carpen, Northern Burlington

Silver: Kaitlyn Quinn, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Carley Coles, Woodstown

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

FFA Talent

Julianna Humphreys of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with a lyrical dance.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

2nd Place: Arianna Reed, Monmouth County

3rd Place: Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills

4th Place: Peter Mount, Warren Hills

5th Place: Alissa Lebers, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Silver: Arianna Reed, Monmouth County

Bronze: Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills

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

Land Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Alexis Daesner, Allentown

2nd Place: Christa Lebers, Allentown

3rd Place: James Bronico, Belvidere

4th Place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere

5th Place: Brian Masi, Newton

Medals

Gold: Alexis Daesner, Allentown

Silver: Christa Lebers, Allentown

Bronze: James Bronico, Belvidere

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

Milk Quality and Products

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Nicholas Cals, Belvidere

2nd Place: Samantha Locandro, South Hunterdon

3rd Place: Nicole Franchino, Newton

4th Place: Zachary Tomory, Newton

5th Place: Madison Beaumont, Belvidere

Medals

Gold: Madison Lofgren, Allentown

Silver: Nicholas Cals, Belvidere

Bronze: Matthew Gold, Allentown

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

Turf Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Christopher Rodermann, Monmouth County

2nd Place: Richard Tazzetto, Monmouth County

3rd Place: Jacob Peters, Allentown

4th Place: Caleb Brown, Allentown

5th Place: Stephen Patchett, Monmouth County

Medals

Gold: Christopher Rodermann, Monmouth County

Silver: Richard Tazzetto, Monmouth County

Bronze: Stephen Patchett, Monmouth County

The first place team is the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter!**

FFA Creed Presentation

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Angela Largo from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm Business Management

Medals

Gold: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Silver: Emma Herrighty, Allentown

Silver: Mike Drislane, Newton

Bronze: Linnea Pierson, Newton

Bronze: Thomas Rinehart, Newton

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

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County

2nd Place: Sophia Baselice, Middlesex- East Brunswick

3rd Place: Lacey Hickey, Allentown

4th Place: Joanna Ricci, Allentown

4th Place: Stephanie Pierson, Newton

5th Place: Brooke Crawford, Hackettstown

5th Place: Caitlin Herbert, Phillipsburg

Medals

Gold: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County

Silver: Lacey Hickey, Allentown

Bronze: Caitlin Herbert, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the **Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter!**

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Sarah Hosler, Newton

2nd Place: Brian Masi, Newton

2nd Place: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton

2nd Place: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton

3rd Place: Tyler Hagar, Northern Burlington

4th Place: Michael Sadlon, Northern Burlington

5th Place: Brandon Outten, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Medals

Gold: Sarah Hosler, Newton

Silver: Kevin Rodriguez, Newton

Silver: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton

Bronze: Brian Masi, Newton

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Justin Marenzana, Newton

2nd Place: Logan Kellenberger, Newton

3rd Place: Bradford Howie, Newton

4th Place: Shawn Coiro, Newton

5th Place: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Medals

Gold: Justin Marenzana, Newton

Silver: Logan Kellenberger, Newton

Bronze: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

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

FFA Talent

Jacelyn Rudderow from the Penns Grove FFA Chapter performed “God Made Girls”.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

2nd Place: Kelsey Stockton, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

3rd Place: Matthew Bonett, Freehold

3rd Place: Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

4th Place: Kimmie Ervey, Hackettstown

5th Place: Derek Sanchez, Newton

5th Place: Roman Ivaldi, Newton

Medals

Gold: Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Silver: Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

Bronze: Matthew Bonett, Freehold

The first place team is the **Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter!**

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Caleb Brown, Allentown

2nd Place: Derek Van Veldhuisen, Northern Burlington

3rd Place: Dale Sutton, Pemberton

4th Place: Jimmy Leclair, North Warren

5th Place: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Medals

Gold: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Silver: Caleb Brown, Allentown

Bronze: Chris Faunce, Allentown

The first place team is the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!**

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Veronica Erdman, Phillipsburg

2nd Place: Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

3rd Place: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

4th Place: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

5th Place: Tyler Hagar, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Liz Muller, Newton

Silver: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

Bronze: Veronica Erdman, Phillipsburg

The first place team is the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter!**

Floriculture

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Hana Feulner, Cape May Tech

2nd Place: Melissa Strom, Belvidere

3rd Place: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

4th Place: Katie Spadaccini, Belvidere

5th Place: Stephanie Pierson, Newton

Medals

Gold: Hana Feulner, Cape May Tech

Silver: Melissa Strom, Belvidere

Bronze: Stephanie Pierson, Newton

The first place team is the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter!**

Nursery and Landscape

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

2nd Place: Robert Croft, Cape May Tech

3rd Place: Rebekah Oakley, Cape May Tech

4th Place: Nathan Steward, Northern Burlington

5th Place: Juliana Humphreys, Hackettstown

Medals

Gold: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

Silver: Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown

Bronze: Justin Hattersley, Newton

The first place team is the **Hackettstown FFA Chapter!**

Veterinary Science

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology

2nd Place: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

3rd Place: Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown

4th Place: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

5th Place: Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology

Medals

Gold: Anekha Goyal, Biotechnology

Silver: Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology

Bronze: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

The first place team is the **Biotechnology FFA Chapter!**

FFA Talent

Sydney Gavinelli from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed “Crazier” by Taylor Swift.

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Biotechnology FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 10th in Veterinary Science Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to **Stacey Giordano** of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 31st out of 155 individuals in the Milk Quality & Products Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Kelly Gangel, 2014-2015 State FFA Vice President presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 583 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Kristen Schmidt

National FFA Central Region Vice President, Kristen Schmidt presented her Keynote Address, "See it."

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2014-2015 were honored:

May: Emily Karr, Freehold
June: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
September: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
November: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
December: Chase Nelson, Woodstown
January: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
February: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
March: Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech
April: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

The 2014-2015 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Paige Hennighan** of the **Sussex Tech FFA Chapter**.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

1st Place: Freehold FFA
2nd Place: Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Grayson Asprocolas, Allentown	Shannon Thomas, Newton
James Asprocolas, Allentown	Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
Jenna Pinhas, Allentown	Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
Hope Cahill, Monmouth County	Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
Alexandra Clark, Newton	Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education

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

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

The following people were presented with the Honorary Garden State FFA Degree:

Scott Anderson – Branch Manager of Farm Credit East

George Asprocolas – Owner of Asprocolas Acres

Peter Capodice – Superintendent of Schools, Union County VTS

Nichol Carroll – Teacher of Agriculture, Cumberland Regional High School

Thomas Coleman – Superintendent of Schools, Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District

Ronald Dancer – Assemblyman of District 12, New Jersey General Assembly

G. Kennedy Greene – Superintendent of Schools, Newton High School

Eric Nelson – Leadership Director/ Past President, NJ FFA Alumni Association

Nancy Wheeler-Driscoll – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Cape May County Technical High School

Cynthia Zidzik – Co-Advisor, South Hunterdon Regional High School

Job Interview Event

1st Place (\$100): Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional

2nd Place (\$75): Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

3rd Place (\$50): Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

Demonstration Event Awards

Individual Awards

1st Place (\$100): Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

2nd Place (\$75): Andrew Nelson, Cape May Tech

3rd Place (\$50): Emily Donnell, Allentown

Team Awards

1st Place (\$200): Hackettstown FFA

2nd Place (\$150): Allentown FFA

3rd Place (\$100): Cape May Tech FFA

Retiring Address: Sean Hamner

State FFA Sentinel, Sean Hamner gave his retiring address entitled, “Awesomely Average.” He thanked his support system by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2014-2015 State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd and State FFA Reporter Hope Cahill presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Jenna Pinhas, 2014-2015 State FFA Secretary, and Kyle Fisher, 2014-2015 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, 8 State Alumni Officers and 639 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “We Are FFA”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which showed how all of the officers are bonded through FFA and how being a member in this organization shaped their lives.

Chapter Challenge Award

1st place (\$150): Freehold FFA

2nd place (\$100): Allentown FFA

Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Chelsey Fitton of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Placement Award.

Star Chapter Agribusiness Award

Jeremy Posluszny of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Agribusiness Award.

Star Chapter Farmer

Renee Stillwell of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2014-2015 Star State Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2014-2015 Star State Greenhand is **Joanna Ricci** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere

Essex Co. Vo. Tech

Monmouth County

North Warren

Ocean County

National Chapter Award

Gold: Allentown- 2nd
Penns Grove- 1st
Salem Co. Vo. Tech- 3rd

Silver: Northern Burlington
Northern Burlington Middle

Bronze: Freehold
Newton
Phillipsburg
South Hunterdon
South Hunterdon Middle
Warren Hills
Woodstown

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Salem County Vo. Tech** for being named the 2015 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Proficiency Awards

2015 Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement Proficiency

Award: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

2015 Diversified Agriculture Production Placement Proficiency Award: Chase

Nelson, Woodstown

2015 Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: George Stillwell,

Allentown

2015 Specialty Animal Production Placement Proficiency Award: Chelsey Fitton,

Woodstown

2015 Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Georgia Lucas,

Woodstown

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education

Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the Office of Career and Technical Education.

National FFA Officer Candidate Introduction

The New Jersey National Officer Candidate, Lauren Fillebrown of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter, introduced herself.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Gold Rating: Allentown
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Freehold
Monmouth County
Newton
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Woodstown

Silver Rating: Buena Regional
Camden Penn Tech
Hackettstown
Middlesex-East Brunswick
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Somerset County
Sussex Tech
Union County
Warren Hills

Bronze Rating: Belvidere
Biotechnology
Camden Tech East
Delsea Regional
Middlesex-Piscataway
Northern Burlington Middle
Pemberton Township
South Hunterdon Middle
The Calais School

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Renee Stillwell of the Allentown FFA Chapter and Kaitlyn Tallamy of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.**

Quiz Bowl:

The **Newton FFA Chapter** is the winner of the 2015 FFA Quiz Bowl event!

Lifetime Membership:

The 2014-2015 State FFA Officer Team received Lifetime Alumni Membership after stepping up to the challenge and raising the necessary funds for this honor.

Best Dressed Chapter Award

Congratulations to the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for being named the 2015 Best Dressed Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division II: Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech

FFA Week Awards

1st Place (\$150): Allentown FFA

2nd Place (\$100): Northern Burlington FFA

3rd Place (\$50): Hackettstown FFA

Greetings from Rutgers University

Dr. Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs, brought greetings on behalf of Rutgers University.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

The Rue Family

Dusty Lane Farms, LLC

New Jersey Agricultural Society

South Hunterdon Regional FFA Alumni

Convention Recognition

The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:

Ernie Arians

Catherine Cincotta

Kyle Clement

Krista Cruzan

Leon Delcher
 Jimmie Ferguson
 Lauren Fillebrown
 Joe Goodenough
 Delaney Gray
 Eric Nelson
 Sam Rubinstein
 Brett Speakman
 David Watts

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

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

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Meredith	Dauphars
	Susan	Schmidt
	Chanya	Singh
	Madison	Lofgren
	Christa	Lebers
	Caleb	Brown
	Jacob	Peters
	Sean	Wright
	Trevor	Coffey
	Morgan	LaSacco
Buena Regional	Samantha	Peck
	Kayla	Vasquez
	Christopher	Giordano
	Kishaun	Branch
Camden Penn Tech	Xiomara	Franceschi
	Bryan	Pinto
	Briana	Delgado
	Leslie	Bernard
	Hadiya	Lindsay
	Siani	Bailey
	Corey	Edmonds
	Alya	Kizee
	Cierra	Nieves
Cape May Tech	Rebekah	Oakley
	Aubrey	McQuaid
	Brandie	Steelman
	Alana	LaCava
	Emily	Hall
	Alissa	D'Amico
Cumberland	Brock	Lore
	Jacobus	Sherman
	Toby	Cuff
	Bryan	Pettit
	Jose	Lopez

Essex County	Angie Stefani	Mansilla Garajua
Hackettstown	Kimberly	Ervey
Middlesex-East Brunswick	Tim	Janas
Monmouth County	Rebecca Courtney Anthony Daniel	Gallagher Schoenleber Gonzalez Jacobs
North Warren	Sydney Sarah Jess Kyle Shane John Collin	Spranger Meehan Keimel Crane Peck Kott Mayer
Northern Burlington	Michael Kevin Lynee Gab	Sadlon Hagar Dotson Kenny
Ocean County	Joshua Justin John John	Todd Johnson Edelesandro Espinosa
Penns Grove	Alex Karlie Gerardo DeAmonte Shalyn	Del Olmo Brayerton Michaca Holden Roberts
Salem Co Vo. Tech	Randy Dylan	Wentzell Tilton
South Hunterdon	Diana Sadie Ryan Alexander Ashlyne	Martinez Lerman Minschwaner Eldridge Bacorn
Warren Hills	Peter	Mount
Woodstown	Jean Morgan	Miller Heritage

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Diana Martinez** of the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!**

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

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

Talent and State Degree Seating

Sydney Gavinelli entertained the audience with her singing talent.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Jay Hyland Thomas James Viviano
Camden Tech East:	Heather Flemmings
Cape May Tech:	Robert Thomas Craft, Jr. Alissamarie Mary D'Amico Cody Alexander Hanek Tyler Ethan Kohlhaas Sarah McInnis Rebekah Lynn Oakley Hillary Judy Raymond Brandie Joelle Steelman Wil Samuel Winter
Cumberland Regional:	Melanie Lou Mayhew
Essex County:	Deion Gonzalez
Freehold:	Matthew Robert Bonett Sydney C. Gavinelli Brenda Corrotea Reyes
Newton:	Francesca Marie Burt Tommy Robert Giordano Justin Thomas Hattersly Sarah Emily Hosler Lukas Daniel Kellenberger Brian Francis Masi McKenzie Suzanne May Linnea Astrid Pierson Kevin Anthony Rodriguez Kimberly K. Slezak Randall Howard Struble Zachary Taylor Tomory
Northern Burlington:	Lauren Alexis Stevens
Penns Grove:	Emily A. Donais DeAmonte Holden
Phillipsburg:	Amanda Gail Buchel Rebecca Collin Lindsay Collins Morgan M. Rutar Kaitlyn Tallamy
South Hunterdon:	Myranda Morgan Bond Peyton J. Bond Katie Lynn DeAngelo Taylor Drummey Charles McDaniel Meagan Warner Amanda Wengryn
Sussex Tech:	Adrianna Maria Borrego Christina Elizabeth Boutillette Alyssa F. Ferraro Michael Anthony Quartucci
Woodstown:	Chelsey Lynn Fitton Georgia Lucas Chase Nelson

State Star Award Recognition

2014-2015 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown

2014-2015 State Star in Agribusiness: Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon

2014-2015 State Star Farmer: Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

Retiring Address: Kristianne Dowd

Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President presented her retiring address entitled “Anything But Normal”. She thanked her support system by presenting her family and advisors with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Jamie Munyon of the Salem County Vo. Tech FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee:	Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, and Kyle Fisher
State Parliamentarian:	Alyssa Ferraro
State Sentinel:	Tyler Kohlhass
State Reporter:	Hannah Mann
State Treasurer:	Myranda Bond
State Secretary:	Morgan Rutar
State Vice President:	Chelsey Fitton
State President:	Hope Cahill

Motion by Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter to accept the committee report as read and elect the candidates to their respective state offices.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Past State Office Power Point

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

Installation of 2015-2016 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2015 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2014-2015 State FFA President, Kristianne Dowd, passed the gavel to 2015-2016 State FFA President, Hope Cahill.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional
Alexis Speller, Middlesex-Piscataway
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County
Emiliano Chirigliano, Union County
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County
Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington
Mrs. Nan Hamilton, Northern Burlington

Jake Newel, Cumberland Regional
Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech
Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
Michael Andrews, Delsea Regional
Kelly Gangel, State FFA Vice President
Sarah Meehan, North Warren
Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Middle

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Allow 2 entries per chapter for National Ag Day and Jersey Fresh classes
- Change class name “magical miniature garden” to “enchanted/fairytale garden”
- Create multicultural class. Description up to executive board
- All accessories to be attached to the arrangement
- For classes requiring candles, candles must be incorporated into the arrangement
- Conceal student and school names in entry cards

Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional – Chairman

Sarah Meehan, North Warren – Secretary

Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Mike Drislane, Newton

Emily Karr, Freehold

Colin Cudworth Jr., Warren Hills

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Sophie Baselice, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Rebecca Carmeli-Peslak, Allentown

Stuart Faunce, NJ FFA Association

Jenna Pinhas, State FFA Secretary

Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

Tia Steinhardt, Phillipsburg

Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington Middle

Ms. Tiffany Morey, South Hunterdon

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Keep the Fruits and Vegetables Identification Written Test
- Move Dairy Handlers and Horse Judging to New Jersey
- Keep the Marketing Plan CDE
- Ensure that all CDE teams will arrive to Spring CDEs no later than 10:05am and late teams will be subject to missed rotations. This will be published in the CDE handbook
- Research other locations for the livestock judging CDE such as Eastern PA FFA Day
- Suggest clearer directions for the meat judging portion of Meat Evaluation CDE
- Place timer on the computer for online CDEs
- Provide higher quality pictures for all CDEs
- Look for sponsors for the Ag Sales CDE sooner
- Use the national rubric for all CDEs
- Provide all national CDE scores and percentages on Judging Card

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman

Emily Karr, Freehold – Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Samantha Gregory, Pemberton

Anthony Tobolski, Buena Regional

Jocelyn Herrmann, BCIT West Vet

Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

Faith Smith, Middlesex- Piscataway

Dr. Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle

Caitlyn Cifelli, Somerset County

Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech

John Vagott, MCTS Sypek Center

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President

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:

- Approve the proposed POA changes

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills– Chairman

Jocelyn Herrmann, BCIT West Vet– Secretary

State Leadership Activities

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Cody Coles, Woodstown

Aaron Etienne, Union County

Erica Todd, Ocean County

Miguel Acevedo, Penns Grove

Destiney Bennett, Essex County

Ben Wainwright, State FFA Treasurer

Jake Bucci, Monmouth County

Madison Lofgren, Allentown

Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

Tiara Ritter, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Adrianna Borrego, Sussex Tech

Mr. Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Propose a regional community service project on a non-school day
- Explore the possibility of working with an organization against hunger, similar to National FFA Days of Service
- Incorporate more information about CDEs in SGC
- For LEAD, improve Q & A portion and re-evaluate rules video
- Include percentages on evaluations
- Use electronic form to evaluate each session at the end
- Rearrange ALLD; consider expanding due to lack of seating
- Reflections at LEAD were excellent
- Individual workshops were interactive and successful with officers

Cody Coles, Woodstown – Chairman

Tiara Ritter, Salem Co. Vo. Tech – Secretary

State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Rachel Weinstein, Biotechnology

Robert Jones, Camden Tech East

Anada Osbare, Essex County

Victoria Householder, Ocean County

Mr. Dale Cruzan, Allentown

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech

Lena Pierce, Delsea Regional

Christian Friend, Bankbridge Regional

Amber Scelza, Pemberton Township

Sean Hamner, State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:

Evaluate the convention and create recommended actions to be taken.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Increase efficiency of ice cream social and provide other options
- Make sure all facilities are ready upon the arrival of FFA members
- Increase the efficiency of awards being handed out
- Position seating of the people receiving awards closer to the stage

Comments

- Ice cream social felt rushed
- Members were able to go to the dorms, but the bathrooms were locked
- It felt rushed on stage and there was a delay in some students making their way to the stage

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech – Chairman

Amber Scelza, Pemberton Township – Secretary

State FFA Applications

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon
Hector Pena, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Charlotte Cercone, Newton
Brianna Bonilla, Camden Penn Tech
Melanie Gaston, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Kyle Fisher, State FFA Parliamentarian

Glenn Roedel, Belvidere
Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg
Alyssa Breur, Sussex Tech
Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove
Ms. Laura Pinhas, Sussex Tech

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Motion to accept the proposed Advisor of the Year application with changes to section 11 to include total # of active members to consider percentage of participation
- Move to accept proposed Blue Jacket, Bright Futures Application

Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove– Chairman
Melanie Gaston, Salem Co. Vo. Tech– Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

May 21, 2015

Committee Members Present:

Hillary Raymond, Cape May Tech
Danielle Kulyk, Biotechnology
Ishan Shabazz, MCTS Sypek Center
Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East
Mrs. Keely DiTizio, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Kaitlyn Kelly, Northern Burlington Middle
Yamalis Diaz, BCIT West-Vet
Leah Salino, North Warren
Sarah Smith, Belvidere
Hope Cahill, State FFA Reporter

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:

- Contact chapters to raise awareness of social media
- Create a New Jersey State FFA Snapchat
- Photo-A-Day challenges in October and May due to events in those months as well as FFA Week photo challenge
- Create a Facebook fan page group
- Create a chapter field day
- Provide more interaction with chapter visits
- Connect with Farmers Against Hunger through social media
- **Motion by Sarah Smith, Belvidere** to suggest revoking the charter of BCIT Medford and BCIT Westampton.

Seconded by Kailyn Kelly, Northern Burlington Middle. Motion passes.

Leah Salino, North Warren – Chairman
Sarah Smith, Belvidere – Secretary

2014-2015 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Kristianne Dowd
State Vice President	Kelly Gangel
State Secretary	Jenna Pinhas
State Treasurer	Ben Wainwright
State Reporter	Hope Cahill
Sentinel	Sean Hamner
Parliamentarian	Kyle Fisher
Executive Committee Chair	Kyle Clement
Executive Committee	Delaney Gray Catherine Cincotta David Watts Stuart Faunce
Teacher Representative	Lisa Ann Moschera- Chernigovets
State Advisor	Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Administrative Assistant	Ms. Debra McClusky



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