

**86<sup>TH</sup> NEW JERSEY  
STATE FFA CONVENTION  
PROCEEDINGS**



## Session I

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Hope Cahill, 2015-2016 State FFA President, presided.

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee members, 4 state staff and 638 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### Greetings from NJDA – Secretary Fisher

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

#### FFA Jacket Presentation

41 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. Abby Gretsch, National FFA Southern Region Vice President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

#### **Allentown**

#### **Cheyenne**

#### **Archer**

Morgan

LoSacco

Icess

L.

Marshall

Peyton

Samuelson

Corinne

Wisniewski

Katie

White

#### **Cape May Tech**

#### **Christine**

#### **Albreche**

Kaytlyn

Carpenter

Miranda

Fisher

Alana

LaCava

Joanie

McAnulty

Ariel

Norbeck

Leah

Satterfield

Hannah

Wilcoxon

#### **Freehold**

#### **Karen**

C.

#### **Reyes**

#### **Monmouth County**

#### **Jalisa**

#### **Ellis**

Victoria

Heaney

Julie

Piancone

Katie

Smith

#### **Northern Burlington**

#### **Briele**

#### **O’Neill**

Tayte

Sabo

#### **Northern Burlington Middle**

#### **Abigail**

#### **Goodenough**

Tim

Hagar

<b>Ocean County</b>	Kailyn <b>Milana</b>	T.	Kelly <b>Shaikh</b>
<b>Salem Co. Vo. Tech</b>	Keith <b>Toni</b>		Tonra <b>Baker</b>
	Nicholas	W.	Bradway
	Kailyn		Emmett
	Scott		Ewan
	Alexia		Fahrnbach
	Kathryn		Glaspey
	Katie		Hooper
	Colin		McHugh
	John	E.	Rivera Cortes
	Rachel		Seykot
	Elizabeth		Sheets
	Kelly		Stone
	Ethan		Tomasso
	Briana		Williams
<b>Union County</b>	<b>Colleen</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>Clarke</b>

### **Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee**

Hope Cahill, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Morgan Rutar, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Trevor Coffey, Allentown  
 Allison Finn, Freehold  
 Diana Martinez, South Hunterdon  
 McKenna Moore, Salem County Vo. Tech  
 Daniel Rosa, Phillipsburg  
 Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove  
 Lauren Fillebrown, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator  
 Kelly Gangel, Executive Committee Representative

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

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon  
 Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington  
 Heather Flemings, Camden Tech East  
 Sarah Kelly, Buena  
 Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional  
 Jamie Munyon, Salem County Vo. Tech  
 Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown  
 Zuri Richmond, Salem County Vo. Tech  
 Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg  
 Renee Stillwell, Allentown  
 Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech  
 Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

### **Keynote Address**

Shannon Norris presented her speech, “Embracing Awkward!”

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

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

### **2016 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** – Masooma Moosavi, Freehold, Steven Williams, Allentown, and Alexandra Hagar, Freehold

**David Seely memorial Scholarship** – Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

**Bilinski Senior Award** – Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

**Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship** – Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Kayleigh Piccolo, Freehold

**William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** – Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship** – Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington

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

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship** – Brooke Ross, Warren Hills

**Washington Grange #117 Scholarship** – Brooke Ross, Warren Hills

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

**William G. Smith Scholarship** – Sruthi Boddapati, Freehold

**Roszel Scholarship** – Renee Stillwell, Allentown

**James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship** – Trisha Munyon, Salem County Vo. Tech

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship** – Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

**Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Matthew Duckworth, Belvidere

**Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship** – Juliana Humphreys, Hackettstown and Jessica Dixon, Phillipsburg

**Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship** – Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

**Woodstown Alumni Association/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Rebecca Johnson, Woodstown

**Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship** – Alexandria Floyd, Woodstown

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional; Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington; Renee Stillwell, Allentown; Jessica Dixon, Phillipsburg; Matthew Duckworth, Belvidere; Bryanna Dowd, Freehold; Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional; Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown

**Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship** – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold; Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech; Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown; Bryanna Down, Freehold

**National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship** – Renee Stillwell, Allentown and Steven Williams, Allentown

**\$1,500 America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund Scholarship** – Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech

**Greetings from the National FFA Organization**

National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Abbey Gretsche, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

**Retiring Address: Hannah Mann**

Hannah Mann, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, “Be a Duck Potato” 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 Dalton Stevens, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

**State Convention Rules**

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

### **Closing Ceremonies**

## **Session II**

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Tyler Kohlhaas, 2015-2016 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee members, 4 state staff, and 646 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:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Andrew Hunt, Northern Burlington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Trevor Coffey, Allentown
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$50):* Amy Elwell, Salem County Vo. Tech

##### **Photography Division:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Hannah Parker, Woodstown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Zuri Richmond, Salem County Vo. Tech
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East

#### **Official Ceremonies Event Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Allentown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Cape May Tech

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Narjis Moosavi, Freehold
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Kimberly Herbert, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Alyssa Granito, Freehold

#### **Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**

Ms. Monique 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: Myranda Bond**

State FFA Treasurer, Myranda Bond, gave her retiring address entitled "Shine Bright" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Greetings: New Jersey Department of Agriculture—Food & Nutrition Division**

Rose Tricario, Division Director, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Food and Nutrition.

**World Food Prize Recognition**

Jonathan Lee of the Bergen County FFA Chapter was selected as one of the 2016 Global Youth Institute Delegates for his paper on Resuscitating Ancient Food Preservation in China.

**8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

*Bronze Ranking:* Northern Burlington Middle  
*Silver Ranking:* Essex County Vo. Tech  
Penns Grove  
Salem County Vo. Tech

*Gold Ranking:* Allentown  
Belvidere  
Buena Regional  
Monmouth County  
Northern Burlington  
Ocean County  
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 supporting the Ronald McDonald House. Chapters participated in "Show Your Stripes," collected household items like paper products and laundry detergent, as well as grab-and-go snacks, in addition to raising funds. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

**Allentown**

**Belvidere**  
**Buena Regional**  
**Cape May Tech**  
**Monmouth County**  
**Ocean County**  
**Salem County Vo. Tech**  
**Union County**  
**Warren Hills**

### **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* – Kailyn Emmett, Salem County Vo. Tech  
*Division II* – Mikako Inaba, Bergen County Academies

#### **Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems**

*Division I* – Adam Konkol, Biotechnology  
*Division IV* – Jodie Chiou and Grace Zhang, Biotechnology

#### **Food Products and Processing Systems**

*Division II* – Vahini Talamati, Biotechnology  
*Division IV* – Manasa Gadiraji and Aditi Patel, Biotechnology

#### **Plant Systems**

*Division I* – katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies  
*Division II* – Siddarth Iyer, Biotechnology  
*Division III* – Elizabeth Sheets and Toni Baker, Salem County Vo. Tech  
*Division IV* – Kyra Acquah and Mugdha Parulekar, Bergen County Academies

#### **Power, Structural, and Processing Systems**

*Division II* – Jonathon Shen, Biotechnology  
*Division IV* – Alexia Cosatto and Kailyn Casey, Biotechnology

#### **Social Systems**

*Division II* – Thriaksh Rajan, Biotechnology  
*Division III* – Lauren Kwok, Biotechnology  
*Division IV* – Orli Weiss and Anekha Goyal, Biotechnology

### **Closing Ceremonies**

**2016 Delegate Business Session** State FFA President, Hope Cahill, presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:04 pm.

There were 66 delegates and 10 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 34 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 45 votes.

The order of business for the 87<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention was presented by Hannah Mann, State FFA Vice President.

**Motion by Hannah Mann** to accept the order of business for the 86<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Meghan Warner, South Hunterdon. Motion passes.**

The 86<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Hope Cahill, State FFA President.

**Motion by Brittney Smith, Warren Hills** to accept the 86<sup>th</sup> NJ State FFA Convention proceedings.

**Seconded by Ally Gomez, Middlesex East Brunswick. Motion passes.**

Tyler Kohlhaas, State FFA Sentinel presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding State Officers competing in Career Development Events

**Motion by Meghan Warner, South Hunterdon** to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposal regarding State Officers competing in Career Development Events.

**Seconded by Mugdha Parulekar, Bergen County Academies.**

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 58 delegates in favor, 17 oppose.

**Motion passes.**

The 2015-2016 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Myranda Bond, State FFA Treasurer.

**Motion by Meghan Warner, South Hunterdon** to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

**Seconded by Owen Donelley, Warren Hills. Motion passes.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### *Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Jessica Keimel, North Warren** 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 Joanna Ricci, Allentown** to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

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

#### *Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities*

**Motion by Joanna Ricci, Allentown** 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 Jessica Dixon, Phillipsburg** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

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

*State Convention Evaluation*

**Motion by Committee Chair** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

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

*State FFA Applications*

**Motion by Aliza Rosen, Sussex County** to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

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

*Membership and Chapter Relations*

**Motion by Paul Papovick, Cape May Tech** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

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

**Motion by Meghan Warner, South Hunterdon** to adjourn the 2015 Delegate Business Session.

**Seconded by Alexis Hudson, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.**

**Session III** Myranda Bond, 2015-2016 State FFA Treasurer presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee Members, 4 State Staff, and 657 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**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Gabby Guerriero, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Colleen Clarke, Union County

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

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Angela Largo, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Amy Elwell, Salem County Vo. Tech

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

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Ariel Norbeck, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Allison Finn, Freehold

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Mugdtha Parulekar, Bergen County Academies

### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* Nihar Desai, Biotechnology

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech

### **Agricultural Issues Forum**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$300):* Biotechnology

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$225):* Northern Burlington

### **Retiring Address: Tyler Kohlhaas**

State FFA Sentinel, Tyler Kohlhaas, gave her retiring address titled "The Struggle Is Real". He thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

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

The 2016 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Greg Babbitt** of the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter**. Congratulations!

### **Teach Agriculture Event Award**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$100):* Alexandria Jesse, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$75):* McKenna Moore, Salem County Vo. Tech

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Noelle Larino, Hackettstown

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

President of the NJAAE, Ms. Jennifuer Wilson, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

### **Agricultural Awareness Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$150):* Penns Grove FFA

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$125):* Phillipsburg FFA

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100):* Northern Burlington FFA

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Middlesex East Brunswick FFA

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

The winner of the 2016 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

**Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$150):* Camden Tech East FFA

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100):* Woodstown FFA

*3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$50):* Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

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

Ariel Norbeck of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter presented her 6-8 minute speech, “Let’s Magnify the Truth.”

**Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award**

The 2016 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Steven Monaham** from the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter!**

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

The 2016 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is **Jeremy Posluszny** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

**Retiring Address: Alyssa Ferraro**

Alyssa Ferraro, State FFA Parliamentarian gave her retiring address, “Little Things” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with an Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**Closing Ceremonies**

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**CDE Session**

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Hope Cahill, 2015-2016 State FFA Reporter presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee Members, 4 State Staff, and 657 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

**FFA Talent**

Jacelyn Rudderow of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter performed “House That Built Me” by Miranda Lambert.

**Summer Career Development Event Awards**

**Agronomy**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington

## Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Gab Kenney, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Zack Cowperthwait, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Nathan Steward, Northern Burlington

## **Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Olivia Swanson, Belvidere

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Ty Clark, Belvidere

### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Steven Monahan, Warren Hills

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Richard Wyble, Warren Hills

### Remaining Team Members

Megan Hausmann, Belvidere

Nicole Matlock, Belvidere

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

## **Food Science and Technology**

### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Olivia Biyik, Northern Burlington

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Arriana Dishong, Northern Burlington

### Medals

*4<sup>th</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Jacob Newkirk, Cumberland Regional

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Gillian Nardelli, Cumberland Regional

### Remaining Team Members:

Justin Peachey, Cumberland Regional

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

## **Livestock Evaluation**

### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alyssa Breur, Sussex Tech

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Andrew Ghaleb, Newton

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

### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech

*Silver Medal:* Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Richard Wyble, Warren Hills

### Remaining Team Members

Ashley Zarnowski, Warren Hills  
Alysce Rosario, Warren Hills

The first place team is **the Warren Hills FFA Chapter!**

### **Poultry Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kevin Hagar, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Andrew Cosolero, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Andrew Carpen, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Kaitlin Quinn, Northern Burlington

The first place team is **the Northern Burlington 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

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alyssa Granito, Freehold

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* William Parr, Monmouth County

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Andrea Orleanski, Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Cheyanne Archer, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Victoria Heaney, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Mary McDermott, Allentown

Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Emiliano Chirigliano, Union County

Remaining Team Members

Lynee Dotson, Northern Burlington

Alexis Hudson, Northern Burlington

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

### **Land Judging**

#### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Joseph Malson, Belvidere

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Chris Polyak, Newton

#### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* James Bronico, Belvidere

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Sofia Inchausti, Phillipsburg

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Cassandra Wojeik, Newton

#### Remaining Team Members

Kate Lazar, Newton

Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton

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

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

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Destiny Bennett, Essex County

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Jarred Rosta, Northern Burlington

##### Medals

*4<sup>th</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Zachary Tomory, Newton

*Bronze Medal:* Peyton Bond, South Hunterdon

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Nicole Franchino, Newton

*Silver Medal:* Anne Reed, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Summer Malone, Newton

##### Remaining Team Members

Randall Struble, Newton

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

#### **Turf Management**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Justin Hattersley, Newton

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Tom Alencewicz, Phillipsburg

##### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* David Munoz, Monmouth County

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* David Herder, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Juan Luna, Monmouth County

##### Remaining Team Members

Andrew Dorko, 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, Gabby Guerriero from the Newton FFA Chapter.

## **FFA Talent**

Kaitlyn Parkhill from the Camden Tech East FFA Chapter performed "Titanium". **Winter Career Development Event Awards**

## **Farm Business Management**

Medals

*Bronze:* Allison Finn, Freehold  
*Bronze:* Amy Elwell, Salem County Vo. Tech  
*Silver:* Jacob Peters, Allentown  
*Gold:* Madison Lofgren, Allentown  
*Gold:* Trevor Coffey, Allentown

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

## **Floral Design**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Gillian Nardelli, Cumberland Regional  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* RaeLynn Smith, Hackettstown  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Aimee Homan, Cumberland Regional  
*Silver Medal:* Hannah Parker, Woodstown  
*5<sup>th</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East

Remaining Team Members

Taylor Ale, Cumberland Regional  
Madison Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

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

## **Forestry**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Zack Cowperthwait, Northern Burlington  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Noah Garison, Allentown  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Justin Marenzana, Newton

Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Andrew Ghaleb, Newton  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Daniel Power, Newton  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Shawn Coiro, Newton

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

## **Meat Evaluation and Technology**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Dominick Russo, Phillipsburg  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Hannah Holzhauser, Newton

#### Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Christian Brock, Neewton  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Cameron Saks, Newton

#### Remaining Team Members

Michael Reidmiller, Newton

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

#### **FFA Talent**

Michael Sadion from the Northern Burlington Chapter performed a guitar version of "Feel Good Inc."

### **Spring Career Development Event Awards**

#### **Agricultural Sales**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kimberly Ervey, Hackettstown  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Kacey England, Ocean County

##### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Erica Todd, Ocean County  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Tim Janas, Middlesex East Brunswick  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Madison Fragale, Hackettstown  
*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Brian Masi, Newton

##### Remaining Team Members

Noelle Larino, Hackettstown  
Jamie Canfield, Hackettstown

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

#### **Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems**

##### H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Steven Williams, Allentown  
*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Allison Finn, Woodstown

##### Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Chris Faunce, Allentown  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Briar Mains, Allentown  
Remaining Team Member  
Vincent Viviano, Allentown

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

### **Environmental and Natural Resources**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Alana LaCava, Cape May Tech

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* J Bohonyi, Northern Burlington

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Daniel Rosa, Phillipsburg

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Sofia Inchausti, Phillipsburg

Remaining Team Members

Cheyenne Hicks, Phillipsburg

Lindsey Jameson, Phillipsburg

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

### **Floriculture**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Lynee Dotson, Northern Burlington

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Dominick Russo, Phillipsburg

Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Olivia Wyckoff, Belvidere

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* Jessica Dixon, Phillipsburg

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Melissa Strom, Belvidere

Remaining Team Member

Jason Pene, Belvidere

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

### **Nursery and Landscape**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> Place:* Emiliano Chirigliano, Union County

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Nathan Steward, Northern Burlington

Medals

*5<sup>th</sup> Place and Bronze Medal:* David Munoz, Monmouth County

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Carmine Casola, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Christopher Rodermann, Monmouth County

Remaining Team Member

Juan Luna, Monmouth County

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

### **Veterinary Science**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Adam Konkol, Biotechnology

*5<sup>th</sup> Place:* Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Joanna Ricci, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Allan Martinez, Hackettstown

*1<sup>st</sup> Place:* Frances Buchalski, Allentown

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Peter Mount, Hunterdon County Polytech

*4<sup>th</sup> Place and Gold Medal:* Hannah McCray, Hunterdon County Polytech

*1<sup>st</sup> Place and Silver Medal:* Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown

Remaining Team Members

Darrel D'Souza, Biotechnology

Harrison Whitman, Biotechnology

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

### **National Event Sweepstakes Award**

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Biotechnology FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **Morgan Rutar** of the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 7<sup>th</sup> out of 174 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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#### **Session IV**

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Hannah Mann, 2015-2016 State FFA Vice President presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee Members, 4 State Staff, and 671 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

### **Keynote Address: Abbey Gretsch**

National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Abbey Gretsch presented her Keynote Address, "Joy."

### **New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year**

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2015-2016 were honored:

*May:* Renee Stillwell, Allentown

*June:* Cody Cole, Woodstown

*September:* Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech

*October:* Zuri Richmond, Salem County Vo. Tech

*November:* Allison Finn, Freehold

*December:* Amanda Chudkowski, Freehold

*January:* Aaron Etiennee, Union County

*February:* Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown

*April:* Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

The 2015-2016 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Renee Stillwell** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter**.

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

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

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Salem County Vo. Tech FFA

### **American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

**George Stillwell, Allentown**

**Michaela A. Kramer, Freehold**

**Michael Gregory Drislane, Newton**

**Thomas R. Rhinehart, Newton**

**Benjamin A. Wainwright, Northern Burlington**

### **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:

**Keely DiTizio** – Teacher of Agriculture at Salem County Vo. Tech High School

**James H Ferguson III** – Past President, New Jersey FFA Alumni Association

**Mark Guterl** – Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Upper Freehold Regional School District

**Matthew Konowicz** – Director of Instruction at Northern Burlington Regional High School

**Allison Mains** – FFA Advisor at Allentown High School

**Gary Nelson** – Teacher of Agriculture, Delsea Regional High School

**Eric Weber** – Landscaper, Warren County

### **Job Interview Event**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$100):* Hannah Fuelner, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$75):* Lindsey Jameson, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$50):* Katherine White, Allentown

### **Demonstration Event Awards**

Individual Awards

*1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$100):* Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$75):* Daniel Rosa, Phillipsburg

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$50):* Tessa Wozunk, Cape May Tech

Team Awards

*1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$200):* Cape May Tech FFA

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$150):* Freehold FFA

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$100):* Hackettstown FFA

### **Retiring Address: Morgan Rutar**

State FFA Secretary, Morgan Rutar gave her retiring address entitled, “28,735.” She thanked her support system by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

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

The 2015-2016 State FFA President, Hope Cahill and State FFA Treasurer Myranda Bond presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## **Session V**

Morgan Rutar, 2015-2016 State FFA Secretary, and Alyssa Ferraro, 2015-2016 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

## Opening Ceremonies

### Introduction of Guests

There were 6 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee Members, 4 State Staff, and 687 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

### Reflections – “#FFAProud”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which celebrated the different components of being an FFA member including classroom/lab instruction, SAE, FFA, premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

### Public Speaking Awards

The 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaking Awards we re-announced as follows:

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place:* Allison Finn, Freehold and Mugdtha Parulekar, Bergen County Academies

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place:* Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional

### Chapter Challenge Award

*1<sup>st</sup> place (\$150):* Allentown FFA

*2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$100):* Freehold FFA

### Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

**Joanna Ricci** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2015-2016 Star State Chapter Placement Award.

### Star Chapter Farmer

**Heidi Hyland** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2015-2016 Star State Chapter Farmer Award.

### Star Greenhand Award

The 2015-2016 Star State Greenhand is **Jacelyn Rudderow** of the **Penns Grove FFA Chapter!**

### Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere

Essex Co. Vo. Tech

Monmouth County

### National Chapter Award

*Gold:* Allentown- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Penns Grove- 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Salem Co. Vo. Tech- 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Silver:* Northern Burlington Middle  
South Hunterdon  
South Hunterdon Middle

*Bronze:* Northern Burlington  
Phillipsburg

### **Most Improved Chapter**

Congratulations to the **Hackettstown FFA Chapter** for being named the 2016 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

### **Proficiency Awards**

**2016 Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement Proficiency Award:**  
Steven Williams, Allentown

**2016 Food Science and Technology Placement Proficiency Award:** Kelsey Stockton,  
Salem County Vo. Tech

**2016 Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award:** Renee Stillwell, Allentown

### **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.

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

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

*Silver Rating:* Buena Regional

Hackettstown  
Middlesex-East Brunswick  
Monmouth County  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Ocean County  
Penns Grove  
Somerset County  
South Hunterdon Middle  
Sussex Tech  
Union County

*Bronze Rating:* BCIT West Vet

Belvidere  
Biotechnology  
Delsea Regional  
MCTS Sypek Center  
Middlesex-Piscataway  
Pemberton Township

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

#### **Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:**

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Trevor Coffey and Joanna Ricci** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** and **Keith Tonra** of the **Ocean County FFA Chapter**.

#### **Quiz Bowl:**

The first place Quiz Bowl team is the **Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter** and the second place team is the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

#### **Lifetime Membership:**

The 2015-2016 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 **Monmouth County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2015 Best Dressed Chapter!

### **FFA Essay Events Awards**

*Division I:* Kelly Stone, Salem County Vo. Tech

*Division II:* Josh Shafer, Northern Burlington

### **FFA Week Awards**

*1<sup>st</sup> Place (\$150):* Hackettstown FFA

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (\$100): Allentown FFA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$50): Northern Burlington 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:  
Central Jersey Tractor Pullers' Association  
Mercer County Community College  
Wyckoff;s Christmas Tree Farm

**Convention Recognition**

The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:  
Ernie Arians  
Leon Delcher  
Kristianne Dowd  
Stuart Faunce  
Jimmie Ferguson  
Lauren Fillebrown  
Delaney Gray  
Brett Speakman  
Stephanie Tarlowe  
David Watts

**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

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

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**

<b>Allentown</b>	<b>Cheyenne</b>	<b>Archer</b>
	Eric	Sorger
<b>Buena Regional</b>	<b>William</b>	<b>Bappert</b>
	Damian	Ditzel
	Alyssa	Graham
<b>Camden Penn Tech</b>	<b>Ivonne</b>	<b>Hernandez</b>
	Lopez	Neirmarie
	Cierra	Nieves
	Jacob	Parrales
	Brianna	Rivera
	Nichole	Rodriguez
	Christopher	Salcedo

	Anthony	Torres
	Christopher	Wilson
	Ellena	Molina
	Dawn	Reineeck
<b>Cape May Tech</b>	<b>Colby</b>	<b>Shalek</b>
<b>Cumberland Regional</b>	<b>Taylor</b>	<b>Ale</b>
	Kaylynn	Hyson
	Sara	Loew
	Karleen	Wilford
<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick</b>	<b>Edward</b>	<b>Beck</b>
	Keesean	Cooper
<b>Monmouth County</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	<b>Gonzalez</b>
	Victoria	Heaney
	Julie	Piancone
	Katie	Smith
<b>Northern Burlington</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>Hunt</b>
	Briele	O'Neill
	Tayte	Sabo
<b>Ocean County</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Delgado</b>
	Justin	Johnson
	Keith	Tonra
<b>Penns Grove</b>	<b>Shalyn</b>	<b>Roberts</b>
<b>Salem Co Vo. Tech</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>Rivera</b>
	Dalton	Stevens
<b>South Hunterdon</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Gamatko</b>
	Alexis	McCallum
	Ryan	Minschwaner
<b>South Hunterdon Middle</b>	<b>Jeff</b>	<b>Fox</b>
	Luke	Snyder
<b>Warren Hills</b>	<b>Owen</b>	<b>Donelley</b>
	Alysce	Rosario
	Alexander	Ward
	Richard	Wyble III

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Andrew Hunt** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

#### **State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey, Mr. Eric Nelson, 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**

Morgan Bradshaw of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her rendition of “Red High Heels”

**Garden State Degree Ceremony**

<b>Allentown:</b>	<b>Mary Grace McDermott</b> Jeremy David Posluszny Renee A. Stillwell Steven Williams
<b>Belvidere:</b>	<b>Jordan Scott Allen</b> Matthew Brian Duckworth Glenny M. Roedel
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	<b>Sarah Elizabeth Kelly</b>
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	<b>Hana Abigal Fuelner</b> Emily Hall Madeline Maguire Taylor McDermott Casey McDonald Paul Thomas Popovick Rachel Sill Briana Thompson Erika Rowland
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	<b>Joshua Loew</b>
<b>Hackettstown:</b>	<b>Noelle Marie Larino</b>
<b>Middlesex East Brunswick:</b>	<b>Allie Gomez</b>
<b>Monmouth County:</b>	<b>DJ Joseph Jacobs</b>
<b>Newton:</b>	<b>Shawn A. Coiro</b> Nicole D. Franchino Andrew James Ghaleb Bradford Scott Howie Roman Marcel Ivaldi Logan Christian Kellenberger Justin Mark Marenzana Daniel Power Gregory Owen Rinehart
<b>Northern Burlington:</b>	<b>Miranda Lehe Dotson</b>
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	<b>Randy Artha Simmerman</b>
<b>Phillipsburg:</b>	<b>Tom Alencewicz</b>
<b>South Hunterdon:</b>	<b>Myranda Morgan Bond</b> Peyton J. Bond Katie Lynn DeAngelo Taylor Drummey Charles McDaniel Meagan Warner Amanda Wengryn
<b>Salem County Vo. Tech:</b>	<b>Grady Key</b> McKenna Ann Moore

	Jamie Lynn Munyon
	Zuri Richmond
	Kelsey Stockton
<b>South Hunterdon:</b>	<b>Ashlyne Bacorn</b>
	Alexander Charles Eldridge
	Diana Martinez
<b>Woodstown:</b>	<b>Connie Marie Caltabiano</b>
	Carley Coles
	Cody D. Coles
	Rebecca Johnson
	Brook Wilson

**State Star Award Recognition**

**2015-2016 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** Steven Williams, Allentown  
**2015-2016 State Star in Agribusiness:** Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown  
**2015-2016 State Star Farmer:** Renee Stillwell, Allentown

**Retiring Address: Hope Cahill**

Hope Cahill, State FFA President presented her retiring address entitled “Fight Song”. She thanked her support system by presenting her family and advisors with certificates of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Trevor Coffey of the Allentown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee:	Hannah Mann, Tyler Kohlhaas, Alyssa Ferraro
State Parliamentarian:	Kelsey Stockton
State Sentinel:	Joshua Loew
State Reporter:	Zuri Richmond
State Treasurer:	Jeremy Posluszny
State Secretary:	Renee Stillwell
State Vice President:	Morgan Rutar
State President:	Myranda Bond

**Motion by Trevor Coffey, Allentown 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 2016 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

2015-2016 State FFA President, Hope Cahill, passed the gavel to 2016-2017 State FFA President, Myranda Bond.

### **Closing Ceremonies**



## **Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

Committee Report

May 26, 2016

### **Committee Members Present:**

Casey Tettner, South Hunterdon Middle  
Jacobus Sherman, Cumberland Regional  
Michael Bate, Bankbridge Regional  
Joseph Spann, Union County  
Jessica Keimel, North Warren  
Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

Lexus Thompson, Delsea Regional  
Briele O’Niell, Northern Burlington  
Daniela Rob, Buena  
Cassandra Rodriguez, Buena  
Morgan Rutar, State Secretary  
Mrs. Nan Hamilton, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

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

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

- Extend Class 103 to 3 different classes: Evergreen, New Jersey Hardy, and Perennial, with all three up to 3 gal nursery containers and 3ft height limit
- Addition of Outdoor Dish Garden class with a 14in container size limit and a minimum of three different New Jersey hardy flowering and/or foliage plants

Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington – Chairman  
Jessica Keimel, North Warren – Secretary

## **Career Development Event Review and Evaluation**

Committee Report

May 26, 2016

### **Committee Members Present:**

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech

Alex DeAlmao, Penns Grove

Sadie Lerman, South Hunterdon

Nicole Franchino, Newton

Joanna Ricci, Allentown

Karen Reyes, Freehold

Toby Cliff, Cumberland Regional

Tim Hagar, Northern Burlington Middle

Myranda Bond, State FFA Treasurer

Dale Cruzan, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

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

- Discussed making Land Judging event like the one in Oklahoma
- Recommend moving Livestock Eval back to DVU
- No changes to Dairy Handler's Event
- Recommend realizing the Ag Issues topic sooner
- Hold all CDEs that are held electronically in a centralized location, not to exceed three locations, and for each CDE to be proctored by no less than two State Executive Board members of Department of Agriculture staff approved by committee

Joanna Ricci, Allentown – Chairman

Brittany Smith, Warren Hills– Secretary

## **Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities**

Committee Report

May 26, 2016

### **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 26, 2016

**Committee Members Present:**  
None listed????

**Purpose of Meeting:**  
Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Better use of facilities or search for new location due to increase of participation at for State Officer Candidate School
- Could improve food services and DJ playlist at LEAD

Jessica Dixon, Phillipsburg – Chairman  
Kacey England, Ocean County – Secretary

## State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 26, 2016

### 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 26, 2016

### **Committee Members Present:**

Zaria Robinson, Penns Grove  
Hana Fuelner, Cape May Tech  
Madison Lofgren, Allentown  
Jamie Drylie, North Warren  
Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech  
Kimberly Ervey, Hackettstown

Dominick Russo, Phillipsburg  
DJ Jacobs, Monmouth County  
Joycelynn Smith, Woodstown  
Amanda Chudkowski, Freehold  
Tyler Kohlhaas, State FFA Sentinel  
Laura Pinhas, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To review state applications.

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

- Change FFA Activity points from 50 to 60
- Change essay question points from 10 to 15
- Change max score from 188 to 183

Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech– Chairman

Kimberly Ervey, Hackettstown – Secretary

## **Membership and Chapter Relations**

Committee Report

May 26, 2016

### **Committee Members Present:**

Paul Popovick, Cape May Tech

Daniel Rucker, Delsea

Collette Powers, South Hunterdon Middle

Matthew Duckworth, Belvidere

Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology

Gabby Guerriero, Newton

Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East

Jeremy Morrison, Essex County

Hannah Mann, State FFA Vice President

Keely DiTizio, Advisor

### **Purpose of Meeting:**

To discuss the effectiveness of communication with chapters and members.

### **Recommendation Actions to be Taken:**

- Increase social media publicity by promoting more often
- Implement a Farm Friday, Chapter Spotlight, and SAE Spotlight feature on social media
- Revisit the use of jotform format for state officer request form as opposed to Excel
- Look into more effective communication with chapters regarding state officer chapter visits, including involving administration

Paul Popovick, Cape May Tech– Chairman

Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology – Secretary

## **2016-2017 State FFA Executive Board**

State President	Myranda Bond
State Vice President	Morgan Rutar
State Secretary	Renee Stillwell
State Treasurer	Jeremy Posluszny
State Reporter	Zuri Richmond
State Sentinel	Josh Loew
State Parliamentarian	Kelsey Stockton
Executive Committee Chair	Hannah Mann
Executive Committee	Tyler Kohlhaas
Executive Committee	Alyssa Ferraro
Teacher Representative	John Neyhart
State Advisor	Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey



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