

**88TH NEW JERSEY
STATE FFA CONVENTION
PROCEEDINGS**



Session I

Myranda Bond, 2016-2017 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 438 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Jacket Presentation

50 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. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown	Jessica	L.	Corbett
	Nicholas		Corbett
	Heather		Fortunato
	Brittney	J.	Peters
Cape May Tech	Meredith		Bender
	Gabbi		Eppright
	Alena		Himstedt
	Anisa		Jimenez
	Danielle		Lockwood
	Hailey		Niederberger
	Amy		Poserina
	Kayla		Rhinesmith
Freehold	Zainab		Abidi
	Olivia		Simon
	Arielle		Yu
Hackettstown	Gentiana		Lecaj
Monmouth County	Michael		Carlsen
	Justin		Czeslaw
	Nelson		Estepan
	Logan		Franklin
	Jonathan		Hall
	Katrina		Henriques
	Stephen		Spangenberg
Northern Burlington	Rachel		Blasig
Northern Burlington Middle	Larissa		Dotson
Penns Grove	Nagely		Crespo
	Nicole		Ortiz-Juarez

Salem Co. Vo. Tech	Michael		Piotrowski
	Dariana	A.	Vichi
	Lourdes		De La Rosa
	Hannah		Dean
	Gillian	Leigh	DiPatri
	Joshua		Johnson
	Madison		Lawlor
	Emilie		March
	Gabriela		Rosales
	Adam		Seykot
	RJ		Wentzell
South Hunterdon Sussex Tech	Paige		Sirak
	Emma		Deery
	Kira		Hartman
	Maddy		Ledford
	Ashley		Noll
	Colin		Sabol
	Raven		Vanderhoof
	Kimmera	A.	Jones
	Joseph		McCann
	Talia		Priore
	Dylan		Smith
Nathan		Sparks	

Greetings from NJDA – Secretary Fisher

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

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Myranda Bond, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Renée Stillwell State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
 Jamie Drylie, North Warren
 Matthew Gold, Allentown
 Alana LaCava, Cape May Tech
 Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional
 Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
 Eric Nelson, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
 Hannah Mann, Executive Committee Representative

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

Trevor Coffey, Allentown
Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington
Allison Finn, Freehold
Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington
McKenna Moore, Salem County Vo. Tech
Ariel Norback, Cape May Tech
Paul Popovick, Cape May Tech
Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
Zuri Richmond, Salem County Vo. Tech
Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove
Susan Schmidt, Allentown
Kathryn Smith, Monmouth County
Renée Stillwell, Allentown
Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech
Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Retiring Address: Morgan Rutar

Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, “3 Billion” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

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

2017 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations

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

William G. Smith Scholarship – Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Ashlyne Bacorn, South Hunterdon

Bilinski Senior Award – Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown

Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship – Alyssa Valentine, Hackettstown

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Dominick Russo, Phillipsburg

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

David Seely memorial Scholarship – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Jamie Drylie, North Warren

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Diana Martinez, South Hunterdon

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Shealee Auletta, Belvidere

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

Woodstown Alumni Association/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Austin Tyler Sickler, Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship – Masooma Moosavi, Freehold;; Steven Williams, Allentown; and Allison Finn, Freehold.

Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship – Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Kimberly Ervey, Hackettstown

Roszel Scholarship – Joanna Ricci, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Renée Stillwell, Allentown

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Renée Stillwell, Allentown

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Kelsey Stockton, Salem County Vo. Tech; Jenna Pinhas, Allentown; Karen Reyes, Freehold; Melissa Strom, Belvidere; Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon; Miranda Dotson, Northern Burlington

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Briar Mains, Allentown and Heidi Hyland, Allentown

\$1,000 Ram Trucks Dealer/Johnson Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Scholarship – Alyssa Cassini, Hackettstown and Alyssa Valentine, Hackettstown.

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship is able to attend the National FFA Convention and has to help out with the Hall of States booth. The 2017 scholarship winner is Nicole Haralampoudis from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

National FFA Central Region Vice President, Valerie Earley, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Keynote Address

Steven Brockshus presented his speech, "What we should have Learned as Kids."

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

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

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played their presentation of "FFA in Social Media", a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Renée Stillwell, 2016-2017 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 482 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.

Greetings: New Jersey State Legislature

Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling, State Assemblyman for New Jersey's 11th Legislative District, brought greetings to convention.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

3rd Place (\$50): Joseph Miletta, Cumberland Regional

2nd place (\$75): Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

1st place (\$100): Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon

Photography Division:

3rd place (\$50): Briar Mains, Allentown

2nd place (\$75): Lindsey Broadway, Salem County Vo. Tech

1st place (\$100): Kaitlynn Barr, Middlesex East Brunswick

Official Ceremonies Event Awards

3rd place: Northern Burlington

2nd place: Freehold

1st place: Allentown

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

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: Kelsey Stockton

State FFA Parliamentarian, Kelsey Stockton, gave her retiring address entitled “Breathe In, Breathe Out, and Decide” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Gold Ranking: Allentown
Belvidere
Essex County
Monmouth County
Northern Burlington
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
Union County

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Penns Grove 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 Anchor House of New Jersey. Chapters were encouraged to collect items or sell Anchor House cutouts to collect donations to support Anchor House New Jersey. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

**Allentown
Camden Tech East**

**Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Monmouth County
Ocean County
Phillipsburg
Salem County Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Union County**

Greetings: John R. Elliot Hero Campaign for Designated Drivers

Ms. Hladum, Program and Special Events Coordinator, brought greetings and shared the mission of the John R. Elliot Hero Campaign.

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 III – Toni Baker, Salem County Vo. Tech

Division IV– Katelyn Duell and Amelia Casper, Salem County Vo. Tech

Division V – Aditi Patel, Biotechnology

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division III – Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies

Division V – Joyce Xu, Biotechnology

Division VI – Darrel D’Souza and Jonathan Shen, Biotechnology

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division III – Kailyn Emmett, Salem County Vo. Tech

Division V – Amy You, Biotechnology

Division VI – Alex Bakholdin & Jared Chiou, Biotechnology

Plant Systems

Division III – Francely Ramos, Camden Penn Tech

Division IV – Christina Noel and Kelli Valentini, Biotechnology

Division V – Alvin Liu, Biotechnology

Power, Structural, and Processing Systems

Division V – Margarita Groisman, Bergen County Academies

Division VI – Filip Bartel and Tarek Mohammed, Bergen County Academies

Social Systems

Division IV – Madison Lawlor and Emilie March, Salem County Vo. Tech

Division V – Arpan Sahoo, Biotechnology

Retiring Address: Jeremy Posluszny

State FFA Treasurer, Jeremy Posluszny, gave his retiring address entitled “The Road to the White House” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

2017 Delegate Business Session

FFA President, Miranda Bond presided. The delegate business session was called to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 66 delegates and 10 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 39 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 51 votes.

The chair, Miranda Bond, entertained a motion to accept the 87th New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings as presented.

Motion by Melissa Strom, Belvidere to amend the main motion.

Point of order was called by Morgan Rutar, State Association because there was no motion on the floor to be amended.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton, State Association to accept the 87th NJ State FFA Convention proceedings as presented..

Seconded by Daisy Soto, BCIT West Vet. Motion passes.

Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposed amendments

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills to change the language in the New Jersey FFA Constitution and By-Laws to clarify the anti-discriminatory statement.

Seconded by Samantha Blitzer, Freehold.

Motion by Arnickia Jones, Camden County Penn Tech to amend the main motion by striking out “person’s race” and inserting “person’s ethnicity”.

Seconded by Karlie Brayerton, Penns Grove. Motion passes.

Newly amended main motion passes.

Motion by Victoria Burd, Warren Hills to modify the minimum requirements to maintain a charter as outlined in the New Jersey FFA Constitution and By-Laws.

Seconded by Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny, State Association to amend the main motion by replacing “my career network” with “My FFA”.

Seconded by Arnickia Jones, Camden County Penn Tech. Motion passes.

Newly amended main motion passes.

Motion by Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick to reorganize the responsibilities of state officers as outlined in the New Jersey FFA Constitution and By-Laws.
Seconded by Sofia Inchausti. Motion passes.

The National FFA Constitution and By-Laws Amendment Proposals were presented by Josh Loew, State FFA Sentinel.

Motion by Zach Cowperthwait, Northern Burlington to accept the proposal to remove the collegiate FFA membership type in the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws.
Seconded by Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech. Motion passes.

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills to accept the proposal to change the National FFA Membership Year as outlined in the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws.
Seconded by Mack Cyr, North Warren. Motion passes.

Motion by Victoria Burd, Warren Hills to accept the proposal to add the Program Affiliation Fee Option to the National Constitution and By-Laws.
Seconded by Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon. Motion passes.

The 2017-2018 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton, State Association to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.
Seconded by Karlie Brayerton, Penns Grove.

Motion by Arnickia Jones, Camden County Penn Tech to amend the main motion by striking out the blue affiliation and the gold affiliation.

Seconded by Kaitlyn Parkhill, Camden Tech East.

Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech moved for previous question.

Seconded by Alexis Permitter, Phillipsburg. Motion passes.

Amendment to the main motion fails.

Original main motion passes.

The CDE/LDE Fee Increase was presented by Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills to increase CDE/LDE fee to \$11 per person.
Seconded by Samantha Blitzer, Freehold. Motion passes.

Motion by Karlie Brayerton, Penns Grove to break for recess until the end of session 4.
Seconded by Sophia Inchausti, Phillipsburg. Motion passes.

The delegate business session was called back to order at 9:15 pm.

There were 52 delegates and 9 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 31 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 41 votes.

Motion by Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg to reconsider the anti discriminatory statement.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar, State Association. Motion passes.

Motion by Morgan Rutar, State Association to amend the anti discriminatory statement to strike out “ethnicity”, and replace with “race”.

Seconded by Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg. Motion passes.

Motion by Melissa Strom, Belvidere to allow any state CDE with 10 or more teams automatically qualify for nationals regardless of percentage.

Seconded by Daniel Power.

Motion by Daisy Soto, BCIT West Vet for previous question.

Seconded by Brittany Smith, Warren Hill. Motion passes.

Original main motion passes.

Division was called. Original main motion fails.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Mackenzie Cyr, 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 Tiffany Wolley, Cape May Tech 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 Colleen Clarke, Union County 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 Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Jessica Hunt, Buena Regional to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Samantha Blitzer, Freehold to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Olivia Wyckoff, Belvidere to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Brittany Smith, Warren Hills to adjourn the 2017 Delegate Business Session.
Seconded by Zach Cowperthwait, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.

Session III

Jeremy Posluszny, 2016-2017 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 504 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed

3rd place (\$50): Bridget Faguan, Newton

2nd place (\$75): Kailyn Kelly, Northern Burlington

1st place (\$100): Aleyana Boothe, Phillipsburg

Ms. Kristina Guttadora, the executive direction of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, will assist with the next two awards.

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Sam Prudhomme, Biotechnology

2nd place (\$75): Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies

1st place (\$100): Gabriella Guerriero, Newton

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Talia Priore, Woodstown

2nd place (\$75): Sara Loew, Cumberland

1st place (\$100): Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Thriaksh Rajan, Biotechnology

2nd place (\$75): Joanna Ricci, Allentown

1st place (\$100): Margarita Grossman, Bergen County Academies

Agricultural Issues Forum

3rd place: Salem County Vo. Tech

2nd place (\$225): Freehold

1st place (\$300): Bergen County Academies

Greetings from the New Jersey Farm Bureau: Ryck Suydam

Farm Bureau President, Ryck Suydam, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, as they supported the Agricultural Issues Forum Event.

Retiring Address: Zuri Richmond

State FFA Reporter, Zuri Richmond, gave her retiring address titled “Just Do It” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2017 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Ms. Laura Pinhas** of the **Sussex FFA Chapter**.
Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

5th place: McKenna Moore, Salem County Vo. Tech

4th place: Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Dante Terrigno, Cumberland Regional

2nd place: Julia Wedeking, South Hunterdon

1st place: Andrew Nelson, Cape May Tech

Love what you do. Do what you love. Teach Ag!

Individuals were recognized for taking their first steps in becoming a teacher of agriculture through the Signing Day Ceremony the previous day.

Renee Stillwell

Kara Jonsson

Julia Piancone

Victoria Heaney

Elizabeth Dietrich

Katie Smith

Bryan Marza

Ariel Norbeck

Samantha Blitzer

Alicia Neal

Briana Williams

Julia Wedeking

McKenna Moore

Josh Loew

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

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

Agricultural Awareness Awards

3rd place: Ocean County

2nd place: Penns Grove

1st place: Allentown

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

3rd place (\$50): Warren Hills

2nd place (\$100): Ocean County

1st place (\$125): Allentown

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

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

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

3rd place (\$50): Freehold

2nd place (\$100): Allentown

1st place (\$150): Camden Tech East

Marketing Plan Event Awards

The winner of the 2017 Marketing Plan Event is the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

FFA Week Awards

3rd place: Monmouth County

2nd place: South Hunterdon Middle

1st place: Woodstown

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2017 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Karen Reyes** from the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2017 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is **Gabriele Kenny** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Retiring Address: Renee Stillwell

Renee Stillwell, State FFA Secretary gave her retiring address, "Afraid and Brave" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Zuri Richmond, 2016-2017 State FFA Reporter presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 534 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent

Rebecca Hatchell of the Woodstown FFA Chapter performed a flute solo.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills

Medals

5rd place and Bronze Medal: Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

2nd place and Silver Medal: Jacobus Shermen, Cumberland Regional

1st place and Gold Medal: Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Maddie Enriquez, Newton

3th place: Greg Rinehart, Newton

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Gaby Guerriero, Newton

2nd place and Gold Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

1st place and Silver Medal: Julieanna Hothouse, Belvidere

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

Food Science and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Giovanni Bevaqua, Newtown

4th place: Toby Cuff, Cumberland Regional

3rd place: Joseph Miletta, Cumberland Regional

1st place: Destiny Dennett, Essex County

Medals

Bronze Medal: Sophia Loiacono, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Emma Deery, Sussex Tech
5th place and Gold Medal: Colin Sabol, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the **Sussex Tech FFA Chapter!**

Horse Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Jacob Newkirk, Cumberland Regional
4th place: Nathan Taylor, Northern Burlington
3rd place: Lacey Pedrick, Woodstown

Medals

Bronze Medal: Taylor Ale, Cumberland Regional
2nd place and Silver Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
1st place and Gold Medal: Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington

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

Livestock Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Alyssa Breur, Sussex Tech
4th place: Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Kenny Whitehead, Newton

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Jacob Newkirk, Cumberland Regional
1st place and Silver Medal: Rachael Mardrus, Sussex Tech
1st place and Gold Medal: Harrison Redlich, Newton

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

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown
4th place: Hunter Quinn, Northern Burlington

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Mason Buckelew, Northern Burlington
2nd place and Silver Medal: Madison Hightower, Northern Burlington
1st place and Gold Medal: Dylan Smith, Woodstown

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

FFA Talent

Mackenzie Cyr of the North Warren FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her ukulele.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Victoria Viersma, Newtown

4th place: Thomas Harris, Union County

4th place: Aaron Etienne, Union County

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Page Sirak, South Hunterdon Middle

3rd place and Brown Medal: Brandon Carr, Union County

2nd place and Silver Medal: Andrea Orleanski, Newtown

2nd place and Silver Medal: Chris Parisaca, Union County

1st place and Gold Medal: Alina Lam, Union County

1st place and Gold Medal: Nikolas Fischer, Ocean County

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

Land Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Tyler Hagar, Northern Burlington

4th place: Ty Clark, Belvidere

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Matthew Bronico, Belvidere

2nd place and Silver Medal: Joseph Malson, Belvidere

1st place and Gold Medal: Olivia Wycoff, Belvidere

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

Milk Quality and Products

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Paige Pierson, Woodstown

3rd place: Taylor Beaumont, Belvidere

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Timothy Houlihan, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Rebecca Muscat, Belvidere

1st place and Gold Medal: Alexander Eldridge, South Hunterdon

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

Turf Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Daniel Power, Newton

4th place: Tanner Maine, Monmouth County

2nd place: Dylan Sherman, Monmouth County

Medals

Bronze Medal: Nelson Estepan, Monmouth County

3rd place and Silver Medal: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Joshua Draheim, Monmouth County

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

Greetings from Rutgers Turf Program

Mr. Brad Park brought greetings from the Rutgers Turf Program and was thanked for their generosity in supporting scholarship to FFA members and for supporting the Turf Management CDE.

FFA Talent

Galileo Wang from the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter performed a piece on violin.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm Business Management

Medals

Bronze: Sarah Irizarry, Newton

Silver: Kacie May, Newton

Gold: Maggie Drislane, Newton

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

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County

5th place: Becca Hatchell, Woodstown

4th place: Jessica Corbett, Allentown

3rd place: Elizabeth Mondragon, Camden Tech East

Medals

Bronze Medal: Kaitlyn Parkhill, Camden Tech East

Silver Medal: Lacey Hickey, Allentown

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Hannah Parker, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Julia Piancone, Monmouth County

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

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Michael Reidmiller, Newton

3rd place: Mike Sadlon, Northern Burlington

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Chris Brock, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Hannah Holzhauer, Newton

1st Place and Gold Medal: Summer Malone, Newton

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Sofia Inchausti, Phillipsburg

2nd place: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Katie Reidmiller, Newton

3rd place and Silver Medal: Timothy Houlihan, Newton

1st place and Gold Medal: Kass Wojcick, Newton

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

FFA Talent

Ethan Lipper from the Allentown FFA Chapter performed a dance routine.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Kacey England, Ocean County

3rd place: Nadia Trotman, South Hunterdon

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Maddison Stein, Freehold

2nd place and Silver Medal: Timothy Houlihan, Newton

1st place and Gold Medal: Aaron Ocheski, Newton

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Cole Caltabiano, Woodstown

4th place: Brandon Outten, Salem County Vo. Tech

2nd place: Gavin Cook, Salem County Vo. Tech

Medals

Bronze Medal: Toby Cuff, Cumberland Regional

3rd place and Silver Medal: Ethan Wood, Northern Burlington

1st place and Gold Medal: Ben Haines, Woodstown

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

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Summer Malone, Newton

2nd place: Brenden Fox, Phillipsburg

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional

3rd place and Silver Medal: Gillian Nardelli, Cumberland Regional

1st place and Gold Medal: Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton

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

Floriculture

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Victoria Heaney, Monmouth County

3rd place: Morgan Smith, Phillipsburg

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Kaitlyn Parkhill, Camden Tech East

1st place and Silver Medal: Dominick Russo, Phillipsburg

2nd place and Gold Medal: Chalee Yale, Phillipsburg

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

Nursery and Landscape

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Dylan Sherman, Monmouth County

4th place: David Herder, Monmouth County

Medals

1st place and Bronze Medal: Tanner Maine, Monmouth County

3rd place and Silver Medal: Heidi Hyland, Allentown

2nd place and Gold Medal: Jacobus Sherman, Cumberland Regional

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

Veterinary Science

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Alyssa Carbo, Hunterdon County Polytech

4th place: Carly McKenzie, Hunterdon County Polytech

3rd place: Allen Martinez, Hackettstown

Medals

Silver Medal: Rachel Tevere, Hunterdon County Polytech

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Alexia Cosatto, Biotechnology
1st place and Gold Medal: Francesca Buchalski, Allentown

The first place team is the **Hunterdon County Polytech FFA Chapter!**

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 6th in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to **Ariel Norbeck** of the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 7th out of 49 individuals in the Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Morgan Rutar, 2016-2017 State FFA Vice President presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 578 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Valerie Early

National FFA Central Region Vice President, Valerie Early presented her Keynote Address.

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2016-2017 were honored:

May: Alexandra Haggard, Freehold

June: Ariel Norbeck, Cape May Tech

September: Joanna Ricci, Allentown

October: Trevor Coffey, Allentown

November: Vincent Viviano, Allentown

December: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

January: Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington Middle

February: Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

March: Allison Finn, Freehold

April: Karen Reyes, Freehold

The 2017 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Allison Finn** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter**.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

1st place: Allentown FFA

Employment Skills Event

3rd place: Shinayo Stewart, Ocean County

2nd place: Katherine White, Allentown

1st place: Alvin Chen, Biotechnology

Demonstration Event

Individual Demonstration Event

3rd place: Tessa Wozunk, Cape May Tech

2nd place: Jacelynn Rudderow, Penns Grove

1st place: Allen Martinez, Hackettstown

Team Demonstration Event

3rd place: Allentown

2nd place: Freehold

1st place: Cape May Tech

Greetings from the United States Department of Education

Dr. Steve Brown, National FFA Advisor and United States Department of Education Program Specialist brought greetings on behalf of the United States Department of Education.

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Jay Hyland, Allentown

Thomas James Viviano, Allentown

Sarah Emily Hosler, Newton

Lukas Daniel Kellenberger, Newton

Randall Howard Struble, Newton

Brian Francis Masi, Newton

Kevin Anthony Rodriguez, Newton

Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Grady Key, Salem County Vo. Tech

Hannah Mann, Salem County Vo. Tech

Myranda M. Bond, South Hunterdon

Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

National Officer Candidate Introduction

Morgan Rutar from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter was announced as the 2017 New Jersey FFA National Officer Candidate.

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:

John M. Benedik, III – New Jersey State Grange, President

Clint Burgher – NJAES Animal Care Program, Farm Manager

Philip Confalone – Ameriprise Financial Planning, Senior Financial Advisor

Robin Fohr – Warren Hills High School, Past Teacher of Health and Driver's Education

Sean Hartmann – Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission, Horticulture Technician

Steve Makaravich – Farm Credit East, Flemington Branch Manager

Sue McEvoy – Hensler Farms, Farm Market Manager

Brianne Scholl – New Jersey FFA Alumni Association, Past Alumni Board Member

Laura Stickel – Freehold Township High School, Teacher of Agriculture

Anna Trapani – Trapper's Honey, Entrepreneur, Beekeeper

Retiring Address: Josh Loew

Josh Loew, State FFA Sentinel gave his retiring address, "When the Gun Goes Off" and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2016-2017 State FFA President, Myranda Bond and State FFA Reporter, Zuri Richmond presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Kelsey Stockton, 2016-2017 State FFA Parliamentarian and Josh Loew, 2016-2017 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff, the National FFA Advisor and 622 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “We Believe in You”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which admired each paragraph of the FFA creed in how it related to each of their FFA stories, and how the creed insinuates a belief in the future of agriculture and all New Jersey FFA members.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Madison Lofgren of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2016-2017 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

State Star Chapter Farmer

Meredith Dauphars of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2016-2017 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2016-2017 Star State Greenhand is **Cheyenne Archer** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Monmouth County
Newton
Phillipsburg
Woodstown

National Chapter Award

<i>Bronze</i>	Freehold Northern Burlington Ocean County Sussex Tech
<i>Silver:</i>	South Hunterdon South Hunterdon Middle

Gold: Allentown – 2nd
Penns Grove – 1st

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Sussex Tech FFA Chapter** for being named the 2017 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Proficiency Awards

2017 Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown

2017 Agricultural Sales Placement Proficiency Award: Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

2017 Diversified Crop Placement Proficiency Award: Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

2017 Equine Science Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Ashlyne Bacorn, South Hunterdon

2017 Equine Science Placement Proficiency Award: Steven Williams, Allentown

2017 Landscape Management Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

2017 Nursery Operations Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

2017 Outdoor Recreation Placement Proficiency Award: Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

2017 Vegetable Production Placement Proficiency Award: Joanna Ricci, Allentown

2017 Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Belvidere
Bergen County Academies
Biotechnology
BCIT West Vet
Delsea Regional
MCTS Sypek Center
South Hunterdon Middle

Silver Rating: Buena Regional
Camden Tech East
Essex County
Hackettstown
Middlesex-East Brunswick
Monmouth County
North Warren
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County

Penns Grove
Union County

Gold Rating:

Allentown
Camden Pennsauken
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Newton
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem County Vo. Tech
Somerset County
South Hunterdon
Sussex Tech
Warren Hills
Woodstown

Best Dressed Chapter Award

Congratulations to the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for being named the 2017 Best Dressed Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division I: Emma Deery, Sussex Tech

Division II: Kara Jonsson, Ocean County

Division III: Alexandre ten Broeke Levitsky, Ocean County

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Madison Lofgren** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** and **Jamie Specca** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

Quiz Bowl:

The second place Quiz Bowl team is the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** and the first place team is the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter**!

Lifetime Membership:

The Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Josh Loew, Zuri Richmond, and Kelsey Stockton received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:
Belvidere Garden Club

Burlington County Farm Fair
Delicious Orchards
Niblock's Pork Store

Convention Recognition

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

Ernie Arians
Hope Cahill
Kyle Clement
Leon Delcher
Kristianne Dowd
Stuart Faunce
Jimmie Ferguson
Lauren Fillebrown
Kelly Gangel
Delaney Gray
Eric Nelson
Will Shultz
Brett Speakman
Kelsey Trewin
David Watts

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

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

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Heather Kaitlyn Nicholas Brittney	Fortunato Castracane Corbett Peters
Camden Penn Tech	Amber Stefahn Kenneth Francely	Holmes Khalid Lawarence Ramos
Monmouth County	Nelson Dylan Logan Jonathan	Estepan Sherman Franklin Hall
Northern Burlington	Kailyn Kayleen	Kelly Kollasch
Ocean County	Alexandre ten Broeke Frank	Levitsky Savannah

	Frank	Fowler-Umana
	Michael	Cappo
	Milana	Shaikh
Penns Grove	Jay	Daniels
	Nicole	Ortiz
Union County	Aaron	Etienne
Warren Hills	Elizabeth	Wheelan
	Sarah	Chaplain

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Kailyn Kelly** of the **Northern Burlington 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

Ariel Norbeck of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her rendition of “Jolene”.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Trevor Coffey Christopher John Faunce Matthew Reese Gold Heidi A. Hyland Briar Mason Mains Joanna N. Ricci Susan L. Schmidt Vincent Anthony Viviano Sean Andrew Wright
Belvidere:	Olivia M. Wyckoff
Cape May Tech:	Alana LaCava Andrew William Nelson Ariel Mallisa Norbeck Tessa Wuzunk
Cumberland Regional:	Jacob Newkirk
Essex County:	Destiny Bennett Gabriela Gonzalez Christie Metellus Jeremy Morrison Adam Shultz

Freehold:	Allison Finn Renee Hoerning Karen Corrotea Reyes Olivia Michelle Ribas
Hackettstown:	Noelle Marie Larino Brian Christopher Gerges
Middlesex East Brunswick:	Jennifer Obrizan
Monmouth County:	Victoria Noelle Heaney Julia Marie Piancone Kathryn Emily Smith
Newton:	Chris Julian Brock Maggie Drislane Brianna Mary Dul Hannah Mary Holzhauer Reece Olivier Ivaldi Summer Dawn Malone Kacie Erin May Katie Nelson Harrison Taylor Redlich Michael Francis Reidmiller Cameron P. Saks Victoria Anne Viersma
Northern Burlington:	Zachary Cowperthwait Gabrielle Kenny Kaitlin Quinn Jamie Specca Julia VanSciver
Penns Grove:	Alex Del Olmo Reyes Jacelyn Rudderow
Phillipsburg:	Dominick J. Russo
Salem County Vo. Tech:	Tiara Ritter
Union County:	Aaron J. Etienne
Warren Hills:	Brittany Smith

State Star Award Recognition

2016-2017 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Joanna Ricci, Allentown

2016-2017 State Star in Agribusiness: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

2016-2017 State Star Farmer: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

Retiring Address: Myranda Bond

Myranda Bond, State FFA President gave her retiring address and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Jamie Specca of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee:	Morgan Rutar
State Parliamentarian:	Allison Finn
State Sentinel:	McKenna Moore
State Reporter:	Ariel Norbeck
State Treasurer:	Sarah Kelly
State Secretary:	Kelsey Stockton
State Vice President:	Jeremy Posluszny
State President:	Renee Stillwell

Motion by Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington 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 2017-2018 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2017 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2016-2017 State FFA President, Myranda Bond, passed the gavel to 2017-2018 State FFA President, Renee Stillwell.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington
Sandy Castillo-Lura, Delsea Regional
Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren
Alina Lam, Union County
Aaliyah Gregory, Bankbridge Regional
Kaitlyn Parkill, Camden Tech East
DeAndre Bethea, MCTS Sypek Center

Julie Piancone, Monmouth County
Nicholas Renner, Buena Regional
Paige Sirak, South Hunterdon Middle
Brian Gerges, Hackettstown
Zuri Richmond, State Reporter
Mrs. Nan Hamilton, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create an “Urban Agriculture” themed class in the 100th division (including hydroponics, aeroponics, etc.). With that, make an exception to the rule that displays cannot use power sources.
- Allow alternative ways of viewing displays including pictures, reports, and posters.
- Create a structured height requirement that falls in line with the division.
- Merge the Floral Design CDE with the Floriculture CDE, making it one event at the Horticulture Exposition

Julie Piancone, Monmouth County – Chairman
Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren – Secretary

Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Daniel Power, Newton
Tiffany Woolley, Cape May Tech
Kaylynn Hyson, Cumberland Regional
Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech
Alexander Eldridge, South Hunterdon
Briana Williams, Salem County Vo. Tech
Bryan Maraza, Monmouth County

Dariana Vichi, Penns Grove
Zach Cowperthwait, Northern Burlington
Madison Lofgren, Allentown
Elizabeth Dietrich, Somerset
Josh Loew, State FFA Sentinel
Dale Cruzan, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- For online CDEs, look into facilities to be used, how many schools will be attending each location, and what modes of transportation will be available.
- Discuss keeping the floral design and floriculture CDEs as separate events because they are two distinct separate events.
- Gather statistics on whether the 60% rule is improving scores of members.
- For environmental and natural resources, provide stationary GPS landmarks, update GPS, and have backups.
- Look into options of spreading dates between spring CDEs and PA CDEs so members will have more time to prepare.

Tiffany Wolley, Cape May Tech – Chairman

Madison Lofgren, Allentown– Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Colleen Clarke, Union County
Kara Jonsson, Ocean County
Daniel Ramos, Delsea Regional

Kaitlynn Barr, Middlesex East Brunswick
Sarah Augustive, Pemberton
Myranda Bond, 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:

- Review article III, items A & C in the constitution, reelection process of state officers, and setting the reelection process to 2 candidates by adding an additional interview component.

Colleen Clarke, Union County – Chairman
Kara Jonsson, Ocean County – Secretary

State Leadership Activities

Committee Report

May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Renee Hoerning, Freehold

AJ Foote, Woodstown

Daisy Soto, BCIT West Vet

Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

Cheyenne Archer, Allentown

Zachary Pawlikowski, Somerset

Gregory Tucker, MCTS Sypek

Summer Malone, Newton

Victoria Burd, Warren Hills

Alyssa Breur, Sussex

Stefan Khalid, Camden Penn Tech

Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Parliamentarian

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- LEAD: Begin conference 30 minutes sooner on second day, as well as shorten confidence course and COLT/LOC breakout session 2 by 15 minutes.
- SOCS: Keep location.
- Surveys: Have a texting survey similar to National FFA. Look into a scantron survey or buying software that scans the surveys.
- 212: Could be more interactive and engaging within sessions. Include more social opportunities.
- ALLD: Could move registration away from scavenger hunt to create more space. Keep the program the same.

Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg – Chairman

Zachary Pawlikowski, Somerset – Secretary

State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Keith Tonra, Ocean County
Danielle Lo, Biotechnology
Elizabeth Mondragon, Camden Tech East
Johnathan Lee, Bergen County Academies
Melissa Strom, Belvidere
Joshua Williams, Northern Burlington
Middle

Jessica Hunt, Buena Regional
Rebecca Phillips, South Hunterdon Middle
Andrew Welson, Cape May Tech
Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President
Dr. Robin McLean, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Evaluate the convention and create recommended actions to be taken.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Implement a sooner start date and incentives for the statewide community service project.
- Replace the ice cream social with an interactive project relating to the statewide community service project.
- Return evaluations, surveys, and programs to paper printing.
- Create a convention t-shirt design contest open to members
- Display the fine arts and photography winners on PowerPoint when announced during session 2.

Comments

- A sooner start date will allow the chapter to include the statewide community service project in their Program of Activities.
- Having an interactive project instead of the ice cream social will create productivity during down time.

Joshua Williams, Northern Burlington Middle – Chairman

Jessica Hunt, Buena Regional – Secretary

State FFA Applications
Committee Report
May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Samantha Blitzer, Freehold
Diana Martinez, South Hunterdon
Tim Hagar, Northern Burlington Middle
Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick
Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech
Sofia Inchausti, Phillipsburg

Karlie Brayerton, Penns Grove
Justin Layton, Woodstown
Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown
Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Treasurer
Keely Ditzio, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Move all state applications from Excel to an online format due to the increase of web based computers used by New Jersey Chapters.

Samantha Blitzer, Freehold – Chairman
Ashley Mankey, Salem County Vo. Tech– Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

May 25, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Dominique Gable, Bankbridge Regional
Amber Holmes, Camden Penn Tech
Jacobus Sherman, Cumberland Regional
Haley Gwinett, North Warren
Leea Sams, North Warren
Elizabeth Opdyke, BCIT Westhampton

Darrel D'souza, Biotechnology
Katelyn Bang, Bergen Academies
Olivia Wyckoff, Belvidere
Sindri Raguseo, Pemberton
Lauren Pinhas, Advisor
Renee Stillwell, State FFA Secretary

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the effectiveness of communication with chapters and members.

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:

- Encourage assistance between chapters to develop camaraderie.
- Establish the process to develop a program in which chapters may apply for a set of FFA jackets.
- Include agricultural facts and issues through social media platforms to raise awareness.
- Consider implementing photo consent waivers in the registration of state events.

Olivia Wyckoff, Belvidere – Chairman

Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies – Secretary

2017-2018 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Renee Stillwell
State Vice President	Jeremy Posluszny
State Secretary	Kelsey Stockton
State Treasurer	Sarah Kelly
State Reporter	Ariel Norbeck
State Sentinel	McKenna Moore
State Parliamentarian	Allison Finn
Executive Committee Chair	Morgan Rutar
Teacher Representative	John Neyhart
State Advisor	Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey



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