

89th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



Session I

Renee Stillwell, 2017-2018 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 443 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Jacket Presentation

51 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. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President, assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown

Aly Carotenuto
Ava R. Conte
Jennifer Healey
Becca Hopkins
Ethan Lipper
Levi Mains
Susan Mandeville
Jillian Parascondola
Brian K. Posluszny

Bergen County Academies

Hannah Ahn
Mariana Meriles
Jessica Shi

Cape May Tech

Christopher Cimino
Macy Jo Gregory
Alexander Hoppe
Olivia Jordan
Ruby Redmond

Monmouth County

Alexandre Patricio
Luke Altamura
Emily Lousie Fiordland
Christian Sollitto

Northern Burlington

Nicole Wiater

Northern Burlington Middle

Nicholas Lewis
Adam Sadlon

Penns Grove

Karla Chardon

Salem Tech

Bridget Terese Bradway

	Lia Casper
	Robert Coblentz
	Ricky Elwell
	Justin Johnson
	Carlton Keen
	William Rider
	Patricia Shelton
	Michael Smith
	Cody Wright
South Hunterdon	Rebecca Phillips
South Hunterdon Middle	Ashlee Centamore
	Drew Riggs
Sussex Tech	Maria Fountaine
	Elijah Keppler
	Alex McVeigh
Union County	Beatriz M. Cruz
	Jonathan Kerman
	David Tahon
Warren Hills	Amanda Burdett
	Owen Donnelly
Woodstown	Jillian Burden
	Emily DeHart
	Austin R. Fogg
	Jared Lindland
	Dean L. Weiss

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Renee Stillwell, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech
 Elizabeth Dietrich, Somerset County
 Nicole Haralampoudis, Freehold
 Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington
 Joan McAnulty, Cape May Tech
 Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg
 Eric Nelson, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
 Morgan Rutar, Executive Committee Representative

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

Christine Albrecht, Cape May Tech
Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional
Sierra Eachus, Cumberland Regional
Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional
Jacob Newkirk, Cumberland Regional
Jennifer Orbizan, Middlesex East Brunswick
Susan Schmidt, Allentown
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Keynote Address

Caleb Gustin presented his speech, "Engineering Success".

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

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

2018 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 – Madeline Enriquez, Newton

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Bilinski Senior Award – Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

David Seely Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Rebecca Muscat, Belvidere

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

Woodstown Alumni Chapter/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Alexandria Floyd, Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters Scholarship – Renee Hoerning, Freehold; Maddison Stein, Freehold; and Allison Finn, Freehold.

Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship – Allison Foote, Woodstown

Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship – Matthew Gold, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship – Jessica Corbett, Allentown

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown; Brian Gerges, Hackettstown; Kass Wojcik, Newton; Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; and Nicole Sickler, Woodstown.

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown; Renee Stillwell, Allentown; and Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional.

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$1,000 Chevy Trucks Scholarship – Nicolas Alpeza, Northern Burlington and James Broncio, Belvidere.

\$1,000 Bunge North America Scholarship – Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren

\$1,000 Ram Trucks Dealer/John Johnson Doge Chrysler Jeep Ram Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills and Brian Gerges, Hackettstown.

\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Matthew Gold, Allentown and Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown.

\$1,500 America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund Scholarship – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove and Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington.

Greetings from the National FFA Foundation

Ms. Molly Ball, President of the National FFA Foundation, brought greetings from the National FFA Foundation.

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention and will help out with the Hall of States booth. The 2018 scholarship winner is Briana Williams from the Salem Tech FFA Chapter.

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

National FFA President, Breanna Holbert, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Jeremy Posluszny

Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Vice President, gave his retiring address, “Break the Mirror” and thanked his 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, Kayleen Kollasch, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played their presentation of “Funniest Home Videos, FFA Style”, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Sarah Kelly, 2017-2018 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 451 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

3rd Place (\$50): Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington

2nd place (\$75): Christopher Yurga, Allentown

1st place (\$100): Cara Katzmar, Cumberland Regional

Photography Division:

3rd place (\$50): Caitlyn Bailey, Newton

2nd place (\$75): Alix Wojcik, Newton

1st place (\$100): Levi Mains, Allentown

Official Ceremonies Event Awards

3rd place: Allentown

2nd place: Northern Burlington

1st place: Freehold

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

Retiring Address: McKenna Moore

State FFA Sentinel, McKenna Moore, gave her retiring address entitled “Confident Cat-itude” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Bronze Ranking: Somerset County

Gold Ranking: Allentown

Belvidere

Essex County

Monmouth County

Newton

Northern Burlington

Penns Grove

Phillipsburg

Union County

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Newton 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 Bridge of Books Foundation. Chapters were encouraged to collect used books that will be gifted to children in underdeveloped areas in New Jersey. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

Allentown
Belvidere
Cape May Tech
Middlesex East Brunswick
Monmouth County
Union County
Woodstown
Warren Hills

Greetings: Bridge of Books Foundation

Ms. Abby Daly, Founder and Executive Director, brought greetings and thanked the chapters for their donations on behalf of the Foundation.

Greetings: National FFA Alumni & Supporters

Chandler Vaughan, Regional Vice President of the National FFA Alumni & Supporters Association, brought greetings on behalf of the national association.

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 – Angela Yuan, Bergen County Academies

Division IV– Ivan Hunter Moore & Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech

Division V – Maria Ruszkiewicz, Bergen County Academies

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division III – Mariana Meriles, Bergen County Academies

Division V – Gordon Sherman, Bergen County Academies

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division III – Benjamin Zatz, Bergen County Academies

Division V – Toni Baker, Salem Tech

Plant Systems

Division III – Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies

Division V – Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies

Division VI – Maryjo Hobeika & Alexandra Sobocinski, Bergen County Academies

Retiring Address: Allison Finn

State FFA Parliamentarian, Allison Finn, gave her retiring address entitled “Don’t Scroll Past Me” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

2018 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 56 delegates and 8 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 43 votes.

The 89th New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to accept the schedule for the 89th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Woodstown. Motion passes.

Renee Stillwell entertained a motion to accept the 88th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to accept the 88th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

Seconded by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren. Motion passes.

Jeremy Posluszny, State FFA Vice President, presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposed amendments.

Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to remove Collegiate FFA Membership Type in the New Jersey FFA Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Union County. Motion passes.

Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington to change "Agricultural Education" to "Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education" where appropriate in the New Jersey FFA Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Madeleine Enriquez, Newton. Motion passes.

Motion by Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech to clarify the types of membership in the New Jersey FFA Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Karli Hider, Salem Tech. Motion Passes.

Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to update the good standing requirements in the New Jersey FFA Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by James Broncio, Belvidere. Motion passes.

Motion by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren to clarify State Officer Participation in Career and Leadership Development Events in the New Jersey FFA Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Dante Terrigno, Cumberland Regional. Motion passes.

Ariel Norbeck, State FFA Reporter, presented the National FFA Constitution and By-Laws Amendment proposals.

Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington to change the State FFA Degree requirements in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Jayden Johnson. Motion passes.

Motion by Colleen Clarke, Union County to replace the word “active” with “student” in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.

Motion by Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington to replace the word “Alumni” with the word “adult” in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Diana Martinez, Phillipsburg. Motion fails.

Motion by Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to move honorary as a National FFA Membership kind to Degrees in the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech. Motion passes.

Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer, presented the 2018-2019 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure and the National FFA Proposal for the Membership Fee Increase.

Motion by Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech to accept the 2018-2019 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Eilleen McGowan, Buena Regional. Motion passes.

Motion by Ariel Norbeck, State Association to accept the Membership Fee Increase from National FFA.

Seconded by Catrina Bennett, North Warren. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County 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 Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington 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 James Broncio, Belvidere 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 Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Clint McEvoy, Belvidere to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Madeleine Enriquez, Newton to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Abigail Podejko, Somerset County to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren to adjourn the 2018 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Colleen Clarke, Union County. Motion passes.

Session III

Kelsey Stockton, 2017-2018 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 461 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

Molly Ball, National FFA Foundation President, assisted with the following award presentation.

FFA Creed

3rd place (\$50): Kaylie Hanisack, Phillipsburg

2nd place (\$75): Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

1st place (\$100): Kirk Avondoglio, Newton

Mr. Al Murray, the executive director of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, assisted with the next two awards.

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Josh Williams, Northern Burlington

2nd place (\$75): Aleylna Boothe, Phillipsburg

1st place (\$100): Bridget Fajvan, Newton

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

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

1st place (\$100): Alexia Perminter, Phillipsburg

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President, assisted with the next two awards.

Extemporaneous Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Toni Baker, Salem Tech

2nd place (\$75): Alexander Ward, Warren Hills

1st place (\$100): Christopher Cimino, Cape May Tech

Agricultural Issues Forum

3rd place: Freehold

2nd place (\$225): Bergen County Academies

1st place (\$300): Salem Tech

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: Ariel Norbeck

State FFA Reporter, Ariel Norbeck, gave her retiring address titled “Life as a Sidewalk Flower” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2018 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Ms. Jenny Allen** of the **Newton FFA Chapter**. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

- 5th place:* Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
- 4th place:* Katherine White, Allentown
- 3rd place:* Eilleen McGowan, Buena Regional
- 2nd place:* Issac Rivera, Camden Tech East
- 1st place:* Leah Satterfield, 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 at the Teach Ag Dinner the previous day.

- Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies
- Jessica Shi, Bergen County Academies
- Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick
- Sarah Sablom, Monmouth County
- Chris Arlotta, Monmouth County
- Lynnee Dotson, Northern Burlington
- Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
- Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
- Kim Koellmann, Union County
- Beatriz Cruz, Union County
- Jonathan Kerman, Union County
- TaZyar Best, Union County
- Colleen Clarke, Union County
- Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills
- Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

President of the NJAAE, Dr. Robin McLean, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

Years of Service Presentation

Ms. Deanna Miller recognized the following agricultural educators for their years of service:

One Year: Ms. Susan Stant
Five Years: Ms. Laura Pinhas, Ms. Taryn Romanczak
10 Years: Mr. Erik Fargo
20 Years: Dr. Robin McLean, Mrs. Nan Hamilton
25 Years: Mr. Joel Rudderow
35 Years: Mrs. Nancy Trivette
40 Years: Mr. Brian Leh

Agricultural Awareness Awards

3rd place: Allentown
2nd place: Penns Grove
1st place: Newton

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

3rd place (\$50): Northern Burlington
2nd place (\$100): Woodstown
1st place (\$125): Allentown

Marketing Plan Event Awards

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

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

The winner of the 2018 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

3rd place (\$50): Allentown
2nd place (\$100): Salem Tech
1st place (\$150): Newton

Landscape Design Event Awards

1st Place: Tyler Bartsch, Bergen Tech Paramus

FFA Week Awards

3rd place: Monmouth County
2nd place: Woodstown
1st place: Northern Burlington

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2018 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Nathan Sparks** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2018 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Olyvia Evanko** and **Rachel Markley** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Retiring Address: Sarah Kelly

Sarah Kelly, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “Are You Afraid of the Dark?” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Ariel Norbeck, 2017-2018 State FFA Reporter, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 461 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent

Jaalisa Ellis of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter performed a lyrical date.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Alberto Turner, Cumberland Regional

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regionals

2nd place and Silver Medal: Alyssa Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional

1st place and Gold Medal: Alexis Lorenzo, Cumberland Regional

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

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

Member of the 1st Place Team: Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills

5th place: Colleen Cowell, Phillipsburg

4th Place: Edward Baldwin, Newton

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Victoria Burd, Warren Hills

2nd place and Gold Medal: Isobel Costello, Newton

1st place and Silver Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills

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

Food Science and Technology

Member of the first place team: Ashley Noll, Sussex Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Cameron Robbins, Netown

3rd place: Elijah Keppler, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills
1st place: Brandon McVey, Cumberland Regional

Medals

Silver Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton
2nd place and Bronze Medal: Alex McVeigh, Sussex Tech
4th place and Gold Medal: Emily Brothman, Newton
2nd place and Gold Medal: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

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

Horse Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Sarah Chaplain, Warren Hills
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Colleen Cowell, Phillipsburg
3rd place: Victoria Burd, Warren Hills
2nd place: Harlee Dawson, Woodstown
2nd place: Ashley Murphy, Woodstown
1st place: Devon Meshach, Warren Hills

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Brittany Smith, Warren Hills
4th place and Silver Medal: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown
3rd place and Gold Medal: Aliza Rozen, Sussex Tech

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

Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Angelico Villaniz, Newton
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Rachael Mardus, Sussex Tech
4th place: Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech
3rd place: Edward Baldwin, Newton

Medals

1st place and Bronze Medal: Dominique Crawford, Cumberland Regional
2nd place and Silver Medal: Isobel Costello, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Madeleine Enriquez, Newton

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

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Emma Deery, Sussex Tech
5th place: Kathleen Reidmiller, Newton

4th place: Cole Caltabiano, Woodstown

2nd place: Kara Yarrington, Woodstown

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Nichole Niemyński, Newton

3rd place and Silver Medal: Talia Priore, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Dylan Smith, Woodstown

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

FFA Talent

Galileo Wang of the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter entertained the audience with his violin.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team: Sara Loew and Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional

4th place: Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Kailyn Emmett, Salem Tech

2nd place and Silver Medal: Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

1st place and Gold Medal: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional

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

Land Judging

Members of the first place team: Christian Hastie and Grant Parker, Newton H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Joseph Malson, Belvidere

4th place: James Borncio, Belvidere

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Mathew Bronico, Belvidere

2nd place and Silver Medal: Travis LeMasson, Newton

1st place and Gold Medal: Madeleine Enriquez, Newton

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

Milk Quality and Products

Member of the first place team: Rebecca Muscat and Megan Hausamann, Belvidere H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon Regional

3rd place: Ashley Sendgikoski, Belvidere

2nd place: Dalton Hummel, Newton

Medals

Silver Medal: Rebecca Phillips, South Hunterdon Regional

4th place and Bronze Medal: Talia Priore, Woodstowne

1st place and Gold Medal: Taylor Beaumont, Belvidere

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

Turf Management

Member of the first place team: Michael Cappetto, Monmouth County Vocational H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

4th place: Alexandre Patricio, Monmouth County Vocational

3rd place: Hunter Zimmermann, Monmouth County Vocational

Medals

Silver Medal: Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Elizabeth Dietrich, Somerset County Vo-Tech

1st place and Gold Medal: Jonathan Hall, Monmouth County Vocational

The first place team is the **Monmouth County Vocational 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

Ethan Lipper from the Allentown FFA Chapter performed a dance.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm & Agribusiness Management

Member of the first place team: Abigail Appleby, Cumberland Regional
Medals

Bronze Medal: Kathleen Reidmiller, Newton

Bronze Medal: Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional

Silver Medal: Morgan Hood, Cumberland Regional

Gold Medal: Molli Chiari, Cumberland Regional

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

Floral Design

Members of the first place team: Jessica Corbett and Ava Conte, Allentown H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Chalee Yale, Phillipsburg
5th place: Elizabeth Saks, Newton
4th place: Kelsey Pittenger, Newton
3rd place: Stephen Schaff, Camden Tech East
2nd place: Aliza Rosen, Sussex Tech

Medals

Bronze Medal: Cheyenne Archer, Allentown
3rd place and Silver Medal: Cassidy Viersma, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Heather Fortunato, Allentown

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

Forestry

Member of the first place team: Cora Katzmar, Cumberland Regional
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Giovanni Bevacqua, Newton
4th place: Mathew Rosa, Newton
3rd place: Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Michael Acosta, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional
1st Place and Gold Medal: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Talia Priore, Woodstown
4th place: Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: John Vierma, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Ryan Rittie, Newton
1st place and Gold Medal: Dalton Hummel, Newton

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

FFA Talent

Gordon Sherman from the Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter performed a song on the clarinet.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

Member of the first place team: TJ Illuzzi, Freehold

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Arielle Yu, Freehold

4th place: Dominique Simeone, Newton

3rd place: Maddison Stein, Freehold

Medals

Gold Medal: Jonathan Reynolds, Somerset County Vo-Tech

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Lauren Nee, Freehold

1st place and Silver Medal: Emily Brothman, Newton

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Luke Synder, South Hunterdon Regional

4th place: Ronnie Heaney, Woodstown

1st place: Robert Coblenz, Salem Tech

Medals

Silver Medal: Benjamin Haines, Woodstown

4th place and Bronze Medal: Dean Weiss, Woodstown

2nd place and Gold Medal: AJ Foote, Woodstown

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

Environmental and Natural Resources

Member of the first place team: Galileo Wang, Cumberland Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Lizzy Fuchs, Phillipsburg

3rd place: Miguel Vera, Cumberland Regional

1st place: Grant Parker, Newton

Medals

Silver Medal: Matthew Gold, Allentown

4th place and Bronze Medal: Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional

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

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

Floriculture

Member of the first place team: Cassidy Viersma, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Elizabeth Saks, Newton

3rd place: Kelsey Pittenger, Newton

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Sophia Loiacono, Newton

5th place and Silver Medal: Kaitlyn Parkhill, Camden Tech East
1st place and Gold Medal: Paige Sirak, South Hunterdon Regional

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

Nursery and Landscape

Members of the first place team: Ava Conte and Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Jonathan Hall, Monmouth County Vocational

4th place: Elizabeth Caccese, Phillipsburg

1st place: Chalee Yale, Phillipsburg

Medals

Silver Medal: Jennifer Healey, Allentown

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Kaylie Hanisak, Phillipsburg

2nd place and Gold Medal: Heather Fortunato, Allentown

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

Veterinary Science

Members of the first place team: Susan Mandeville and Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Eve Cronin, Hunterdon Polytech Central

4th place: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Alexis Perminter, Phillipsburg

Medals

Silver Medal: Brandan Bernstein, BCIT West Vet

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Madison Lofgren, Allentown

1st place and Gold Medal: Francesca Buchalski, Allentown

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

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Newton FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 12th 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 **Kass Wojcik** of the **Newton FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 10th out of 162 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Jeremy Posluszny, 2017-2018 State FFA Vice President presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 480 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Breanna Holbert

National FFA President, Breanna Holbert presented her Keynote Address.

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2017-2018 were honored:

- May:* Matthew Gold, Allentown
- September:* Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
- October:* Madison Lofgren, Allentown
- November:* Jessica Corbett, Allentown
- December:* Sierra Eachus, Cumberland Regional
- January:* Nicole Sickler, Woodstown
- February:* Kass Wojcik, Newton
- March:* Meredith Dauphars, Allentown
- April:* Harlee Dawson, Woodstown

The 2018 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Jamie Specca** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

Employment Skills Event

- 3rd place:* Karleen Wilford, Cumberland Regional
- 2nd place:* Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills
- 1st place:* Elizabeth Stenard, Freehold

Demonstration Event

Individual Demonstration Event

- 3rd place:* Katie Mihal, Cape May Tech
- 2nd place:* Luke Snyder, South Hunterdon
- 1st place:* Dan Rosa, Phillipsburg

Team Demonstration Event

- 3rd place:* Monmouth County
- 2nd place:* Camden Tech East
- 1st place:* Cape May Tech

Past State Officer Reception

Past State Officers who were recognized on the convention stage:

- 1980-1981: Nancy Trivette
- 1982-1983: James Specca and Steven Gruenberg
- 1983-1984: Steven Gruenberg
- 1984-1986: Kathy Gangel
- 1987-1988: Ann Andrews
- 1989-1991: Liz Thompson and Joel Rudderow
- 1992-1993: Allison Mains, Nicole Logan, and Jay Tilton
- 1995-1996: Bill Taylor
- 1998-1999: Keith Wassall
- 1999-2000: Keith Wassall, Devin Daniels
- 2000-2001: Patty Thorne, Greg Babbitt, and Erin Noble
- 2001-2002: Erin Noble
- 2002-2004: Jen Wilson
- 2005-2006: Dale Cruzan and Dan Delcher
- 2006-2007: Dan Delcher
- 2007-2008: Amanda Hall
- 2008-2009: Keely DiTizio and Hannah Toft
- 2009-2010: Hanna Toft and Eric Nelson
- 2010-2011: Eric Nelson, Keely DiTizio, and Jimmie Ferguson
- 2012-2013: Ernie Arians, Anne Prouse, Lauren Fillebrown, Delaney Gray, and
Kyle Clement
- 2013-2014: Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Stuart Faunce, Catherine Cincotta,
David Watts, Kelly Gangel, and Kristianne Dowd
- 2014-2015: Kristianne Dowd, Kelly Gangel, and Hope Cahill
- 2015-2016: Hope Cahill, Hannah Mann, Tyler Kohlhaas, and Morgan Rutar
- 2016-2017: Morgan Rutar, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, Jeremy Posluszny, and
Renee Stillwell
- 2017-2018: Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel
Norbeck, McKenna Moore, and Allison Finn

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

- Renee Stillwell, Allentown
- Steven Williams, Allentown
- Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
- Joshua Loew, Cumberland Regional
- Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
- Maggie Drislane, Newton
- Summer Muscher-Malone, Newton

Kelsey Stockton, Salem Tech

National Officer Candidate Introduction

Renee Stillwell from Allentown and Kaitlyn Tallamy from Phillipsburg were announced as potential candidates to become New Jersey's National Officer Candidate.

Greetings from the Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Education

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

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

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

Robert Amberg – Amberg's Perennial Farm; Owner, Grower and Garden Center Manager

Donna Bouchelle – Northern Burlington County Regional High School; Long-Term Substitute for Agricultural Mechanics

Lillian Burry – Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Freeholder Deputy Director

Dale Cruzan III – Allentown High School; Agricultural Educator & FFA Advisor

Delaney Gray – NJ FFA Alumni & Supporters Association; NJ FFA Alumni President-Elect

Christine Jenkins – Zoetis Veterinary Medical Services Group; Chief Veterinary Medical Officer

Yvonne LaForge – Newton High School; Science Teacher

Thomas Leustek – Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; Associate Dean for Academic Administration and Assessment

Debra McCluskey – Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education; Administrative Assistant

Angelo Trapani – Trapper's Honey; Owner of Trapper's Honey

Retiring Address: Kelsey Stockton

Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Secretary, gave her retiring address, "The Color-Coded Planner" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2017-2018 State Officer Team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Allison Finn, 2017-2018 State FFA Parliamentarian and McKenna Moore, 2017-2018 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee member, 3 state staff, and 598 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Timeless Traditions. Endless Possibilities”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the traditions of FFA and Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education, and how FFA members should continue to cherish these traditions while also honoring how they have changed overtime to remain relevant.

Greetings from the Office of Career Readiness

Mr. David McNair brought greetings to New Jersey FFA Members on behalf of the Office of Career Readiness from the Department of Education.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Jessica Corbett of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2017-2018 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

State Star Chapter Farmer

Cheyenne Archer of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2017-2018 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2017-2018 Star State Greenhand is **Elizabeth Wheelan** of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter!**

Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere
Essex County
Monmouth County
Newton

National Chapter Award

Bronze Northern Burlington
Warren Hills

Gold: Allentown – 1st
Penns Grove – 2nd
Salem Tech – 4th
Woodstown – 3rd

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for being named the 2018 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Proficiency Awards

2018 Agricultural Processing Proficiency Award: Susan Schmidt, Allentown

2018 Forage Production Proficiency Award: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere

2018 Landscape Management Proficiency Award: James Vincent Broncio, Belvidere

2018 Outdoor Recreation Placement Proficiency Award: Sara Loew, Cumberland Regional

2018 Small Animal Production and Care Proficiency Award: Matt Gold, Allentown

Special Speaker: Jason Cameron

Jason Cameron, DIY Network Star, encouraged our members to become skilled tradesmen to fulfill the employment gap.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Belvidere

Bergen County Academies
BCIT West Vet
Camden – Pennsauken
Essex County VTS Agriscience
Hackettstown
MCTS Sypek Center
North Warren
Northern Burlington Middle
South Hunterdon Middle
Union County

Silver Rating:

Buena Regional
Camden Tech East
Monmouth County
Somerset County
South Hunterdon

Gold Rating:

Allentown
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Middlesex-East Brunswick

Newton
Northern Burlington
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
Salem Tech
Sussex Tech
Warren Hills
Woodstown

Best Dressed Chapter Award

Congratulations to the **Newton FFA Chapter** for being named the 2018 Best Dressed Chapter!

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division I: Hannah Ahn, Bergen County Academies

Division II: Kass Wojcik, Newton

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:

The recipients of the WLC Scholarship are **Cheyenne Archer** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** and **Rebecca Hatchel** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

Quiz Bowl:

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

Lifetime Membership:

Sarah Kelly, Allison Finn, McKenna Moore and Ariel Norbeck received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

Grown in Monmouth, Monmouth County Division of Economic Development
Union County Board of Agriculture
Central Jersey Equipment
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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.

Convention Recognition

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

Ernie Arians
Hope Cahill

Leon Delcher
 Kristianne Dowd
 Stuart Faunce
 Jimmie Ferguson
 Lauren Fillebrown
 Delaney Gray
 Hannah Mann
 Eric Nelson
 David Watts

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

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

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Brian Levi Jennifer Alyssia	Posluszny Mains Healey Carotenuto
Buena	Travis	Welsford
Camden Tech East	Crismary Brianna	Rodriquez Ricks
Cape May Tech	Alexander	Hoppe
Monmouth County	Chris Dymiere Katrina Stephen	Solitto Grant Henriques Spangenberg
Northern Burlington	Kayleen Emily Abigail Karen	Kollasch Sadlon Goodenough Roloson
Phillipsburg	Stanley Hunter	Waterson Hayes
Union County	Tayzar	Best
Warren Hills	Elizabeth Alexander Amanda	Wheelan Ward Burdett

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Alyssia Caroenuoto** of the **Allentown 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

Michael Cappetto of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter entertained the audience with his talent of singing.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Cheyenne Archer Jessica Corbett Meredith Dauphars Madison Lofgren
Belvidere:	James Broncio Clint McEvoy
Cape May Tech:	Christine Albrecht Joan McAnulty
Cumberland Regional:	Molli Chiari Sierra Eachus Sara Loew Dante Terrigno Clarence Wills
Monmouth County:	Jalisa Ellis
Newton:	Michael Acosta Giovanni Bevacqua Madeleine Enriquez Nico Fiore Timothy Houlihan Sarah Irizarry Kathleen Reidmiller Matthew Rosa Elizabeth Saks Kass Wojcik
Northern Burlington:	Olyvia Evanko Lynee Dotson Tyler Hagar Alexis Hutson
Penns Grove:	Shalyn Roberts Zaria Robinson Emileigh Zane
Somerset County:	Elizabeth Dietrich
Sussex Tech:	Alyssa Breur Aliza Rosen
Warren Hills:	Owen Donnelly
Woodstown:	Abigail Evans Alexandria Floyd Nicole Sickler

State Star Award Recognition

2017-2018 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Tyler James Hagar, Northern Burlington

2017-2018 State Star Farmer: Clint McEvoy, Belvidere

Retiring Address: Renee Stillwell

Renee Stillwell, 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

Nicole Haralampoudis of the Freehold FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Renee Stillwell
Executive Committee Member:	Kelsey Stockton
State Parliamentarian:	Jacob Newkirk
State Sentinel:	Christine Albrecht
State Reporter:	Susan Schmidt
State Treasurer:	Kaitlyn Tallamy
State Secretary:	Brittany Smith
State Vice President:	Jamie Specca
State President:	Joshua Loew

Motion by Nicole Haralampoudis, Freehold 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 2018-2019 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2018 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2017-2018 State FFA President, Renee Stillwell, passed the gavel to 2018-2019 State FFA President, Joshua Loew.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Evaluation
Committee Report

and Review

May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Dominick Gable, Bankbridge Regional
Adam Sadlon, Northern Burlington Middle
Colleen Clarke, Union County
Destiny Forrest, Delsea Regional
Christina Rodriquez, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth Vocational
McKenna Moore, State FFA Association

Tally Frendak, Phillipsburg
Keith Dannucci, Advisor
Kris Guttadora, Advisor
Nan Hamilton, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review the horticulture exposition and discuss improvements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Removing FFA celebration (201-301), keeping FFA theme (202), changing description to: an arrangement to depict NJ State FFA theme (Students are welcome to influence the FFA colors National Blue and Corn Gold).
- Include Horticultural Systems Division which showcases food products grown in hydroponics, aeroponics, or aquaponic systems. Students should include diagram, a one paragraph description, pictures and their food product in its growing medium.
- Workshops that center around career explorations, guest speakers, and demonstrations. Demonstrations can utilize the horticulture program at Mercer County Community College to help host these workshops (Philly Flower Show, Sesame Place Topiaries).
- Include a point system rather than automatic disqualification with an average of the judges points to determine placing.

Christopher Arlotta, Monmouth County – Chairman
Christina Rodriquez, Middlesex East Brunswick – Secretary

Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Sarah Sablom, Monmouth County
Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove
Karli Hider, Salem Tech
Gabbie Vilanova, Freehold
Kass Wojcik, Newton
Ariel Norbeck, State FFA Association

Jayden Johnson, Somerset County
Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington
Karley Sickler, Woodstown
Alyssa Bruer, Sussex Tech
Matthew Gold, Allentown
Dale Cruzan, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Review CDEs to align with state and national qualifications especially with those struggling to meet the 60% rule as well as adding a rubric modeling that of nationals to allow teams to properly prepare.
- Suggesting the revamp of Winter CDEs to include more hands-on portions when applicable.
- Seek schools in Northern, Central, and Southern locations that would host schools and unbiased proctors.
- Merge Floriculture and Floral Design where it would be held at Rutgers during Spring CDEs while ensuring that Floral Design is represented every year through a Floral Design Practicum while maintaining rotating practicums.
- Seeing as Floral Design has a constant practicum, the planter and corsage practicums would be reevaluated.
- Consider the separation of Homesite and Land Judging to align with National CDE.
- Consider providing additional resources such as videos on how to better prepare for CDEs
- Review the practicality of the exam portion of the Farm Business Management CDE.

Comments:

- For land judging/homesite, the CDEs remain the same and the only change would be the separation of the two, not the judging.
- Ensure that videos have a strong educational aspect.
- Recommend consistency for how they mark the livestock along with brighter colors for identification.

Olyvia Evanko, Northern Burlington – Chairman
Kass Wojcik, Newton – Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

James Broncio Jr., Belvidere
Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech
Maryjo Hobeika, Bergen County Academies
Renee Stillwell, State Association

Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon
Brandan Berstein, BCIT – West Vet
Theresa Lane, Pemberton
Patricia Thorne, Advisor

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:

- The state POA should be on the AET to align with the requirements for chapters.
- In POA, Section 2B, add a goal number three: “All relevant information and/or changes to events/CDEs, must be sent with a minimum of thirty days notice prior to the event.”

Comments:

- Provide clearer instructions on how to use itself and provide hands-on training at Fall Ag Ed conference for the AET.

James Broncio Jr., Belvidere – Chairman
Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon – Secretary

State Leadership Activities

Committee Report

May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Jonathan Kerman, Union County
Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington
Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech
Brian Willa, Cumberland Regional
Erin Simeron, BCIT West Vet
Deanna Miller, Advisor

Mackenzie Cyr, North Warren
Elizabeth Wheelan, Warren Hills
Zaria Robinson, Penns Grove
Kaitlynn Barr, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Kelsey Stockton, State FFA Association

Purpose of Meeting:

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- LEAD: Go back to reviewing officer specific responsibilities, infuse “my FFA Story” aspect into the workshops, and recognize chapter officers with certificate. Research how to include information on agricultural colleges.
- ALLD: Make the scavenger more game-like with an emphasis on mingling with other chapters, have a demographically and geographically diverse panel, have a back-up activity in case the symposium dies down, and easier microphone access for questions.
- Recognize outstanding social media chapters at all state activities as an incentive.

Gabrielle Kenny, Northern Burlington – Chairman
Hannah Wilcoxon, Cape May Tech – Secretary

State Convention Evaluation and Review

Committee Report

May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Catrina Bennett, North Warren

Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

Sarah Kelly, State FFA Association

Clint McEvoy, Belvidere

Courtney Barlow, South Hunterdon Middle

Robin McLean, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Establish further improvements of the New Jersey FFA Convention

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Improve the promotion of the statewide community service project.
- Improve communication regarding committee room assignments via the use of QR codes.
- Push evaluations of state FFA convention.

Comments:

- Create statewide community service posters for Spring CDEs and other events.
- Enforce name change of "Ice Cream Social" to "FFA Social."

Clint McEvoy, Belvidere – Chairman

Catrina Bennett, North Warren – Secretary

State FFA Applications
Committee Report
May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Dante Terrigno, Cumberland Regional	Leah Satterfield, Cape May Tech
Danielle Marino, Freehold	Raeann Caltabiano, Woodstown
Diana Meza, Phillipsburg	Victoria Burd, Warren Hills
Madeleine Enriquez, Newton	Nick Lewis, Northern Burlington Middle
Anja Trotman, South Hunterdon	Cheyenne Archer, Allentown
Jeremy Posluszny, New Jersey FFA Association	Keely DiTizio, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications, and discuss changes in requirements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- For the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Jacket Set application to have the following requirements: chapter funding needed, participation and membership size, community service, and goals.
- For all applications, move from excel to the AET and research adding Chapter and Greenhand degree applications on AET as well.
- For SAE records, require members to use the AET Record Book for state degree, and have the state provide training to advisors and chapters.
- All applications should provide full and clear requirements and instructions for application and given forms.

Comments:

- The committee believes all forms should require the same member information for uniformity. The committee aspires for all applications and event forms to be 100% electronic.

Madeleine Enriquez, Newton – Chairman
Leah Satterfield, Cape May Tech – Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

May 24, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Sara Folds, Delsea Regional

Tyler Bartsch, Bergen Tech Paramus

Abigail Podejko, Somerset County

Dylan McClure, Pemberton

Amy Kline, Advisor

Katelyn Bang, Bergen County Academies

Andrea Murphy, Bankbridge Regional

Kylie Hendricks, South Hunterdon Middle

Allison Finn, State FFA Association

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the effectiveness of communication with chapters and members

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:

- An email list for members to be created.
- In poster series, have poster for social media.
- To have a social media poster at CDEs with a QR code for snapchat.

Comments:

- Email list for events throughout the year so members hear from the association

Abigail Podejko, Somerset County – Chairman

Sara Folds, Delsea – Secretary

2018-2019 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Joshua Loew
State Vice President	Jamie Specca
State Secretary	Brittany Smith
State Treasurer	Kaitlyn Tallamy
State Reporter	Susan Schmidt
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State Parliamentarian	Jacob Newkirk
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Teacher Representative	John Neyhart
State Advisor	Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

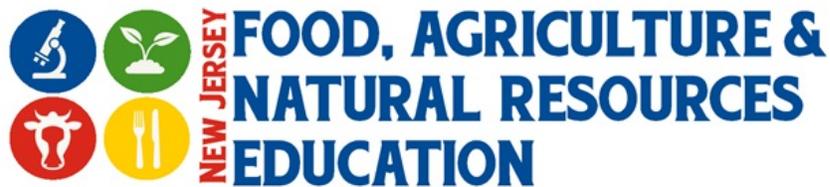


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