

92ND NEW JERSEY STATE FFA CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



Session I

Talia Priore, 2020-2021 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings: New Jersey Department of Agriculture

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

FFA Jacket Presentation

43 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. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown	Trace Archer Gavin Byrne Caroline Gensinger Adriana Guarraggi Skyler LaFisca Christian McMahon Lukas McMahon
Cape May Tech	Elizabeth Alloway-Hunter Kennedy Campbell Kaylee Davis Andrew Leadley
Freehold	Ellis Parks
Middlesex Piscataway	Sabastian Bravo Kevin Cruz Alejandro Dejesus Emily Fischer Pierre Legrand Greysa Lopez Hernandez Dimitra Manolakis Matti Miller Isabel Antoinette Miranda Brendon Morales Emily Olmedo Tristian Ortiz Luis Quintana

Salem Tech

David Ramos
Joshue Rosario
Eric Salvador
Emily Stempinski
Connor Bevis
George Fisher
Jacob Kittinger
Layla Milligan

**Sussex Tech
Union County**

Sarah Marencik
Annabella LaMantia
Bianca Palomino
Samantha Zack

Warren Hills

Cameron Dunn
Holly Ort

Woodstown

Hana Puzycki
Sarah Serrao
Bella Baionno
Chloe Eachus

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Talia Priore, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Jake Dotson, State FFA Parliamentarian, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Jennifer Healey, Allentown
Meera Patel, Bergen County Academies
Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington
Elise Nitzsche, Phillipsburg
Hannah McCann, Salem Tech
Grace Clark, Woodstown
Hannah Mann, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
Jamie Specca, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Kayla Hayden, Delsea Regional
Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington
Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington
Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech
Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

Retiring Address: Abbey Goodenough

State FFA Vice-President, Abbey Goodenough, gave her retiring address entitled “Don’t Miss the Dance,” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, Board of Trustees member, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2021 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 – Susan Mandeville, Allentown

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship – Katherine Jaques, Buena Regional

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Cassandra Frank, Phillipsburg

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

Ed Eval Memorial Scholarship – Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Woodstown Alumni Chapter/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Jillian Burden, Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters Scholarship – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; Amy Murillo-Rios, Phillipsburg; and Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon

Sarah Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship – Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown

Bilinski Senior Award – Grace Ferri, Warren Hills

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship – Grace Ferri, Warren Hills

Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Healey, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship – Matt Gold, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Talia Priore, Woodstown

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Talia Priore, Woodstown

Randy & Nancy Trivette Teach Ag Endowment- Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

Growing America’s Farmers Scholarship – Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Karley Sickler, Woodstown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Alyssia Carotenuto, Allentown; Brian Posluszny, Allentown; Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington; Alexis Hutson, Northern Burlington; Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington; Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove; Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills; Shannon Emmett, Woodstown; Talia Priore, Woodstown; Karley Sickler, Woodstown

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$2,000 Ram Trucks Dealer Scholarship – Owen Donnelly, Warren Hills

\$1,500 America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship – Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

\$2,500 Syngenta Accelerating a Generation Scholarship – Miranda Meng, Bergen County Academies

\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Patrick McMahon; Jennifer Healey, Allentown

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention and will help with the Hall of States booth. The 2021 scholarship winner is Lydia DeHart from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Keynote Address: Artha Jonassaint

National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Artha Jonassaint presented her Keynote Address.

State Convention Rules

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

Closing Ceremonies



2021 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 42 delegates, and 9 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 22 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 28 votes.

The 92nd New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

Motion by Katelyn Duell, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the schedule for the 92nd New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove. Motion passes.

Talia Priore entertained a motion to accept the 91st New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

Motion by Elizabeth Stenard, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the 91st New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

Seconded by Jess Southway, Sussex Tech. Motion passes.

Elizabeth Stenard, State Treasurer, presented the 2021-2022 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Motion by Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove to accept the 2021-2022 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech. Motion passes.

Jacob Dotson, State FFA Parliamentarian, presented the Middle School flat fee proposal.

Motion by Joseph Mild, Somerset County to accept to create a middle school flat fee.

Seconded by Emily Leidner, Warren Hills. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Joseph Mild, Somerset 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 Lizzie Hunter, 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 Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove 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 Emily Leidner, Warren Hills to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State FFA Applications

Motion by Madilyn Cito, Phillipsburg to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Shannon Emmett, Woodstown to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Nominating Committee Report

Lexi Enger of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Talia Priore
State Treasurer:	Jonathan Finney
State Secretary:	Emily Sadlon
State Vice President:	Ivan Moore
State President:	Abigail Goodenough

Motion by Lexi Enger, 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.

Motion by Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove to adjourn the 2021 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Joseph Mild, Somerset County. Motion passes.

Session II

Jake Dotson, 2020-2021 State FFA Parliamentarian and Katelyn Duel, 2020-2021 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

3rd Place (\$50): Grace Lange, Salem Tech

2nd place (\$75): Lexi Strech-Huff, Salem Tech

1st place (\$100): Loriann DeSousa Rego, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Photography Division:

2nd place (\$75): Lexi Strech-Huff, Salem Tech

1st place (\$100): Natalie D'Agastiono, Monmouth County

Conduct of Chapter Meetings Event Awards

Division II:

1st place: Northern Burlington

2nd place: Allentown

The first place Division II Conduct of Chapter Meetings team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Retiring Address: Jacob Dotson

State FFA Parliamentarian, Jacob Dotson, gave his retiring address entitled "The Value Within" and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Bronze Ranking: Allentown

Silver Ranking: Newton

Gold Ranking: Salem Tech

Outstanding Community Service Award

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

Statewide Service Project

The following chapters have collected items to be utilized in our First Night Kits: Allentown; Northern Burlington; Salem Tech; Warren Hills.

Agriscience Fair Recognition

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

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division IV – Christine Nicolau & Amaya Baez, Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division III – Pranav Hooda, Bergen County Academies

Social Systems

Division III – Rebecca Barila, Bergen County Academies

Division V – Meera Patel, Bergen County Academies

Retiring Address: Elizabeth Stenard

State FFA Treasurer, Elizabeth Stenard, gave her retiring address entitled “At the End of the Day” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed

3rd place (\$50): Savannah Yarlaski, Newton

2nd place (\$75): Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

1st place (\$100): Maisie Shimko, Union County

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

2nd place (\$75): Rebecca Barila, Bergen County Academies

1st place (\$100): Andrea Falar, Union County

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place (\$50): Anika Dhulipala, Bergen County Academies

2nd place (\$75): Jennifer Healey, Allentown

1st place (\$100): Roxolana Hreb, High Tech

Greetings from the New Jersey Agricultural Society: Al Murray

Mr. Al Murray, the executive director of the New Jersey Agricultural Society, recorded greetings for the convention members and guests.

Extemporaneous Speaking

2nd place (\$75) : Skyler LaFisca, Allentown

1st place (\$100): Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

Agricultural Issues Forum Award

1st place: Bergen County Academies

Teach Agriculture Event Award

3rd place: Annabella LaMantia, Union County

2nd place: Natalie Catalano, Salem Tech

1st place: Elizabeth Alloway-Hunter, 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 virtual Signing Day Ceremony on Wednesday.

Elizabeth Alloway-Hunter, Cape May Tech

Jennifer Obrizan, Middlesex East Brunswick

Parker Jenkins, Phillipsburg

Katelyn Duell, Salem Tech

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

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

Retiring Address: Kayleen Kollasch

State FFA Reporter, Kayleen Kollasch, gave her retiring address entitled "Run with It" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Agricultural Awareness Awards

1st place: Allentown

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

2nd place (\$100): Allentown

1st place (\$125): Woodstown

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

The winner of the 2021 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

Landscape Design Event Awards

3rd Place: Cassandra Neuhaus, Freehold

2nd Place: Georgia Silver, Freehold

1st Place: Thomas Myler, Freehold

FFA Week Awards

3rd place: Newton

2nd place: Warren Hills

1st place: Woodstown

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2021 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Cali Foote** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2021 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Kate Lowery** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

Closing Ceremonies



CDE Session

Elizabeth Stenard, 2020-2021 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

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Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Kylie Byrne, Allentown

5th place: Gavin Byrne, Allentown

4th place: Stephen Miller, Newton

Medals

3rd *Bronze Medal*: Claudio Ibarra, Newton

2nd *place and Silver Medal*: Matthew Kuever, Newton

1st *place and Gold Medal*: Dominik Gruca, Newton

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

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th *Place*: Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

4th *Place*: Rebecca Smith, Warren Hills

4th *Place*: Grace Clark, Woodstown

3rd *Place*: Grace Ferri, Warren Hills

Medals

1st *place and Bronze Medal*: Karley Sickler, Woodstown

5th *place and Silver Medal*: Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

1st *place and Gold Medal*: Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

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

Food Science and Technology

Member of the first place team: Trinity Hanson, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th *place*: Teresa DaSilva, Freehold

5th *place*: Ilira Marsena-Mecaj, Newton

5th *place*: Kendall Tozer, Newton

4th *place*: Connor Shillcock, Sussex Tech

3rd place: Evan Parker, Newton

2nd place: Talia Ghetie, Bergen County Academies

Medals

Bronze Medal: Meera Patel, Bergen County Academies

1st and Silver Medal: Shreya Gadiraju, Allentown

5th and Gold Medal: Heather Schein, Bergen County Academies

The first place team is the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

Horse Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

3rd place: Megan Brooks, Salem Tech

2nd place: Mikayla Hannah, Salem Tech

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Abigail Pyskaty, Warren Hills

5th place and Silver Medal: Devon Meschach, Warren Hills

1st place and Gold Medal: Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills

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

Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team: Lexi Enger, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Garrett Kluthe, Hunterdon County ESEA

4th place: Brianna Odasz, Northern Burlington

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Julia Moreno, Cumberland Regional

3rd place and Silver Medal: Madison Linton, Northern Burlington

1st place and Silver Medal: Liam Anderson, Hunterdon County ESEA

2nd place and Gold Medal: Emily Sadlon, Northern Burlington

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

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Donovan Hetzel, Newton

3rd place: Dominic Megna, Newton

2nd place: Savannah Yarlaski, Newton

1st place: Abigail Biederman, Newton

Medals

Bronze Medal: Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

3rd place and Silver Medal: Grace Tirabassi, Warren Hills

4th place and Gold Medal: Lydia DeHart, Woodstown

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

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team: Gianna Sandull, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Luvlee Ramraj, Union County

4th place: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

3rd place: Nick Lewis, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Hannah Malko, Union County

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Rachel Anne Scholl, Union County

2nd place and Silver Medal: Jess Southway, Sussex Tech

1st place and Gold Medal: Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

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

Land Judging

Members of the first place team: Maisie Shimko and Josephine Tagliavore, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Riley Kardos, Belvidere

4th place: Jasime Richardson, Union County

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Patrick McMahon, Allentown

2nd place and Silver Medal: Lydia DeHart, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Kevin Gettler, Union County

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

Milk Quality and Products

Member of the first place team: Madeline Fairfield and Cali Foote, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Karley Sickler, Woodstown

3rd place: Lucia Mauriello, Union County

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Hazel Gilligan, Cumberland Regional

2nd place and Silver Medal: Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Ava La Lande, Union County

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

Turf Management

Members of the first place team: Brendan Lynch and Frank Boffa, Newton
H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Gabriel Jones, Camden Tech East

3rd place: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

2nd place: Meghan Caughron, Somerset County

Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

5th place and Silver Medal: Dominik Gruca, Newton

1st place and Gold Medal: Claudio Ibarra, Newton

The first place team is the **Newton 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.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm & Agribusiness Management

Members of the first place team: Savannah Yarlaski, Newton
Medals

Bronze Medal: Matthew Kuever, Newton

Bronze Medal: Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech

Silver Medal: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

Silver Medal: Abigail Biederman, Newton

Gold Medal: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

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

Floral Design

Members of the first place team: Jennifer Healey and Kylie Byrne, Allentown
H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

4th place: Olivia Scaff, Allentown

2nd place: Hannah Gayda, Buena Regional

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

1st place and Silver Medal: Katherine Jacques, Buena Regional

3rd place and Gold Medal: Rebecca Hopkins, Allentown

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

Forestry

Members of the first place team: Frank Boffa, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

4th place: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

4th place: Matthew Kuever, Newton

3rd place: Alex McVeigh, Sussex Tech

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Hazel Gilligan, Cumberland Regional

3rd place and Silver Medal: Dominik Gruca, Newton

1st Place and Gold Medal: Christopher Mastrelli, Newton

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

Member of 1st place team: Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

4th place: Katherine Lowery, Woodstown

4th place: Sydney Staniulis, Warren Hills

Medals

Bronze Medal: Stephen Miller, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Grace Clark, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

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

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

Members of the first place team: Nina Horn-Scordo, Freehold

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Savannah Yarlaski, Newton

4th place: Sydney Bryant, Freehold

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Rulenny Madera, Camden Penn Tech

2nd place and Silver Medal: Brianna Pacailler, Freehold

1st place and Gold Medal: Shain Stanley, Freehold

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Members of the 1st place team: Claudio Ibarra, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Sean Call, Belvidere

5th place: Cole Majka, Allentown

3rd place: Ryan Majka, Allentown

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Joseph Thomson, Newton

1st place and Silver Medal: Jacob Tonking, Newton

2nd place and Gold Medal: Joseph Krieg, Newton

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

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Carlos Ruiz, Hunterdon County ESEA

4th place: Pranav Hooda, Bergen County Academies

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Genna Kye, Bergen County Academies

2nd place and Silver Medal: Rebecca Barila, Bergen County Academies

1st place and Gold Medal: Angela Marshyti, Bergen County Academies

The first place team is the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

Floriculture

Members of the first place team: Jess Southway, Ashleigh Dickson and Kalla Corring, Sussex Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Katherine Jaques, Buena Regional

3rd place: Erika Perry, Monmouth County

Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Chris Munoz, Monmouth County

2nd place and Silver Medal: Stephanie Grube, Phillipsburg

1st place and Gold Medal: Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech

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

Nursery and Landscape

Members of the first place team: Donovan Hetzel, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Dominik Gruca, Newton

4th place: Claudio Ibarra, Newton

3rd place: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

Medals

Bronze Medal: Jordan Sliker, Newton

3rd place and Silver Medal: Mark Stackewicz, Monmouth County

1st place and Gold Medal: Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

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

Veterinary Science

Members of the first place team: Stephen Miller, Evan Parker and Matthew Kuever, Newton H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Emma Bacon, Hunterdon County Polytech

4th place: Ilira Marsena-Mecaj, Newton

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Patrick McMahon, Allentown

1st place and Silver Medal: Hannah McCann, Salem Tech

2nd and Gold Medal: Nicole Stakalinski, Freehold

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

Closing Ceremonies

Session III

Kayleen Kollasch, 2020-2021 State FFA Reporter presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

Dr. James Woodard brought greetings from the National FFA Organization.

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2020-2021 were honored:

May: Jillian Burden, Woodstown

June: Rebecca Phillips, South Hunterdon

September: Karley Sickler, Woodstown

October: Shannon Emmett, Woodstown

November: Heather Infante, Northern Burlington

December: Grace Clark, Woodstown

February: Amy Murillo, Phillipsburg

March: Ivan Moore, Salem Tech

April: Kylie Byrne, Allentown

The 2021 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Shannon Emmett** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

Employment Skills Event

3rd place: Katherine Jaques, Buena Regional

2nd place: Laurel Brown, Cumberland Regional

1st place: Grace Ferri, Warren Hills

Demonstration Event

Individual Demonstration Event

2nd place: Kaycee Clanton, Salem Tech

1st place: Kennedy Campbell, Cape May Tech

Team Demonstration Event

3rd place: Monmouth County

2nd place: Cape May Tech

1st place: High Tech

Retiring Address: Alexis Hutson

Alexis Hutson, State FFA Secretary, gave her retiring address, “Play Ball!” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

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

Joe Atchison – Director, New Jersey Department of Agriculture-Division of Marketing and Development

Vincent Engelmann – CPA, Farm Credit East

Kimberly English – Owner, Kimberly English Art

Linda Eno – Educational Consultant, Shore Education Consultants

Margaret Grady – Teacher of Agriculture, Bankbridge Regional School

Hannah Mann – Leadership Director, New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters

Robert Strovinsky – Former Parade Chair, Allentown Lions Club

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey’s American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Clay McEvoy, Belvidere

Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

Jacelyn Rudderow, Penns Grove

Toni Baker, Salem Tech

Talia Priore, Woodstown

Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

Keynote Address

Breanna Holbert presented her speech, “The Journey We Propagate”.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2020-2021 State Officer Team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Abbey Goodenough, 2020-2021 State FFA Vice President and Alexis Hutson, 2020-2021 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Lead With Purpose”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme lead with purpose and the many possibilities that are out there for FFA Member to continue to strive for into the future.

Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Education

Mr. Erskine Glover, director of the Office of Career Readiness in the New Jersey Department of Education presented remarks.

State Star Chapter in Agribusiness Award

Shannon Emmett of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2020-2021 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2020-2021 Star State Greenhand is **Cali Foote** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

Superior and National Chapter Award

Silver: Northern Burlington

Gold: 1st Woodstown
2nd Salem Tech
3rd Allentown

Retiring Address: Katelyn Duell

Katelyn Duell, State FFA Sentinel gave her retiring address, “86,400 Seconds” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Proficiency Awards

2021 Dairy Production Placement: Karley Sickler, Woodstown

2021 Forage Production Entrepreneurship/Placement: Abigail Goodenough, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Belvidere
Buena Regional
Delsea Regional
High Tech
Hunterdon County ESEA
Middlesex – East Brunswick
Middlesex-Piscataway
Monmouth County
Penns Grove

Silver Rating: Bergen County Academies
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Newton
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Somerset County
Sussex Tech
Union County
Warren Hills
Woodstown

Gold Rating: Allentown
Salem Tech

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division III: Hannah Elrod, Salem Tech

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Quiz Bowl:

3rd place: Cumberland Regional FFA

2nd place: Woodstown

1st place: Salem Tech

Lifetime Membership:

Abigail Goodenough, Alexis Hutson, Elizabeth Stenard, Kayleen Kollasch, Katelyn Duell and Jacob Dotson received Lifetime Alumni Membership.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

Cream Ridge Winery

National Teach Ag Campaign

Rutgers University- School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Office of Academic Programming

Greetings from Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Ms. Monique Purcell presented remarks on behalf of the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

Mrs. Kristianne Goodenough recognized the State Officers for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown	Guilianna Guarraggi Patrick McMahon Brian Posluszny
Buena Regional	Katherine Jaques
Delsea Regional	Kayla Hayden
Essex County	Rhijanne Edwards Jireh Gomez Alyssia Rivera
Freehold	Julianna Davi Amy Margiatto Andrea Sandoval
Newton	Vincent Cercone Robert Ford Dominik Gruca Donovan Hetzel Remy Ivaldi Ilira-Marsena Mecaj Jordan Sliker Jacob Tonking
Phillipsburg	Amy Murillo-Rios
Salem Tech	Jonathan Moore Hannah McCann
Sussex Tech	Maria Fontaine
Union County	Lucia Mauriello
Warren Hills	Emily Leidner Devon Meshach
Woodstown	Grace Clark Shannon Emmett Katherine Lowery

State Star Award Recognition

2020-2021 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Brian Posluszny, Allentown

2020-2021 State Star Farmer: Katherine Lowery, Woodstown

Retiring Address: Talia Priore

Talia Priore, State FFA President gave her retiring address, “Be the Change” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Lexi Enger of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report that had been elected during the delegate business session:

Executive Committee Chair:	Talia Priore
State Treasurer:	Jonathan Finney
State Secretary:	Emily Sadlon
State Vice President:	Ivan Moore
State President:	Abigail Goodenough

Past State Office Power Point

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

Installation of 2021-2022 State Officers

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

Passing of the Gavel

2020-2021 State FFA President, Jamie Specca, passed the gavel to 2020-2021 State FFA President, Talia Priore.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Joseph Mild, Somerset County

Nyjah Davis-Rivera, Phillipsburg

Matthew DiNatale, Middlesex East Brunswick

Alexis Hutson, State Association

Brianna Odasz, Northern Burlington

Jess Southway, Sussex Tech

Matthew Marcussen, Bankbridge Regional

Dale Cruzan, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To make recommendations about the Horticultural Exposition to improve member experiences and remain relevant within the industry.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Making the workshops more industry focused adding a panel of industry professionals to talk to members during one of the leadership workshop time slots
- Adding a hydroponics design/ sustainability engineering class.
- Partner with alumni to increase participation in alumni class
- Edit "Remember When" to represent a specific time period within the last century.
Container would be era specific.

Joseph Mild, Somerset County – Chairman

Nyjah Davis-Rivera, Phillipsburg – Secretary

Career and Leadership Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Julia Moreno, Cumberland Regional	Lizzie Hunter, Cape May Tech
Casey Higgins, South Hunterdon Regional	Heather Schein, Bergen County Academies
Karley Sickler, Woodstown	Matthew Mendez, Middlesex East Brunswick
Abbey Goodenough, State Association	Clare Kennedy, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss changes and options for CDEs and LDEs for the upcoming year.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Spread out spring and winter CDEs so they do not occur so close together.
- Potentially incentivize the JotForm evaluations.
- Further discuss options for hybrid CDEs
- A survey should be sent to chapters closer to the school year to see what they will be able to attend.

Comments:

- Spread out spring and winter CDEs so they do not occur so close together.
- Potentially incentivize the JotForm evaluations.
- Further discuss options for hybrid CDEs
- A survey should be sent to chapters closer to the school year to see what they will be able to attend.

Lizzie Hunter, Cape May Tech – Chairman

Julia Moreno, Cumberland Regional – Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

Kennedy Campbell, Cape May Tech

Gracie Volkes, Pemberton Township

Elizabeth Stenard, State Association

Shawnjaye Pittman, BCIT West Vet

Olivia Nemeth, South Hunterdon Middle

Patty 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:

- We recommend that the POA be updated to have a separate version included for times of crises or pandemic. This version would be altered to reflect how FFA will function and events that chapters will be doing differently based on the situation at hand.

Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove – Chairman

Shawnjaye Pittman, BCIT West Vet – Secretary

State Leadership Activities
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech	Emily Leidner, Warren Hills
Andrea Sandoval, Freehold	Hannah Gayda, Buena Regional
Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech	Giamani Cosby, Cumberland Regional
Luci Mauriello, Union County	
Kayleen Kollasch, State Association	Kris Guttadora, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Evaluate the 360 curriculum and to add more purposeful workshops and activities.
- Continue partnership with the CTSO conference Create a virtual experience committee to create a virtual experience for state leadership activities.
- Have a virtual component to any state leadership activity that the committee views as applicable

Emily Leidner, Warren Hills – Chairman
Maria Fountaine, Sussex Tech– Secretary

State Convention Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon
Yomi Lightfoot, Camden Penn Tech
Michael Godoy, MCTS Sypek Center
Katelyn Duell, State Association

Parthavi Patel, Somerset County
Anthony Volkes, Pemberton Township
Tiffani Odasz, Northern Burlington Middle
Keely DiTizio, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the future plans of state convention and to determine if they were viable options for the 2022 NJ State FFA Convention.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create a T-Shirt Contest and where members will submit their own designs. Ideas are not limited to the State FFA theme and can be based off of anything.
- Include QR codes and links on the projector screen at the ends of sessions for evaluations.
- Recognize 4th and 5th place in the Art Competition.
- Sell State Convention stickers at merchandise tables and the price will be determined by size and cost to produce.
- Include hybrid components for State Convention events. YouTube live streams can be shared so FFA members can watch sessions on their own time and not have to miss any. Students may also have virtual interfacing as an option for social events, instead of an in-person social.

Kelsey Tulley, South Hunterdon – Chairman

Parthavi Patel, Somerset County – Secretary

State Applications
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech	Emily Fischer, Middlesex Piscataway
Eric Aguilera, Penns Grove	Madilyn Cito, Phillipsburg
Meera Patel, Bergen County Academies	Nick Lewis, Northern Burlington
Talia Priore, State Association	Susan Stant, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications and discuss changes in requirements.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Include a section for members to put their pronouns on state applications.
- Insert an "other" option is provided under gender with the opportunity for the applicant to specify their gender.

Comments:

- It was discussed that the website be reorganized to provide people with a better understanding.

Madilyn Cito, Phillipsburg – Chairman
Emily Fischer, Middlesex Piscataway – Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations
Committee Report
May 27, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Shannon Emmett, Woodstown	Susan Mandeville, Allentown
Julia Stoff, South Hunterdon	Jasmine Richardson, Union County
Julianna Olley, BCIT West Vet	Reilley Peck, High Tech
Thomas Ballard, Bankbridge Regional	
Jacob Dotson, State Association	Patty Smith, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To Recommend adjustments/changes to program affiliation, middle school flat fees and discuss in person/ virtual options for chapter visits.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Recommend adjusting the program affiliation, allowing the set discounts for each affiliation to be used towards any conference available throughout the state.
- Recommend setting the middle school flat fee of \$300.

Comments:

- The affiliation discount revision should be well advertised to ensure that chapters to take full advantage of their affiliation and plan accordingly.
- Virtual state officer chapter visits should be a last resort option that is only utilized in specific cases as in-person visits offer a more beneficial experience for chapters.

Shannon Emmett, Woodstown – Chairman
Jasmine Richardson, Union County – Secretary

2021-2022 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Abigail Goodenough
State Vice President	Ivan Moore
State Secretary	Emily Sadlon
State Treasurer	Jonathan Finney
Executive Committee Chair	Talia Priore
Teacher Representative	Dale Cruzan
State Advisor	Erin Noble
State FFA Specialist	Kristianne Dowd
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

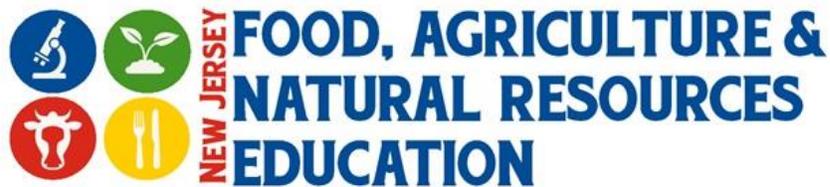


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