

94th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



Session I

Jonathan Finney, 2022-2023 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Jacket Presentation

98 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

Kaci Byrne
Paige L. Conroy
Niccolo Conte
Katherine Diehl
Maddin R. Emmons
Sophia I. Jones
Giavanna Maloney
Matthew McCormick
Derek J. Voorhees

Cape May Tech

Kayla Allen
Aliyah Brannon
Abigale DiGabmerardino
Olivia Feliciano
Janella Hall
Bryson Keating-Horin
Cody Mckernan
Ellen Mkrтчyn
Anthony Nelson
Allison R. Sittineri
Justin Walker
Marley Wetzel

Cumberland Regional

Samantha Seay
Raelynn Wilford

Essex West Caldwell

Amy Carchipulla
Edwin Casarez
Miranda Courtright
Nathalie Flores
Tiara Lawson
Viki Romero
Erin Rose Tevlin
Jayla Young

Hunterdon County ESEA

Gita Baskaran
Luke DeFrange
Adrian Fajardo
Rachel Gast
Tessa Jenkins-Hiscox
Amelia Leonard
Natalie Mason
Steven Rosas

Middlesex East Brunswick

Alyssa Berecsky
Forest Miranda
Kayla Romero
Sierra Romero

Monmouth County

Ashley Castro
Sean Finn

Newton

Emiliano Lopez
Eraldo Aguilar-Romero
Huda Amir
Justin Barth
Jack Boffa
Tyler Casper
Cynthia Decker-Sanchez
Sara Dietz
Sean Kolarick
Brenda Lamberti
Pawel Macikowski
Thomas O'Sullivan
Karlee Reid
Camilo Rodriguez
Claire Willis
Rachel Yacuk
David French

Northern Burlington Middle

Northern Burlington

Meera Gosai
Yanaley Gonzalez

Phillipsburg

Louis Carrion
Emily Christ
Bailey Marra
Barb Minchin
Faith Pasmore
Grace Troxell

Salem Tech

Annabelle M. Cobb
Madilyn Dolbow
Danielle Fredo
Cali G. Garrison
Riley M. Garrison
Santana Gonzales
Connor Haney
Tyler Hearst
Mason Hickman
Kaitlyn Khairzada
Carollee McCarson
Larry C. Pompper
Saray Real
Sam F. Robinson
Carlene Stewart
Lily A. Stout

Sussex Tech

Alexa Besthorne
Kimmie Coscia
Charlotte Noelle Little
Ashley Rached

Woodstown

Leah Clark
Jacob Coles
Benjamin Doak
Cole Eachus
Juliana Hryckowian
Audrina Medeiros
Joey Olbrich

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Jonathan Finney, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Chase Sherburne, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown
William Rutherford, Cape May Tech

Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA
Kalena Johnson, Northern Burlington
Emily Fisco, Warren Hills
Daisy Mullin, Woodstown
Henry Wilson, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
Ivan Moore, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Julia Moreno, Cumberland Regional
Loriann De Sousa Rego, Middlesex East Brunswick
Yeresev Nunez Nava, Middlesex East Brunswick
Chase Sherburne, Salem Tech
Ashleigh Dickson, Sussex Tech
Maisie Shimko, Union County

Retiring Address: Loriann De Sousa Rego

State FFA Vice President, Loriann De Sousa Rego, gave her retiring address entitled “Through Struggles We Blossom” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Greetings from Assemblyman Sauickie

Assemblyman Sauickie joined us during this session to share some words about FFA, agricultural education, and their importance. He showed his unwavering support for our organization.

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

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

2023 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 – Emily O’Connor, Freehold

Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship - Delaney Wiggins, Monmouth County

James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship - Anna Holman, Allentown

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship - Emily Fisco, Warren Hills

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship - Emily Fisco, Warren Hills

Billinski Senior Award - Daniel Schlaffer, Warren Hills

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship - Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

Philip Alampi Memorial Scholarship - Yeresey Nunez, Middlesex East Brunswick

New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Scholarship - Natalie Catalano, Salem Tech; Jonatan Torres, Salem Tech; Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove

New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Golf Honoree Scholarship - Loriann De Sousa Rego, Middlesex East Brunswick

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship - Loriann De Sousa Rego, Middlesex East Brunswick

Randy & Nancy Trivette Teach Ag Endowment Scholarship - Nicole Sickler, Woodstown

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship - Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship - Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship - Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington

Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship - Aaron Foote, Woodstown

Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship - Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship - Stephen Miller, Newton

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship - Madison Plaughter, Belvidere

Anthony Juestrich Memorial Scholarship - Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship - Kylie Byrne, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship - Jennifer Healey, Allentown

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship - Cali Foote, Woodstown

Growing America’s Farmers Scholarship – Abbey Goodenough, Northern Burlington; Megan Brooks, Salem Tech; Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Jennifer Healey, Allentown; Alberto Perez-Avila, MCTS Sypek Center; Kamryn Thiboutot, Salem Tech; Megan Brooks, Salem Tech; Sadie David, Woodstown; Chloe Eachus, Woodstown; Audrey Sickler, Woodstown; Cali Foote, Woodstown

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$2,000 George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Scholarship – Joseph Colamarino, Allentown

FFA Future Leaders TSC- 4 Year College Scholarship - Annabella La Mantia, Union County

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention. The 2023 scholarship winner is Cody Ponzio from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Keynote Address: MacKenna Clifton

National FFA Southern Region Vice President, MacKenna Clifton presented her Keynote Address.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Jonathan introduced the courtesy corps and the courtesy corps coordinator, Kylie Byrne.

State Convention Rules

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

Closing Ceremonies

2023 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 64 delegates, and 4 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 43 votes.

The 94th New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

Motion by Chase Sherburne, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the schedule for the 94th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Emiliana Repreza, Somerset. Motion passes.

Jonathan Finney entertained a motion to accept the 93rd New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

Motion by Loriann De Sousa Rego, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the 93rd New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

Seconded by Stephen Miller, Newton. Motion passes.

Loriann De Sousa Rego, State Vice President, presented the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws proposed amendments.

Motion by Avi Frank, Union County to amend the National Constitution and Bylaws with the proposed amendment.

Seconded by Megan Brooks, Salem Tech. Motion passes.

Jonathan Finney presented the 2023-2024 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Motion by Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech to accept the 2023-2024 State Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Sarah Towell, Camden Tech East. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review

Motion by Hannah Malko, Union 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 Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation and Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities/State Applications

Motion by Megan Brooks to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/ Program of Activities/ State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Membership, Chapter Relations, and State Leadership Activities

Motion by Rylee Clark, Bankbridge to accept the Membership, Chapter Relations, State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Sarah Towell to adjourn the 2023 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Grace McInerney-Shanahan, Somerset. Motion passes.

Session II

Chase Sherburne, 2022-2023 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

- 5th place:* Justin Ahn, Bergen County Academies
- 4th place:* Gita Baskaran, Hunterdon County ESEA
- 3rd place:* Clara Woodruff, Warren Hills
- 2nd place:* Kayleigh Chan, Freehold
- 1st place:* Lauren Miller, Bergen County Academies

Photography Division:

- 5th place:* Sofia Diaz, Union County
- 4th place:* Karlee Petty, Union County
- 3rd place:* Samantha Zack, Union County
- 2nd place:* David French, Northern Burlington Middle
- 1st place:* Alexa Peterson, Salem Tech

Conduct of Chapter Meetings Event Awards

Division I:

- 2nd place:* Freehold
- 1st place:* Allentown

Division II:

- 3rd place:* Penns Grove
- 2nd place:* Salem Tech
- 1st place:* Allentown

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

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

- 3rd place:* Bergen County Academies
- 2nd place:* Allentown
- 1st place:* Freehold

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Bronze Ranking: Allentown
Hunterdon County ESEA

Silver Ranking: Belvidere
Cumberland Regional
Penns Grove

Gold Ranking: Buena Regional
Newton
Phillipsburg
Woodstown

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Woodstown 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 tie blankets: Allentown; Belvidere; Bergen County Academies; Buena Regional; Cape May Tech; Cumberland Regional; Delsea Regional; Essex West Caldwell; Freehold; Hunterdon County ESEA; MCTS Sypek Center; Middlesex East Brunswick; Monmouth County; Newton; Phillipsburg; Salem Tech; Sussex Tech; Warren Hills; Woodstown.

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 II – Rocco Sandman & Gavin Colabella, Montague Township Middle
Division V- Andrea Kim, Bergen County Academies

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division III – Justin Ahn, Bergen County Academies
Division V- Arda Sensoz, Bergen County Academies
Division VI- Tai Nakamura & Chloe Park, Bergen County Academies

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division III – Skylar Herman, Bergen County Academies
Division V – Talia Ghetie, Bergen County Academies
Division VI- Ava Oliviera & Jisae Son, Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division III- Pravit Kochar, Bergen County Academies

Division IV- Esat Acikgoz & Hannah Lee, Bergen County Academies

Division V- Maisie Shimko, Union County

Division VI- Sushila Rau & Shivarni Govind, Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

División VI- Annabella La Mantia & Andrea Falar, Union County

Social Systems

Division I- Morgan Christmann, Montague Township Middle

Division VI- Josephine Tagliavore & Samantha Zack, Union County

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Emily Saldon, 2022-2023 State FFA Executive Committee Chair, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

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Winter and Miscellaneous Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

Members of first place team:

Emma Wuerthner, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Ned Scannell, Hunterdon County ESEA

4th place: Barry Thompson, Newton

Medals

3rd *place and Bronze Medal:* Dylan Cole, Newton

2nd *place and Silver Medal:* Luke DeFrage, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st *place and Gold Medal:* Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA

The first place is the **Hunterdon County ESEA FFA Chapter!**

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th Place: Joseph Gigante, Newton

2nd Place: Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

Medals

Bronze Medal: Olivia Franceschino, Belvidere

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

5th & Silver Medal: Ashley Postma, Belvidere

1st & Silver Medal: Andrew Duckworth, Belvidere

3rd & Gold Medal: Cora Bermingham, Newton

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

Farm & Agribusiness Management

Medals

Bronze Medal: Karianna Reiersen, Newton

Bronze Medal: Evan Parker, Newton

Silver Medal: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

Gold Medal: Stephen Miller, Newton

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

Floral Design

Members of the first place team:

Eve Kirk, Phillipsburg

Abbey Portillo, Phillipsburg

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Kayla Chambers, Warren Hills

3rd place: Kelsey Snellen, Newton

3rd place: Lily Snyder, Phillipsburg

2nd place: Yamileth Galvez Hernandez, Camden Tech East

2nd place: Mackenzie Hayes, Phillipsburg

Medals

Silver Medal: Olivia Raia, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

1st and Bronze Medal: Ashleigh Dickson, Sussex Tech

4th and Gold Medal: Kaci Byrne, Allentown

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

Food Science and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Bruno Groth, Newton

3rd place: Jisae Son, Bergen County Academies

1st place: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

2nd and Bronze Medal: Andrea Kim, Bergen County Academies

4th and Silver Medal: Shivarni Govind, Bergen County Academies

2nd and Gold Medal: Angela Li, Bergen County Academies

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

Horse Evaluation

Member of the first place team:

Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

Samantha Seay, Cumberland Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Haley Pelehuch, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Samantha Seay, Lillian Williams, Northern Burlington Middle

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Julia Moreno, Cumberland Regional

2nd place and Silver Medal: Paige Conroy, Allentown

1st place and Gold Medal: Jada Jacobson, Cumberland Regional

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

Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team:

Trisha Casady, Woodstown

Patrick McVeigh, Woodstown

Ben Doak, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Imani Fraser, Essex- West Caldwell

3rd place: Aaron Foote, Woodstown

Medals

5th place and Bronze Medal: Megan Brooks, Salem Tech

2nd place and Silver Medal: Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington

1st place and Gold Medal: Lydia Kilinski, Hunterdon County ESEA

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

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Joseph Gigante, Newton

5th place: Jacob Coles, Woodstown

3rd place: Kelsey Snellen, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Daisy Mullin, Woodstown

2nd place and Silver Medal: Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown

1st place and Gold Medal: Leah Clark, Woodstown

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

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Forestry

Members of the first place team:

Emily Robbins, Hunterdon County ESEA

Amelia Weldon, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Faith Pasmore, Philipsburg

4th place: Anna Holman, Allentown

3rd place: Karianna Reiersen, Newton

Medals

Silver Medal: Matthew McCormick, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Kirstyn McKee, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st place and Gold Medal: Alyssa Pershad, Hunterdon County ESEA

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team:

Paige Conroy, Allentown

Adam Ugi, Allentown

Maddin Emmonds, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Juliann Bonomi, Hunterdon County ESEA

2nd place: Samantha Zack, Union County

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Madeline Bates, Somerset County

5th place and Silver Medal: Jeremy Weiss, Bankbridge Regional

1st place and Gold Medal: Sophia Jones, Allentown

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

Land Judging

Members of the first place team:

Brayden Jany, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Natalie Hoffman, Hunterdon County ESEA

5th place: Gavin Byrne, Allentown

4th place: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Tyler Casper, Newton

2nd place and Silver Medal: Derek Voorhees, Allentown

1st place and Gold Medal: Sean Carey, Allentown

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

Milk Quality and Products

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

4th place: Alexandra Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA

2nd place: Tessa Jerkins-Hiscox, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st place: Zoey Laffler, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Leah Clark, Woodstown

Medals

Silver Medal: Andrew Stein, Hunterdon County ESEA

Gold Medal: Chloe Eachus, Woodstown

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

Turf Management

Members of the first place team:

Madison Cassidy, Northern Burlington

Theresa Barletta, Northern Burlington

TJ Kokotajlo, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Danielle Reinisch, Northern Burlington

3rd place: Emily Gonzalez, MCTS Sypek Center

1st place: Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

Medals

Bronze Medal: Dylan Cole, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4th and Silver Medal: Joseph Morena, Bergen Tech Paramus

2nd and Gold Medal: Erick Sanchez, Monmouth County Vocational

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

Greetings from Rutgers Turf Program

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

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

Members of the first place team:

Scarlet Sampino, Freehold

Ava Dohan, Freehold

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Jumana Abdelmalek, Freehold

4th place: Dominic Boscia, Newton

3rd place: Daisy Mullin, Woodstown

Medals

Bronze Medal: Alexandra Porambo, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

5th and Silver Medal: Emmett Kenney, Hunterdon County ESEA

2nd and Silver Medal: Lexi Battaiano, Woodstown

1st and Gold Medal: Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Members of the 1st place team:

Randy Oagland, South Hunterdon Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Emiliana Repreza, Somerset County Vo-Tech

4th place: Travis Trautman, South Hunterdon Regional

Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Daniel Perehinys, South Hunterdon Regional

2nd place and Silver Medal: Patrick Whalin, Northern Burlington

1st place and Gold Medal: Wayne Heisler, South Hunterdon Regional

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

Environmental and Natural Resources

Members of the first place team:

Stephen Miller, Newton

Frank Boffa, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Yeresy Nunez Nava, Middlesex East Brunswick

3rd place: Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton

2nd place: Trevor Magill, Cape May Tech

Medals

Silver Medal: Sophia Jones

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

5th and Bronze Medal: Adam Ugi, Allentown

1st and Gold Medal: Joseph Kreig, Newton

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

Floriculture

Members of the first place team:

Mackenzie Hayes, Phillipsburg

Nizya Reese, Phillipsburg

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Maura McGuigan, Camden Tech East

5th place: Emma Summitt, Warren Hills

4th place: Abigail Biederman, Newton

3rd place: Karla Luna, Cumberland Regional

2nd place: Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg

Medals

Bronze Medal: Allsion Josielewski, Allentown

Silver Medal: Sarah Towell, Camden Tech East

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

1st and Gold Medal: Lily Snyder, Phillipsburg

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

Nursery and Landscape

Members of the first place team:

Ryan Marschall, Newton

Matthew Miranda, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Emiliano Lopez, Monmouth County

4th place: Benjamin Knehr, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Justin Perry, Monmouth County

2nd place and Silver Medal: Joseph Morena, Bergen Tech Paramus
1st place and Gold Medal: Bruno Groth, Newton

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

Veterinary Science

Members of the first place team:

Ayla Blankenbush, Hunterdon County Polytech
Anaya Barnwell, Hunterdon County Polytech
Samantha Wilton, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Alexandra Farina, Allentown
4th place: Megan Brooks, Salem Tech
2nd place: Anna Holman, Allentown

Medals

Gold Medal: Brittney Svendsen, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

3rd and Bronze Medal: Arianna Bosco, BCIT West Vet
1st and Silver Medal: Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

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

National Event Sweepstakes Award

The National Career Development Event Sweepstakes Team Winner is the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

The National Career Development Event Sweepstakes Individual winner is **Aaryaa Chiney** of the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

Closing Ceremonies

Session III

Loriann De Sousa Rego, 2022-2023 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

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Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed

3rd place: Jack Boffa, Newton

2nd place: Francesca DiMarcello, Phillipsburg

1st place: Maddin Emmons, Allentown

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place: Julianna Tango, High Tech

2nd place: Jonas Lapinig, Union County

1st place: Cora Bermingham, Newton

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place: Samantha Zack, Union County

2nd place: Andrea Kim, Bergen County Academies

1st place: Sarah Schock, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking

3rd place: Stephen Miller, Newton

2nd place: Amanda Nicinski, Philipsburg

1st place: Sean-Paul Bonomatre, Union County

Agricultural Issues Forum

3rd place: Union County

2nd place: Essex- West Caldwell

1st place: Salem Tech

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2022 New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year is **Mr. Dale Cruzan** from the **Allentown** FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

3rd place: Avi Frank, Union County

2nd place: Jacob Babich, Freehold

1st place: Grace Hurley, 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 luncheon on Thursday.

Yeresey Nunez Nava

Owen Donnelly

Nicole Sickler

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

President of the NJAAE, Ms. Deanna Miller, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

Agricultural Awareness Awards

3rd place: Woodstown

2nd place: Penns Grove

1st place: Allentown

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

3rd place: Monmouth County

2nd place: Phillipsburg

1st place: Allentown

Marketing Plan Awards

2nd place (\$225): Freehold

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

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

3rd place: Woodstown

2nd place: Freehold

1st place: Middlesex East Brunswick

Landscape Design Event Awards

3rd place: Bella Gilickman, Freehold

2nd place: Claire Barenberg, Freehold

1st place: Scarlet Sampino, Freehold

FFA Week Awards

3rd place: Warren Hills

2nd place: Allentown

1st place: Woodstown

Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2023 Treasurer of the Year is **Sadie Davis** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2022 Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Adam Ugi** from the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Jonathan Finney, 2022-2023 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 Executive Committee Member, 3 State Staff, and numerous FFA members, advisors and guests present.

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2021-2022 were honored:

May: Gavin Byrne, Allentown

June: Hannah McCann, Salem Tech

September: Cali Foote, Woodstown

October: Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

November: Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

December: Megan Brooks, Salem Tech

January: Kathryn Goivanelli, Allentown

February: Allison Josielewski, Allentown

March: Sadie Davis, Woodstown

April: Daisy Mullin, Woodstown

The 2023 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Hannah McCann** of the **Salem Tech FFA Chapter!**

Employment Skills Event

3rd place: Emily Milej, Newton

2nd place: Madelyn Dellet, Monmouth County

1st place: Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

Demonstration Event Awards

Individual Demonstration Event

3rd place: Coleen Summer Santos, High Tech

2nd place: Faith Passmore, Phillipsburg

1st place: Phoebe Lanzon, Cape May Tech

Team Demonstration Event

3rd place: MCTS Sypek Center

2nd place: Cape May Tech

1st place: High Tech

Retiring Address: Chase Sherburne

Chase Sherburne, State FFA Secretary, gave his retiring address, "Follow Your Line" and presented his 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:

Todd Bonsall- Superintendent at Hunterdon County Vocational School District

Leevon Cogdill - FFA Alumni Treasurer/ AGventure Club Advisor at Woodstown High School

Denise Emmons - Teacher of Agriculture at Allentown High School

Hope Neis - Farm Coordinator at Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm & Fundraising Chair for the New Jersey FFA Alumni and Supporters

Frank Minch - Director of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Jessica McKinney - Principal at Belvidere High School

Past State Officer Recognition

Past New Jersey FFA State Officers were invited to the stage to be recognized for their hard work and contributions.

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follow:

Kylie Byrne, Allentown

Joseph Colamarino, Allentown

Jennifer Healey, Allentown

Heather Infante, Northern Burlington

Jonathan Finney, Salem Tech

Emily Leidner, Warren Hills

Keynote Address

Shea Booster presented his speech, "Get After It"

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2022-2023 State Officer team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies.

Session V

Chase Sherburne, 2022-2023 State FFA Secretary and Loriann De Sousa Rego, 2022-2023 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 3 State Officers, 1 executive Committee Member, 3 state staff, and 623 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Connect.Engage.Transform”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme, Connect. Engage. Transform.

Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

The New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas Fisher joined us at this year’s convention and shared words of encouragement and broadcasted his support of the organization.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Sarah Serrano of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2022-2023 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

State Star Chapter Farmer

Chloe Eachus of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2022-2023 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2022-2023 Star State Greenhand is **Kathryn Giovanelli** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Superior Chapter Recognition

Buena Regional
Hunterdon County ESEA
Monmouth County Vocational

National Chapter Award

Silver: Essex County
Newton
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem Tech

Gold: Allentown
Penns Grove

Warren Hills
Woodstown

Most Improved Chapter

The Most Improved Chapter is awarded to the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

Greetings from The New Jersey Department of Education

Dr. Jorden Schiff shared remarks to the convection on behalf of the department of education.

Proficiency Awards

2023 Dairy Production - Placement Proficiency Award- Audrey Sickler, Woodstown

2023 Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Award- Emilia Aris, Essex- West Caldwell

2023 Specialty Crop Production Proficiency Award- Ryan Wright, Allentown

2023 Swine Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award- Cali Foote, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Bankbridge Regional
Belvidere
Bergen Tech Paramus
Camden-Tech East
High Tech
Hunterdon County Polytech
MCTS Sypek Center
Northern Burlington Middle
South Hunterdon Middle
Sussex Tech

Silver Rating: Bergen County Academies
Buena Regional
Cape May Tech
Essex- West Caldwell
Monmouth County
Penns Grove
Somerset County
Union County
Warren Hills

Gold Rating: Allentown
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Hunterdon County ESEA
Middlesex- East Brunswick
Newton
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem Tech
Woodstown

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division I: Ellen Mkrtchyan, Cape May Tech

Division II: Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report: Talia Priore

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship:

The scholarship went to **Aaron Foote** of the **Woodstown** FFA Chapter!

Quiz Bowl:

2nd place: Phillipsburg

1st place: Freehold

Lifetime Membership:

Loriann De Sousa Rego and Chase Sherburne both received their lifetime memberships.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

New Jersey 4-H

Goodenough Farms

Littlehouse Candles

Lee Bischoff Landscape Maintenance

Greetings from Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Mr. Frank Minch presented remarks on behalf of the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources. He also received his Honorary FFA Degree.

Convention Recognition

Convention staff were welcomed to the stage to be thanked for their hard work and dedication in making the convention run smoothly. The following convention staff are as follows:

Jenny Allen

*Leon Delcher
Owen Donnelly
Eric Duarte
Kylie Byrne
Abbey Goodenough
Joe Goodenough
Kristianne Goodenough
Tyler Kohlhaas
Hannah McCann
Ivan Moore
Jennifer Obrizan
Jeremy Posluszny
Talia Priore
Henry Wilson*

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

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

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Brayden Jany Derek Voorhees Paige Conroy Kaci Byrne Breanna Maloney Katherine Diehl Sarah Combs Ava Jo Hayes Anna Holman Niccolo Conte Sophia Jones
Bergen County Academies	Pravit Kochar Justin Ahn
Cape May Tech	Kaylee Davis Robert McHale
Cumberland Regional	Madison Corson Jade Toler Raelynn Wilford
Essex- West Caldwell	Xavier Rodriguez
Freehold	Nicole Morales-Mendez
MCTS Sypek Center	Amarly Powell Henry Serrano
Middlesex- East Brunswick	Emma Glasser

	Mandy Randovanic
	Lilly Clements
Monmouth County	Racheal Siegwarth
	Erick Sanchez
	Emilano Lopez
Northern Burlington	Caitlyn Miller
	Ella Hirthler
	Sam Vitello
Penns Grove	Miranda Jimenez-Lopez
	Ivanelissa Pena Rivera
	Shariana Gonzalez Ruperto
Salem Tech	MacArthur Busch
	Ti'Ronna McGaha
Warren Hills	Elizabeth Noreen
	Hana Puzycki
	Ben Heerwagen
Woodstown	Will Haines
	Trisha Casady
	Jake Coles
	Benjamin Doak
	Aaron Foote
	Joey Olbrich
	Amberlyn Robinson
	Harley Toulson

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Elizabeth Noreen** of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter!**

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

Mrs. Erin Noble, Mx. Hannah Owen-Ross, and Ms. Debra McCluskey presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and presented the Executive Committee Member with a certificate of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

Talent and State Degree Seating

Skylar Herman of the Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her talent.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Trace Archer
	Gavin Byrne
	Lilly Haines
	Anna Holman
	Allison Josielewski
Buena:	Deana Fowler
	Hannah Gayda

Cumberland Regional:	Julia Moreno Megan Wilson
Essex- West Caldwell:	Emelia Aris Michael Bethea Alzahir Curry Savannah Lombardi Jasmine Narine Yaira Ramos Eleazar Vasquez
Freehold:	Avery Cirillo Mariz Masoud Emily O'Connor Nicole Staklinski
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Samantha Glazner Yeresey Nunez Nava Dania Peralta
Newton:	Abigail Biederman Frank Boffa Ava Bryski Bruno Groth Asher Haiduc-Dale Jacob Knehr Evan Parker
Northern Burlington:	Alexandria Enger
Salem Tech:	Megan Brooks Natalie Catalano Kaycee Clanton Hannah Elrod Kaylee Faison-McGinness Allyson Scioli Kamryn Thiboutot Jonatan Torres Cora Yakubovsky
Sussex Tech:	Ashleigh Dickson
Union County:	Maisie Shimko
Warren Hills:	Sarah Serrao
Woodstown:	Chloe Eachus

State Star Award Recognition

2022-2023 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Emilia Aris, Essex County Vo-Tech

2022-2023 State Star Farmer: Ashleigh Dickson, Sussex Tech

Retiring Address: Jonathan Finney

Jonathan Finney, State FFA President gave his retiring address titled, “The Impact of a Sole” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Kathryn Giovanelli of the Allentown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Jonathan Finney
State Reporter:	Julia Moreno
State Treasurer:	Ashleigh Dickson
State Secretary:	Loriann De Sousa Rego
State Vice President:	Maisie Shimko
State President:	Chase Sherburne

Motion by Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown 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 2023-2024 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2023 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2022-2023 State FFA President, Jonathan Finney, passed the gavel to the 2023-2024 State FFA President, Chase Sherburne.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 25, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Hannah Malko, Union County
Frank Boffa, Newton
Alyssa Blaughter, Northern Burlington
Natalie Hoffman, Hunterdon County ESEA
David Leon, MCTS Sypek
Megan Mankook, Delsea Regional
Dempsey Ryan, Cape May Tech
Elliana Etayem, Penns Grove
Angela Li, Bergen County Academies
Jonathan Finney, New Jersey Association

Clara Woodruff, Warren Hills
Sadie Wyckoff, Belvidere
Lillian Williams, Northern Burlington Middle
Sarah Towell, Camden Tech East
Grace McInerney-Shanahan, Somerset Tech
Megan Rockafellow, South Hunterdon
Nicole Staklinsky, Freehold
Chloe Park, Bergen County Academies

Kylie Naylor, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To make recommendations about the Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE for the upcoming year.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Change names or descriptions of classes
- Add classes /arrangements
- Stagger workshop schedule so both can be attended
- Add section on price cards for reasoning of arrangements
- Provide paper copy of rules during the competition

Comments:

- In order to be more considerate of other cultures we would like to split the oriental class into Ikebana; Moribana and Ikebana; Nageire.
- Alter the Thanksgiving class's description to say "battery powered candles" and remember when to include the matching time period of the arrangement to the container.
- Add a class pertaining to careers.
- Offer workshops pertaining to Ag Tech, large arrangement demos, business management and regional differences.
- Add signs to direct for events.

Hannah Malko, Union County– Chair
Alyssa Blaughter, Northern Burlington – Secretary

Career and Leadership Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 25, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Cali Foote, Woodstown

Arda Senzos, Bergen County Academies

Tai Nakamura, Bergen County Academies

Madelyn Dellott, Monmouth County

Maria Cevasco, South Hunterdon Middle

Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

Emelia Aris, Essex- West Caldwell

Elaina Kollmar, BCIT West Vet

Chase Sherburne, State Association

Tori Thompson, Buena

Gavin Byrne, Allentown

Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick

Emiliana Repreza, Somerset

Kenzie Stenlay, Hunterdon County ESEA

Deanna Miller, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and discuss Career Development Events for the New Jersey FFA Association.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Make Meat Evaluation CDE an in-person event and move it to the winter CDE category.
- In order to strengthen the organization of CDEs and LDEs, event coordinators and proctors should attend a training that would provide them with the schedules and would provide for better communication of participants.
- samples should be examined more closely to have better products for testing.

Comments:

- Moving meat evaluation to winter would increase participation, in-person is preferred.
- The 2nd recommendation will help events run more efficiently.
- Better supplies make competing easier and it aligns better with national standards.

Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional– Chair

Kenzie Stenlay, Hunterdon County ESEA – Secretary

**Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities, State Applications, & State Convention
Evaluation
Committee Report
May 25, 2023**

Committee Members Present:

Jonathan Vasquez, Monmouth County	James Freeman, Middlesex East Brunswick
Aidan Courtright, Bankbridge	Yamileth Galvez, Camden Tech East
Ava Manowrite, Penns Grove	Nathalye Solis, BCIT- West Vet
Travis Trautman, South Hunterdon Regional	Nady Beauchamp, Sussex Tech
Megan Brooks, Salem Tech	Jasmine Narine, Essex-West Caldwell
Asher Haiduc-Dale, Newton	Sarah Serrao, Warren Hills
Hannah Gayda, Buena	Lilly Haines, Allentown
Hannah Norcross, Cape May Tech	
Emily Sadlon, State Association	Joel Rudderow & Renee Stillwell, Advisors

Purpose of Meeting:

To review constitution, program of activities, state applications, and state convention.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Gathering more information for scrapbooks from nationals about supply issue and to be revisited in September.
- Use AET to demonstrate knowledge to gain a State FFA Degree by creating a proficiency test to meet requirements.

Comments:

- Trying to match national standards in New Jersey
- Submission and revision page isn't clear visually and has technical issues.
- State Degree: Revision and Corrections Page is too repetitive and hard to read and understand.
- Greenhand requirements on AET are missing from the old one.
- Check off list is very confusing
- Procedures and instructions on how to submit needs to be and communicated more clearly

Megan Brooks, Salem Tech – Chair
Jasmine Narine, Essex-West Caldwell – Secretary

Membership, Chapter Relations, and State Leadership Activities
Committee Report
May 25, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Daisy Perehynys, South Hunterdon Middle
Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington
Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown
Mia La, Union County
Samantha Warfield, Delsea Regional
Zachary Mazcer, MCTS Sypek Center
Jada Jacobson, Cumberland Regional
Abbey Portillo, Phillipsburg
Loriann De Sousa Rego, State Association

Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech
Kiyah Morales, Sussex Tech
Ashley Postma, Belvidere
Mason VanBramer, Northern Burlington Middle
Rylee Clark, Bankbridge Regional
Emily O'Connor, Freehold
Kyle DeVito, Camden Penn Tech
Tiffany Morrey, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To recommend adjustments/changes to implement better methods of member outreach/participation and to review applications and activities processes.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Provide chapters with informative videos about applications, basic requirements, and degrees on the AET.
- Provide a more current, active, and frequently updated Instagram; implement more accurate hashtags and daily Instagram challenges.
- Expand social media to more popular apps.
- Explore current offerings from National FFA on IDEs.
- Start a social media challenge for members to showcase their SAEs, similar to member of the month

Comments:

- Implement better promotion of social media throughout events and activities.
- During ALLD, add engaging activity to do throughout the event.
- Create a TikTok Page.

Rylee Clark, Bankbridge – Chair
Abbey Portillo, Phillipsburg– Secretary

2022-2023 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Jonathan Finney
State Vice President	Loriann De Sousa Rego
State Secretary	Chase Sherburne
Executive Committee Chair	Emily Sadlon
Teacher Representative	Dale Cruzan
State Advisor	Erin Noble
State FFA Specialist	Hannah Owen-Ross
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

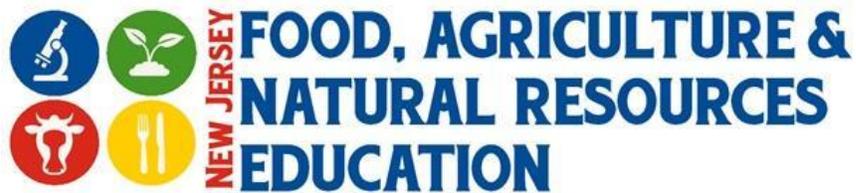


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