

# 96<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



## Session I

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Niccolo Conte, 2024-2025 State FFA President, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 602 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **FFA Jacket Presentation**

161 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**

#### **Gianna Amoroso**

Kayla Boman  
Ava Cardwell  
Allyson Diaz  
Gabe Gower  
Hunter Hayes  
Ryen Hlubik  
Izabella Jaramillo  
Ava Kuey  
Alyssa Mooney  
Sadie Rees  
Krys Siwik  
Brynn Mayton

#### **Bergen County Academies**

#### **Fiona Beauchamp**

Dana Chung  
Yoonseo Jang  
Branden Kim  
Grace Kim  
Evangeline Lee  
Aisha Shafoat  
Claire Shi  
Sophia Yakhnich  
Jongho Yun

#### **Buena**

#### **Rylee Berk**

Hadyn DeMille  
Erin Derieux  
Dasha Gonzalez  
Kai Kleinbord

**Cape May Tech**

**Nicholas Beamon**

Arianna Beasley  
Taylor Ciferni  
Zoe Hagan  
Victoria Hammond  
Angel Lopez-Marin  
Julianna Romano  
Owen Ross  
Austin Taylor

**Cumberland Regional**

**Juuliana Gonzalez**

Leonard Kline  
Catia Quinones Rodriguez  
Mason Seay

**Delsea Regional**

**Joshua Bramble**

Ranae Haney  
Parker Powers

**Essex County**

**Jackson Correale**

Kaiydah Coston  
Samantha Ginorio  
Kaitlyn Granja  
Mia Rosario  
Julie Ann Sterling  
Maria Taracena  
Jazmin Varela

**Freehold**

**Sarah Irianne**

Keira Palmieri

**Hunterdon County ESEA**

**Giavanna Cantagallo-Rohm**

Juliana Cardoso  
Allison Ciarelli  
Sara Ciarelli  
Luciano Colao  
Kaylee Connors  
Gabby DeSaulniers  
Ryland DeStasio  
Kingston Grannis  
Pearce Lowdon  
Finn McDaid  
Camila Reyes  
Anna Witte

**Hunterdon County Polytech**

**Miriam Baldwin**

Ava Haring  
Autumn Hayes  
Kimberly Ion  
Anna Murphy  
Anna Murphy  
Rae Pappas

**Middlesex - East Brunswick**

**Osmeily Colon**

Karina Estrada  
Kimberly Fonseca Solis  
Bavneet Kaur  
Greven Lewis  
Lia Martinez Serrano  
Maya Miller  
Nicole Quan  
Stephanie Romero  
Ruth Rubinshteyn  
Lucy Sulva  
Amilia Taveras  
Isabella Ventura  
Stefanie Vitale

**Middlesex Piscataway**

**Nana Kobina Akese**

Alessandro Bertotty Castaneda  
Briana Castellanos Ibarra  
Andrea Lopez Cisneros  
Nyla Melville  
Camila Villegas Cuartas

**Monmouth County**

**Maya Boswell**

Miracle Gill  
Hunter Lauser  
Mychael Camron Van  
Jordan Williams  
Christopher Wrobel  
Grant Yures

**Newton**

**Gwenyth Allen**

Allison Lamberti  
Joseph Murphy  
Alyssa Negron  
Aurora Post  
Savanah Raymond

**Northern Burlington**

**Hailey Tamagno**

**Northern Burlington Middle**

**Leehlan Gutierrez**

Emma Knipe

**Penns Grove**

**Amber Contreras**

Jeremy Costacamps  
Kiodexzoamy Echevarria  
Karilys Jourdan  
Shanny Reynoso  
Doel Torres

**Phillipsburg**

**Ayden Brobst**

Skyler Colondrillo  
Axel Gyuro  
Kimberly Oseguera Villada  
Abigail Ostrander

**Salem Tech**

**Mia Dill**

Nickolas Fisher  
Morgan Fogg  
Olivia Krevics  
Luke Kroll  
Abigail Leuallen  
Isabella Lopez  
Joseph MacNeill  
Lilly Myers  
Adessa Plum  
Jaycee Redrow  
Ryan Rowand  
Aaron Zeeman

**Sussex Tech**

**Ava Dickson**

Kristen Fiedler  
Gia Gutierrez

**Union County**

**Jonathan Almeida**

Kaycee Baptiste  
Victoria Dos Santos  
Jonas Lapining  
Isabella Moreira  
Allison Naranjo

**Vineland**

Isabella Reyes  
**Alyssa Donnelly**

Gurtejbir Singh

Eva Testa

**Warren Hills**

**Kaylee Burd**

Abigail Smith

Addison Speth

**Woodstown**

**Lee Coombs**

Evelyn Cullen

Taegan Donelow

Lorena Hernandez

Blake Levitsky

Catherine McCauley

Vincent Merendino

Joshua Olbrich

Aaron Simmons

Kenya Steward

Gabriella Urban

Kendall Young

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

Niccolo Conte, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Tyler Murnaghan, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Tiereny Lang, Allentown

Jacob Bramble, Delsea

Autumn Grumbridge, Hunterdon County ESEA

Grace Campbell, Middlesex East Brunswick

Sebastian Mendoza, Phillipsburg

Harley Toulson, Woodstown

Abbey Goodenough, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator

Julia Moreno, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

Abigale DiGiamberardino, Cape May Tech

Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick

Ivanelisse Pena Rivera, Penns Grove

Aaron Foote, Woodstown

**Retiring Address: Billy Rutherford**

State FFA Sentinel, Billy Rutherford, gave his retiring address entitled “Map of Connections” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

**New Jersey FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Posluszny, New Jersey FFA Foundation President, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

**2025 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** – Karlee Reid, Newton

**Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship** – Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

**Billinski Senior Award** – Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

**Washington Grange #117 Scholarship** – Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

**C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship** – Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

**David Seeley Memorial Scholarship** - Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

**Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship** – Ashley Castro, Monmouth

**James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship** – Natalie Hoffman, Newton

**Charles C. Drawbaugh Honorary Scholarship** – Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

**Jay P. Zukus Memorial Scholarship** – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

**Roszel Scholarship** – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

**Philip Alampi Memorial Scholarship** – Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick

**Ronald Emley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** - Matthew McCormick, Allentown

**Growing America’s Farmers Scholarship**

- Edward Zebedies, Buena Regional
- Samantha Seay, Cumberland Regional
- Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold
- Megan Brooks, Salem Tech
- Aaron Foote, Woodstown

**New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Scholarship** – Junia Mikhail, Freehold; Teagan Rudderow, Penns Grove; Megan Brooks, Salem Tech

**John Cummings Memorial Scholarship** – Katlyn Mills, Penns Grove

**Anthony Juestrich Memorial Scholarship** – Gabrielle Ruberti, Buena Regional

**Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship** – Ashley Postma, Belvidere

**Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship** – Anna Holman, Allentown

**Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship** – Juliann Bonomi, Hunterdon County ESEA

**Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship** – Aaron Foote, Woodstown

**William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship** - Cody Ponzio, Allentown

**Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship** – Lilly Haines, Allentown

**May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship** – Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg

**Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship** – Nina Weiland, Hunterdon ESEA

**Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship** – Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

**Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship** – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown; Gabrielle Ruberti, Buena Regional; Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional; Scarlett Sampino, Freehold; Juliann Bonomi, Hunterdon County ESEA; Benjamin Knehr, Newton; Kaylin Beardsley, Salem Tech; Rebecca Zang, Vineland; Aaron Foote, Woodstown.

#### **National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**Bayer-Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship** – Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington

**George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Endowment Scholarship** – Cody Ponzio, Allentown and Rafferty Burden, Allentown

**Bridgestone-Firestone Agricultural Scholarship** – Sofia Matos, High Tech

**National FFA Endowment Scholarship** – Tatiana Bulluck, Hunterdon County Polytech



**National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship** The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention. The 2025 scholarship winner is Abigail Christy from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

**Keynote Address: Abigail Jacobsen**

National FFA Western Region Vice President, Abigail Jacobsen presented her Keynote Address.

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Nicco introduced the courtesy corps and the courtesy corps coordinator, Lilly Haines.

**State Convention Rules**

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

**Closing Ceremonies**

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## Session II

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William Rutherford, 2024-2025 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 609 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **State Convention T-Shirt Design Recognition**

This year a member was awarded for their creative t-shirt design. The 2024-2025 NJ State FFA T-Shirt Design winner was Lelia Hagins of the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter

### **Art Competition Awards**

#### **Fine Art Division:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> place:* Charlotte Natanson, Freehold
- 4<sup>th</sup> place:* Victoria Dos Santos, Union County
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Nicole Quan, Middlesex East Brunswick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Celine Park, Bergen County Academies
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Alina Rodenko, Freehold

#### **Photography Division:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> place:* Esther Fernandez, High Tech
- 4<sup>th</sup> place:* Shannon Lynch, Freehold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Rachel Yacuk, Newton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Aaron Simmons, Woodstown
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Lexi Peterson Salem Tech

### **Retiring Address: Tyler Murnaghan**

Tyler Murnaghan, State FFA Secretary, gave his retiring address, “Do and Do Well” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Conduct of Chapter Meetings Event Awards**

#### **Division I:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Freehold

#### **Division II:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Freehold
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Salem Tech

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

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Allentown
- 1<sup>st</sup> place:* Penns Grove

### **Excellence In Community Service Recognition**

*Bronze Ranking:* Allentown  
Belvidere  
Cape May Tech  
Cumberland Regional  
Delsea Regional  
Hunterdon County ESEA  
Hunterdon County Polytech  
Middlesex East Brunswick  
Northern Burlington  
Salem Tech  
Somerset County  
Sussex Tech  
Union County  
Warren Hills

*Silver Ranking:* Essex County  
Freehold  
Newton  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Penns Grove

*Gold Ranking:* Buena Regional  
Woodstown

### **Individual Excellence In Community Service Recipients**

Samia Bruno, Essex County  
Andrea Pillico, Essex County  
Zulianys Torres, Essex County  
Jack Boffa, Newton  
Justin Evanski, Newton  
Pawel Macikowski, Newton  
Ryan Marschall, Newton  
Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills  
Aaron Foote, Woodstown  
Morgan Vengenock, Woodstown  
Jersey Vinciguerra, Woodstown

### **Statewide Service Project**

The following chapters have collected items to be utilized in our Sensory Garden: Allentown; Belvidere; Bergen County Academies; Bergen Tech Paramus; Buena Regional; Cape May Tech; Cumberland Regional; Delsea Regional; Essex County; Freehold; Hunterdon County ESEA; Hunterdon County Polytech; Middlesex East Brunswick; Middlesex Piscataway; Monmouth

County; Newton; North Warren; Northern Burlington; Penns Grove; Phillipsburg; Salem Tech; Sussex Tech; Union County; Vineland; 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 III* – Evangaline Lee, Bergen County Academies

*Division IV*- Stefanie Vitale & Grace Campbell, Middlesex East Brunswick

*Division V*- Isabella Sanchis, Hunterdon County Polytech

*Division VI*- Mark Pluchino & Natalie Phelan, Hunterdon County Polytech

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

*Division I* – Christian Rivera, Montague Township Middle

*Division III*- Claire Shi, Bergen County Academies

*Division IV*- Aisha Shafoat & Yoonseo Jang, Bergen County Academies

*Division V*- Celine Park, Bergen County Academies

*Division VI*- Grace Kim & Dana Chung, Bergen County Academies

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

*Division I* – Melanie Scantleberry & Cassidy Eastridge, Montague Township Middle

*Division III*- Wilber Callejas, Bergen County Academies

#### **Plant Systems**

*Division I*- William Lin, Montague Township Middle

*Division III*- Branden Kim, Bergen County Academies

*Division IV*- Aesha Patel & Amanda Cabrera, High Tech

*Division V*- Ambika Rao, High Tech

*Division VI*- Anjali Daftary & Fiona Beauchamp, Bergen County Academies

#### **Social Systems**

*Division III*- Ava Haring, Hunterdon County Polytech

*Division IV*- Natalie Flores & Prinzesse Dongon, High Tech

### **Retiring Address: Nina Weiland**

Nina Weiland, State FFA Reporter, gave her retiring address, “Different by Design” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## 2025 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 60 delegates, and 6 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 31 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 40 votes.

The 96<sup>th</sup> New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

**Motion by Tyler Murnaghan, New Jersey FFA Association** to accept the schedule for the 96<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Jake Masciulli, Somerset County. Motion passes.**

Niccolo Conte entertained a motion to accept the 95<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

**Motion by Abrianna Portillo, New Jersey FFA Association** to accept the 95<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

**Seconded by Marley Wetzel, Cape May Tech. Motion passes.**

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

**Motion by Abrianna Portillo, New Jersey FFA Association** to amend the National Constitution and Bylaws with the proposed amendment.

**Seconded by Jacob Babich, Freehold. Motion passes.**

Allison Josielewski, State Vice President, presented the modifications of the National FFA Bylaws as related to shifting from individual membership dues to universal chapter affiliation fees.

**Motion by Stanley Frame, Penns Grove** to modify the bylaws for universal chapter affiliation.

**Seconded by Emilia Anderson, Essex West Caldwell. Motion passes.**

Abrianna Portillo, State FFA Treasurer, presented the New Jersey State FFA Program Affiliation Fee Structure Proposals.

**Motion by Rae Pappas, Hunterdon County Polytech** to keep the established affiliation structure.

**Seconded by Sofia Dias, Union County. Motion passes.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

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

**Motion by Rae Pappas, Hunterdon County Polytech** to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/ Program of Activities committee report as read.

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

*Membership, Chapter Relations*

**Motion by Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills** to accept the Membership, Chapter Relations, committee report as read.

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

*State Leadership Activities*

**Motion by Paige Conroy, Allentown** to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

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

*State Applications*

**Motion by Janella Hall, Cape May Tech** to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

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

*Career Development Event Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Maddin Emmons, Allentown** to accept the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

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

*Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review*

**Motion by Jake Bennet, Monmouth County** to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

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

**Motion by Jacob Babich, Freehold** to adjourn the 2025 Delegate Business Session.

**Seconded by Tori Thompson, Buena Regional. Motion passes.**

## Session III

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Abrianna Portillo, 2024-2025 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 613 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

### **Public Speaking Awards**

#### **FFA Creed**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Ester Fernandez, High Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Ava Cardwell, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Kaylee Connors, Hunterdon County ESEA

#### **Spanish FFA Creed**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Camila Giraldo, Union County

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Otys Train, High Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Camila Villegas Cuartos

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Zoe Hagan, Cape May Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Afsheen Shalf-Mohamed, High Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Amanda Cabrera, High Tech

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

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Briahnee Coulanges, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Krys Siwik, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Francesca DiMarcello, Phillipsburg

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Joseph Brewer, Northern Burlington

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Erika Maliszewski, Middlesex East Brunswick

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Cora Bermingham, Newton

### **Agricultural Issues Forum**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Salem Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Bergen County Academies

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Cape May Tech

### **Agricultural Communications Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Phillipsburg

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Freehold

### **Marketing Plan Awards**

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Freehold

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Salem Tech

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

The 2025 New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year is **Mr. Daniel Delcher** from the **Essex County-West Caldwell** FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

### **Teach Agriculture Event Award**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Kaitlyn Mills, Penns Grove

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Annabell Cobb, Salem Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

### **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.

*Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional*

*Jamila Abreu, Freehold*

*Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick*

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

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

### **Retiring Address: Allison Josielewski**

State FFA Vice President, Allison Josielewski, gave her retiring address entitled “Life is in the Little Things” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Vineland

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Monmouth County

### **Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Vineland

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Phillipsburg

### **Landscape Design Event Awards**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Cody Ponzio, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Keira Palmieri, Freehold

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Leah D’Amore, Bergen Tech Paramus



**Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award**

The 2025 Treasurer of the Year is **Paige Lott and Fiona McVeigh** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

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

The 2025 Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Sophia Jones** from the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

**Closing Ceremonies**

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## CDE Session

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Tyler Murnaghan, 2024-2025 State FFA Secretary, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 618 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **FFA Talent**

Alyssa Donnelly of the Vineland FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her piano talent.

### **Winter and Miscellaneous Career Development Event Awards**

#### **Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management**

Members of first place team:

Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Logan Zappa, Hunterdon County Polytech

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Isabelle Powell, Northern Burlington

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Yaney Gonzalez, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> & Bronze Medal: Cole Tjalma, Belvidere

3<sup>rd</sup> & Bronze Medal: Isabella Ojeda, Northern Burlington

2<sup>nd</sup> & Silver Medal: Sadie Forsyth, Hunterdon County Polytech

1<sup>st</sup> & Gold Medal: Dakota Meys, Hunterdon County Polytech

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

#### **Farm & Agribusiness Management**

Members of first place team:

Derek Voorhees, Allentown

Tierney Lang, Allentown

Students Receiving Medals

*Bronze Medal:* William Morgan, Hunterdon County ESEA

*Bronze Medal:* Elizabeth Mooney, Allentown

*Silver Medal:* Jack Smylie, Northern Burlington

*Gold Medal:* Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

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

### **Floriculture**

Members of the first place team:

Marcella Junkroft, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Bryan Caldas, Monmouth County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Valentina Gallego, Union County

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Rachel Yacuk, Newton

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Thomas Kober, Union County

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Emma Teevan Union County

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Lorelei Harris, Allentown

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

### **Food Science and Technology**

Member of first place team:

Sophia Tirabassi, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Grace Kim, Bergen County Academies

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Kathryn Tintle, Warren Hills

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Claire Fly, Hunterdon County ESEA

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Sahara Montiero, Hunterdon County ESEA

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Vincent Morendino, Woodstown

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Mackenzie Stanley, Hunterdon County ESEA

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Priscilla Lucci, Warren Hills

*Silver Medal:* Victoria Tischenko, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Claire Shi, Bergen County Academies

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

### **Horse Evaluation**

Member of first place team:

Elizabeth Mooney, Allentown

Sadie Rees, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Delaney Abel, Woodstown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Cayla Cassar, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Gianna Tanzi, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Maya Miller, Middlesex East Brunswick

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Paige Conroy, Allentown

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

### **Livestock Evaluation**

Member of the first place team:

Ryan Rowand, Salem Tech

Annabelle Cobb, Salem Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Kimberly Fonseca Solis, Middlesex East Brunswick

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Anna Murphy, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Luke Kroll, Salem Tech

2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal: Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington

1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal: Dakota Dawson, Salem Tech

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

### **Meat Evaluation and Technology**

Members of first place team:

Morgan Vengenock, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Wyatt Ambruster, Woodstown

4<sup>th</sup> place: Anna Murphy, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal: Dylan Cole, Newton

2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal: Analiese Hines, Woodstown

1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal: Aaron Foote, Woodstown

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

### **Poultry Evaluation**

Members of first place team

Trinity Ryan, Allentown

Elena Matthews, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5<sup>th</sup> place: Chloe Vincent, Allentown

4<sup>th</sup> place: Aaron Simmons, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4<sup>th</sup> and Bronze Medal: Jack Rearick, Newton

2<sup>nd</sup> and Bronze Medal: Lorena Hernandez, Woodstown

1<sup>st</sup> and Silver Medal: Lilly Toporek, Allentown

3<sup>rd</sup> and Gold Medal: Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon County Polytech

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

### **FFA Talent**

Danielle Hannah of the Woodstown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her singing of 'Travelin' Soldier'.

## **Fall Career Development Event Awards**

### **Forestry**

Members of the first place team:

Barry Thomson, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Thomas Kober, Union County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Ryan Marschall, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Thomas Phillips, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Anthony Nelson, Cape May Tech

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Dylan Cole, Newton

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

### **Fruits and Vegetables**

Members of the first place team:

Eden Bingel, Somerset County

Jake Masciulli, Somerset County

Christopher Gonzalez, Somerset County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Allison Lamberti, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Ayla Blankenbush, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Claire Fly, Hunterdon County ESEA

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Myla Cardoso, Hunterdon County Polytech

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Kara VanDyke, Somerset County

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

### **Land Judging**

Members of the first place team:

Chase Vince Cruz, Newton

Mackenzie Greenhalgh, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Ashley Postma, Belvidere

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Natalie Hoffman, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Riley Fleming, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Ryen Hlubik, Allentown

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton

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

### **Milk Quality and Products**

Members of first place team:

Eraldo Aguilar, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Lanie Stutz, Newton*

*2<sup>nd</sup> place: Chloe Vincent, Allentown*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Bronze: John Tinio, Newton*

*5<sup>th</sup> and Silver Medal: Jack Rearick, Newton*

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal: Madia Resch, Allentown*

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

### **Turf Management**

Members of the first place team:

Danii Harris, Monmouth County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place: Liam Mastrobuoni, Bergen Tech Paramus*

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Hunter Laauser, Monmouth County*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Bronze Medal: Maura McGuigan, Camden Tech East*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal: Grant Yures, Monmouth County*

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Gold Medal: Jake Bennet, Monmouth County*

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

### **FFA Talent**

Eliana Agolia of the Freehold FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her performance of the cello.

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

#### **Agricultural Sales**

Members of the first place team:

Maddin Emmons, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place: Fiona McVeigh, Woodstown*

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Callie Prinsen, Woodstown*

*4<sup>th</sup> place: Ava Kuey, Allentown*

*3<sup>rd</sup> place: Tyler Ramos Womack, Newton*

*3<sup>rd</sup> place: Trisha Casady, Woodstown*

*2<sup>nd</sup> place: Roman Jackson, Camden Penn Tech*

*2<sup>nd</sup> place: William Olbrich, Woodstown*

Medals

*Bronze Medal: Ava Hayes, Allentown*

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*1<sup>st</sup> and Silver Medal:* David Balchunas, Union County

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Kacey Louiselle, Union County

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Krys Siwik, Allentown

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

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

Members of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team:

Ryan Freiburger, Allentown

Cody Ponzio, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Jacob DeHart, Salem Tech

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Matthew Mains, Allentown

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Ryen Hlubik, Allentown

Medal:

Silver: Joseph Jose, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*3<sup>rd</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Joseph Bucs, Northern Burlington

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Samuel Robinson, Salem Tech

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

### **Agronomy**

H.O. Sampson Certificates:

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Eduardo Sumaria, Union County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Joanna McDonald, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*3<sup>rd</sup> and Bronze:* Sofia Dias, Union County

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver:* Thomas Kober, Union County

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold:* Jiya Kochar, Union County

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

### **Environmental and Natural Resources**

Members of the first place team:

Mackenzie Greenhalgh, Newton

Jack Boffa, Newton

Ryan Marschall, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Sophia Jones, Allentown

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Jade Woo, Freehold

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*5<sup>th</sup> and Bronze Medal:* Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Silver Medal:* Wilber Callejas, Bergen County Academies

*1<sup>st</sup> and Gold Medal:* Kara VanDyke, Somerset County

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

### **Nursery and Landscape**

Members of the first place team:

Jayden Jackson, Monmouth County

Hunter Laauser, Monmouth County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Allison Naranjo, Union County

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Christopher Jones, MCTS Sypek Center

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

*5<sup>th</sup> place and Bronze Medal:* Jake Bennett, Monmouth County

*1<sup>st</sup> place and Silver Medal:* Liam Mastrobuoni, Bergen Tech Paramus

*2<sup>nd</sup> place and Gold Medal:* Grant Yures, Monmouth County

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

### **Veterinary Science**

Members of the first place team:

Klaudia Kozikowski, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates

*5<sup>th</sup> place:* Adelyn Davis, Phillipsburg

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Natalie Phelan, Hunterdon County Polytech

*4<sup>th</sup> place:* Makenzi Nevins, Warren Hills

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Micaela Schlesner, Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Abigail Beals, Salem Tech

Medals

*Bronze Medal:* Alana Vega, Hunterdon County Polytech

*Silver Medal:* Eden Bingel, Somerset County

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

*2<sup>nd</sup> and Gold Medal:* Elaina Koursaris, Hunterdon County Polytech

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 **Galen Liu** of the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter!**

### **Closing Ceremonies**

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## Session IV

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Nina Weiland, 2024-2025 State FFA Reporter, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 State Staff, and 650 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 2024-2025 were honored:

*May:* Abrianna Portillo, Phillipsburg

*June:* Maddin Emmons, Allentown

*September:* Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

*October:* Emma Wuerthner, Hunterdon County ESEA

*November:* Aaron Foote, Woodstown

*December:* Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

*January:* Paige Conroy, Allentown

*February:* Jacob Bramble, Delsea

*March:* Rafferty Burden, Allentown

*April:* Scarlett Sampino, Freehold

The 2025 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Peter DelCollo** of the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

#### **Employment Skills Event**

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Branden Kim, Bergen County Academies

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Bella Guzzo, Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington

#### **Demonstration Event Awards**

Individual Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* Marcella Junkroft, Union County

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Marshara Edwards, Newton

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Grace Hurley, Cape May Tech

Team Demonstration Event

*3<sup>rd</sup> place:* High Tech

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Bergen County Academies

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Cape May Tech

#### **Essay Event Awards**

*Division I:* Yasmine Rabhi, High Tech

*Division II:* Austin Taylor, Cape May Tech

*Division III:* Jayla Young, Essex County

**Retiring Address: Abrianna Portillo**

Abrianna Portillo, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “The Confidence to Bloom in a Field of Flowers” 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:

**Mr. David DeFrange**- Owner of Copper Creek Landscaping

**Mr. Daniel Delcher** – Agricultural Science Teacher Essex County Vocational Technical School - West Caldwell

**Mrs. Denise Foote** – Woodstown FFA Alumni President

**Mrs. Cathy Lubbe** – Instructional Assistant at Allentown High School

**Ms. Ashley Sanguiliano** – Business Administrator at Hunterdon County Vocational Technical School District

**Honorable Mr. William W. Spearman** – Assemblyman of the New Jersey General Assembly District 5

**Keynote Address**

Josiah Cruikshank presented his speech, “Authentic Positivity”

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

The 2024-2025 State Officer team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

**Closing Ceremonies**

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## Session V

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Allison Josielewski, 2024-2025 State FFA Vice President and Tyler Murnaghan, 2024-2025 State FFA Secretary, presided.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

There were 6 State Officers, 3 state staff, and 749 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

#### **Reflections – “Grow Beyond”**

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme, “Grow Beyond”.

#### **State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award**

**Audrina Mederius** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2024-2025 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

#### **State Star Chapter Farmer**

**Brayden Jany** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2024-2025 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

#### **Star Greenhand Award**

The 2024-2025 Star State Greenhand is **Sarah Irianne** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter**.

#### **Superior Chapter Recognition**

Hunterdon County ESEA  
Newton  
Vineland

#### **National Chapter Award**

*Bronze:* Essex County  
Freehold  
Middlesex East Brunswick

*Silver:* Buena Regional  
Cumberland Regional  
Phillipsburg  
Salem Tech

*Grow Beyond Award:*  
Buena Regional  
Essex County  
Middlesex East Brunswick

*Gold:* Allentown  
Penns Grove  
Warren Hills  
Woodstown

**Premier Chapter Awards**

*Growing Leaders:* Woodstown  
*Building Communities:* Buena Regional  
*Strengthening Agriculture:* Allentown

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Education**

Dr. Jordan Schiff presented remarks on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education.

**Proficiency Awards**

**2025 Equine Science Proficiency Award - Paige Conroy, Allentown**

**2025 Fruit and Nut Production Proficiency Award- Ashley Postma, Belvidere**

**2025 Turf and Landscape Management Proficiency Award- Owen Gambale, Belvidere**

**2025 Small Animal Production & Care Proficiency Award- Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown**

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

*Bronze Rating:* Belvidere  
Bergen Tech Paramus  
Camden Penn Tech  
Camden-Tech East  
Delsea Regional  
High Tech  
Monmouth County  
North Warren  
Northern Burlington Middle  
Pemberton Township

*Silver Rating:* Bergen County Academies  
Buena Regional  
Essex- West Caldwell  
Hunterdon County Polytech  
Somerset County

*Gold Rating:*

- Allentown
- Cape May Tech
- Cumberland Regional
- Freehold
- Hunterdon County ESEA
- Middlesex- East Brunswick
- Newton
- Northern Burlington
- Penns Grove
- Phillipsburg
- Salem Tech
- Union County
- Vineland
- Warren Hills
- Woodstown

#### **New Jersey FFA Alumni Report: Chuck Wojtaszek**

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

The scholarship went to **Elizabeth Mooney** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

#### **Quiz Bowl:**

*2<sup>nd</sup> place:* Middlesex East Brunswick

*1<sup>st</sup> place:* Union County

#### **Lifetime Membership:**

Tyler Murnaghan and William Rutherford both received their lifetime memberships.

#### **Distinguished Service**

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

Allentown Presbyterian Church

Amwell Valley Fire Company

Hampton Inn Bordentown

Rutgers Continuing Education

#### **Greetings from Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources**

Mr. Frank Minch presented remarks on behalf of the Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources.

#### **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:

*Loriann De Sousa Rego*

*Leon Delcher*

*Hana Puzycki*  
*Abigail Goodenough*  
*Joe Goodenough*  
*Kristianne Goodenough*  
*Lilly Haines*  
*Julia Moreno*  
*Justin Noble*  
*Emily Sadlon*  
*Chase Sherburne*  
*Maise Shimko*  
*Tracy Smith*

### **Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**

For placing second in the Floriculture 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**

<b>Allentown</b>	<b>Abigail Cappiello</b> Kayla Boman Ava Cardwell Ryan Freiburger Gabe Gower Ryen Hlubik Evangeline Huey Matthew Mains Mitchell Mains
<b>Buena Regional</b>	<b>Hadyn DeMille</b> Aurora Esquilin Caroline Fatty Andriana Levari Edward Zebedies
<b>Cape May Tech</b>	<b>Nicholas Beamon</b> Austin Taylor
<b>Cumberland Regional</b>	<b>Samantha Zuba</b> Juliana Gonzalez Leonard Kline Catia Quinones Mason Seay
<b>Freehold</b>	<b>Jamila Abreu</b>
<b>Middlesex- East Brunswick</b>	<b>Meziah Bellinger</b> Jonathan Minafo Jace Roque
<b>Monmouth County</b>	<b>Danii Harris</b>

<b>Northern Burlington</b>	Grant Yures <b>Alivia Carter</b> Myla Champagne Briahnee Coulanges Abigail Pucci
<b>Penns Grove</b>	<b>Kiodexzoamy Echevarria</b> Shariana Gonzalez Ruperto Karilys Jourdan Pineda Shanny Reynoso Mayalis Sanchez-Perez
<b>Salem Tech</b>	<b>Jacob DeHart</b> Larry Pompper
<b>Union County</b>	<b>David Balchunas</b>
<b>Warren Hills</b>	<b>Gracie Bucher</b> Olivia DaSilva Juan Garcia Shawn Mott Sophia Tirabassi
<b>Woodstown</b>	<b>Wyatt Ambruster</b> Jake Coles Lee Combs Joey Olbrich Joshua Olbrich Aaron Simmons Bradley Snithcher Morgan Vengenock Jersey Vinciguerra

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Jersey Vinciguerra** of the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

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

Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Jenny Allen, and Ms. Debra McCluskey presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

#### **Talent and State Degree Seating**

Danielle Hannah of the Woodstown FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her singing talent.

#### **Garden State Degree Ceremony**

<b>Allentown:</b>	<b>Rafferty Burden</b>
	Paige Conroy
	Maddin Emmons
	Derek Voorhees

<b>Belvidere:</b>	<b>Carolyn Bilyk</b> Andrew Duckworth
<b>Buena Regional:</b>	<b>Michael Bristowe</b> Aroua Esquilin Jiavonni Jones Andriana Levari Gabrielle Ruberti Tori Thompson Edward Zebedies
<b>Cape May Tech:</b>	<b>Abigale DiGiamberardino</b>
<b>Cumberland Regional:</b>	<b>Madison Corson</b> Peter DelCollo Samantha Seay
<b>Delsea:</b>	<b>Jacob Bramble</b>
<b>Essex County:</b>	<b>Emilia Anderson</b> Samia Bruno Miranda Courtright Angelica Delarosa Imani Fraser Madison Hill Gisabel Hodge Andrea Pillco Xavier Rodriguez Zulianys Torres Rafael Velez
<b>Hunterdon County ESEA:</b>	<b>Juliann Bonomi</b>
<b>Middlesex-East Brunswick:</b>	<b>Kara Erickson</b> Haley Poulsen Sierra Romero
<b>Newton:</b>	<b>Eraldo Aguilar-Romero</b> Jack Boffa Justin Evanski Brenda Lamberti Pawel Macikowski Ryan Marschall Thomas Phillips Karlee Reid Rachel Yacuk
<b>Penns Grove:</b>	<b>Miranda Jimenez Lopez</b> Ivanelisse Pena Rivera
<b>Salem Tech:</b>	<b>Kaylin Beardsley</b> Dominic Militti
<b>Union County:</b>	<b>Sofia Dias</b>
<b>Woodstown:</b>	<b>Leah Clark</b>



Jacob Coles  
Aaron Foote  
Audrina Medeiros

### **State Star Award Recognition**

**2024-2025 State Star in Agricultural Placement:** Rafferty Burden, Allentown

**2024-2025 State Star Farmer:** Aaron Foote, Woodstown

### **Retiring Address: Niccolo Conte**

Niccolo Conte, State FFA President gave his retiring address titled, “Shift into Success” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Jacob Bramble of the Delsea FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Abrianna Portillo
Executive Committee Members:	Tyler Murnaghan
Executive Committee Members:	Nina Weiland
Executive Committee Members:	William Rutherford
State Parliamentarian:	Aaron Foote
State Sentinel:	Peter DelCollo
State Reporter:	Ivanelisse Pena Rivera
State Treasurer:	Abigale DiGiamberardino
State Secretary:	Kayla Romero
State Vice President:	Breanna Rosmarin
State President:	Kathryn Giovanelli

**Motion by Jacob Bramble** 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 PowerPoint**

A Power Point was presented as a tribute to all the past State Officers.

### **Installation of 2025-2026 State Officers**

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

### **Convention in Review**

The 2025 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

### **Passing of the Gavel**

2024-2025 State FFA President, Niccolo Conte, passed the gavel to the 2025-2026 State FFA President, Kathryn Giovanelli.

## Closing Ceremonies

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**Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2025

**Committee Members Present:**

Eduardo Sumaria, Union County  
Estefany Casedesoxlas, MTCS Sypek Center  
Kimberly Coscia, Sussex County Tech  
Ranae Honey, Delsea Regional  
Julliau Meudaea, Phillipsburg  
Alyssa Berecsky, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Nana Kobina Akose, Middlesex Piscataway  
Abrianna Portillo, State Association

Claire Barenberg, Freehold  
Jenna Pollock, Vineland  
Gabrielle Ruberti, Buena Regional  
Lila Aracker, Warren Hills  
Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington  
Jake Bennet, Monmouth  
  
Patty Smith, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

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

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Offering workshops throughout the day.
- Reach out to MCCC Clubs for potential workshops.
- Revise the descriptions for all classes to explicitly state size requirements and price limits.
- To change the baby arrangement classes, size limits to reflect industry standards.
- Add Kwanza to Happy Holidays class.

**Comments:**

- Wearable pieces category was successful.
- Many enjoyed the 2024 bonsai workshop.
- Potentially adding an aquatic plants category.
- More explicit announcements that plants must be in possession for over three months prior to showing.

Jake Bennet, Monmouth – Chair  
Gabrielle Ruberti, Buena Regional – Secretary

**Career and Leadership Development Event Review and Evaluation**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2025

**Committee Members Present:**

Gabby Swift, Cumberland Regional  
Megan Rackafellow, South Hunterdon  
Sarah St. Jean, Vineland  
Ryan Marschall, Newton  
Yoonseo Jang, Bergen County Academies  
Alyssa Garcia, Hunterdon County ESEA  
Allison Josielewski, State Association

Madison Bird, North Warren  
Jamie Cruz, Camden Penn Tech  
Fiona McVeigh, Woodstown  
Rachel Stawarth, Monmouth County  
Shelby Moran, Northern Burlington  
Maddin Emmons, Allentown  
Renee Stillwell, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

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

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Align CDEs with the pathways.
- Moving floriculture back to Spring CDEs.
- Moving Fall CDEs to a new location.
- Making the difference between State and National handbook covers more prominate.
- Move Ag sales and Marketing Plan to the Ag Convention.
- Stricter supervision during CDEs.

**Comments:**

- N/A

Maddin Emmons, Allentown – Chair  
Gabby Swift, Cumberland Regional – Secretary

**State Leadership Activities**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2025

**Committee Members Present:**

Paige Conroy, Allentown	Madison Corson, Cumberland Regional
Aleksander Kurouski, South Hunterdon Regional	Marley Wetzel, Cape May Tech
Miranda Jimerrez Lopez, Penns Grove	Eden Bingel, Somerset County
Madyson, Pemberton	Giavanna Contagallo Rohm, Hunterdon County ESEA
Andrea Pillco, Essex West Caldwell	Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown
Aaron Dean, Salem Tech	
Tyler Murnaghan, State Association	Daniel Delcher, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

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

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Adopting the proposed changes to New Jersey FFA Leadership Conferences
- Adopting the ‘MegaE’.
- Adopting the ‘Next Generation Ag Summit’.
- Adopting the ‘State FFA Officer Candidate Training’.

**Comments:**

- The committee overviewed FFA leadership event evaluations and discussed their implications. They deliberated over the proposed changes to ensure that New Jersey FFA will continue to prosper.

Paige Conroy, Allentown – Chair  
Marley Wetzel, Cape May Tech – Secretary

**Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities, State Applications, & State Convention  
Evaluation**

Committee Report

May 22, 2025

**Committee Members Present:**

Kayla Lobycz, North Warren

Jesus Caballero, South Hunterdon Middle

Rae Pappas, Hunterdon County Polytech

John James-Vickery, Bergen Tech Paramus

Niccolo Conte, State Association

Greace Riera MCTS Sypek Center

Vincent Allonrdi, Delsea Regional

Jake Masciulli, Somerset County

Ichazmil Brown, Pemberton

Joel Rudderow, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review the constitution, bylaws, and program of activities and to evaluate State Convention and State Applications.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Adopting the revised H.O. Sampson Participation award.

**Comments:**

- The revised H.O. Sampson award gives FFA Chapters increased opportunity for recognition.
- Convention review QR code should be placed in the cafeteria and posted on screen during Session 5.
- Recommended that Advisors should encourage students to fill out the Convention review.

Rae Pappas, Hunterdon County Polytech – Chair

John James-Vickery, Bergen Tech Paramus – Secretary

**Membership, Chapter Relations**  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2025

**Committee Members Present:**

Miriam Baldwin, Hunterdon County Polytech  
Olive Popp, South Hunterdon Middle  
Canila Villegas Cuartas, Middlesex Piscataway  
Akiyah Mardes, Sussex Tech  
Ashley Postma, Belvidere  
Nina Weiland, State Association

Tricia Artz, Northern Burlington Middle  
Claire Shi, Bergen County Academies  
Jared Gutierrez, Camden Penn Tech  
Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills

Robin McLean, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review how the State Association can better its relations with chapters, and how to accommodate members based on interests and abilities.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Social media plan accepted to be utilized for the next year and amended for English and Spanish versions.
- New Jersey State Officer media training accepted to be utilized for the next year.
- New Jersey FFA Voices Program accepted and amended to have an English and Spanish version for the next year.
- Chapter Highlights Form accepted and utilized next year.

**Comments:**

- N/A

Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills – Chair  
Camila Villegas Cuartas, Middlesex Piscataway– Secretary

**State Applications**  
**Committee Report**  
**May 22, 2025**

**Committee Members Present:**

Sofia Dias, Union County

Jack Boffa, Newton

Gianna Cheeseman, Salem Tech

Stanley Frank, Penns Grove

Sierra Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick,

Nareli Rubin, Phillipsburg

William Rutherford, State Association

Jacob Babich, Freehold

Janella Hall, Cape May Tech

Emilia Anderson, Essex West-Caldwell

Patton Smith, Northern Burlington Middle

Andrew Duckworth, Belvidere

Kaitlyn Tallamy, Advisor

**Purpose of Meeting:**

To review how the State Association can better its relations with chapters, and how to accommodate members based on interests and abilities.

**Recommended Actions to be Taken:**

- Develop a state application for the Next Gen Ag Summit open from June to September to be judged at the September State Meeting.

**Comments:**

- Ensure that the Next Gen Ag Summit application on the state level aligns with the national application.
- Starting the application for the Chapter Recognition Program.
- Starting the application for the NJ FFA Voices Program.

Janella Hall, Cape May Tech – Chair

Jack Boffa, Newton– Secretary



## 2024-2025 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Niccolo Conte
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State Treasurer	Abrianna Portillo
State Reporter	Nina Weiland
State Sentinel	William Rutherford
Teacher Representative	Dale Cruzan
State Advisor	Erin Noble
State FFA Specialist	Jenny Allen
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

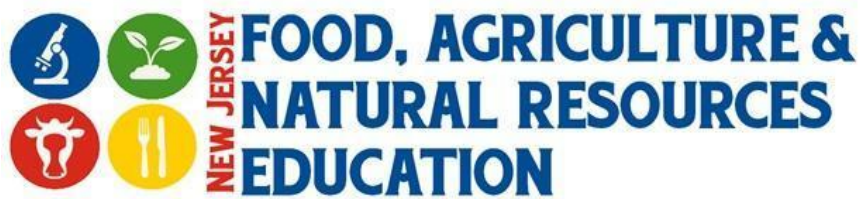


## FFA MISSION

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for *premier leadership, personal growth and career success* through agricultural education.

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Preparing People for Leadership and Careers in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources



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