

97th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



Session I

Kathryn Giovanelli, 2025-2026 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and 651 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings from National FFA Organization Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Scott Stump

FFA Jacket Presentation

200 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

Trevor Cappiello

Savannah Carlson
Ashlyn Cerniglia
Jacqueline Crane
Cambree Dioguardi
Tyler Emmons
Lily Fanning
Graham Guttadora
Reed Huggins
Dominic Jones
John Loughlin
Jack Magnus
William Mandeville
Gavin Marantz
Kenna Noble
Wyatt Rahner
Aubrey Sopronyi

Bergen County Academies

Adeline Alipui

Peter Augustynowicz
Lillian Day
Henry He
Brielle Han
Camile Jiang
Sharro Jin
Ghaon Kim
Jeongwon Kim

Lia Lee
Cynthia Li
Joann Park
Akrithi Ram
Kavin Ramesh
Mia Russo
Karan Shah
Arav Srinivasan
Divya Thirumula
Anagha Venkataraman
Suri Zhou

Cape May Tech

Calleigh Bertele
Annalise Bullard
Julianna Childs
Danika Couse
Fiona Thame

Cumberland Regional

Bailey Clay
Jacob Ryman
Riley Sheppard
Abigial Vanderveer
Kailyn Vanderveer

Delsea Regional

Lilly Faust
Riley Hunter
Rylie Ingraham
Marlee Melchiorre
Jacob Simpson
Jamie Thomas
Lucas Weist
Tory Williams

Essex County

Jasmyn Anguisaca
Bryan Arevlo
Elizabeth Bandras
Nathalee Gonzalez
Nelly Gusman
Samantha Harris
Morgan Hazzard-Slater
Mariyah Mitchell-Wright
LeAna Montas
Jarielis Rojas

Freehold

Eliana Agoglia
Abena Biney
Peyton Story
Hope Swansinger

High Tech

Ester Fernandez

Hunterdon County ESEA

Paulo Aidar
Hayden Bozzo
Ariana Buchberger
Emily Cowart
Madison Dorman
Ava Gonzales
Emeline Jebson
Noah Joseph
Khloe Koetters
David Manning
Veronica Moran
Liam Newbold
Abigial Parise
Benjamin Pollack
Sophia Reyes

Hunterdon County Polytech

Jael Boone
Willow Brown
Haylie Carpenter
Ava Crespo
Hazel Delia
Emma DeMarco
Olivia Dow
Ruby Dunlap
Lucas Garcia
Catherine Gras
Sabrina Hachil
Julian Hubbard
Adina Kabashi
Mollie Kumpf
Gillian Moore
Vera Ossi
Keith Reichard
Jacob Risbon
Annabelle Shaw
Kaitlyn Stothoff

Peyton Swaney
Gwyneth Totaro
Samantha Vocke

Middlesex - East Brunswick

Cassie Andersen-White

Abigial Berecsky
Madison Bruno
Jamie Garcia
Arianna Hernandez
Isla Kellerman
Valentina Martinez
Jailyn Martinez Martinez
Ava Was
Gabriela Zgiet

Middlesex Piscataway

Brenden Baez

Nella Jofre Carabajal
Heidy Lopez
Anaya Macdonald
Jonairy Morales
Shannon Moss
Brianna Nava
Emily Parlapanides
Devanna Valdes
Azia Williams
Bentley Zamor

Newton

Sophia Efremov

Salvatore Infinito
Maya Khan
Greta Leo
Jalen McClure
Allison Nolan
Jenna Steinberg
Sophia Stone

Northern Burlington

Evelyn Affrime

Tiffany Arket
Justin Broadway
Alivia Carter
Myla Champagne
Joseph Jose
Khloe Lawton

Adrianna Loffredo
Riddick Massman
Iheoma Ozioma
Abigail Pucci
Eric Sacramento
Peyton Yelen
Jacob Young

Northern Burlington Middle

Grace Arzt
Mackenzie Hasson-Spear
Mackenzie Johnson
Emma Werner

Philipsburg

Caleb Clymer
Caiden Eriksen
Eternity Gaines
Mallory Johnson
Riley Mayo
Morgan Stewart

Salem Tech

Evening Amedee
Charlee Bay
Aubrey Brooks
Kendall Camper
Jessilynn Chambers
Breanna Christopher
William Cobb
Olivia Foster
Carleigh Haney
Paityn Harrington
Brody Kroll
Arianna Morales
Avery Paulus
Zofia Raguza
Samantha Schmied
Emma Scioli
Peyton Stone
Abigail Vanaman

South Hunterdon Regional

Lauren Zuniga

Sussex Tech

Wesley Cooper

Union County

Fiana Tejena
Izabela Wisniowska

Vineland

Jartu Arku
Jazmyn Carter
Sulema Cordero Gabino
Harmony Froding
Emmaline Jagels
Laci Lemma
Selena Mollik
Alecia Smith
Marie Thurston

Woodstown

Addison Bagget
Layna Blandino
Bryce Dolbow
Brody Foote
Wesley Hewitt
Blake Matlack
Evelyn Trauger
Parker Wenzel

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Kathryn Giovanelli, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Kayla Romero, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Coordinator, and the Executive Committee Representative:

Izabela Jaramillo, Allentown
Hadyen DeMille, Buena
Abena Biney, Freehold
Sara Ciarelli, Hunterdon County ESEA
Kinsley Kise, North Warren
Adam Giocondo, Vineland
Abbey Goodenough, Nominating Committee Adult Coordinator
Tyler Murnaghan, Nominating Committee Assistant

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

Gianna Hart, Cape May Tech
Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional
Jacob Bramble, Delsea Regional
Breanna Rosmarin, Freehold

Grace Campbell, Middlesex East Brunswick
Kayla Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick
Kai Wilson, Middlesex East Brunswick
Gabrielle Lemke, Salem Tech
Elizabeth Noreen, Warren Hills

Retiring Address: Peter DelCollo

State FFA Sentinel, Peter DelCollo, gave his retiring address entitled “The Greatest Gift of All” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

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

2026 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 – Haley Poulson, Middlesex East Brunswick

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship – Olivia Stone, Warren Hills

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship – Olivia Stone, Warren Hills

Bilinski Senior Award – Emma Summitt, Warren Hills

Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Collin Case, Warren Hills

Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship – Bryan Caldas, Monmouth County

Ronald Emley, Sr. Memorial Scholarship – Rafferty Burden, Allentown

New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Scholarship – Amelia Ragusano, Freehold;
Jack Boffa, Newton; Leah Clark, Woodstown

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Allyson Scioli, Salem Tech

Anthony Juestrich Memorial Scholarship – Emily Adams, Buena Regional

Ed Evalul Memorial Scholarship – Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Nina Weiland, Hunterdon County ESEA

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Caleigh Beatty-Robinson, Northern Burlington

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Lilly Haines, Allentown

Roszel Scholarship – Maddin Emmons, Allentown

Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown

Growing America's Farmers Scholarship

- Paige Conroy, Allentown
- Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

Philip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Peter DelCollo, Cumberland Regional

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

Jay P. Zukus Memorial Scholarship – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere; Erin Derieux, Buena Regional; Gianna Hart, Cape May Tech; Madison Corson, Cumberland Regional; Jayla Young, Essex West Caldwell; Joyce Mikhail, Freehold; Sierra Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick; Ryan Marschall, Newton; Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown.

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

George R. and Viola W. Rue Foundation Endowment Scholarship – Derek Voorhees, Allentown and Mathew McCormick, Allentown

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship The winner of the National FFA Convention Scholarship can attend the National FFA Convention. The 2026 scholarship winner is Taegen Donelow from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Keynote Address: Jael Cruikshank

National FFA Western Region Vice President, Jael Cruikshank presented her Keynote Address.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

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

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played their presentation of “FFA Shore House: Where Rules Get Real”, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Kayla Romero, 2025-2026 State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and 661 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 2025-2026 NJ State FFA T-Shirt Design winner was Payton Seamster of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

- 5th place:* Sharro Jin, Bergen County Academies
- 4th place:* Kavin Ramesh, Bergen County Academies
- 3rd place:* Alina Rudenko, Freehold
- 2nd place:* Nicole Quan, Middlesex East Brunswick
- 1st place:* Lyla Puvel, Northern Burlington

Photography Division:

- 5th place:* Ruth Rubinshteyn, Middlesex East Brunswick
- 4th place:* Elizabeth Mooney, Allentown
- 3rd place:* Layna Blandino, Woodstown
- 2nd place:* Luna Auchincloss, Hunterdon County Polytech
- 1st place:* Ester Fernandez, High Tech

Retiring Address: Ivy Pena Rivera

Ivy Pena Rivera, State FFA Reporter, gave her retiring address, “BeReal” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Conduct of Chapter Meetings Event Awards

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

The Newton FFA Chapter will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

- 3rd place:* Freehold
- 2nd place:* Penns Grove
- 1st place:* Hunterdon County ESEA

Excellence In Community Service Recognition

Bronze Ranking: Bergen County Academies
Camden Tech East
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Delsea Regional
Hunterdon County ESEA
Hunterdon County Polytech
North Warren
Phillipsburg
Salem Tech
Somerset County
Sussex Tech
Union County
Vineland

Silver Ranking: Allentown
Buena Regional
Essex – West Caldwell
Middlesex East Brunswick
Penns Grove
Woodstown

Gold Ranking: Freehold
Newton
Northern Burlington
Northern Burlington Middle
Warren Hills

Individual Excellence In Community Service Recipients

Abigail Cappiello, Allentown
Graham Guttadora, Allentown
Izabella Jaramillo, Allentown
Jocelyn Riccardelli, Freehold
Nicole Quan, Middlesex East Brunswick
Jack Boffa, Newton
Pawel Macikowski, Newton
Justin Evanski, Newton
Thomas Phillips, Newton
Madison Johnson, Northern Burlington Middle

Statewide Service Project

The following chapters have created enrichment items to be utilized at the Burlington County Animal Shelter: 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; South Hunterdon; South Hunterdon Middle; 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 II: Savanna Christmann & Gianna Ledonne - Montague Township Middle
Division III: Evelyn Trauger - Woodstown
Division IV: Zamiel Perez & Jeanette Calderon - High Tech
Division V: Aakrithi Ram - Bergen County Academies
Division VI: Adyson Frace & Mikaela Viera - Hunterdon County Polytech

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division II: Hunter Conklin & Antonia Sandman - Montague Township Middle
Division III: Hope Swansinger - Freehold
Division IV: Sahana Bhat & Jana Wafi - High Tech
Division V: Adeline Alipui – Bergen County Academies
Division VI: Yoonseo Jang & Joann Park – Bergen County Academies

Food Products & Processing Systems

Division II: Melanie Scantleberry & Cassidy Eastridge – Montague Township Middle
Division III: Sophia Yakhnich – Bergen County Academies

Plant Systems

Division I: Rosalie Velez – Montague Township Middle
Division III: Danyel Perez – Bergen County Academies
Division IV: Ester Fernandez & Lucinda Alatrasta – High Tech
Division V: Lillian Day - Bergen County Academies
Division VI: Evangeline Lee & Branden Kim – Bergen County Academies

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

Division V: Claire Shi- Bergen County Academies

Social Systems

Division III: Ava Haring – Hunterdon County Polytech

Division IV: Autumn Hayes & Vivienne Graves – Hunterdon County Polytech
Division V: Eden Bingel - Somerset County
Division VI: Prinzesse Dongon & Tomas Romano - High Tech

Retiring Address: Aaron Foote

Aaron Foote, State FFA Parliamentarian , gave his retiring address, “The Moment That Made Me” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

2026 Delegate Business Session

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

There were 62 delegates, and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 32 votes, and a two-thirds vote would require 42 votes.

The 97th New Jersey FFA State Convention Schedule was presented.

Motion by Kayla Romero, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the schedule for the 97th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Eliana Agolia, Freehold. Motion passes.

Kathryn Giovanelli entertained a motion to accept the 96th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings as presented.

Motion by Peter DelCollo, New Jersey FFA Association to accept the 96th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings.

Seconded by Joshua Bramble, Delsea Regional. Motion passes.

Abigale DiGiamberardino, State FFA Treasurer, presented the New Jersey State FFA Program Affiliation Fee Structure Proposals.

Motion by Ivanelisse Peña Rivera, New Jersey FFA Association to keep the established affiliation structure.

Seconded by Taylor Gattuso, Woodstown. Motion passes.

Abigail DiGiamberardino, State FFA Treasurer, presented the Career & Leadership Development Event Fee increase to \$14.00 per person.

Motion by Camila Reyes, Hunterdon County ESEA to accept the Career & Leadership Development Event fee increase.

Seconded by Payton Seamster, Penns Grove

Standing Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws/Program of Activities

Motion by Ava Grinberg, Freehold 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 Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon County Polytech to accept the Membership, Chapter Relations, committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Leadership Activities

Motion by Olivia Krevics, Salem Tech to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Applications

Motion by Payton Seamster, Penns Grove to accept the State Applications committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Career Development Event Evaluation & Review

Motion by Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton 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 Olivia Stone, Warren Hills to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Madison Johnson, Northern Burlington Middle to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Eden Bingel, Somerset County to adjourn the 2026 Delegate Business Session.

Seconded by Ava Grinberg, Freehold Motion passes.

Session III

Ivanelisse Peña Rivera, 2025-2026 State FFA Reporter, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and 720 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

Ms. Debra McCluskey, New Jersey FFA Association Executive Assistant assisted with the next two awards.

FFA Creed

3rd place: Juliana Vince-Cruz, Newton

2nd place: Adela Horn, High Tech

1st place: Peyton Yelen, Northern Burlington

Spanish FFA Creed

3rd place: Ishabethel Ardon, High tech

2nd place: Sophia Reyes, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st place: Sophia Galindo, Warren Hills

Mrs. Stacey Kennedy, New Jersey Agricultural Society Director, assisted with the next two awards.

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place: Maya Miller, Middlesex East Brunswick

2nd place: Leehlan Gutierrez, Northern Burlington Middle

1st place: Ester Fernandez, High Tech

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

3rd place: Bella Guzzo, Newton

2nd place: Nathan Pullen, Northern Burlington

1st place: Luciano Colao, Hunterdon County ESEA

Extemporaneous Speaking

3rd place: Kaylee Connors, Hunterdon County ESEA

2nd place: Sara Ciarelli, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st place: Tierney Lang, Allentown

Ms. Liz Thompson, New Jersey Farm Bureau Executive Director, assisted with the awards presentation.

Agricultural Issues Forum

3rd place: Essex West Caldwell

2nd place: Bergen County Academies

1st place: Salem Tech

Marketing Plan Awards

3rd place: Warren Hills

2nd place: Freehold

1st place: Bergen County Academies

Retiring Address: Kayla Romero

State FFA Secretary, Kayla Romero, gave her retiring address entitled “Redirected by the Current” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2026 New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year is **Mr. Andrew Morris** from the **Newton** FFA Chapter. Congratulations!

Mrs. Patty Smith, New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators President, assisted with the next two awards.

Teach Agriculture Event Award

3rd place: Ian Harbison, South Hunterdon

2nd place: Alyssa Jordan, Northern Burlington

1st place: Kai Wilson, Middlesex East Brunswick

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.

Kai Wilson, Middlesex East Brunswick

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

President of the NJAAE, Mrs. Patty Smith, brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

3rd place: Middlesex East Brunswick

2nd place: Vineland

1st place: Monmouth County

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

3rd place: Vineland

2nd place: Phillipsburg

1st place: Middlesex East Brunswick

Landscape Design Event Awards

3rd place: Eliana Agoglia, Freehold

2nd place: Athan Zikas, Belvidere

1st place: Alina Rudenko, Freehold

Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2026 Treasurer of the Year is **Analiese Hines** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2026 Secretary of the Year is awarded to **Vincent Merendino** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

Retiring Address: Abi DiGiamberardino

State FFA Treasurer, Abi DiGiamberardino, gave her retiring address entitled “Life is Bigger Than You” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

Aaron Foote, 2025-2026 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and 725 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent

Iheoma Ozioma of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter entertained the audience with her piano talent.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Forestry

Members of the first place team:

Mackenzie Greenhalgh, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Owen Ross, Cape May Tech

4th place: Anthony Romeo, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Jack Boffa, Newton

3rd place and Silver Medal: Clara Loenser, Hunterdon County ESEA

1st place and Gold Medal: Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton

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

Fruits and Vegetables

Members of the first place team:

Audrey Irizarry, Monmouth County

Jordan Williams, Monmouth County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

3rd place: Gianna Hart, Cape May Tech

2nd place: Mia Dill, Salem Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4th place and Bronze Medal: Christopher Wrobel, Monmouth County

5th place and Silver Medal: Lindsey Morales Corona, Monmouth County

1st place and Gold Medal: Evangeline Lee, Bergen Academies

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

Land Judging

Members of the first place team:

Aurora Nilsen, Newton
Noah Miranda, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Avion Guzman, Somerset County
4th place: Lee Coombs, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Joseph Murphy, Newton
2nd place and Silver Medal: Cole Tjalma, Belvidere
1st place and Gold Medal: Ryan Marschall, Newton

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

Milk Quality and Products

Members of first place team:

Scarelett Oh, Bergen County Academies
Yoonseo Jang, Bergen County Academies
Angela Liang, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Salvatore Infinito, Newton
4th place: Abigail Christy, Woodstown
3rd place: Kari Fuentes, Vineland

Medals:

Bronze: Claire Shi, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

2nd and Silver Medal: Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere
1st and Gold Medal: Gabby Urban, Woodstown

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

Turf Management

Members of the first place team:

Brayden Jany, Allentown
Trevor Cappiello, Allentown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Hunter Laauser, Monmouth County
4th place: Zachary Smith, Newton
3rd place: Pearce Lowdon, Hunterdon County ESEA
2nd place: Maura McGuigan, Camden Tech East

Medals:

Bronze: Mark Celli, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4th and Silver Medal: Christopher Jones, MCTS Sypek Center

1st and Gold Medal: Graham Guttadora, Allentown

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

Greetings from Rutgers Turf Program

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

FFA Talent

Danii Harris of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter entertained the audience with his performance of “Lean on Me”.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Communications

Members of first place team:

Ashley Alarcon, Union County
Jaxon Payumo, Union County
Gala Friend, Union County
Valentina Gallego, Union County

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

Farm & Agribusiness Management

Members of first place team:

Anthony Qualio, Newton
Chase Vince-Cruz, Newton
Rebecca O’Brien, Newton
Joseph Murphy, Newton

Students Receiving Medals

Bronze Medal: Erika Maliszewski, Middlesex East Brunswick
Silver Medal: Joseph Jose, Northern Burlington
Gold Medal: David Balchunas, Union County

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

Greetings from Growmark, Inc.

Ms. Deborah Kirk brought greetings from Growmark, Inc. and was thanked for their generosity in supporting FFA members and for supporting the Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE.

Food Science and Technology

Member of first place team:

Evangeline Lee, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Yoonseo Jang, Bergen County Academies

4th place: Charlotte Singer, Somerset County

2nd place: Tierney Lang, Allentown

Medals

Silver Medal: Branden Kim, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

3rd and Bronze Medal: Elizabeth Mooney, Allentown

1st and Gold Medal: Claire Shi, Bergen County Academies

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

Meat Evaluation and Technology

Members of first place team:

Lee Coombs, Woodstown

Blake Matlack, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Tobias Huddleston, North Warren

4th place: Layna Blandino, Woodstown

3rd place: Owen Ross, Cape May Tech

Medals

Bronze: Eric Sacramento, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

2nd place and Silver Medal: Cynthia Li, Bergen County Academies

1st place and Gold Medal: Bryce Dolbow, Woodstown

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

FFA Talent

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

Miscellaneous Career Development Event Awards

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Kaydence Lauber, Hunterdon County Polytech

4th place: Bella Vidana, Belvidere

1st place: Jaylee Belstra, Belvidere

Medals

Bronze: Sadie Forsyth, Hunterdon County Polytech

H.O. Sampson Certificates & Medals

2nd & Silver Medal: Aiden Murphy, Hunterdon County Polytech
3rd & Gold Medal: Ava Haring, Hunterdon County Polytech

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

Floriculture

Members of the first place team:

Ayla Acevedo, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Kaylie Perticarti, Warren Hills

3rd place: Rachel Yacuk, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

4th and Bronze Medal: Ryleigh Sall, Warren Hills

2nd and Silver Medal: Riley Sliker, Warren Hills

1st and Gold Medal: Lorelei Harris, Allentown

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

Greetings from Ball Horticultural Company

Mr. Gene Stickley brought greetings from Ball Horticultural Company and was thanked for their generosity in supporting FFA members and for supporting the Floriculture CDE.

Horse Evaluation

Member of first place team:

Abigail Christy, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Carleigh Haney, Salem Tech

4th place: Analiese Hines, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Evelyn Trauger, Woodstown

2nd place and Silver Medal: Maya Miller, Middlesex East Brunswick

1st place and Gold Medal: Samantha Christian, Woodstown

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

Livestock Evaluation

Member of the first place team:

Karissa Caldraro, Warren Hills

Madison Sandorff, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Jenna Steinberg, Newton

4th place: Grace Campbell, Middlesex East Brunswick

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

3rd place and Bronze Medal: Owen Smith, Warren Hills

2nd place and Silver Medal: Abigail Smith, Warren Hills

1st place and Gold Medal: Alyssa Eggers, Middlesex East Brunswick

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

Nursery and Landscape

Members of the first place team:

Matthew Van Houten, Newton

Chase Vince Cruz, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Eduardo Gonzalez, MCTS Sypek Center

4th place: Anthony Romeo, Newton

3rd place: Tyler Newport, North Warren

Medals:

Bronze: Liam Mastrobuoni, Bergen Tech Paramus

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

1st place and Silver Medal: Ethan Haiduc Dale, Newton

2nd place and Gold Medal: Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

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

FFA Career Development Event Video

This video celebrated the students who challenged themselves, discovered new strengths, and showcased the incredible impact of agricultural education.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

Members of the first place team:

Rowdy Meys, Hunterdon County ESEA

Luciano Colao, Hunterdon County ESEA

Camila Reyes, Hunterdon County ESEA

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Joseph Brewer, Northern Burlington

4th place: Shannon Moss, Piscataway

3rd place: Joseph Matthews, Penn Tech

1st place: Abigail Cappiello, Allentown

Medals

Bronze Medal: Lucy Sulva, Middlesex East Brunswick

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

2nd and Silver Medal: David Balchunas, Union County

1st and Gold Medal: Pearce Lowdon, Hunterdon County ESEA

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

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Members of the 1st place team:

Nathan Bohonyi, Northern Burlington

H.O. Sampson Certificates

5th place: Brayden Walker, Newton

4th place: Codey Fleetwood, Cumberland Regional

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

2nd place and Bronze Medal: Nicolas Chavez, Northern Burlington

1st place and Silver Medal: Liam Johnson, Northern Burlington

3rd place and Gold Medal: Joseph Jose, Northern Burlington

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

Agronomy

Members of the first place team:

Honghan He, Bergen County Academies

Suri Zhou, Bergen County Academies

Camille Jiang, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates:

5th place: Mathew Mains, Allentown

4th place: Kingston Grannis, Hunterdon County ESEA

3rd place: Anthony Romeo, Newton

Medals:

Silver: Lia Lee, Bergen County Academies

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

2nd and Bronze: Nicole Quan, Middlesex East Brunswick

1st and Gold: Clara Loenser, Hunterdon County ESEA

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

Greetings from Valent U.S.A. LLC

Mr. Brad Gunnick brought greetings from Valent U.S.A. LLC and was thanked for their generosity in supporting FFA members and for supporting the Agronomy CDE.

Environmental and Natural Resources

Members of the first place team:

Gavin Fink, Warren Hills

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Joseph Green, Middlesex East Brunswick

2nd place: Riley Sliker, Warren Hills

1st place: Ryan Marschall, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

3rd and Bronze Medal: Vanessa Rush, Warren Hills

5th and Silver Medal: Olivia Stone, Warren Hills

Medals:

Gold: Alyssa Mooney, Allentown

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

Greetings from Ducks Unlimited

Ms. Haley Faith brought greetings from Ducks Unlimited and was thanked for their generosity in supporting FFA members and for supporting the Environmental and Natural Resources CDE.

Poultry Evaluation

Members of first place team

Analiene Hines, Woodstown

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Gabriella Urban, Woodstown

3rd place: Julian Mendoza, Phillipsburg

2nd place: Taegan Donelow, Woodstown

1st place: Aaron Simmons, Woodstown

Medals

Silver: Greta Leo, Newton

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals

5th and Bronze Medal: Paula Castro, Somerset County

1st and Gold Medal: Mackenzie Allen, Newton

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

Veterinary Science

Members of the first place team:

Piyusha Dinda, Somerset County

Eden Bingel, Somerset County

Jake Masciulli, Somerset County

Mahiya Srivastava, Somerset County

H.O. Sampson Certificates

4th place: Isabella Reyes, Union County

2nd place: Kendall Camper, Salem Tech

H.O. Sampson Certificates and Medals:

5th and Bronze Medal: Allison Lamberti, Newton

1st and Silver Medal: Sarah Conley, Warren Hills

3rd and Gold Medal: Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon Polytech

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

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Bergen County Academies FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 12th in the Veterinary Science Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to **Fiona Beauchamp** of the **Bergen County Academics FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 7th out of 178 individuals in the Veterinary Science Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Abi DiGiamberardino, 2025-2026 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff, and 729 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings from the Department of Agriculture: Secretary Ed Wengryn

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The following Member of the Month recipients for 2025-2026 were honored:

May: Sophia Jones, Allentown

June: Maddin Emmons, Allentown

September: Jacob Bramble, Delsea Regional

October: Paige Conroy, Allentown

November: Audrina Medeiros, Woodstown

December: Tierney Lang, Allentown

January: Kaylie Perticari, Warren Hills

February: Izabella Jaramillo, Allentown

March: Gianna Hart, Cape May Tech

April: Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

The 2026 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year Award was presented to **Maddin Emmons** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Employment Skills Event

3rd place: Maddin Emmons, Allentown

2nd place: Alyssa Blaugher, Northern Burlington

1st place: Aurora Post, Newton

Demonstration Event Awards

Individual Demonstration Event

3rd place: Paige Conroy, Allentown

2nd place: Tiffany Arket, Northern Burlington

1st place: Danika Couse, Cape May Tech

Team Demonstration Event

3rd place: High Tech

2nd place: Cape May Tech

1st place: Newton

Essay Event Awards

Division I: Julie Ann Sterling, Essex West Caldwell

Division II: Afsheen Shaik-Mohamed, High Tech

Retiring Address: Breanna Rosmarin

Breanna Rosmarin, State FFA Vice President, gave her retiring address, “Resilience in Motion” and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Greetings from the Department of Education: Ms. Kathleen Paquette

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

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

Mrs. Beth Murphy- Instructional Assistant at Allentown High School

Mrs. Darcy Perenhinys – Secretary of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture and Vegetable Growers Association of New Jersey

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny – President of the New Jersey FFA Foundation

Ms. Hanna Toft – Former Agriculture Teacher at Cape May Tech High School

Secretary Ed Wengryn – Secretary of Agriculture for the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Dr. Christina Wilson – DVM EquiHeart Veterinary Services

American FFA Degree Candidates

Andrew Duckworth, Belvidere

Ashley Postma, Belvidere

Aurora Esquilin, Buena

Tori Thompson, Buena

Maisie Shimko, Union County

Aaron Foote, Woodstown

Keynote Address

Artha Jonassaint presented her speech, “The Shortcut to the Life of Your Dreams”

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2025-2026 State Officer team presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Breanna Rosmarin, 2025-2026 State FFA Vice President and Peter DelCollo, 2025-2026 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, 3 state staff, and 740 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “Connected with Purpose”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which reflected on the state theme, “Connected with Purpose”.

State Star Chapter in Agricultural Placement Award

Kaylie Perticari of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2025-2026 State Star Chapter Placement Award.

State Star Chapter Farmer

Elizabeth Mooney of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2025-2026 State Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2025-2026 Star State Greenhand is **Ryen Hlubik** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter**.

Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere
Essex- West Caldwell
Hunterdon County ESEA
Newton
Northern Burlington
Salem Tech
Vineland

National Chapter Award

<i>Bronze:</i>	Cumberland Regional Freehold
<i>Silver:</i>	Middlesex East Brunswick Phillipsburg
<i>Gold:</i>	Allentown Buena

Penns Grove
Warren Hills
Woodstown

Premier Chapter Awards

Growing Leaders: Warren Hills
Building Communities: Woodstown
Strengthening Agriculture: Allentown

Proficiency Awards

2026 Agricultural Sales Proficiency Award - Kathryn Giovanelli, Allentown

2026 Dairy Production Proficiency Award – Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere

2026 Equine Science Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award - Paige Conroy, Allentown

2026 Equine Science Placement Proficiency Award – Cayla Cassar, Northern Burlington

2026 Forage Production Proficiency Award – Ryan Freiburger, Allentown

2026 Small Animal Production & Care Proficiency Award- Jada Larsen, Belvidere

2026 Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Award – Abigale DiGiamberardino, Cape May Tech

2026 Swine Production Proficiency Award – Aaron Foote, Woodstown

2026 Veterinary Science Proficiency Award – Erin Derieux, Buena Regional

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Bronze Rating: Bergen Tech Paramus
Camden Penn Tech
Camden-Tech East
MCTS Sypek Center
Northern Burlington Middle
Pemberton Township
Sussex Tech

Silver Rating: Belvidere
Delsea Regional
High Tech
Monmouth County
Somerset County

Gold Rating:

- Allentown
- Bergen County Academies
- Buena Regional
- Cape May Tech
- Cumberland Regional
- Essex West Caldwell
- Freehold
- Hunterdon County ESEA
- Hunterdon County Polytech
- Middlesex- East Brunswick
- Middlesex- Piscataway
- Newton
- North Warren
- Northern Burlington
- Penns Grove
- Phillipsburg
- Salem Tech
- Union County
- Vineland
- Warren Hills
- Woodstown

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report: Chuck Wojtaszek

Quiz Bowl:

2nd place: Warren Hills

1st place: Phillipsburg

Greetings from National FFA Alumni & Supporters: Allie Tucek

Lifetime Membership:

Kathryn Giovanelli, Breanna Rosmarin, Kayla Romero, Abigale DiGiamberardino, Ivy Pena Rivera, Peter DelCollo and Aaron Foote all received their lifetime memberships.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

- Bullock Farms
- Cherry Knoll Apiaries
- Crofter's Fields
- Monmouth University Conference Services

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:

Yvette Bogert
Kylie Byrne
Loriann De Sousa Rego
Leon Delcher
Abigail Goodenough
Lilly Haines
Ryan Kotch
Julia Moreno
Tyler Murnaghan
Justin Noble
Billy Rutherford
Scarlett Sampino
Chase Sherburne
Maisie Shimko
Brittany Smith
Tracy Smith
Stephanie Tarlowe

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

For placing second in the Floriculture Career Development Event, the members of the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter** provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was awarded for their efforts.

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Savannah Carlson Reed Huggins Dominic Jones
Buena Regional	Jakob Imlay Isaiah Mitchell Aiden Vignola
Cape May Tech	Edward Hueber Calleigh Bertele Julianna Childs
Cumberland Regional	Mason Seay Adrienne Ledden
Hunterdon County ESEA	Liam Newbold Alysia Garcia

Hunterdon County Polytech	Keith Reichard Aiden Murphy Luna Auchincloss
Middlesex- East Brunswick	Karina Estrada Stephanie Romero
Monmouth County	Danii Harris Hunter Laauser Jordan Williams
Newton	Maya Khan Greta Leo Allison Lamberti
Northern Burlington	Myla Champagne Justin Broadway
Penns Grove	Kiodexzoamy Echevarria Feliciano Karilys Jourdan Pineda Doel Torres
Salem Tech	William Cobb Jacob DeHart Nickolas Fisher
Warren Hills	Juan Garcia Kaylee Burd Leah Ott
Woodstown	Evelyn Cullen Taylor Gattuso Aaron Simmons

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Nickolas Fisher** of the **Salem Tech 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

Abbey Goodenough and Chase Sherburne, Past FFA Officers, entertained the audience with their singing talent.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Abigail Cappiello Ryan Freiburger Brayden Jany Tierney Lang Elizabeth Mooney
Belvidere:	Jada Larsen
Buena Regional:	Emily Adams

Cape May Tech:	Erin Derieux Gianna Hart
Cumberland Regional:	Codey Fleetwood
Essex County:	Amy Carchipulla Edwin Casarez Nathalie Flores Mahki Moultrie Johangeline Romero Erin Tevlin Damian Valentin Jayla Young
Freehold:	Mariah Andujar Naduni Arachchi Kayleigh Chan Sarah Irianne Joyce Mikhail Sasha Nudelman Zehra Sheikh
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Alyssa Berecsky Grace Campbell Joseph Green Kai Wilson
Newton:	Riley Fleming Bella Guzzo Ethan Haiduc-Dale Zachary Smith Lanie Stutz John Tinio
Northern Burlington:	Alyssa Blaugher
North Warren:	Kayla Lobycz
Penns Grove:	Payton Seamster
Salem Tech:	Annabelle Cobb Gabrielle Lemke
Warren Hills:	Gavin Fink Elizabeth Noreen Kaylie Perticari
Woodstown:	Melanie Banff Abigail Christy Analiese Hines Callie Prinsen

State Star Award Recognition

2025-2026 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Erin Derieux, Buena Regional

2025-2026 State Star Farmer: Brayden Jany, Allentown

Retiring Address: Kathryn Giovanelli

Kathryn Giovanelli, State FFA President gave her retiring address titled, “Confidence Over Comparison” and presented his family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Izabella Jaramillo of the Allentown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee Chair:	Kathryn Giovanelli
Executive Committee Members:	Aaron Foote
Executive Committee Members:	Abigale DiGiamberardino
State Parliamentarian:	Kai Wilson
State Sentinel:	Jacob Bramble
State Reporter:	Grace Campbell
State Treasurer:	Elizabeth Noreen
State Secretary:	Kayla Romero
State Vice President:	Peter DelCollo
State President:	Breanna Rosmarin

Motion by Izabella Jaramillo 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 2026-2027 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2026 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2025-2026 State FFA President, Kathryn Giovanelli, passed the gavel to the 2026-2027 State FFA President, Breanna Rosmarin.

Closing Ceremonies



Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Jada Larsen, Belvidere
Ava Grinberg, Freehold
Eva Testa, Vineland
Kayla Romero, State Association

Lillian Day, Bergen County Academies
Joshua Bramble, Delsea Regional
Aleksander Kucowski, South Hunterdon
Deanna Miller, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Review the current constitution and bylaw, review the State Program of Activities (POA).

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- To change the goal F.2. leadership workshops from “212° Conference” to reflect better on that year’s conference

Comments:

- Its currently confusing to have the incorrect name. The change will offer more clarification. The change will also increase events so students will know what it is actually.

Ava Grinberg, Freehold – Chair
Joshua Bramble, Delea Regional – Secretary

Membership, Chapter Relations
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Anthony Dickheiser, South Hunterdon Middle
Briana Castellanos, Middlesex Piscataway
Joseph Matthews, Camden Penn Tech
Viki Romero, Essex-West Caldwell
Emma Werner, Northern Burlington Middle
Abigale DiGiamberardino, State Association

Kristen Fiedler, Sussex Tech
Serenity Tocces, Camden Penn Tech
Nicolette Havriliak, Bergen Tech Paramus
Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon County Polytech
Taylor Gattuso, Woodstown
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:

- Chapter Highlights Form accepted to be utilized next year.
- NJ State Officer Media Training accepted to be utilized next year.
- NJ FFA pilot program to be accepted & utilized next year.
- NJ FFA pilot program revitalized with suggestions.
- Social Media etiquette videos for the chapter levels accepted.

Comments:

- Chapters stressed need for resources for social media etiquette.

Autumn Hayes, Hunterdon County Polytech – Chair
Anthony Dickneiser, South Hunterdon Middle – Secretary

State Leadership Activities
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Maddin Emmons, Allentown
Heidy Cruz-Lopez, Middlesex Piscataway
Leah Curnow, North Warren
Vivienne Graves, Hunterdon County Polytech
Joseph Jose, Northern Burlington
Ivanelisse Pena Rivera, State Association

Kiodexzoamy Echevarria, Penns Grove
Olivia Krevics, Salem Tech
Rowdy Meys, Hunterdon County ESEA
Kaylie Peticari, Warren Hills
Denise Emmons, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Review past years evaluations and discuss ALLD.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Adopt starting ALLD workshops in smaller rooms, then moving into large group for discussion.
- Adopt more diverse panelist to speak at ALLD

Comments:

- The committee overviewed FFA leadership event evaluations and discussed their implications. They discussed the growing participation at ALLD and discussed modifications for next time.

Olivia Krevics, Salem Tech – Chair
Rowdy Meys, Hunterdon County ESEA – Secretary

State Applications
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Jayla Young, Essex-West Caldwell
Luke Fox, North Warren
Payton Seamster, Penns Grove
Erin Derieux, Buena
Camila Reyes, Hunterdon County ESEA
Peter DelCollo, State Association

Austin Taylor, Cape May Tech
Jesus Lopez, South Hunterdon Middle
Dave Balauz, Union County
Evangeline Lee, Bergen County Academies
Alyssa Berecsky, Middlesex East Brunswick
Keely DiTizio, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the application process, NJ FFA social media usage and advertisement, and how to celebrate applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create QR codes at FFA events to advertise social media pages to advertise applications and their deadlines.
- Create a monthly newsletter sent to advisors on applications, deadlines, and upcoming FFA events.
- Open line of communications aid in application process.

Comments:

- Using QR codes will help students look for application deadlines. Having a dedicated Newsletter page for applications and their deadlines.

Payton Seamster, Penns Grove – Chair
Camila Reyes, Hunterdon County ESEA – Secretary

Career and Leadership Development Event Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Arianna Beasley, Cape May Tech
Paige Conroy, Allentown
Gurtejbir Singh, Vineland
Jake Masciulli, Somerset County
Julian Mendoza, Phillipsburg
Aaron Foote, State Association

Sierra Romero, Middlesex East Brunswick
Keela Yau, Union County
Lee Combs, Woodstown
Eliana Agoglia, Freehold
Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton
Renee Stillwell, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To make recommendations for CDE's and LDE's for the upcoming year.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Discuss enforcement of unauthorized electronics (watches/glasses)
- Discuss sanitation for Milk Quality and Food Science CDEs
- Discuss revising the Agriscience Fair handbook
- Discuss coordinator's qualifications and preparedness for events

Comments:

- Ensure labels are not present on ID products

Ethan Haiduc-Dale, Newton – Chair

Arianna Beasley, Cape May Tech – Secretary

Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Isabella Lopez, Salem Tech
Alana Jackson, MCTS Sypek Center
Gia Gutierrez, Sussex Tech
Eden Bingel, Somerset County
Olivia Stone, Warren Hills
Kathryn Giovanelli, State Association

Catia Quinones, Cumberland Regional
Lanie Stutz, Newton
Joseph Brewer, Northern Burlington
Adeline Garcia, Monmouth County
Abigail Ostrander, Phillipsburg
Patty Smith, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

To make recommendations about the Horticultural Exposition for the upcoming year.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Review class descriptions to increase clarity
- Adjust baby arrangement classes size limits to reflect location restrictions
- Consider having more cultural diversity in classes
- Provide a map of the locations of classes

Comments:

- Students enjoy hands-on workshops
- A later workshop scheduled might be beneficial

Olivia Stone, Warren Hills – Chair
Isabella Lopez, Salem Tech – Secretary

State Convention Evaluation
Committee Report
May 21, 2026

Committee Members Present:

Rylie Ingraham, Delsea	Ilennyss Serrano, MCTS Sypek Center
Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere	Emily Adams, Buena
Lauren Zuniga, South Hunterdon Regional	Madison Johnson, Northern Burlington Middle
Jake Pennego, Monmouth County	
Breanna Rosmarin, State Association	Liam Ryan, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

Discuss ways to change and improve the State FFA Convention.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- More time in between session and social events
- Design contest for pin for 100th convention
- Interactive trivia at social event for 100th convention
- Mechanical bull for 100th dance
- Evaluation for necessity of social event
- Discuss necessity for key note speaker

Comments:

- Ensure communication to advisors on awards
- 100 percent note to get rid of key note speaker

Madison Johnson, Northern Burlington Middle – Chair
Carolyn Bilyk, Belvidere – Secretary

2025-2026 State FFA Executive Board

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State Advisor	Erin Noble
State FFA Specialist	Jenny Allen
State Executive Treasurer	Debra McCluskey

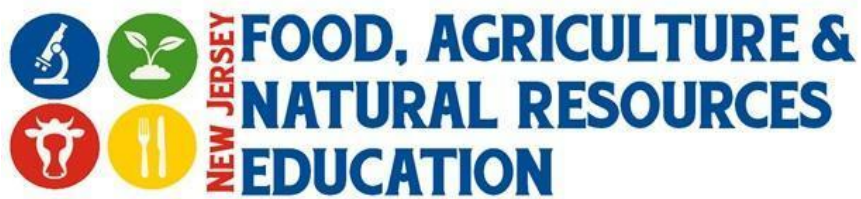


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