

# Where Are They NOW?

LIFE AFTER FFA



## MEDICAL & VETERINARY SERVICES

This month's article features those who have utilized FFA skills in a successful medical profession.

### KARIS (BYRAM) STINSON



“Ag Education and FFA helped with my time management skills, and encouraged me to network with others.”



Karis joined the Allentown FFA Chapter in 2003. She served as a State FFA Officer in 2007-2009.



Karis received the American FFA Degree in 2009.



Karis attended Delaware Valley University where she studied Small Animal Science. She then attended the University of Pennsylvania where she received her MD in Veterinary Science.



“I use math every day in every situation of my job. The FFA helped prepare me for my STEM career through Career Development Events and my Supervised Agricultural Experience.”



Karis' favorite FFA memory was going to the National FFA convention as a member, specifically seeing how big the organization was at each session.



Karis works at Toms River Animal Hospital as an Associate Veterinarian Technician.



Karis enjoys spending time with her dog and donkey, and taking the time to be outdoors.



Rachel joined the Woodstown FFA Chapter in 2006. She served as a State FFA Officer in 2010-2011.



Rachel received the Garden State FFA Degree in 2010.



Rachel attended Rowan College at Gloucester County for her Registered Nursing degree and later attended Wilmington University for her Bachelors of Science in Nursing.



“I use the leadership skills that I learned in Ag Education and FFA every day in my job in meetings, and especially while working together on teams in the hospital units.”



Rachel's favorite memory was when she was announced as the winner of the state FFA creed speaking CDE. She then competed at the National FFA Convention the following year.



Rachel works as a Registered Nurse at Christiana Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware in the Cardiovascular ICU Open Heart Unit.



Rachel enjoys rooting on her brothers, spending time with her husband and puppy, and working around her family farm.

### RACHEL (LAYTON) SICKLER



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*"Where Are They Now?"* highlights former New Jersey FFA members who once wore the blue jacket and are now in successful careers. Through the interpersonal skills and support it provides, the FFA leads its members toward successful careers.

## BRIAN SKILLMAN



“ Ag Education and FFA helped me believe in myself, and become more outgoing. ”



Brian joined the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter in 1998.



Brian received the Garden State FFA Degree in 2001.



Brian attended Mercer County Community College for an Associate's Degree in Emergency Management. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management at American Military University.



“Up until I was enrolled in Agricultural Education, I did not take any science classes in high school. Ag Ed introduced me to STEM concepts which I am still using today!”



Brian's favorite FFA memory was going to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, and the many friendships he made and continues to have today.



Brian currently is the EMS Supervisor at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, New Jersey.



Brian is an avid Eagles football fan and enjoys spending time with his friends and family.

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