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To: 82nd National FFA Convention Attendees

From: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist

Re: 82nd National FFA Convention – October Update

Participant Lists, Advisor Statement of Assurances, and Student Codes of Conduct

If you have not submitted your New Jersey FFA Student Codes of Conduct and the Advisor Statement of Assurances, please submit them to the Office of Agricultural Education immediately. These materials can be downloaded from http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/NatConParticipantForm.xls. The participant list can be sent via e-mail to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. The Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Codes of Conduct can be faxed to 609-633-2421.

New Jersey FFA Breakfast – RSVP by Thursday, October 15, 2009

The New Jersey FFA Breakfast will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, Cosmopolitan A Room from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.** If you haven't already, please RSVP by Thursday, October 15, 2009 with the number of attendees you will have at the breakfast.

State Photo

New Jersey's state photo will occur at **12:45 pm on Thursday, Oct. 22** in the Lucas Oil Stadium. Hope to see you there!

State Headquarters

Tickets are available for the State Headquarters #63. Spots are limited so get your requests in by Thursday, October 15. Some sessions are closed out already.

State Booth

The New Jersey FFA Association will have a booth in the Hall of States at the Career Show highlighting agricultural careers in New Jersey and how FFA prepares students for career success. Allison Karr, State FFA Sentinel will be coordinating the booth. **Help is still needed in staffing the booth.** Please send an e-mail to erin.noble@ag.state.nj.us, indicating the member's name, available date(s) and available time frame(s) by Thursday, October 15. Career show hours are:

- Wednesday, October 21- 11:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Thursday, October 22 – 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Friday, October 23 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

This is a great opportunity for members to practice their public speaking skills and share their FFA experiences with others.

National FFA Convention New Jersey Room Block

If you are in the New Jersey room block (**Marriott Indianapolis East**, 7202 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219), ***please be sure to call our hotel contact, Diana Baldwin.*** You will need to contact her at 317-352-1164 to get the balance of your hotel expenses for the week, confirm your arrival and departure dates and identify any special room needs. The final room payment will be due directly to the hotel. The Marriott Indianapolis East will accept a school purchase order, if the paperwork is prepared in advance. The hotel's website is <http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/INDDT>

NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION STATS & FACTS

- **Schools Attending - 12 Chapters** (Allentown, Biotechnology HS, Cape May, Cumberland, Newton, Northern Burlington, Penns Grove, Phillipsburg, Salem Co. Vo. Tech, South Hunterdon Middle, Warren Hills and Woodstown)
- Over 130 New Jersey Representatives
- **3 State Association Delegates**
- **American Degree Recipients** (Five Students)
 - Karis Byram, Allentown; Matthew P. Brady, Newton; Jacob M. Nunn, Newton; Ashley B. Selfridge, Penns Grove; Karoline G. Schoenlank, Phillipsburg
- **Honorary Degree Recipients** (Four Adults)
 - Mrs. Marie Barry, Director of Career and Technical Education, NJ Dept of Education; Mr. Mark Miller, Superintendent, Phillipsburg HS; Mr. David Pede, Teacher of Agricultural, Newton; Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agriculture and Urban Programs, Rutgers University
- **National Chapter Recognition**
 - Three Stars (Four Schools)
 - Allentown, BCIT-Westampton, Cape May County Tech, and Penns Grove
- **National FFA Officer Candidate** – Alison E. Keggan, Warren Hills
- **National Convention Scholarship Recipient** - Jenny Allen- Warren Hills
- **Competitions**
 - Team CDE
 - Ag Issues, Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Foods, Environmental & Natural Resources, Floriculture, Forestry, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Nursery and Landscape, Farm Business Management, Poultry, and Parliamentary Procedure
 - Individual CDE (Four Students)
 - Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Dairy Handlers' and Prepared Public Speaking
 - Agriscience Fair (Three Individual & Seven Teams)
- **State Officer Activities**
 - State Flag Bearer – Jessica Voll
 - Day of Service – Hanna Toft, Brianne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Allison Karr
- **State Booth for Career Show**
 - Allison Karr, State FFA Sentinel
- **National Judges**
 - Nancy Trivette, Susan Butch, Nichole Steward, Diane Keggan, Worth Christian
- **National Alumni Convention Delegate**
 - Susan Butch
- **New Jersey Awards Receptions**
- **State Recognition Breakfast**
 - Wednesday, October 21, 2009

“The New Jersey FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies.”