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To: New Jersey FFA Chapter Advisors/Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource Educators

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Re: **New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design Career Development Event – Friday, March 9, 2018 – Saturday, March 10, 2018**

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**NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition**

Mercer County Community College  
 West Windsor Campus  
 1200 Old Trenton Road  
 West Windsor, NJ 08550

*In the John P. Hanley Student Center*

March 9 – March 10, 2018

**HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION ENTRIES**

1. Chapters must be in good standing with the state association to compete. Therefore, affiliation agreements and payment, officer lists and POAs must be filed in the State Office before a chapter can compete.
2. Entries are open to FFA members and chartered FFA chapters who wish to exhibit. A chapter may exhibit two entries per class (except where noted). An individual may submit only one entry per class. **Entry tags must be securely ATTACHED to the arrangement or plant before entering show. ENTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE THE OFFICIAL ENTRY TAG WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
3. Chapters will be charged **\$5.00** per entry (*non-refundable*), unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated (then fee is waived). Pre-registration is due to [ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.nj.gov) on **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. Entries that have not been pre-registered will not be accepted (or classes switched) on the day of the show – NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. An entry may be exhibited in only one class. The class entered will be declared by the exhibitor at pre-registration and on the registration card.
5. Entries **cannot** be switched into different classes on the day of the show. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
6. When creating arrangements and preparing plants to enter in the show, the student should keep in mind a florist's ability to sell and deliver each entry. Size limitations are included in class information and must be followed.
7. All entries must be the sole effort of the student. Team entries are not allowed. Arrangements are not allowed to be constructed at the event location. Only minor fixes and/or touch ups are allowed. Attendees are not allowed to touch the arrangements from other schools. If an arrangement needs to be moved on the table so another arrangement can fit, ask for assistance from a State FFA Executive Board Member or Hort Expo staff person. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned rules may result in disqualification.
8. While every precaution will be taken to care for the exhibited arrangements, the New Jersey FFA Association assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of any kind. Do not use valuables in exhibits.
9. All entries must be able to be placed on a table. Exceptions include Class 103, 106, and 107.
10. Divisions:
  - A. **Horticulture Division:** The exhibitor must have grown all plant material. All potted plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor for **three** months prior to the show. Each entry must have a cultural background card. Cultural background cards are provided with the online

Horticultural Exposition registration. The student must complete the cultural background information in the appropriate spaces provided under the “2-tag” tab. Entries without the cultural background card will not be judged. Cultural background cards must include both the botanical and common names of the plant. Cards must be **printed** from the online registration form and will be the only accepted format!

- B. **Arrangement Division:** Entries must be the sole effort of the exhibitor and must have been created during the current school year. All entries must have the official **Price Card** or the entry will be disqualified. Price Cards are provided with the online Horticultural Exposition registration. The student must complete the price card information in the appropriate spaces provided under the “2-tag” tab. The price card should be placed in an area that does not interfere with the arrangement; however it must be secured to the arrangement. Cards must be **printed** from the online registration form and will be the only accepted format!

**Example of Pricing Card:**

All retail prices are based on a wholesale markup of 2:1 for fresh flowers, 2:1 for greens and staples, and labor is based on a figure of \$10.00/hr.

(Entry ID Numbers will be automatically assigned as the registration information is entered.)

<b>New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition</b>				
CLASS #: 316 316		CLASS NAME: Puppy Dog Tails		
ENTRY ID NUMBER: 0000-000 00-316-1		CONTESTANT NAME: Samantha Smith		
CONTESTANT CHAPTER: NJ State Association				
Pricing Card				
Qty.	Item Name	Wholesale	Retail	Total
6	Roses	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$9.60
6	Carnations	\$0.25	\$0.50	\$3.00
2	Pom-Pom Stems	\$0.60	\$1.20	\$2.40
1	Toy Truck	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$3.00
4	Baker Fern	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$1.60
20 minutes	Labor			\$3.33
			Price	\$22.93

*Please note: The Career Development Event and Horticultural Exposition Committee may update, cancel, or close classes at their discretion.*

11. The Committee reserves the right to reject an entry that does not meet standards or size limitations.

12. FFA supports the Drug Free America Program and the Career Development Event and Horticultural Expo Committee will not accept any arrangement with any drug or alcohol paraphernalia. (Beverage glassware is NOT considered alcohol paraphernalia.)
13. No live animals (including aquatic) shall be used. If a live animal is used, the committee will ask for the entry to be removed from the Exposition.
14. Plug-in electricity is prohibited for all classes.

### **PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF ENTRIES**

1. Placing entries (Friday, March 9, 2018):
  - a. Entries will be received from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on the morning of the show. Details on parking and entering the building will be provided closer to the event. **All arrangements must be in place by 11:00 am.**
  - b. Please keep the entrance area clean as you set-up your arrangements.
  - c. Please do not block doorways, stairwells or hallways.
  - d. When you register, pick up the map for class locations. All classes will be on the second floor.
  - e. All entries must be able to be placed on a table, except where noted. Please be sure to place entries in the appropriate division and class. Some classes may have more than one table.
  - f. Please have the person placing the arrangement initial the **yellow official entry list** on the class table to verify the entry is there. If there is a name change, please identify it on the yellow official entry list.
  - g. All entries must have information cards, which are provided with the registration form, securely attached to the arrangement at time of entry in the show. Please refer to the online registration for instructions to fill out cards.

### **2. Picking up entries** (5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Saturday, March 10, 2018):

- A. THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROHIBITS THE REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS DURING SHOW HOURS. PLEASE HELP US RESPECT THE GENEROSITY OF THE COLLEGE BY ADHERING TO THIS RULE.
- B. DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 5:00 PM WITH BOXES, HAND CARTS, WAGONS, ETC. TO REMOVE EXHIBITS.
- c. PRIZES WILL BE FORFEITED IF EXHIBITS ARE REMOVED EARLY - BEFORE 5:00 pm Saturday.
- d. All materials must be removed. We will not hold arrangements or bring them back to the office. Show materials not picked up will be discarded and awards will be forfeited.
- e. All entries must be "checked-out" by Hort Expo staff.
- f. Exhibits not claimed by 6:00 pm will be discarded and awards will be forfeited. This is not an invitation to leave behind arrangements for Hort Expo staff to handle. Please make the proper arrangements to have exhibits picked up in a timely manner.

### **JUDGING OF ENTRIES**

1. Judging will begin promptly following the judges' orientation.
2. Students are not to disturb the judges or linger around arrangements while judging is in progress. If a judges' assistant feels that students are distracting the judges, he/she has the right to ask the students to move on.

3. All entries will be judged on industry standards, i.e., hospital arrangements meet hospital room standards, baby arrangements for use in the hospital or home, etc. Keep in mind that the industry must produce arrangements that may be delivered by someone other than the designer. **Arrangements' retail price must not exceed \$100, unless otherwise noted. Mark up is 2:1.**
4. Judges may refuse to award a prize if, in their opinion, there is no worthy exhibit competing in that class. **Judges' decision will be final.**
5. Size limits will be checked and entries will be disqualified if they do not meet specifications. All size limits include objects used in arrangements. Size is listed as length X width X height.

### **PRIZES AND RECOGNITION**

1. No prizes will be awarded to entries that do not conform to the specifications for the category.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to entries for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> places. A plaque will be presented to the first place entry in each class.
3. A plaque will be awarded to the "Best of Division." The divisions are as follows:
  - (1) Horticulture
  - (2) Fresh Arrangement
  - (3) Permanent Arrangement
  - (4) Post Secondary – Adult
4. Entries removed before 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 10, 2018 will forfeit any prizes.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION REGISTRATION**

1. Pre-registration is due to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us) on **Thursday, February 15, 2018**
2. After clicking on the link to the Horticultural Exposition registration. [http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag\\_ed/ffa/activity/13.003a.xls](http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/ffa/activity/13.003a.xls), save the excel document to your desktop. Close the explorer window and open the document on your desktop labeled 13.0003a.xls.
3. Using the tab key, begin to fill out the requested information. You must include your chapter number, name and teacher's name in the fields or registration will not be accepted.
4. When typing the students' names in to the boxes, **use capital and lowercase letters** and enter First Name Last Name. **Do Not** type in all caps (JULIE SMITH) or last name, first name (Smith, Julie). For example:

	<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Tag #</u>
<b>FFA Celebration</b>	Julie Smith	00-201-1

5. Nominations for Judge's Assistants, Runners, Data Entry Assistants and/or CDE Assistants will be taken with registration. Advisors will be notified the week prior to the event if nominated students are selected for these positions.

6. Provide us the name and contact number of the individual responsible for picking up the entries at the end of the show. This information will be verified at registration on Friday, March 9.
7. After you have completed the registration form, make sure you save the form, and then email it to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us) . Registrations for the Horticultural Exposition will not be accepted in any other form.

**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES – Friday, March 9, 2018**

10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Floral Design CDE Observation** (PE Gymnasium – Viewing Balcony)

10:15 – 11:15 am **Leadership Workshop #1 & #2** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

11:30 – 12:30 pm **Campus Tours** (Meet in Campus Quad outside Student Center (SC))

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **Leadership Workshop #3 & #4** (CM Building – rooms will be communicated closer to the event)

\*Leadership Workshop topics will be communicated closer to the event.

**HORTICULTURE DIVISION**

**Note: For 100 classes, cultural background card must accompany each entry. Both the botanical name and common name must be present on the card. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.**

- Class 101**            Flowering Bulb Plants  
Any flowering bulb plant in bloom **includes Easter lilies**. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 102**            Geraniums  
Any geranium plant. Entries may include scented geraniums. Plants will be judged on overall appearance, not solely on the flowering. Pot size limit between 4 ½" and 12".
- Class 103**            Nursery Plants  
Entries can be grown in either a 1 or 2-gallon nursery can. The nursery container cannot exceed 8 ½" in diameter and 8" in height. Plants can either be deciduous, evergreen trees, shrubs, or New Jersey hardy perennials.
- Class 104**            Flowering Plants  
Any flowering plant with exception of plants listed in other classes. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 105**            Terrariums  
Must contain at least 3 different plant species. Size 12" wide X 24" long. (Must have a top)
- Class 106**            Flowering Hanging Plants  
Must be in hanging pot and able to be hung. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 107**            Hanging Foliage Plants  
Must be in hanging pots and able to be hung. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 108**            Flowering Dish Garden  
A group of at least 3 different species of flowering plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 109**            Foliage Dish Garden  
A group of at least 3 different species of plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 110**            Tropical Foliage Plants  
Any tropical foliage plants. Pot size limit 12".
- Class 111**            Cactus/Succulent Foliage Plants  
Any cactus/succulent plants. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 112**            Flat of Bedding Plants  
A chapter entry of a flat of bedding plants consisting of 36-48 plants transplanted and raised from seed or transplanted from nothing larger than a plug. The flat is to be ready for sale on March 2 and must be a complete, unbroken sheet. One entry per chapter.

- Class 113a**      Bonsai Plants (Newly Started)  
To include Bonsai plants that have been started and maintained for at least three months by one student. If needed, wiring must be performed successfully without damaging branches. Indicate which of the three forms of bonsai is intended on the culture card. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified. No size limit on Bonsai.
- Class 113b**      Bonsai Plants (Completed and Maintained)  
To include Bonsai plants that are completed and that have been maintained by one student. No size limit on Bonsai. Student must have owned for 3 months prior to show. Plants purchased as bonsai plants will be disqualified.
- Class 114**      Potted Herb Garden  
A group of at least 3 herb plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 115**      Topiary  
Topiary grown as a standard tree topiary or with a frame. Must have owned for a minimum of 3 months. Size limit: 24" x 24" x 24".
- Class 116**      African Violets  
Plant should be in bloom.
- Class 117**      Orchids  
Plants should be in bloom. Pot size limited to 10".
- Class 118**      Foliage – Holiday  
A foliage plant decorated for the holidays. (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 119**      Flowering – Holiday  
A flowering plant decorated for the holidays (i.e. Christmas, Easter, and Mother's Day.) Plants will be judged on their quality and appropriateness of decorations for specific holiday. Pot size limit 10".
- Class 120**      Cactus/Succulent Dish Garden  
A group of at least 3 mixed cactus/succulent plants growing in a container. Pot size limit 14".
- Class 121**      Magical Miniature Garden  
A group of at least six different plant species with miniature accessories to scale (natural or artificial). Size limit: Inside dimensions not to exceed 12" for any shape container.



**ARRANGEMENT DIVISION**

(Live and Permanent)

**NOTE:** *Classes with **200** numbers are entries in the **Live Arrangement Division**. Live materials are to comprise the majority of the materials in these entries. Other materials are to be used as accents only. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

*Classes with **300** numbers are entries in the **Permanent Arrangement Division**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

*Classes with **400** numbers are entries in the **Live Arrangement Division** open to **post secondary - adult students currently enrolled in Agricultural Education programs**. Plug-in electricity is prohibited.*

<b>Class 201 and 301</b>	<u>FFA Celebration</u> An arrangement recognizing the FFA colors of Corn Gold and National Blue.
<b>Class 202</b>	<u>FFA Theme</u> An arrangement to depict the current National FFA theme.
<b>Class 203 and 303</b>	<u>Oriental Expressions</u> An arrangement using oriental design techniques.
<b>**Class 204 and 304</b>	<u>"Mid-Summer's Night Dream"</u> An arrangement to be used for an outside summer event.
<b>Class 205, 305 and 405</b>	<u>Remember When?</u> An arrangement in an antique container using the container to determine sizes and style of arrangement.
<b>Class 206 and 306</b>	<u>Look at that Container!</u> An arrangement done in a container not normally used for this purpose, must be able to hold water. Size limit 24" x 24" x 24". (A liner is suggested.)
<b>Class 207 and 307</b>	<u>Easter Basket</u> A basket arrangement suitable for Easter celebrations. Size limit 24" x 24" x 24".
<b>*Class 208 and 308</b>	<u>Simple Buds!</u> An arrangement done in a bud vase, must not exceed five stems, not including greens and filler. Ribbon may be used.
<b>**Class 209 and 309</b>	<u>The Formal</u> Entries may be traditional corsages or atypical corsages/body flowers with a matching boutonniere for a formal dance. All entries must be packaged.
<b>Class 210</b>	<u>New Year's</u> An arrangement suitable for a New Year's Eve Party
<b>Class 211 and 311</b>	<u>With Sympathy</u> A table arrangement suitable for an expression of sympathy.

- \*\*Class 212, 312 and 412**      Celebrate!  
An arrangement suitable for a wedding, graduation, or party. Price Limit of \$125.
- \*\*Class 213 and 313**      Winter Solstice  
An arrangement suitable for a Christmas or a Hanukkah Party.
- \*\*Class 214, 314 and 414**      Valentine's Day  
A vase arrangement of suitable flowers to send for Valentine's Day. Limit of six roses. Can include other suitable flowers and plant materials for the holiday.
- \*\*Class 215 and 315**      Thanksgiving  
An arrangement suitable for a Thanksgiving dinner table, must include candles that are capable of being lit and will not interfere with the arrangement.
- Class 216 and 316**      Thinking of You  
An arrangement suitable for a person going through a hard time. Size limit 12" X 12" X 12".
- Class 217 and 317**      Puppy Dog Tails....  
An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby boy. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
- Class 218 and 318**      Sugar and Spice....  
An arrangement suitable for the birth of a baby girl. Intended for hospital delivery. Size limit 18" X 18" X 24". (Size includes height of Balloon)
- Class 219 and 319**      Spring Fever!  
An arrangement suitable for the celebration of spring. Size limit 16" X 16" X 16".
- \*\* \*Class 220, 320 and 420**      Mardi Gras!  
An arrangement suitable for a buffet table decoration at a Mardi Gras celebration. Size limit 20" X 20" X 38". Price Limit of \$125.
- Class 221 and 321**      Mother's Day  
An arrangement suitable for Mother's Day. Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
- Class 222 and 322**      Father's Day  
An arrangement suitable for Father's Day. Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".
- \*\*Class 223 and 323**      Independence Day!  
An arrangement suitable for a Fourth of July party. Size limit 16" X 16" X 24".

- Class 224, 324 and 424**      **Administrative Professionals' Day - NEW NAME IN 2018**  
An arrangement suitable for placement on the desk of an administrative professional. Size limit 16" X 16" X 16". Must include a minimum of three (3) keepsake items, not including the container.
- Class 225 and 325**      Leprechaun Festival  
An arrangement suitable for St. Patrick's Day.
- Class 226 and 326**      Nosegay  
Traditional colonial bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc.
- \*Class 227 and 327**      "I Do"  
Hand tied bouquet of flowers suitable for a wedding. Fresh flowers must have a water source. Permanent flowers do not need a water source. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Stand must be used and included. Price Limit of \$125.
- \*Class 228 and 328**      Cascade Bouquet  
A cascading bouquet suitable for a wedding or other occasion. May contain ribbon, streamers, pearls, etc. Price Limit of \$125.
- \*\*\*Class 229 and 329**      Banquet Table  
An arrangement suitable for sitting on a head table at a wedding or other occasion. Price Limit of \$125.
- \*\*Class 230 and 330**      Formal Affair  
An arrangement suitable for a dinner party for four to six persons. Must include candles. For use on a 48" X 72" table.
- Class 231 and 331**      Trendsetters  
A freestyle arrangement using a recent style of design. Vegetative, New Wave, Abstract, Botanical, etc.
- Class 233**      National Agriculture Day  
An arrangement depicting the current year's National Agriculture Day theme. Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24". *2018 Theme: "Agriculture: Food for Life"*
- Class 234**      Jersey Fresh!  
An arrangement depicting New Jersey agricultural products. Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
- Class 235**      Thank You  
An arrangement suitable for a thank you gift.
- Class 236 and 336**      Harvest Festival  
An arrangement suitable for the celebration of Autumn. May include Halloween decorations.

- Class 337**                      Country Delights  
A country themed arrangement using dried and silk materials.  
Size limited to 24" X 24" X 24".
- Class 338**                      Welcome  
A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for everyday use.
- Class 239 and 339**              Holiday Wreaths  
A decoration of flowers and/or foliage suitable for hanging on a door for holiday use, such as Christmas, Independence Day, Halloween, Easter, etc.
- Class 240 and 340**              Going Green  
A freestyle arrangement designed to promote the idea of being environmentally friendly.
- Class 430**                      FFA State Officer/Alumni Folly  
A freestyle arrangement class. Open to current NJ State FFA Officers and dues paying NJ State FFA Alumni members only. Participants must register through a local chapter. All entries are subject to the \$5 fee. Affiliation fee discounts only apply to current FFA members. Alumni entries are responsible for the \$5 fee regardless of the chapter's affiliation status. Limit 2 entries per chapter.
- Class 432**                      Advisor's Folly  
A freestyle arrangement class. Open to FFA Advisors only.

- Note:**                      \*\*        **All entries not conforming to use of retail pricing cards will be disqualified.**
- \*\*        **All information cards should be securely attached to the arrangement in an area that does not interfere with the judging of the arrangement. i.e. back of arrangement.**
- \*\*        **Classes 220, 320, 420, 227, 327, 228, 328, 229 and 329 have a price limit of \$125.**
- \*\*        **Arrangements should be placed on the table as is. This means there shouldn't be glitter, confetti, doilies, plugged-in lighting, etc. placed under or surrounding the arrangement. The following arrangements are an exception: 204, 304, 205, 305, 405, 209, 309, 212, 312, 412, 214, 313, 214, 314, 414, 215, 315, 220, 320, 420, 223, 323, 229, 329, 230, 330, and 430. Extra presentation materials should be included in the price of the arrangement. Extra presentation materials will NOT be judged!**

**Information Cards required for ALL classes.**

**NJ FFA HORT EXPO ARRANGEMENT DIVISION  
SCORECARD  
GUIDE FOR JUDGES**

CONTESTANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS # \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTESTANT  
POINTS**

**DESIGN**

POSSIBLE POINTS: **35**

Overall shape or form of composition; a planned relationship of parts. Elements of design include: line, form, texture, color, the pleasing way in which lines, textures, size, and colors are blended or contrasted; and the tying together of the parts by the combination of good design, balance and harmony.

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**BALANCE**

POSSIBLE POINTS: **15**

Visual stability; determined by relative sizes of material and relative darkness or lightness and the placement of them.

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**FUNCTIONALITY**

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

Appropriateness of arrangement for use intended, soundness of construction.

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**JUDGE'S CHOICE**

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

The use of plant materials and design principles in a particularly creative, original, and unique manner.

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**MECHANICS**

POSSIBLE POINTS: **5**

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**TOTAL POINTS:**

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*In cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education*

**FFA FLORAL DESIGN CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

Friday, March 9, 2018

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mercer County Community College

West Windsor Campus

1200 Old Trenton Road

West Windsor, NJ 08550

*In Physical Education (Fitness Center) Building*

**Floral Design Registration Information:**

Registration for the Floral Design Career Development Event is included at the bottom of the registration form for the New Jersey FFA Horticultural Exposition. The registration cost is \$25 per participant (non-refundable), unless the chapter is Gold Affiliated (then the fee is waived).

**General Rules:**

1. A team of four students per chapter may compete in the State FFA Floral Design Career Development Event. The event will consist of creating two floral arrangements. Each team member will complete their own floral arrangement for each part of the event. A member's individual score will be determined by adding the two floral arrangement scores received together. The top three individual scores will be combined to determine the chapter team score.
2. Each contestant will be assigned an identification number. These numbers will be assigned at registration. Contestants will be responsible for labeling their score sheet for each arrangement with their assigned identification number, contestant name, and chapter name.
3. Contestants must bring their own pencil, floral cutters, ribbon scissors, floral knife and wire cutters. The contestant should also bring a calculator for use in the pricing section of the Design of Choice arrangement. Cell phone calculators are NOT permitted. No other supplies or equipment may be brought to the event.
4. Contestants will work at individual stations. Contestants may not work next to another member of their chapter. Floral tools and calculators may not be shared between contestants.
5. Members are required to wear official FFA dress or business dress (if FFA jackets are not available) and will be awarded 2 points for wearing proper Official Dress. (*See Attachment – Official Dress Scoring Rubric*)

6. The event shall consist of two parts:
- Part I: Assigned Arrangement** – Contestants will produce a flower arrangement based on an order scenario specified by the Event Coordinator at the start of this event section. A deduction of 30 points will be taken if the completed design is not appropriate for the given scenario.
- Part II: Design of Choice Floral Arrangement** – Contestants will make an arrangement in the design form of their choice with the arrangement meeting the price range indicated by the Event Coordinator. Contestants must identify the design form they have chosen and list its intended use. Contestants will be required to prepare an Itemized List of Costs Sheet for their floral design. A retail flower and hard goods pricing sheet will be made available to students for use in calculating the price of the arrangement. (*See Attachment – Sample Retail Price Sheet*) This pricing sheet will reflect current retail prices for the floral and hard goods materials. Students will need to add 20% for the cost of labor and 7% sales tax to their pricing.
7. All floral materials, foliage and hard goods will be supplied by the Event Coordinator. All contestants will be given materials of equal value to work with. Any concerns or issues regarding improper quantity of or quality of materials should be addressed to the Event Coordinator or designated associates as soon as the issue is discovered.
8. Two competent judges from the florist industry shall judge each section of the event. One group of two judges will evaluate the Assigned Arrangement and a separate group of two judges will evaluate the Design of Choice Arrangement.
9. Members of the first place team may not compete in the event again.
10. A banner will be presented to the chapter with the highest score. Certificates of recognition will be presented to the five highest individuals in the assigned (practicum) event. The top 3 individuals in overall scores will receive the following: 1<sup>st</sup>- Gold Medal, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Silver Medal, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Bronze Medal.

### **PART I - ASSIGNED FLORAL ARRANGEMENT**

#### **A. Construction**

- Contestants will create a floral arrangement based on an order scenario given at the start of the event by the Event Coordinator. An example scenario would be:  
*“Mrs. Kelley has ordered a centerpiece for her luncheon tomorrow. She will be placing it in the center of a round table seating six people. She prefers spring colors. Please design a floral centerpiece for Mrs. Kelley taking into consideration the “conversation zone” height restriction.”*
- Contestants will have 30 minutes to complete the arrangement. All contestants will stop designing when the time limit is called and will not be allowed additional time.



3. Each student will be furnished with the following supplies based on design type\*:
- 3-5 stems of line flower such as Stock, Liatrus, Snapdragons, etc.
  - 6-10 stems of focal flowers such as Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, etc. (more than one type may be issued to the same student)
  - 2-4 stems filler flowers such as Baby's Breath, Waxflower, Solidago, etc.
  - 6-8 pieces foliage greens such as Baker Fern, Lemonleaf, Seeded Eucalyptus, etc.)
  - 1/3-1/2 block floral foam (if required for container)
  - 1 container
  - 1 piece (approximately 12") of container tape
  - 1 cardette
- \*Please note supplies may vary slightly based on discretion of contest coordinator and availability of materials.*

**NOTE:** It is not required to use all given materials in the floral arrangement.

## B. Scoring the Assigned Floral Arrangement

<i>Item</i>	<i>Points</i>
*Design Form appropriate for given scenario	30
<i>*No points will be awarded for inappropriate design form</i>	
Balance	10
Creativity	10
Depth	10
Focal Emphasis	10
Line	10
Mechanics	10
Scale	5
Unity	5
Official Dress	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>102</b>

## C. Description of Items on Scorecard

**Design** – arrangement conforms to the specified scenario given

**Balance** – visual and physical feeling of stability

**Creativity** – artistic inventiveness

**Depth** – placement of materials at different levels

**Focal Emphasis** – area of greatest impact

**Line** – visual path

**Mechanics** – created using industry standard techniques

**Scale** – relative ratio or proportion of container to floral arrangement (The floral arrangement should be 1 ½ - 2 times the height or the width of the container, whichever is greater)

**Unity** – oneness of style

**PART II – DESIGN OF CHOICE ARRANGEMENT****A. Construction**

1. The student will design a \$40 floral arrangement made in the style of the contestant's choice.
2. Contestants will have 30 minutes to complete the arrangement. All contestants will stop designing when the time limit is called and will not be allowed additional time.
3. Each student will be furnished with assorted floral materials. Students should determine their design form based on the materials they find at their individual work station.
  - 3-5 stems line flower such as Stock, Liatrus, Snapdragons, etc.
  - 6-10 stems of focal flowers such as Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, etc. (more than one type may be issued to the same student)
  - 2-4 stems filler flowers such as Baby's Breath, Waxflower, Solidago, etc.
  - 6-8 pieces foliage greens such as Baker's Fern, Lemonleaf, Seeded Eucalyptus, etc.
  - 1/3-1/2 block floral foam (if required for container)
  - 1 container
  - 1 piece (approximately 12") of container tape
  - 1 cardette

*\*Please note supplies may vary slightly based on discretion of event coordinator and availability of materials.*

**NOTE:** *It is not required to use all given materials in the floral arrangement.*
4. Students must identify on their Score Card the Design Form they chose and its intended use. A deduction of 15 Design points will be taken if the floral arrangement is not identified correctly on the Score Card. Examples of Design Forms are: Centerpiece, Crescent, Fan, Round, Vertical, Asymmetrical, Triangle and Horizontal.
5. Students are allowed an additional 15 minutes to complete an Itemized List of Cost for the arrangement they have created. This form will include costs of Flowers and Foliage, costs of Hard Goods, 20% Labor Cost and 7% Sales Tax. This bill will be completed on the invoice sheet provided by the Event Coordinator. (*See Attachment – Itemized List of Costs Sheet*)

**B. Scoring the Design of Choice Arrangement****ARRANGEMENT (85 Points)**

Design	15
Balance	10
Creativity	10
Depth	10
Focal Emphasis	10
Line	10
Mechanics	10
Scale	5
Unity	5

**ITEMIZED BILL (15 Points)**

Price Range	5
Identification & Accuracy	10
Official Dress	2

<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>102</b>
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**C. Description of Items on Scorecard**

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**Focal Emphasis** – area of greatest impact

**Line** – visual path

**Mechanics** – created using industry standard techniques

**Scale** – relative ration or proportion of container to floral arrangement (The floral arrangement should be 1½-2 times the height or width of the container, whichever is greater.)

**Unity** – oneness of style

**Price Range** – 5 points will be deducted if the itemized cost does not calculate between \$38.00-\$42.00

**Accuracy** – All materials correctly identified as to name, quantity, and unit cost; all price cost extensions, labor cost and sales tax calculations are correctly made. Total cost is added correctly.

**FFA FLORAL DESIGN CDE SCORE SHEET*****ASSIGNED FLORAL ARRANGEMENT***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTESTANT ID # \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Member Score</b>
<b>ARRANGEMENT (85 points)</b>				
<b>Design</b>	0-10	11-20	21-30	
<b>Balance</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Creativity</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Depth</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Focal Emphasis</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Line</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Mechanics</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Scale</b>	0-1	2-3	4-5	
<b>Unity</b>	0-1	2-3	4-5	
<b>OFFICIAL DRESS (2 points)</b>	0	1	2	
<b>TOTAL POINTS (102 points)</b>				

Judged by: \_\_\_\_\_

**FFA FLORAL DESIGN CDE SCORE SHEET**

***DESIGN OF CHOICE ARRANGEMENT***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTESTANT ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGN FORM CREATED: \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED USE OF FLORAL: \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Member Score</b>
<b>ARRANGEMENT (85 points)</b>				
<b>Design</b>	0-5	6-10	7-15	
<b>Balance</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Creativity</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Depth</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Focal Emphasis</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Line</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Mechanics</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>Scale</b>	0-1	2-3	4-5	
<b>Unity</b>	0-1	2-3	4-5	
<b>ITEMIZED LIST OF COSTS (15 points)</b>				
<b>Price Range</b>	0-1	2-3	4-5	
<b>Identification &amp; Accuracy</b>	0-3	4-6	7-10	
<b>OFFICIAL DRESS (2 points)</b>	0	1	2	
<b>TOTAL POINTS (102 points)</b>				

Judged by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Floral Design CDE  
Floral Arrangement Itemized List of Costs**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Flower/Foliage	Unit Cost	Total

Total Flower/Foliage Material Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Material Used	Unit Cost	Total

Total Hard Goods Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Total Flower/Foliage Material Cost	
Total Hard Goods Cost	
Labor Cost (20%)	
<i>Sub Total</i>	
Tax (7%)	
<b>TOTAL ARRANGEMENT COST*</b>	

*\*Note: Participants will be provided the RETAIL price of flowers and foliage that they will use in their arrangement by the Event Coordinator at the beginning of the event. The MARKUP is built into the retail price of the flowers and the foliage used in the arrangement.*

## Sample Retail Price Sheet

FLOWERS	RETAIL PRICE
Ageratum	\$2.50
Alstroemeria	\$2.50
Anthurium	\$5.00
Aster (Spring)	\$2.00
Astilbe	\$2.50
Baby's Breath	\$2.00
Bells of Ireland	\$2.50
Bird of Paradise	\$6.00
Bueplernum	\$2.50
Carnation:	
<i>Novelty Select</i>	\$1.50
<i>Mini Carnations</i>	\$1.50
Cattleya Orchid	\$5.00
Chrysanthemum:	
<i>Daisy/Pompons</i>	\$2.00
<i>Spider/Fugi</i>	\$2.50
Cymbidium Orchid	\$4.00
Delphinium	\$2.50
Freesia	\$3.00
Gardenia	\$10.00
Gerbera Daisy	\$3.50
Gladiolus	\$2.50
Heather	\$2.00
Hydrangea	\$6.00
Hyacinth	\$4.50
Iris	\$2.50
Larkspur	\$3.00
Leptospermum	\$2.00
Liatrix	\$2.00
Lilac	\$3.50
Lily:	
<i>Asiatic</i>	\$4.00
<i>Oriental</i>	\$5.00
Limonium	\$2.00
Marigold	\$2.00
Marguerite Daisy	\$2.50
Queen's Anne Lace	\$2.00

FLOWERS	RETAIL PRICE
Rose:	
<i>Regular</i>	\$4.00
<i>Spray</i>	\$2.50
Snapdragon	\$3.00
Solidago/Solidaster	\$2.00
Statice	\$2.00
Stock	\$2.00
Sunflower	\$3.00
Tuberose	\$3.00
Tulip	\$2.00
Waxflower	\$2.55
Zinnia	\$2.00

GREENS	RETAIL PRICE
Asparagus Fern	\$0.50
Baker Fern	\$0.25
Huckleberry	\$0.50
Lemonleaf	\$0.75
Plumose Fern	\$0.35
Sperengi Fern	\$1.00

HARD GOODS	RETAIL PRICE
Floral Foam	\$1.50/brick
Bowl/Container/Vase	\$3.00

## Official Dress Scoring Rubric

0 points	1 point	2 points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not in official dress or business dress</li> <li>• More than three of the following are noted:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skirt is considerably above knee length, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn</li> <li>▪ Skirt/slacks is not black</li> <li>▪ Shoes are not black or sneakers are worn</li> <li>▪ FFA jacket not zipped</li> <li>▪ Official dress is worn, but no jacket</li> <li>▪ Shirt/ blouse hanging out</li> <li>▪ Flashy tie – not blue, black or FFA</li> <li>▪ No scarf/tie worn</li> <li>▪ Socks/nylons are not black</li> <li>▪ More than three medals are worn on the jacket</li> <li>▪ Pins and other insignia are worn on jacket (state convention/theme pin is acceptable)</li> <li>▪ Member is wearing a hat</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>One to three of the following are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• skirt is considerably above knee length, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn</li> <li>• Skirt/slacks is not black</li> <li>• Shoes are not black or sneakers are worn</li> <li>• FFA jacket not zipped</li> <li>• Official dress is worn, but no jacket</li> <li>• Shirt hanging out</li> <li>• Flashy tie – not blue, black or FFA</li> <li>• No scarf/tie worn</li> <li>• Socks/nylons are not black</li> <li>• More than three medals are worn on the jacket</li> <li>• Pins and other insignia are worn on jacket (state convention/theme pin is acceptable)</li> <li>• Member is wearing a hat</li> </ul>	<p>Dressed in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black dress slacks/ skirt (No mini skirt, spandex, shorts or jeans are worn)</li> <li>• FFA Jacket zipped to top</li> <li>• FFA scarf/tie</li> <li>• Black Shoes</li> <li>• Black nylons</li> <li>• White collared shirt/ blouse</li> </ul>



## Directions to Mercer County Community College - West Windsor Campus

### From North or South via U.S. 1

- Exit onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- After 2 miles (through 4 traffic lights), turn left at the Youngs Road traffic light.
- At the end of Youngs Road, turn right onto Hughes Drive and follow past Mercer County Park entrance.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the left.

### From Route 206 North or South

- From 206 South, turn left onto Province Line Road (at traffic light).
- From 206 North, turn right onto Province Line Road.
- Follow Province Line Road through the next traffic light (Princeton Pike), continue to the next traffic light and turn right onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533.
- On Quakerbridge Road, follow directions from Route 1 (see above).

### From North or South via Interstate 95/295

- Take Interstate 95 (which becomes Interstate 295) to Exit 65A: Sloan Ave. East
- Continue straight on Sloan Ave. East (becomes Flock Road) to the end.
- Turn left at traffic light, onto Edinburg Road
- Continue straight through one traffic light (becomes Old Trenton Road).
- Take right jug handle that leads to the MCCC campus entrance.

### From East

- Follow Route 33 West until you see signs for Route 133 West (the new bypass route).
- Turn right onto Route 133 West.
- Take Route 133 West to the end and exit immediately onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Rd for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

### From North via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 8 at Hightstown onto Route 33 West.
- Follow signs onto Route 133 West (the new bypass).
- Turn right onto Route 571 West (Princeton-Hightstown Road).
- Move immediately to the far-left turning lane and turn left onto Route 535 / Old Trenton Road.
- Follow Route 535 / Old Trenton Road for approximately 5 miles.
- MCCC campus entrance is on the right.

### From South via NJ Turnpike

- Take Turnpike Exit 7A.
- Go West on I-195 to Exit 5B (first exit off I-195).
- North on Route 130, proceed to the second traffic light and turn left onto Robbinsville-Allentown Road (526 West).
- Go through traffic light and make immediate right onto Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West).
- At the end of Robbinsville-Edinburg Road (526 West), turn left onto Old Trenton Road (535).
- Follow Old Trenton Road for 2 miles to campus entrance on right, after Mercer County Park.

