New Jersey FFA Association
81st State FFA
Convention Proceedings

May 25-27, 2011
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ

Session 1

Hanna Toft, 2009-2010 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 427 members, advisors, and guests present.

Welcome to Rutgers University

Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the college.

Greetings from the NJDA

Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher, brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

FFA Jacket Presentation

52 New Jersey FFA members were presented with a new FFA Jacket. The jackets were funded through the "Blue Jackets. Bright Futures" Jacket Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown:	James Asprocolas	Roni Freed
Buena Regional:	Jay Repko	
Cape May Tech:	Anjeleen Coppa	Sara Ehrhardt
	Roxanne Geylani	Jesse Kamm
	Shavon Mangold	Wil Mullins
	Jo-Lin Parker	Chris Pujols
	Carlie Schweibinz	
Freehold:	Casey DeStasio	Lucas Franco
	Nicole Gann	Alyssa Granato
	Delaney Gray	Clair McKittrick
	Brian Reyes	Melissa Rider
	Melissa Sparacio	Kristen Stephenson
	Tiffany Wielebinski	
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Chris Borrelli	Genevieve Buck
	Kristen Callahan	Jay Colon
	Zya Howard	Brittany Hrasna
	Nick Lavan	Kayla McKeon
	Taylor Tenhoeve	
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Zakk Botelho	Cynthis Contreras
	Narissa Richie	Stephanie Rodriguez
	Samantha Soto	Jessica VanOrden
Monmouth County:	Andre Evans	
Northern Burlington Middle:	Allyssa Pica	Nick Pica
Salem Co. Vo. Tech.	Rhiannon Bruynell	Devon Bruynell
	Mackenzie Cole	Pam Foster
	Ariel Friel	Muriel Haney
	Christina McCosker	Jillian Mosley
Union County:	Michael Stokley Jenkins	
West Essex:	Ashley Marie Ortiz Hernandez	
Woodstown:	Amber Stickler	

Keynote Address

Angela Mayfield presented the Keynote Address, "Dream Big, Nosepickers."

Introduction of NJ State FFA Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee

Hanna Toft described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Brianne Scholl introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

Stephanie Tarlowe- Warren Hills
Corrine Penrose- Phillipsburg
Ernest Arians- Ocean County
Zac Motta-Middlesex Piscataway
Katrina Nicoletta- Cape may Tech
Mary Watts- Penns Grove
Adult Coordinator - Ms. Rebecca Schnetzer
Executive Committee Representative – Annaliese Gancarz

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

James Ferguson, III – Cape May Tech
Rachel Layton- Woodstown
Jessica McCosker- Salem Co. Vo. Tech.
Eric Nelson – Newton
Victoria Wynavage- Buena Regional
Jessica Foster- Salem Co. Vo. Tech.
Alec McAlarnen- Cape May Tech
Katie Mumford-Cape May Tech
Julianne Robinson- Northern Burlington
Keely Weinberger- CapeMay Tech

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were Freehold – 1st place and Woodstown – 2nd place. The FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship was awarded to Leevon Lacy of the Woodstown FFA Chapter and Gary Galgoci of the Union County FFA chapter.

State FFA Scholarships

The following scholarship winners were announced. Scholarships were made possible through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

NJ FFA Alumni Scholarship- Gary Galgoci, Union County
Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship – Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
Kenneth Harding Memorial Scholarship- Keely Weinberger, Cape May Tech
Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship- Alison Keggan, Warren Hills
Washington Grange #117 Scholarship- Alison Keggan, Warren Hills
Taylor Jellife Scholarship- Alison Keggan, Warren Hills
Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship- Katrina Nicoletta, Cape May Tech
C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship- Jenny Allen, Warren Hills
Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship- Jenny Allen, Warren Hills
Stephen Tucker Scholarship – Douglas Gomez, Union County
William G. Smith Scholarship- Douglas Gomez, Union County
Roszel Scholarship- Lauren Duarte, Allentown
Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship- Lauren Duarte
Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington
Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Ondrea Sickler, Woodstown
May L. Gerlack State Officer Scholarship – Hanna Toft, Cape May Tech
Lee Courter Memorial Scholarship- Rachel Layton, Woodstown

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Jeff Neyhart- Biotechnology HS, Keely Weinberger- Cape May Tech, Julianne Robinson- Northern Burlington, Leevon Lacy- Woodstown, Sarah Hitchner- Woodstown, Rachel Layton- Woodstown, Jessica Voll- Phillipsburg.
National FFA Scholarships
$1,500 Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture-Zachary Freeborn, Hackettstown
$1,000 RAM Trucks Scholarship- Katrina Nicoletta, Cape May Tech
National FFA Convention Scholarship- Gary Galgoci, Union County

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA President, Levy Randolph, brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Allison Karr
Allison Karr gave her retiring address entitled "Pieces of the Puzzle," and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Mr. Chris Nnadi, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of those individuals. Erin Eckenroad was introduced as the Courtesy Corps chair.

State Convention Rules
The State Officers played a video skit of Family Feud that displayed the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session 2

Brianne Scholl, 2009-20010 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 460 members, advisors, and guests present.

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education
Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, Marie Barry greeted the audience and described the aspect of CTE.

Official Ceremonies Event Award
1st Place: Allentown
2nd Place: Cape May Tech
3rd Place: Freehold
The 1st place Official Ceremonies team will conduct the Opening Ceremonies at the State FFA Convention Recognition Banquet.
Landscape Design Event Awards
1st Place: Melissa Sparacio, Freehold
2nd Place: Sarah Quiles, Freehold
3rd Place: Kaity Dunlevy, Cape May Tech

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, addressed the convention on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division 1 winner- Kyle Clement, Salem County Vo. tech
Division 2 winner- Kaity Dunlevy, Cape May Tech

FFA Week Awards

1st Place: Northern Burlington
2nd Place: BCIT Westampton
3rd Place: Ocean County

Retiring Address: Jessica Voll

Jessica Voll gave her retiring address entitled "Risk Taking IS Cracked Up to Be," and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Career Development Event Awards

Dairy Foods

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st David Marconi, Belvidere
2nd Lindsay Kornberger, Belvidere
3rd Emily Sigle, South Hunterdon
Kelsey Rinehart, Phillipsburg
Misti Edwars, Belvidere
Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
4th Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
5th KayLynn Stryker, West Essex

Medals

Gold: Kelly Albanir, South Hunterdon
Silver: David Marconi, Belvidere
Bronze: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

The first place team was the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter.

Dairy Handlers

Heather Shinn from Northern Burlington received a silver medal, and Paige McMahon of Cumberland Regional received a Gold Medal.

Farm Business Management

Medals

Gold: Amanda Kyle, Allentown
Silver: Alden Brown, Allentown
Bronze: Christopher Tyminski, Allentown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Jen Harbison, Phillipsburg
2nd Jess Tegano, Allentown
3rd Anna Lubis, Allentown
4th Lauren Alger, Newton
Chelsea Grotyohann, Newton
5th Krystina Mabie, BCIT Westampton

Medals

Gold: Jen Harbison, Phillipsburg

Silver: Elizabeth Miktowicz, BCIT Medford
Bronze: Krystina Mabie, BCIT Westampton

The first place team was the BCIT-Medford FFA Chapter.

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Tessa Masi, Newton
2nd Maggie Castle, Newton
3rd Harley McMahon, Newton
4th Danielle Francisco, Newton

Medals

Gold: Tessa Masi, Newton
Silver: Harley McMahon, Newton
Bronze: Maggie Castle, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Fruits and Vegetables

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Kyle Genova, Allentown
Amanda Kyle, Allentown
2nd Taylor Dubois, Woodstown
Stefania Swider, Hackettstown
Nick Gardner, Freehold
3rd Molly Sternal, Union County
Cait Flyte, Phillipsburg
Crystal Grover, Ocean County
Casey Destasio, Freehold
Katelyn Stickney, BCIT-Medoford
4th Lindsey Horvath, Middllesex Piscataway
Jessica Foster, Salem Co Vo Tech
Nina Earle, Warren Hills
5th Brenda Haines, BCIT-Medford
Jasmine Bleasdale, BCIT-Westampton
Christopher Fekete, Belvidere
Delaney Gray, Freehold
Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
Remington Little, Northern Burlington Middle

Medals

Gold: Kyle Genova, Allentown
Amanda Kyle, Allentown
Silver: Taylor Dubois, Woodstown
Stefania Swider, Hackettstown
Nick Gardner, Freehold
Bronze: Molly Sternal, Union County
Cait Flyte, Phillipsburg
Crystal Grover, Ocean County
Casey Destasio, Freehold
Katelyn Stickney, BCIT-Medoford

The first place team was the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Horse Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Lauren Jeffery, Allentown
Gia Grupp, Northern Burlington
2nd Jillian Mosley, Salem Co Vo Tech
3rd Tom Spain, Northern Burlington
4th Heather Beams, Allentown
5th Rachael Lowrie, Northern Burlington
Kelsey Sousa, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Lauren Jeffery, Allentown
Silver: Gia Grupp, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Tom Spain, Northern Burlington

The winning team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Land Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Melissa Wright, Allentown
2nd Tara Daly, Allentown
3rd Anna Lubis, Allentown
4th Zach Blasig, Northern Burlington
5th Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Melissa Wright, Allentown
Silver: Tara Daly, Allentown
Bronze: Anna Lubis, Allentown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson

1st Nichole Ondy, Allentown
2nd Morgan Lubbe, Allentown
3rd Scott Gangel, Northern Burlington
4th Alan Stevens, Northern Burlington
5th Dan Wolek, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Morgan Lubbe, Allentown
Silver: Nichole Ondy, Allentown
Bronze: Scott Gangel, Northern Burlington

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Turf Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Andre Evans, Monmouth County
2nd Ward Beirne, Monmouth County
3rd Dylan Lacugna
4th Stephen Volpe, Monmouth County
5th Nick Mignosi, Monmouth County

Medals

Gold: Andre Evans, Monmouth County
Silver: Ward Beirne, Monmouth County

Bronze: Dylan Lacugna

The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.

Talent Performance

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition

Horticulture Division: Ben Carr, Middlesex East Brunswick
Permanent Division: Sarah Quiles, Freehold
Fresh Division: Jared Szymansky, Bankbridge Regional
Adult Division: Keith Dannucci, Northern Burlington

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art

1st Izzy Pastor, Freehold
2nd Johanna Campell, West Essex
3rd Kerry Caponetto, Freehold

Photography

1st Anna Lubis, Allentown
2nd Nicole Ondy, Allentown
3rd Jessica McCosker, Salem Co Vo Tech

Agriscience Teacher of the Year

The Agriscience teacher of the year was Ms. Patricia Thorne of the Buena Regional FFA Chapter.

Agriscience Fair Recognition

The following individuals will have the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

Division I Winners:

Botany- Rebecca Barresi, Biotechonology
Environmental Sciences - Dante Ricci, Cumberland Regional

Division II Winners:

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science- Katherine Rittenbach-Biotechnology
Botany-Shelly Grinshpun, Biotechnology
Environmental Sciences-Kevin Barresi, Biotechnology
Zoology-Meghan Daniels, Cape May Tech

Division IV Winners:

Biotechnology/Microbiology/Food Science- Jo Lin Parker, Sara Ehrhardt, Cape May Tech
Botany - Derek Swanson, Drew Hitchner, Cumberland Regional
Environmental Sciences - Ami Adams, Kane Daly-Cape May Tech

The following are overall event winners and recipients of cash awards sponsored by the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

Individuals:

1st Place: Katherine Rittenbach-Biotechnology
2nd Place: Shelly Grinshpun, Biotechnology
3rd Place: Dante Ricci, Cumberland Regional

Teams:

1st Place: Ami Adams and Kane Daly, Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Derek Swanson, Drew Hitchner, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place: Jo Lin Parker, Sara Ehrhardt, Cape May Tech

Closing Ceremonies

*2010 Delegate Business Session

*State President, Hanna Toft, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:07pm. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor, served as the official Parliamentarian.

There were 50 delegates and 7 executive board members present. A majority vote would require 26 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 34 votes.

The 80th NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented.

Motion by Obina Nnadi of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter to approve the proceedings of the 80th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Joey Cook of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Mitchell Harin to from the South Hunderton Middle FFA chapter to keep the dues that same amount for the 2010-2011.

Seconded by Clint Carty of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Joey Cook of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter to accept the proposed changes to the process to the National Constitution and Bylaws.

Seconded by Ben Wainwright of the Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

Motion by Steven Genita of the Ocean County FFA Chapter to accept the proposals to Article III Section A, B and Article IV Section B.

Seconded by Katie Donlery of the Cape May FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

Motion by Joey Cook of the Salem Co. Vo. Tech FFA Chapter to accept the constitution proposal to Article II Section C, Article IV Section D, E and F.

Seconded by Ben Wainwright of the Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

Motion by Dominique Vallenza of the BCIT Medford FFA chapter to accept the constitution proposals to Article IX Section A.

Seconded by Tom Omara of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Katie Dunlevy of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter to accept the proposals for the Bylaws for Article IV Section H.

Seconded by Lauren Duarte of the Allentown FFA Chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Obina Nnadi of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter to accept the proposed changes to the state bylaws to Article III Section D and E as read.

Seconded by Ashley Marquez of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Mitchell Haug of the South Hunterdon Middle FFA Chapter to accept the proposed changes to the state bylaws of Article II Section A and B, Article IV Section A, Article VIII Section A and Article IX Section B.

Seconded by Cameron Cook of the BCIT Westampton FFA Chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Lauren Duarte of the Allentown FFA Chapter to adjourn the 81st delegate business session.

Seconded by Lesha Hoff of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52pm.

Session III

Allison Karr, 2009-2010 State FFA Sentinel, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 474 members, advisors, and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed
1st Place: Amber Sickler, Woodstown
2nd Place: Hailey Reczka, Newton
3rd Place: Blair Geihl, Allentown

3-5 Minute Public Speaking
1st Place: Caley Mikesell, Newton
2nd Place: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Tiaunna Marie Griffin, West Essex

6-8 Minute Public Speaking
1st Place: Alexander Singleton, South Hunterdon
2nd Place: Holly Toft, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking
1st Place: James Nardelli, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place: Dmitri Malaniouk, Hackettstown
3rd Place: Nichole Ondy, Allentown

Mrs. Debbie Pribell brought greetings to the convention audience from the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

NJAAE Report
Mr. John Neyhart, teacher at Monmouth County Career Center and President of the NJAAE, brought greetings to the convention.

Agriculture Awareness Awards
1st Place: Penns Gove

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
1st Place: Woodstown
2nd Place: Cape May Tech
3rd Place: Allentown

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
1st Place: Woodstown
2nd Place: Phillipsburg
3rd Place: Cape May Tech

Retiring Address Eric Nelson
Eric Nelson gave his retiring address entitled "Uncertainty Guaranteed," and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2010 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Desiree Clark** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter.**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2010 New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year is **Ella Parish** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter.**

Public Relations Awards

1st Place: BCIT-Westampton
2nd Place: Piscataway
3rd Place: Allentown

Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker
Alex Singleton of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter presented her speech, "Will we be able to provide enough food for a global population in 2050?"

Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Issues
The first place Agricultural Issues Team was the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

Agricultural Mechanics

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Clint Carty, Northern Burlington
2nd Place Scott Gangel, Northern Burlington
3rd Place Kevin Willetts, Woodstown
4th Place Sean Gilmore, Hackettstown
5th Place Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown

Medals

Gold: Clint Carty, Northern Burlington
Silver: Scott Gangel, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Sales

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Matthew Bassett, Northern Burlington
2nd Place Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington
3rd Place Ondrea Sickler, Woodstown
4th Place Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington
5th Place Brian Winfield, Newton

Medals

Gold: Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington
Silver: Colby Clement, Woodstown
Bronze: Brian Winfield, Newton, and Linda Gentile, Woodstown

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Agronomy
H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Ryan Pierson, Newton
2nd Place Jon Morales, Newton
3rd Place Miranda Nunn, Newton
4th Place Andrew Moris, Newton

Medals
Gold: Zach Ryan Pierson, Newton
Silver: Jon Morales, Newton
Bronze: Andrew Moris, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Dairy Cattle

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place	Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown
2nd Place	Bri Bendl, Belvidere
3rd Place	Rachael Swider, Hackettstown
4th Place	Kaitlyn Mooneyham, Cumberland Regional
5th Place	AJ Rudd, Belvidere
	Levi Gibbs, Hackettstown

Medals
Gold: Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown
Silver: Rachael Swider, Hackettstown
Bronze: Kaitlyn Mooneyham, Cumberland Regional

The first place team was the Hackettstown FFA Chapter.

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place	Brittney Smith, Phillipsburg
2nd Place	Samuel Casqueira, Newton
3rd Place	Alex Feltwater, Newton
4th Place	Nate Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
	Zachary Konnecke, Newton
5th Place	Muriel Haney, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
	Steve Dragotta, Phillipsburg

Medals
Gold: Brittney Smith, Phillipsburg
Silver: Nate Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
Bronze: Samuel Casqueira, Newton

The first place team was Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Floriculture

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place	Valerie Robertson, Cape May Tech
2nd Place	Abby Estevez, Newton
	Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
3rd Place	Shannon Barton, Warren Hills
4th Place	Lauren Alger, Newton
5th Place	Jamie Jeliffe, Warren Hills

Medals
Gold: Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
Silver: Valerie Robertson, Cape May Tech
Bronze: Abby Estevez, Newton

The first place team was Cape May Tech FFA Chapter.

Livestock Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Rachel Rottkamp, Cumberland Regional
2nd Place Travis Dase, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place Hannah Dilks, Cumberland Regional
4th Place Dana Gould, Cumberland Regional

Medals

Gold: Rachel Rottkamp, Cumberland Regional
Silver: Travis Dase, Cumberland Regional
Bronze: Hannah Dilks, Cumberland Regional

The first place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter.

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Adam Armstrong, Newton
2nd Place Casey Campbell, Newton
3rd Place Eric Nunn, Newton
4th Place Emily Ventura, Newton

Medals

Gold: Adam Armstrong, Newton
Silver: Eric Nunn, Newton
Bronze: Casey Campbell, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Nursery and Landscape

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Jesse Kamm, Cape May Tech
2nd Place Brooke Craver, Cape May Tech
3rd Place Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
4th Place Nichola Richey, Cumberland Regional
5th Place Jamie Bowden, Cape May Tech

Medals

Gold: Jesse Kamm, Cape May Tech
Silver: Andre Evans, Monmouth County
Bronze: Brandon VanPelt, Cumberland Regional

The first place team was the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter.

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Congratulations to the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes award. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

National Sweepstakes Award for an Individual

This award is given to the individual with the highest individual placing in a national event. This year's National Career Development Event Sweepstakes winner is **Amanda Renkel** of the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for placing 22th individually in the Floriculture Career Development Event.

Talent Performance

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award
The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to **Will Temple** of the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapte**r and **Kelly Albanir** of the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter**.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Gold Rating:	Allentown
	Cape May Tech
	Middlesex Piscataway
	Monmouth County
	Newton
	Northern Burlington
	Penns Grove
	Phillipsburg
	Woodstown
Silver Rating:	BCIT Westampton
	Buena
	Cumberland Regional
	Freehold
	Hackettstown
	Middlesex East Brunswick
	Northern Burlington Middle
	Salem Co Vo Tech
	South Hunterdon
	Union County
	Warren Hills
	West Essex
Bronze Rating:	BCIT Medford
	Belvidere
	Camden Tech East
	North Warren
	Ocean County
	Somerset County
	South Hunterdon Middle School

Closing Ceremonies

2010 State Convention Banquet

Hanna Toft, 2009-2010 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies
Official Ceremonies were presented by the first place official ceremonies team from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Introduction of Guests
There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 474 members, advisors, and guests present.

Welcome
Hanna Toft, 2009-2010 State FFA President, delivered the welcome.

Greeting From the Office of Agricultural Education
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Program Leader for Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor, addressed the banquet on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural Education.

FFA Creed Presentation
The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Amber Sickler from the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Invocation
The invocation was delivered by Levi Randolph, National FFA President.

2009-2010 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards
The Member of the Month recipients for 2008-2009 were honored

May: Eric Nelson, Newton
September: Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington
October: Lauren Duarte, Allentown
December: Eric Nunn, Newton
January: Leevon Lacy, Woodstown
February: Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington
March: Rachel Layton, Woodstown
April: Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington

The 2009-2010 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Eric Nunn** of the **Newton FFA Chapter**.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Gold Rating: Allentown
Buena Regional
Middlesex Piscataway
Newton
Penns Grove
Union County
Silver rating: Monmouth County
Bronze Rating: Northern Burlington Middle

Outstanding Community Service Award
The winner of the Outstanding Community Service Award is the Penns Grove FFA Chapter.

Statewide Service Project Recognition
Ms. Kathy Schmookler, Volunteer Manager of the Atlantic City Rescue Mission addressed the audience at the banquet.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
Congratulations to **Mr. Michael Hlubik** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** for being named the 2009 New Jersey Advisor of the Year.

Superior Teacher Recognition Program

Silver: Ms. Robin McLean- Northern Burlington Middle
Gold: Ms. JoAnn Sopchak, Cape May Tech
Mr. John Petronglo, BCIT Westampton
Mrs. Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Jessica Voll, 2009-2010 New Jersey State FFA Secretary, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 490 members, advisors, and guests present.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards
3rd: Penns Grove
2nd: Salem County Vo Tech
The 1st Place team was the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter**.

Levy Randolph's Keynote Address-"Stay Hungry, Stay Humble"
Levy Randolph, 2009-2010 National FFA President, presented his keynote address "Stay Hungry, Stay Humble."

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition
New Jersey's American FFA Degree candidates include the following:

Mark Charles Boyko, Middlesex Piscataway
Jeffery K. Bray, Phillipsburg
Ashley R. Frazell, Newton
Gary Paul Galgoci, Union County
Annaliese J. Gancarz, Northern Burlington
John Parsons, Newton
Brianne Morgan Scholl, Hackettstown
Jessica Lyn Voll, Phillipsburg
Eric Nelson, Newton

Honorary State Degree Ceremony
The following people were presented the New Jersey Honorary State FFA Degree:

Mr. Chris Nnadi- Past State FFA Sentinel & Treasurer, & State FFA Alumni President
Mr. Kenneth Karamichael- Senior Program Coordinator, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers Univ.
Mr. Troy Joshua- Director of National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA
Mr. Joe Clark- Head Soil and Plant Technician, Rutgers University
Ms. Marilyn Patterson- Teacher of Agricultural Education at Warren Hills
Mrs. Jean Nicoletta- President of Agricultural Education Advisory Council at Cape May Tech
Mrs. Janice Galbraith- Science Instructor at Middlesex County Vocational Technical School
Ms. Robin Sternal- Parent of Union County FFA Chapter

40 Years of Women in the FFA
Mrs. Margie Fineran Hurley gave a special presentation on the 40 years women have been in the FFA.

Retiring Address- Brianne Scholl "We're Diving In"
Brianne Scholl delivered her retiring address "We're Diving In," and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Tractor Driving Event

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Levi Wainwright, Northern Burlington
2nd Place Chris Weir, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place Levi Gibbs, Hackettstown
4th Place Chris Tyminski, Allentown

Medals:

Gold and Banner: Levi Wainwright, Northern Burlington
Silver: Chris Weir, Cumberland Regional
Bronze: Levi Gibbs, Hackettstown

Job Interview Event

1st Place: Kylie Smith, Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills
3rd Place: Claire McKittrick, Freehold

Demonstration

Individual Awards

1st place: Lauren Rodia,Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Jennifer Zidzik, South Hunterdon
3rd Place: Tiffany Wielebinski, Freehold

Team Awards

1st Place: Freehold
2nd Place: Cape May Tech
3rd Place: South Hunterdon

National FFA Officer Candidate Introduction

Jessica Voll of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter and Brianne Scholl of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter introduced themselves as New Jersey's National FFA Officer Candidates Candidate. They will go through an interview process with a Nominating Committee after State Convention to find out which person will represent New Jersey at the 2010 National FFA Convention in October.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

Eric Nelson, 2009-2010 State FFA Treasurer, and Hanna Toft, 2009-2010 State FFA President, presented the 2009-2010 Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Eric Nelson, 2009-2010 State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Official Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 5 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 517 members, advisors, and guests present.

Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards

2009-2010 State Star Chapter in Agribusiness: Nichole Ondy, Allentown
2009-2010 Star State Chapter in Placement: William Temple, Middlesex-Piscataway
2009-2010 Star State Greenhand: Stephanie Venturella, Middlesex-Piscataway

Delegate Business Session II

Standing Committee Reports

State President Hanna Toft presided and called the Delegate Business Session II to order. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor served as official Parliamentarian.

There were 54 delegates present, 7 executive committee members; a majority vote would require 28 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 36 votes.

Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation

Motion by Dominique Valenza of the BCIT Medford FFA Chapter to accept the Hort Expo Review and Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes**.

CDE Review and Evaluation

Motion by Eric Nunn from the Newton FFA Chapter to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes**.

Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities

Motion by Sarah Hitchner from the Woodstown FFA Chapter to accept Constitution and Bylaws/POA committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

State Leadership Activities and State Convention

Motion by Mitchell Haug from the South Hunterdon Middle FFA Chapter to accept the State Leadership Activities and State Convention committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

State Applications

Motion by Joey Cook from the Salem Co Vo Tech FFA Chapter to accept the State Applications committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Kyle Clement from the Salem County Vo. Tech. FFA Chapter to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

Talent Performance

Superior Chapter Awards

Middlesex-Piscataway
Monmouth County
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County
West Essex

National Chapter Award

Gold: Cape May Tech – 1st
Allentown – 2nd
Penns Grove – 3rd
BCIT Westampton – 4th

Silver: Newton
Warren Hills

Bronze: Northern Burlington
Union County

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Buena Regional FFA Chapter** for being named the 2010 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition

Allison Karr
Advisors – Mrs. Guttadora
Administrator – Mrs. Ruddy

Eric Nelson
Advisors – Mr. Pede, Mr. Christian, and Mr. Ridge
Administrator – Mr. Waldron

Jessica Voll
Advisors – Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Butler
Administrator – Mr. Troxell

Brianne Scholl
Administrator – Mrs. Miller

Hanna Toft
Advisor – Ms. JoAnn Sopchak
Administrator – Mr. Adams

Proficiency Awards

Turf Grass Management Entrepreneurship (*sponsored by John Deere***):** Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County

Equine Science Entrepreneurship (*sponsored by Keystone Steel and Wire Co- Red Brand and Land of Lakes Feed/Purina Mills***):** Matthew Bassett, Northern Burlington

Floriculture Placement (*sponsored by the National FFA Foundation***):** Katherine Loew, Cumberland Regional

Best Dressed Chapter

Congratulations to the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for being the 2010 Best Dressed Chapter.

Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director brought greetings to the audience on behalf of the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Distinguished Service

Delaware FFA Association
Cape May County Board of Agriculture
Union County Board of Agriculture

Special Recognition
Mr. Grey Vanaman, Sound and Lights Technical Coordinator
Mr. Chris Nnadi, Courtesy Corps Coordinator
Ms. Rebecca Schnetzer, Nominating Committee Coordinator
Mrs. Kimberly Daniels, Awards Coordinator
Mr. Leon Delcher, Registration Coordinator
Ms. Alison Keggan, Leadership Workshop Coordinator
Mr. Jack Hartman and Mr. Dringus, Convention Stage
Mr. Fred Douthitt, Creation of Custom Banner
Mrs. Sharon Kinsey, Assistant of CDEs
Ms. Alyssa Mottram, Banquet Coordinator
Ms. Desiree Beam and Kari Shoenlank, Assistance

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition
A stipend was given to the BCIT-Medford FFA Chapter for the stage decorations.

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown:	Richard Potts, Zachary Moran, and Sara Krueger
Buena:	Jay Noah Repko, Keith Errickson
Middlesex Piscataway:	Lindsey Horvath
Monmouth County:	Andre Evans and James Walsh
Northern Burlington:	Sam Cattani and Catherine Cincotta
Penns Grove:	Erin Eckenroad, Jennifer Ludwig, Christine Roberts and Christian Clair
Warren Hills:	Billy Segreaves and Jon McConnell

Congratulations to **James Walsh** of the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2010 Outstanding Courtesy Corps Members.

State Executive Board Recognition
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Sue Butch, and Mrs. Erin Noble presented the State Officers with their retiring officer pins and plaques and the Executive Committee with certificates of appreciation for serving the New Jersey FFA Association.

Reflections
The State Officers played a video with an attitude of reflection from the audience and then presented reflections.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Matthew T. Carney
	Lauren Duarte
	Nichole Ondy
	Daniel O Wolek
Buena:	Victoria L Wynavage
	Tiffany M Wade
	Amber L. VanMeter
Cape May Tech:	Margaret Bravo
	Lindsay Cafiero
	James Huston Ferguson III
	Carly Hilton
	Alec McAlarnen
	Katie Lyn Mumford

	Katrina Rae Nicoletta
	Valerie N. Robertson
	Kylie Brielle Smith
	Holly Toft
Cumberland Regional:	Katherine I. Loew
Monmouth County:	Winfred Jones
Newton:	Lauren Alger
	Margaret Castle
	Abigail Estevez
	Danielle Francisco
	Ashely Ann Lemoncelli
	Harlene McMahon
	Miranda Victoria Nunn
	Brett Matthew Olsen
Northern Burlington:	Gillian Armstrong
	Scott Gangel
	Levi Wainwright
Penns Grove:	Kim Gear
	Stacie Hill
	Shawn Roberts
Salem Co. Vo. Tech:	Joseph Cook
	Jessica Foster
	Jessica McCosker
Union County:	Crystal Pierce
	Molly Sternal
Warren Hills:	Jennifer Anema
Woodstown:	Linda C. E. gentile
	Sarah Lynn Hitchner
	Leevon Kate Lacy
	Rachel L. Layton
	Ondrea R. Sickler

State Star Award Recognition

State Star in Agricultural Placement: Katherine Loew, Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter

Hanna Toft's Retiring Address

Hanna Toft delivered her retiring address "Trip Around the Sun," and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Stephanie Tarlowe of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Teacher Representative:	Mr. David Pede
Executive Committee:	Brianne Scholl, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr
State Parliamentarian:	Julianne Robinson
State Sentinel:	James Ferguson III
State Reporter:	Jessica McCosker
State Treasurer:	Rachel Layton
State Secretary:	Alec McAlarnen
State Vice President:	Keely Weinberger
State President:	Eric Nelson

Motion by Lauren Duarte from the **Allentown FFA Chapter** to elect the 2010-11 slate of officers as presented in the Nominating Committee report as read. **Seconded by Ashley Marquez from the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion passes.**

Past State Office Power Point
A Power Point was presented as a tribute to all the past state officers.

Installation of 2010-2011 State Officers
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

Convention in Review
The 2010 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel
2009-2010 State FFA President Hanna Toft passed the gavel to 2010-2011 State FFA President Eric Nelson, who brought closing remarks.

Closing Ceremonies

2009-2010 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Hanna Toft
State Vice President	Brianne Scholl
State Secretary	Jessica Voll
State Treasurer	Eric Nelson
Sentinel	Allison Karr
Executive Committee	Annaliese Gancarz Keely Weinberger Mark Boyko
State Advisor	Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Ms. Susan R. Butch

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review Committee
Committee Report
May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:
Remington Little – Northern Burlington Middle; Sasha Collazo – Monmouth County; Andra Ehrhardt – Cape May Tech; Dominique Valenza – BCIT Medford; Ashley Marquez – Freehold; Deanna McMahan – Cumberland Regional; Mr. Mike Butler – Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss and review the Horticultural Exposition

Recommended Actions to be taken:
To change the formal category to be changed to Prom Night
To change Erin Go Bragh to Leprechaun Festival
To have holiday wreaths category to be permanent and fresh
To have in the directions "all arrangements must be focused on floral elements:
Change the bonsai Plants (completed/maintained) description to include "that is completed by one student and maintained by another"
To add a Food Delight category and the description will read "must have at least three ready to plant vegetables or fruit plants"

Comments:
Have a committee of advisors to review the judging criteria; go over dress code grading rubric

Dominique Valenza – BCIT Medford, Chairman

Sasha Collazo – Monmouth County, Secretary

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Constitution and By-Laws & POA Committee
Committee Report
May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:
Amber Zimmerman – Phillipsburg; Rickey Esposito – South Hunterdon; Brandon Van Pelt – Cumberland Regional; Luke Liddy – Newton; Natasha Langfritz – Warren Hills; Sarah Hitchner – Woodstown; Julia Cosimano – Belvidere; Dylan Hoffman – Ocean County; Mrs. Denise Emmons – Advisor; Hanna Toft – State FFA President

Purpose of Meeting:
To review the Constitution, By-Laws & POA and make recommendations

Action to be Taken:
To suggest removing the cost and targeted date boxes from the chapter POA form to be more aligned to State POA form

To suggest for the chapter POA to have an overall goal box for the section and eliminate individual activity goals and replaces with activity steps

Comments:
None

Sarah Hitchner - Woodstown, Chairman

Rickey Esposito – South Hunterdon, Secretary

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

State Applications Committee

Committee Report

May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:

Hanna Wyckoff – Warren Hills; Kim Gear – Penns Grove; Cameron Cook – BCIT Westampton; Kristina Pena – Piscataway; Liz Mikotowicz – BCIT Medord; Joey Cook – Salem Co. Vo. Tech.; Ben Wainwright - Northern Burlington Middle; Tommy O'Mara – Hackettstown; Crystal Pierce – Union County; Kaity Dunlevy – Cape May Tech; Holly Gaydos – Buena Regional; Joel Rudderow – Advisor; Keely Weinberger – State FFA Executive Committee

Purpose of Meeting:

Review current state FFA applications and determine if there is any need for revision

Recommended Actions to be Taken

Member of the Month Application –

- insert fifth bullet under eligibility on fact page stating "an applicants records of supervised ag experience should include all project areas during FFA membership"
- On page one in "years of Ag Ed Completed/Offered in High School" delete the word "high"
- On page three, Section II, Part A, change Max. points to 18 and include "list a max of 3 offices"
- On page five (scorecard), under highest degree earned, change "greenhand degree" to discover/greenhand degree" worth two points, under officers/committee add list a max of 3 offices, change max points of officers/committee to 18, change total max points of whole application to 188.

Garden State FFA Degree Application

- On page 2, add additional lines per year for the SAE portion
- If by law amendment regarding Garden State Degree requirement of 25 hours of community service passes, then the Garden State Degree application must have a new section added in where to list community service projects, dates, and hours.

Joey Cook – Salem Co. Vo. Tech., Chairman

Hannah Wyckoff – Warren Hills, Secretary

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
State Leadership Activities/State Convention Evaluation Committee
Committee Report
May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:
Gabby Aragona – Union County; Mitchell Haug – South Hunterdon Middle; Zach Freeborn – Hackettstown; Lauren Duarte – Allentown; Gillian Armstrong – Northern Burlington; Winfred Jones – Monmouth County; Chelsea Kimkowski – BCIT Westampton; Samantha Soto – Piscataway; Sarah Quiles – Freehold; Steph Rodgers – North Warren; Obinna Nnadi – Penns Grove; Ms. Robin McLean – Advisor; Brianne Scholl – State FFA Vice President

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss state leadership activities and state convention

Actions to be taken:
Leadership Activities – notify teachers earlier for SGC; possibly move SGC to a later date to include second semester students; COLT – continue at the camp; state leadership events – notify chapter presidents as well as advisors

Comments:
Talent and Art Competition – keep the same

Mitchell Haug – South Hunterdon Middle, Chairman

Lauren Duarte – Allentown, Secretary

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
State Career Development Event Review and Evaluation Committee
Committee Report
May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:
Eric Nunn – Newton; Sarah Pagliughi – Buena Regional; Taylor DuBois – Woodstown; Lisha Hoff – South Hunterdon; Brandi Rafalves – North Warren; Sariah Smith – Phillipsburg; Steven Giuffrida – Ocean County; Clint Carty – Northern Burlington; Mrs. Patricia Thorne – Advisor; Eric Nelson – State FFA Treasurer

Purpose of Meeting:
To review and suggest changes to CDEs and see where we can improve and discuss future CDEs

Actions to be taken:
Fruits and Veggies – two rooms for testing/judging to make it faster and add more time (2-3 min) limit to a station; explain scan-tron sheet better

Land Judging – more tools advisors can better into the pits; provide freezer bags to weatherproof papers; coordinate advisors with teams

Ag Mechanics – need more time for tool ID

Meat Evaluation – Review difficulty of the event

Cater to IEP students; provide safer tractors and/or get someone to donate

Comments:
Perhaps incorporate land judging into Agronomy; Get more teams for Meat Evaluation

Eric Nunn - Newton, Chairman

Sarah Pagliughi – Buena Regional, Secretary

81ST ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Membership & Chapter Relations Committee
Committee Report
May 27, 2010

Committee Members Present:
Kyle Clement – Salem County Vo. Tech.; Samantha Soscia – South Hunterdon Middle; Samantha Volk – Belvidere; Allison Karr – State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:
To discuss membership and chapter relations.

Recommended Actions to be taken:
1 year probation for HO Sampson Collegiate; Sussex Tech; and Biotechnology High School

Recommended actions for State Officers to recruit and meet with middle schools and officers of chapters; have clear examples and explanations for online applications and CDEs conducted by the state level

Comments:
Advertize Facebook accounts in delegate pamphlet and on state website; also advertise website on Facebook; create a tab on state website for "FFA Recruitment" including pictures and videos

Kyle Clement – Salem Co. Vo. Tech., Chairman

Samantha Volk – Belvidere, Secretary

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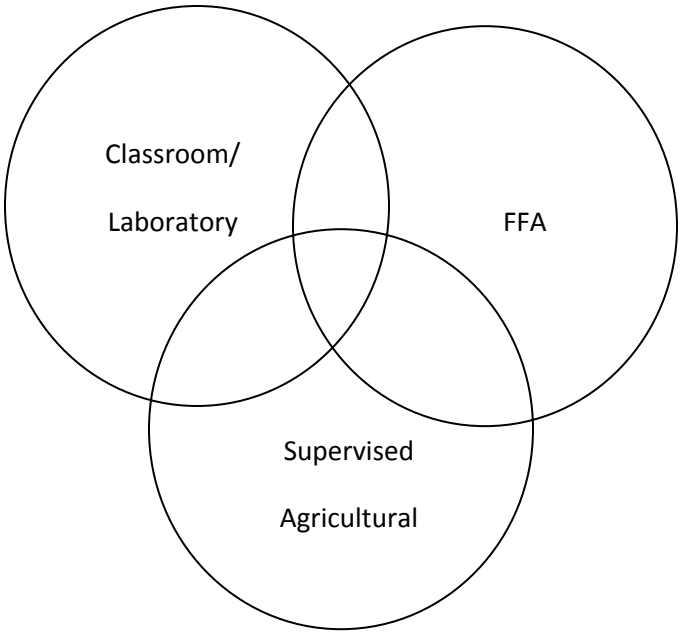
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