

# 89<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention At-A-Glance

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## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2108**

**1:00 – Registration**

**3:00 pm** *Residence Halls*

**1:00 – Convention Practice**

**3:00 pm** *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

**1:00 – Agricultural Education Advisory**

**3:00 pm** **Council Meeting**

*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

**1:00 pm** **Nominating Committee Orientation**

*Pollak Theatre 139*

Mr. Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Morgan Rutar, NJ FFA Executive Committee Chair

**2:00 – Recreation – Optional for Early**

**4:00 pm** *Arrivals – William T. Boylan Gymnasium*

*Basketball, Volleyball & Pool*

**3:00 pm** **Talent Meeting/Practice**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

*(Mandatory for all talent)*

**3:00 pm** **Official Ceremonies LDE**

*Bey Hall, Room 231*

Mr. Sam Rubinstein, Coordinator

**3:00 pm** **Preliminary Creed Speaking\***

*Bey Hall, Rooms 129 & 132*

Mr. Ernest Arians, Coordinator

Ms. Trisha Munyon, Coordinator

*\*Creed Finals will take place in*

*Room 130, 30 minutes after Prelims*

**3:00 pm** **Teach Agriculture Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 222*

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Coordinator

**3:00 pm** **Agricultural Issues Forum**

*Bey Hall, Young Auditorium*

Ms. Jamie Munyon, Coordinator

**3:00 pm** **Portable Exhibit Set-Up**

*Pozycki Hall, Upper Level Lobby*

**3:00 pm** **Application & Event Drop-Off**

*Bey Hall, Room 134*

Scrapbook, Agricultural Awareness, Secretary's Book and Treasurer's Book

- 3:30 pm State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*
- 3:30 pm Leadership Workshop**  
**“Life After the Blue Jacket: FFA Alumni and Supporters Membership”**  
*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Mr. Chandler Vaughan, Regional Vice President, National FFA Alumni and Supporters Association
- 4:00 pm Art Competition Set-Up**  
*Bey Hall, Room 227*
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator
- 5:00 – Dinner – Magill Commons**  
**5:45 pm**
- 5:30 pm Star in Agricultural Placement & Star Farmer Interviews**  
*Bey Hall, Room 129*  
Mr. David Specca, Coordinator
- 5:45 pm Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting**  
*Young Auditorium, Bey Hall 113*  
Ms. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey and Dr. Robin McLean
- 6:00 pm Judging of Scrapbooks**  
*Bey Hall, Room 132*  
Ms. Deborah Moyer, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Marketing Plan CDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 223*  
Mr. Richard Alomar, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Landscape Design Event**  
*Bey Hall, Room 223*  
Mr. Richard Alomar, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Agricultural Awareness, Secretary of the Year and Treasurer of the Year Applications**  
*Bey Hall, Room 133*  
Ms. Bryanna Dowd, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Hall of States Exhibit Event**  
*Pozycki Hall, Upper Level Lobby*  
Mr. Sam Rubinstein, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**  
*Pozycki Hall, Upper Level Lobby*  
Trisha Munyon, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition**  
*Bey Hall, Room 227*  
Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator

**6:00 pm Leadership Workshop**

**“Keep it SHWAY”**

*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*

Ms. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President

**6:00 pm Delegate Workshop**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

Ms. Renee Stillwell, State President & Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President

**7:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION I**

**“A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES”**

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Ms. Renee Stillwell,  
State FFA President***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture**

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher,  
Secretary of Agriculture

**Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.**

FFA Jacket Presentation

**Introduction of State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee**

**Keynote Address**

Mr. Caleb Gustin, Past National Officer

**FFA Foundation Report**

Mr. Jacque Roszel, Chair

**2018 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations**

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA Foundation through Special Projects

- William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship
- Bilinski Senior Award
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- Taylor Jelliffe Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- John Cummings Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- Woodstown Alumni Association/Arthur Jarman
- New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarships
- Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship
- Warren & Irene Cook Memorial Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- May Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship

- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships
- Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarships

**National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**Greetings from National FFA Foundation**

Mrs. Molly Ball, President

**National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship**

**Greetings from the National  
FFA Organization**

Ms. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President

**“Break the Mirror”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President  
Special Recognition

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator

**State Convention Rules**

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 – Recreation & FFA Social**  
**10:30 pm** *Residence Hall Quad (weather  
permitting)*

**11:00 pm Lights Out**

***THURSDAY MAY 24, 2108***

**7:00 – Breakfast – Magill Commons**  
**8:00 am**

**8:15 am Delegates Seated**  
**Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**8:30 am SESSION II**  
***“IT STARTS WITH US”***  
**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**  
***Presiding: Ms. Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Art Competition Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Official Ceremonies Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**“Confident Catitude”**

*Retiring Address*

McKenna Moore, State Sentinel

Special Recognition

**8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

**Outstanding Community Service Award**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

**Statewide Community Service Project Recognition**

**Greetings from National FFA Alumni & Supporters Association**

Mr. Chandler Vaughan, Regional Vice President

**Agriscience Fair Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“Don’t Scroll Past Me”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Allison Finn, State Parliamentarian

Special Recognition

**Closing Ceremony**

**10:00 am PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

*Members and guests should select and attend one of following public speaking events:*

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

Mx. Hannah Mann, Coordinator

**Preliminary 6-8 Minute Public Speaking\***

*Bey Hall, Rooms 227 & 228*

Mrs. Dawn Edmonds, Coordinator

Ms. Katelyn Hagggar, Coordinator

*\*Finals will be held in Room 113 (Young Auditorium) at 1:00 pm*

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 205*

Mr. Ernest Arians, Coordinator

**10:00 am Preliminary Team Demonstration Event\***

*Bey Hall, Rooms 222 & 225*

Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator

Mr. David Watts, Coordinator

*\*Finals will be held in Bey Hall Room 222 at 1:00 pm*

**10:00 am Committee Meetings**

**Hort Expo Review and Evaluation**

*Bey Hall, Room 201 (Turrell Board Room)*

State Officer: Ms. McKenna Moore

**Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities**

*Bey Hall Room 129*

State Officer: Ms. Renee Stillwell

**State Leadership Activities**

*Edison Hall Room 243A*

State Officer: Ms. Kelsey Stockton

**State Convention Evaluation**

*Edison Hall Room 243C*

State Officer: Ms. Sarah Kelly

**Membership and Chapter Relations**

*Edison Hall Room 240A*

State Officer: Ms. Allison Finn

**CDE Review and Evaluation**

*Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)*

State Officer: Ms. Ariel Norbeck

**State FFA Applications**

*Pozyski Hall Room 115*

State Officer: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny

**11:15 am Teach Ag Signing Event & Lunch**

(by invitation only)

*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

**11:45 am** Lunch – *Magill Commons*

**12:30 – Recreation –**

**2:00 pm** *Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)*

**1:00 pm Leadership Workshop**

**“SAE: Connecting the Classroom to the Real World”**

*Pozyski Hall, Lecture Hall 115*

Mr. Dave Watts, New Jersey FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Officer

**1:00 pm Employment Skills Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 228*

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

**1:00 pm FFA Quiz Bowl**

*Poszycki Hall Rooms 205 & 206*

**1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 223*

Chad Ripberger, Coordinator

**1:00 pm Team Demonstration Event Finals**

*Bey Hall Room 222*

Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator

**1:00 pm 6-8 Minute Public Speaking Finals**

*Bey Hall Room 113 (Young Auditorium)*

Ms. Katelyn Haggard, Coordinator

**1:00 pm Delegate Business Session\***

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

*Presiding:*

Ms. Renee Stillwell, State President

*Roll Call:*

Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary

*Approval of the 88<sup>th</sup> State Convention Proceedings*

*State FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals:*

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President

*National FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals*

Ms. Ariel Norbeck, State Reporter

*Program Affiliation Fee Proposal & National FFA Affiliation and Dues Proposal:*

Ms. Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer

*Standing Committee Reports*

- Hort Expo Review and Evaluation
- CDE Review and Evaluation
- Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
- State Leadership Activities
- State Convention Evaluation
- State Applications
- Membership and Chapter Relations

*Business Session Concludes*

***\*Delegate business session will continue after Session IV if needed***

**2:30 pm    SESSION III**

***“THE POWER OF YOU”***

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Public Speaking Awards**

**Creed Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society and National FFA Foundation

**Extemporaneous Speaking** Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**Agricultural Issues Forum Awards**

Sponsored by NJ Farm Bureau

***“Life as a Sidewalk Flower”***

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Ariel Norbeck, State Reporter

Special Recognition

**NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Teach Agriculture Event Awards**

Sponsored by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

**Love What You Do. Do What You Love. Teach Ag! Presentation**

**Greetings from New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

Dr. Robin McLean, NJAAE President

**Agricultural Awareness Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Marketing Plan Awards**

Sponsored by the NJ Soybean Board

**Hall of States Event Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Landscape Design Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**FFA Week Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“No Surprises”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Sarah Kelly, State Treasurer

Special Recognition

**Closing Ceremony**

**4:30** *Members and guests should select and attend one of following events:*

- *CDE Awards Ceremony/Talent*
- *Student Leadership Workshop*

**4:30** **CDE AWARDS/TALENT**

**“BE EXTRAORDINARY”**

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Ms. Ariel Norbeck, State Reporter***

**Opening Ceremony**

Presented by 1st place

Official Ceremonies Team

**Talent Performance**



**Career Development Event Awards**  
**(Recipients, please sit in designated areas)**

*The NJ FFA Association and NJ FFA Foundation fund banners and medals for all first place teams and individuals. The National FFA Foundation sponsors plaques.*

**Miscellaneous CDEs**

*Agronomy  
Dairy Cattle Evaluation  
Food Science & Technology  
Horse Evaluation  
Livestock Evaluation  
Poultry Evaluation*

**Talent Performance**

**Fall CDEs**

*Fruits & Vegetables  
Land Judging  
Milk Quality & Products  
Turf Management*

**Talent Performance**

**Winter CDEs**

*Farm & Agribusiness Management  
Floral Design  
Forestry  
Meat Evaluation*

**Talent Performance**

**Spring CDEs**

*Agricultural Sales  
Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems  
Environmental & Natural Resources  
Floriculture  
Nursery/Landscape  
Veterinary Science*

**National Sweepstakes Recognition**

- Chapter
- Individual

**Closing Ceremony**

- 4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop**  
**“Where Are We Going?”**  
*Pozyski Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Ms. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President
- 5:45 – 6:45 pm Dinner – Magill Commons**
- 5:45 PM Past State Officer Reception**  
*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*
- 7:15 pm Delegates seated**

**7:15 pm    Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm    SESSION IV**

**“TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW”**

**Pollak Theatre Auditorium**

***Presiding: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Vice President***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Keynote Address**

**“How to Cross the Trench...”**

**Ms. Breanna Holbert, National FFA President**

**NJ FFA Member of the Month & Member of the Year Awards** Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Employment Skills LDE Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Demonstration Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Past State Officer Recognition**

**American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

**National Officer Candidates Introduction**

**Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education**

**Ms. Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor**

**Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**

**“The Color-Coded Planner”**

***Retiring Address***

**Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary**

**Special Recognition**

**Annual Report of New Jersey FFA Association**

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 pm    Delegate Business Session**

***(if needed)***

**9:30 –      FFA Dance**

**11:30 pm    *Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall***

***(All Members Must Attend)***

**12:00 am    Lights Out**

***FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2108***

**7:00 –      Breakfast – Magill Commons**

**8:00 am**

**8:15 am Delegates seated  
Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**8:30 am SESSION V  
“FACING FORWARD”  
Pollak Theatre Auditorium  
Presiding: Ms. Allison Finn, State Parliamentarian & Ms. McKenna Moore,  
State Sentinel**

**Opening Ceremony**

**Reflections – “Timeless Traditions. Endless Possibilities”**

**Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Education**  
Mr. David McNair, Office of Career Readiness

**Star State Chapter Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Star State Greenhand Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Chapter Evaluation Awards**

- Superior Chapter Recognition
- National Emblem Chapters  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
- Most Improved Chapter Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**State Proficiency Award Presentations**  
Sponsored through National FFA Foundation

**Special Speaker**  
Jason Cameron, DIY Network Host & Licensed Contractor

**H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition**

**Best Dressed Chapter Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Essay Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

- WLC Scholarship
- FFA Quiz Bowl Awards
- Lifetime Membership Ceremony

Mx. Hannah Mann, NJ FFA Alumni President

**Distinguished Service Awards**

**Greetings from the NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**  
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

**Convention Recognition**

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

**Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Talent Performance**

**Star State Farmer & Star State in Agricultural Placement Awards**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**“Happily Ever After”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Renee Stillwell, State President

Special Recognition

**Nominating Committee Report**

**Election of 2018 – 2019**

**New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**“A Tradition of Excellence”**

Past New Jersey FFA State Officer Presentation

**Installation of 2018 – 2019**

**New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**89<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention in Review**

**Remarks by 2018 – 2019**

**State FFA President**

**Closing Ceremony**

**11:15 am 2018 – 2019 Officer Team Photo**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

**11:30 am Check Out – Residence Halls**

**12:15 – 2017 – 2018 and 2018 – 2019**

**1:00 pm State Officer & Convention Staff Luncheon & Meeting**

*Pollak Theatre*

**1:00 – 2018 – 2019 State FFA**

**3:00 pm New State Officer Meeting**

*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*