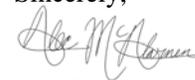


Dear FFA Members, Advisors and Guests:

The 2011-2012 State FFA Officer team has witnessed you “Unlock the Possibilities” using the keys to Bright Futures, Service, Personal Growth, Career Success, Premier Leadership, and Lasting Impacts. You have taken advantage of opportunities both inside *and* outside of your FFA chapters.

Welcome to the 83<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention! Everyone here is in attendance because of the remarkable accomplishments achieved this year. This convention is all about you. We are here to recognize your accomplishments in career development events, leadership events, and community service. It is an honor to be able to share your successes with agricultural educators, education and agriculture industry leaders and supporters of FFA. We know you hold the keys, and we look forward to seeing you continue to use them to “Unlock the Possibilities!”

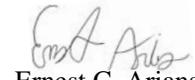
Sincerely,



Alec McAlarnen  
*State President*



Stephanie Tarlowe  
*State Secretary*



Ernest C. Arians  
*State Reporter*



Gillian K. Armstrong  
*State Parliamentarian*



James H. Ferguson III  
*State Vice President*



Anna M. Lubas  
*State Treasurer*



Samuel L. Rubinstein  
*State Sentinel*



**SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012**

- 11:00 am** State Officers meet at Katzenbach  
Dorm to unpack
- 11:30 am** Convention Hall set up  
*Hickman Hall - State Officers*
- 12:30 pm** Lunch
- 1:30 pm** State Officer Meeting/ Convention  
Practice  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*
- 5:00 pm** Dinner
- 7:00 pm** Retiring Address Practice
- 11:00 pm** Lights Out

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

- 7:00 am** Breakfast – *Katzennbach Dorm*
- 8:00 –** Convention Practice  
**11:30 am** State Officers (*Official dress*)
- 11:45 –** Lunch – *Hickman Hall*  
**12:45 pm**
- 1:00 pm** Ceremonies Practice – State  
Officers
- 5:00 –** Dinner – *Hickman Hall*  
**6:00 pm**
- 6:00 pm** State Officer Meeting
- 7:00 –** Convention Practice  
**10:00 pm**
- 11:00 pm** Lights Out

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

- 7:00 am**    **Breakfast** – *Katzenbach Dorm*
- 8:00 –**        **Convention Practice**  
**11:30 am**    State Officers (*Official dress*)
- 11:45 am**    **Lunch** – *Hickman Hall*
- 12:30 –**       **Convention Information &**  
**8:30 pm**       **Judges' Registration**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 122*  
Mr. Leon Delcher
- 1:00 pm**       **Nominating Committee Orientation**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 118*  
Mrs. Rebecca Lambert, Adult  
Coordinator and Mr. Eric Nelson, New  
Jersey FFA Executive Committee Chair
- 1:00 –**        **Convention Practice**  
**3:00 pm**       State Officers
- 1:30 pm**       **Registration set up**  
*Nicholas Residence Hall*  
Ms. Susan Butch, Facilities Coordinator
- 2:00 –**        **Agricultural Education Advisory**  
**4:00 pm**       **Council Meeting**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 210*
- 2:00 –**        **Registration**  
**4:00 pm**       *Lippincott Residence Hall*
- 2:00 –**        **Recreation** – Optional for Early  
**5:00 pm**       Arrivals - Cook/ Douglass  
Recreation Center  
*Swimming, basketball & volleyball*
- 3:00 pm**       **Talent Meeting/Practice**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*  
(*mandatory for all talent*)

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

- 3:00 pm Official Ceremonies CDE**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 119*  
Mr. Brian Dalbow, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm FFA Quiz Bowl**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 101*  
Ms. Heather White, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Preliminary Creed Speaking**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 201 & 211*  
Ms. Brianne Scholl, Coordinator &  
Ms. Julianne Robinson, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm Teach Agriculture Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 127*  
Mr. Dave Ritter, Coordinator
- 3:30 pm Leadership Workshop  
“Reality Check”**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 101*  
Mr. Grant Baldwin
- 3:30 pm State Officer Candidates and  
Nominating Committee Meeting**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 118*
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*  
Ms. Keely Weinberger, Coordinator
- 4:00 pm Portable Exhibit Set Up**  
*Hickman Hall, First Floor Hall*
- 4:00 pm Landscape Design set-up by  
finalists**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 123*
- 5:00 – Dinner –Nominating Committee**  
**5:30 pm** *Neilson Dining Hall*
- 5:00 – Dinner – Neilson Dining Hall**  
**5:45 pm**

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

- 5:30 pm Star Placement Interviews**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 131*  
Mr. Randy Trivette, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Applications**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 129*  
(Public Relations, Secretary of the Year,  
and Treasurer of the Year)  
Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Applications**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 130*  
(Agricultural Awareness and  
Scrapbook)  
Mr. Brian Bass, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Hall of States Exhibit Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 115*  
Ms. Nichole Steward, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**  
*Hickman Hall, First Floor Hall*  
Ms. Nichole Steward, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition**  
*Hickman Hall, First Floor Hall*  
Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Landscape Design**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 123*  
Mrs. Jan Traynor, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Leadership Workshop**  
“What the Heck Am I Going to Do  
with My Life”  
*Hickman Hall, Room 101*  
Mr. Grant Baldwin
- 6:00 pm Delegate Workshop**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*

Mr. Alec McAlarnen , State President &  
Mr. James Ferguson, State Vice  
President

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

**6:00 pm Agricultural Education  
Teachers/Chaperones Meeting**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 119*  
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Sue Butch  
and Mr. John Neyhart

**7:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION I**  
***“BRIGHT FUTURES”***  
**HICKMAN HALL, RM. 138**  
***Presiding: Alec McAlarnen,***  
***State FFA President***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Welcome to Rutgers University**  
Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural  
and Urban Programs, School of  
Environmental and Biological Sciences,  
Rutgers, The State University of New  
Jersey

**Greetings from the New Jersey  
Department of Agriculture**  
Honorable Douglas H. Fisher,  
Secretary of Agriculture

**Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.**  
FFA Jacket Presentation

**Keynote Address**  
**“Being a Difference Maker”**  
Mr. Grant Baldwin

**Introduction of State Officer  
Candidates and Nominating  
Committee  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

-WLC Scholarship

-FFA Quiz Bowl Awards

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ FFA Alumni  
President

**2012 New Jersey FFA Scholarship  
Presentations**

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA  
Foundation through Special Projects

- New Jersey FFA Alumni  
Scholarships
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial  
Scholarship
- John Cummings Memorial  
Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- Warren Hills Agricultural Education  
Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial  
Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial  
Scholarship
- Charles Evans Peterson, Sr.  
Memorial Scholarship
- Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship
- Washington Grange #117  
Scholarship
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- Stephen A. Tucker Scholarship
- William G. Smith Memorial  
Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial  
Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- Woodstown Alumni  
Association/Arthur Jarman  
Memorial Scholarship

- May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012**

- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Bilinski Senior Award
- Harold Heinz Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship

**Delaware Valley College  
Scholarship Recognition**

**National FFA Scholarship  
Recognition**

**National FFA Convention  
Scholarship**

**Greetings from the National  
FFA Organization**

Mr. Seth Pratt, National FFA Western  
Region Vice President

**“...being happy myself”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. James Ferguson, State Vice  
President

Special Recognition

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Keely Weinberger, Coordinator

**State Convention Rules**

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 – Recreation & Ice Cream Social**  
**10:30 pm Photo Booth**  
*Cook/Douglass Recreation Center*

**11:00 pm Lights Out**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**7:00 – Breakfast – Neilson Dining Hall**  
**8:00 am**

**7:30 am State Officer Meeting**

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

**8:30 am SESSION II**  
**“SERVICE”**  
**HICKMAN HALL, RM. 138**  
***Presiding: Ernest Arians,***  
***State Reporter***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction of Guests**

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

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

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

**Landscape Design Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“Best Day Ever”**  
***Retiring Address***  
Samuel Rubinstein, State Sentinel  
Special Recognition

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

**Agriscience Fair Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**FFA Foundation Report**  
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Chair

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

**FFA Week Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Horticultural Exposition Best of  
Division Recognition**

**“Food For Thought”**

*Retiring Address*  
Gillian Armstrong, State  
Parliamentarian  
Special Recognition

**8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

**Outstanding Community Service  
Award**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA  
Foundation

**Statewide Community Service  
Recognition**

*Remarks from Mrs. Kristina Guttadora –  
Farmers Against Hunger*  
*Remarks from Dr. Larry Katz – Rutgers  
Against Hunger*

**Closing Ceremony**

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

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

**Creed Event**

*Hickman Hall, Room 119*

Mr. Chad Ripberger, Coordinator

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

*Hickman Hall, Room 138*

Ms. Julianne Robinson, Coordinator

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

*Hickman Hall, Room 101*

Ms. Desiree Beam, Coordinator

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

*Hickman Hall, Room 123*

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

**10:00 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Hort Expo Review and Evaluation**

*Hickman Hall, Room 115*

State Officer: Gillian Armstrong

**Constitution, Bylaws and  
Program of Activities**

*Hickman Hall, Room 127*

State Officer: Alec McAlarnen

**State Leadership Activities**

*Hickman Hall, Room 114*

State Officer: James Ferguson

**State Convention Evaluation**

*Hickman Hall, Room 201*

State Officer: Anna Lubas

**Membership and Chapter  
Relations**

*Hickman Hall, Room 130*

State Officer: Ernest Arians

**CDE Review and Evaluation**

*Hickman Hall, Room 129*

State Officer: Samuel Rubinstein

**State FFA Applications**  
*Hickman Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr. Rm. 211*  
State Officer: Stephanie Tarlowe  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

- 11:45 am Lunch - Neilson Dining Hall**
- 12:30 – 2:30 pm Recreation – Cook/Douglass Recreation Center**  
*Swimming, basketball & volleyball*
- 12:50 pm Tractor Driving Event**  
*Meet at Neilson Dining Hall*  
Mr. Jay Rupell, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm Job Interview Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Rooms 129*  
Mrs. Linda Krajain, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 101*  
Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 114*  
Ms. Desiree Beam, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm Team Demonstration Event**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 119*  
Ms. Kari Schoenlank, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION\***  
*Hickman Hall, Rm. 138*  
*Presiding:*  
Mr. Alec McAlarnen, State President
- Roll Call:*  
*Ms. Stephanie Tarlowe, State Secretary*
- National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal:*

Mr. James Ferguson, State Vice  
President

*Program Affiliation Fees:*  
Ms. Anna Lubas, State Treasurer

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

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

**2:30 pm**    **SESSION III**  
***“PERSONAL GROWTH”***  
**HICKMAN HALL, RM. 138**  
Presiding: *Stephanie Tarlowe,*  
*State Secretary*

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Public Speaking Awards**

**-Creed Speaking**

Sponsored by  
New Jersey FFA Foundation and  
National FFA Foundation

**-3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by  
New Jersey Farm Bureau

**-6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

Sponsored by  
New Jersey FFA Foundation,  
National FFA Foundation and  
New Jersey Farm Bureau

**-Extemporaneous Speaking**

Sponsored by  
New Jersey FFA Foundation and  
National FFA Foundation

**Agricultural Issues Forum**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**“Life as a Highway”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Anna Lubas, State Treasurer  
Special Recognition

**NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**Superior Teacher Recognition**

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

Mr. John Neyhart, NJAAE President

**Teach Agriculture Event Award**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural  
Education Association

**Agricultural Awareness Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Chapter Scrapbook Awards**

Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural  
Education Association

**Portable Exhibit Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Hall of States Event Award**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**“The Mountain Pass”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Ernest Arians, State Reporter  
Special Recognition

**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

**Public Relations Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Video Public Relations Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**Presentation**

First Place Prepared 6-8 Minute Public Speaker

**Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award**

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

**Closing Ceremony**

**4:30**

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

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

**4:30**

**CDE AWARDS/TALENT REVIEW**

**“CAREER SUCCESS”**

**HICKMAN HALL, RM. 138**

Presiding: *Anna Lubas,*  
*State Treasurer*

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

**Summer CDEs**

*Dairy Handlers'*  
*Horse Evaluation*  
*Poultry Judging*

**Talent Performance**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**Fall CDEs**

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

**FFA Creed**

Presented by 1st Place Contestant

**Winter CDEs**

*Farm Business Management*  
*Forestry*  
*Agronomy*  
*Floral Design*  
*Meat Evaluation*

**Talent Performance**

**Spring CDEs**

*Dairy Cattle*  
*Livestock*  
*Agricultural Technology and  
Mechanical Systems*  
*Agricultural Sales*  
*Environmental/Natural Resources*  
*Floriculture*  
*Nursery/Landscape*  
*Veterinary Science*

**Talent Performance**

**National Sweepstakes Recognition**

- Chapter
- Individual

**4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop**  
***“On Purpose”***  
*Hickman Hall, Room 101*

Mr. Seth Pratt, National FFA Western  
Region Vice President

**5:45 – Dinner – Neilson Dining Hall**  
**6:45 pm**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**7:15 pm Delegates seated**  
**Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION IV**  
**“PREMIER LEADERSHIP”**  
**HICKMAN HALL, RM. 138**  
Presiding: *Samuel Rubinstein,*  
*State Sentinel*

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction of Guests**

**Keynote Address**

“Astound Yourself”

Mr. Seth Pratt, National FFA Western  
Region Vice President

**Charles C. Drawbaugh**

**Parliamentary Procedure Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**American FFA Degree Candidate  
Recognition**

**Greetings from the Office of  
Agricultural Education**

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

**Honorary Garden State FFA  
Degree Ceremony**

**Greetings from National FFA  
Organization**

Dr. Dwight Armstrong, CEO  
National FFA Organization

**Tractor Driving Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012**

**Job Interview Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Demonstration Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“Can I Get a Mulligan, Please?”**  
*Retiring Address*  
Stephanie Tarlowe, State Secretary  
Special Recognition

**Annual Report of New Jersey  
FFA Association**

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 pm Delegate Business Session**  
*(if needed)*

**9:30 – 11:30 pm FFA Dance, Cook Campus Center**  
*(All Members Must Attend)*

**12:00 am Lights Out**

**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012**

**7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast - Neilson Dining Hall**

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

**8:30 am SESSION V  
“LASTING IMPACT”  
HICKMAN HALL, RM.138**

Presiding: *Gillian Armstrong, State  
Parliamentarian & James  
Ferguson, State Vice President*

**Opening Ceremony**

**Introduction of Guests**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012**

**Reflections “Our Keys”**

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

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

**Greetings from the New Jersey  
Department of Education**  
Mrs. Marie Barry, Director, Office of  
Career and Technical Education

**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

**Chapter Evaluation Awards**

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

**State Officer Advisor and School  
Administrator Recognition**

**State Proficiency Award  
Presentations**

Sponsored through National FFA  
Foundation

**Best Dressed Chapter Award**

**Distinguished Service Awards**

**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012**

**Convention Recognition**

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

**State FFA Executive Board  
Recognition**

**Talent Performance**

***Garden State FFA Degree  
Recipients***

*(please sit in designated seating)*

**Garden State FFA Degree  
Ceremony**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Star State Agribusiness Award**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**Star State in Agricultural  
Placement Award**

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

**“Go the Distance”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Alec McAlarnen, State  
President

Special Recognition

**Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee Chair

**Election of 2012 – 2013**

**New Jersey FFA Officers**

**“A Tradition of Excellence”**  
Past New Jersey State FFA Officer  
Presentation

**THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012**

**Installation of 2012 – 2013  
New Jersey FFA Officers**

**83<sup>rd</sup> State FFA Convention in  
Review**

**Remarks by 2012 – 2013  
State FFA President**

- 11:00 am** Closing Ceremony
- 11:15 am** **2012 – 2013 Officer Team Photo**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*
- 11:30 am** **Check Out** – Katzenbach and  
Lippincott Dorms – *Return room  
keys to Lippincott or Katzenbach  
Lobby*
- 12:15 –  
1:00 pm** **2011 – 2012 and 2012 – 2013  
State Officer Luncheon & Meeting**  
*(Casual dress)*  
*Hickman Hall, Room 138*
- 1:00 –  
3:00 pm** **2012 – 2013 State FFA  
New State Officer Meeting**  
*Hickman Hall, Room 130*