

85TH NEW JERSEY STATE FFA
CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



MAY 21-23, 2014

Session I

Kyle Clement, 2013-2014 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, 3 state staff and 505 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Welcome to Monmouth University

Dr. Pearson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the university.

Greetings from NJDA – Secretary Fisher

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

FFA Jacket Presentation

54 New Jersey FFA members were presented with new FFA Jackets provided through the “Blue Jacket. Bright Futures.” Program, a special project of the New Jersey FFA Foundation. Mitch Baker, National FFA Secretary assisted with the jacket presentation. FFA Jackets were awarded to:

Allentown

Caleb

Chris J.
Lacey Jaye
Heidi A.
Briar
Mary
Joanna
Steven

Brown

Faunce
Hickey
Hyland
Mains
McDermott
Ricci
Williams

Buena Regional Cape May Tech

Shelby Stephen

Hana
Cody
Maddy
Casey
Aubrey
Rebekah
Paul
Monica
Erika
Rachel
Briana
Wil

DiMartino Bond

Feulner
Hanek
Maguire
McDonald
McQuaid
Oakley
Popovick
Powers
Rowland
Sill
Thompson
Winter

Cumberland

Courtney

Ricci

Hackettstown	Pier Alyssa	Semanchik Valentine
Middlesex Piscataway	Alexis	Speller
Monmouth County	Jake Carmine John Christopher	Bucci Casola Jarostchuk Rodermann
Northern Burlington	Lynce' Miranda Tyler Olivia	Dotson Dotson Hagar Jackson
Ocean County	JD Jay	Cerny Laird
Penns Grove	Miguel Estefania	Acevedo Medina
Salem Co. Vo. Tech	David Ashley Andrew Amber Julia Joshalynn Dave	Almond Dudley Freas Gelesh Saxton Schoch
Sussex Tech	Brandon Ashlie Andrea Bobby Ashley Brooke	Capel Guerra Pagliaro Pittenger Sprich Wakefoose
Warren Hills	Ashley	Zarnowski
Woodstown	Skyler Emma Brook	Amburg Brooks Wilson

Keynote Address

Ryan Moran presented his speech, "The Posse!"

Introduction of NJ State Officer Candidates & Nominating Committee

Kyle Clement, State FFA President, described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process. Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary, introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech
Chelsey Fitton, Woodstown
Emily Karr, Freehold

Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg
Melonie Weaver, Cape May Tech
Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator
Anne Poinsett, Executive Committee Rep

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

Hope Cahill, Monmouth County
Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington
Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Foundation Chair, delivered the New Jersey FFA Foundation Report.

2014 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations

The following scholarship winners were announced. The scholarships were funded through special projects of the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship – Alexandria Wilson, Freehold; Harrah Newman, Freehold; Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship – Michaela Kramer, Freehold

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Shannon Thomas, Newton

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Dan Harvey, North Warren

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship, C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship – Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg

William G. Smith Scholarship – Alexander Byrnes, Biotechnology

Roszel Scholarship – George Stillwell, Allentown

Kenneth Harding Memorial Scholarship – Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin Wainwright, Allentown

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

May L. Gerlack Memorial Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship – Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Maren McEvoy, Belvidere

Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship – Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Hope Cahill, Monmouth County; Alexandra Clark, Newton; Jessie Hickey, Allentown; Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech; Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional; Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold; Ernest Arians, Ocean County; Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington; Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

\$1,000 Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars Scholarship – Alexandria Wilson, Freehold; Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington; Shannon Thomas, Newton

\$27,158 Johnson & Wales University Scholarship – Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship – Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

National FFA Secretary, Mitch Baker, brought greetings on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Introduction of State Officer Guests

Kyle Clement introduced the three state officers who came to assist with the 85th NJ FFA Convention. Guest officers were:

Ashley Willits, New York FFA Association

Dane Grossnickle, Maryland FFA Association

Brett Speakman, Virginia FFA Association

Special Presentation: Kevin Keith

The New Jersey State FFA Officers presented Mr. Kevin Keith his Honorary Garden State FFA Degree and congratulated him on becoming the Team Leader for all Team Ag Ed LPS specialists at National FFA.

Retiring Address: Kristianne Dowd

Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer, gave her retiring address, “Just Keep Swimming!” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Mr. Samuel Rubinstein, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Corey Blake, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the responsibilities of these individuals.

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played their version of Songs in Real Life, a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Stuart Faunce, 2013-2014 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members and 525 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Greetings: Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources

Ms. Purcell, Division Director, brought greetings to convention on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources.

Art Competition Awards

Fine Art Division:

1st place (\$100): Frederick Santana, Camden Penn Tech

2nd place (\$75): Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech

3rd Place (\$50): Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

Photography Division:

1st place (\$100): Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

2nd place (\$75): Briar Mains, Allentown

3rd place (\$50): Jess Keimel, North Warren

Official Ceremonies Event Awards

1st place: Allentown

2nd place: Freehold

3rd place: Cape May Tech

The first place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Landscape Design Event Awards

1st place (\$100): Allison Fink, Freehold

2nd place (\$75): David Modrowsky, Somerset County

3rd place (\$50): Lauren Janda, Freehold

Retiring Address: Catherine Cincotta

State FFA Reporter, Catherine Cincotta gave her retiring address entitled "Head On" and presented her family and advisors with their Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Silver Ranking: Allentown
Monmouth County
Penns Grove

Gold Ranking: Belvidere
Buena Regional
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Ocean County

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Belvidere FFA Chapter** for winning this year's Outstanding Community Service Award!

Statewide Service Project Recognition

The New Jersey FFA Association's Statewide Community Service Project focused on raising funds for Habitat for Humanity. Chapters sold paper bricks, which represented contributions that

were used to build a home for a family in need. Chapters that participated will receive a recognition certificate.

**Middlesex-East Brunswick
Biotechnology HS
Cape May Tech
Penns Grove
Union County**

Retiring Address: David Watts

David Watts, State FFA Sentinel, gave his retiring address entitled “Knowing Youself” and thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with the Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Agriscience Fair Recognition

The following individuals will submit their written projects in a pre-qualifier for the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

Animal Systems

Division II – Jesse Matsinger, Cape May Tech
Division IV – Avina Rami and Bryan Santi, Biotechnology

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems

Division I – Nathaniel Byrnes, Biotechnology
Division II – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology

Food Products and Processing Systems

Division I – Mary Hanna-Alla, Biotechnology
Division II – JJ Larkins, Biotechnology
Division III – Jodie Chiou and Lauren Kwok, Biotechnology
Division IV – Julianna Mastropierro and Kelly O’Rourke, Biotechnology

Plant Systems

Division I – Dylan Cook, Biotechnology
Division II – Burton Ye, Biotechnology
Division III – Peter Nekrasov and Jonathon Movsik, Biotechnology
Division IV – Rachel Weinstein and Allison Bazer, Biotechnology

Power, Structural, and Processing Systems

Division II – Michael Shen, Biotechnology
Division III – Himani Jani and Caitlin Patterson, Biotechnology
Division IV – Avni Mehta and Peter Davis, Biotechnology

Social Systems

Division III – Grace Zhang and Katherine Shiu, Biotechnology
Division IV – Akaash Kumar and Saavan Chintalacheruvu, Biotechnology

Closing Ceremonies

2014 Delegate Business Session

State FFA President, Kyle Clement, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:00 pm.

There were 65 delegates and 7 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes, and two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The schedule for the 85th New Jersey FFA State Convention was presented by Catherine Cincotta, State FFA Reporter.

Motion by Catherine Cincotta to accept the order of business for the 85th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Alexandria Wilson, Freehold. Motion passes.

The 84th New Jersey FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Kyle Clement, State FFA President.

Motion by David Watts to accept the 84th NJ State FFA Convention proceedings.

Seconded by George Stillwell, Allentown. Motion passes.

The National FFA Constitutional Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by Delaney Gray, State FFA Vice President.

Motion by Jason Weaver, Delsea Regional to recommend that New Jersey votes “yes” on the National Proposal.

Seconded by Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional. Motion passes.

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the wording of the actions to be taken in the Bylaws for chapters who have not met the requirements necessary to remain chartered with the NJ State FFA Association was presented by Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian.

Motion by Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet to replace “Grace Period” with “Probation” and insert a following clarification sentence in Article IV, Section D.

Seconded by Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 62 delegates in favor, 3 oppose.

Motion passes.

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the restriction of State Officers still in high school to compete in individual events was presented by Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian.

Motion by Clara Kolba, Hackettstown to insert a Section J in Article III-State Officers that will outline the restriction on State Officers still in high school to compete in individual career development events.

Seconded by Sarah Smith, Belvidere.

- Leah Glennon, Newton spoke in opposition.
- Jessie Hickey, Allentown spoke in favor.
- Alexandria Wilson, Freehold spoke in favor.
- Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg asked for more detail on the proposal.
- Leah Glennon, Newton spoke in opposition.
- Jessie Hickey, Allentown spoke in favor.
- Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg spoke in opposition.

Cody Coles, Woodstown moves to previous question.

Seconded by Javon Goodman, Essex Co. Vo. Tech.

This motion required a two-thirds vote. 51 delegates in favor, 14 oppose.

Motion passes.

A vote was cast to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding the restriction on State Officers in high school to compete in individual events. 23 delegates in favor, 42 oppose.

Main motion fails.

The 2013-2014 Program Affiliation Fee Structure was presented by Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Javon Goodman, Essex Co. Vo. Tech to accept the Program Affiliation Fee Structure.

Seconded by Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington. Motion passes.

Standing Committee Reports

- *Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation*
Motion by Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
- *Career Development Event Review and Evaluation*
Motion by Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills 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 Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
- *State Leadership Activities*
Motion by Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
- *State Convention Evaluation*
Motion by Anthony Santano, Somerset Co. to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
- *State FFA Applications*
Motion by Alexandria Wilson, Freehold to accept the State Applications committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
- *Membership and Chapter Relations*
Motion by Rebecca Shannon, Freehold to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon to adjourn the 2014 Delegate Business Session.
Seconded by Carley Coles. Motion passes.

Session III

Kristianne Dowd, 2013-2014 State FFA Treasurer presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 536 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President assisted with the presentation of the awards and brought greetings from the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

FFA Creed

- 1st place (\$100):* Alison Finn, Freehold
- 2nd place (\$75):* Cheyanne Hicks, Phillipsburg
- 3rd place (\$50):* Lynee' Dotson, Northern Burlington

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* McKenzie May, Newton
- 2nd place (\$75):* Alyssa Valentine, Hackettstown
- 3rd place (\$50):* Renee Stillwell, Allentown

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* Leah Glennon, Newtown
- 2nd place (\$75):* Noelle Larino, Hackettstown
- 3rd place (\$50):* Melonie Weaver, Cape May Tech

Extemporaneous Speaking

- 1st place (\$100):* Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown
- 2nd place (\$75):* Trisha Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- 3rd place (\$50):* Meagan Weaver, South Hunterdon

Retiring Address: Stuart Faunce

State FFA Parliamentarian, Stuart Faunce gave his retiring address, titled "Discover." He thanked his family and advisors by presenting them with Honorary State Degrees and certificates of appreciation.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

The 2014 NJ FFA Advisor of the Year is **Brian Ducey** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter**. Congratulations!

Teach Agriculture Event Award

- 1st place (\$100):* Mathew Bonnet, Freehold
- 2nd place (\$75):* Rosie Rudman, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd place (\$50):* Emily Musick, Cape May Tech

Greetings from the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

President of the NJAAE, Mr. John Neyhart brought greetings to the New Jersey FFA Association.

Agricultural Awareness Awards

1st place (\$150): Penns Grove FFA

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

1st place (\$125): Phillipsburg FFA

2nd place (\$100): Allentown FFA

3rd place (\$50): Freehold FFA

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award

The winner of the 2014 Hall of States Exhibit Event is the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

1st place (\$150): Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA

2nd place (\$100): Cumberland Regional FFA

3rd place (\$50): Woodstown FFA

Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker

Leah Glennon of the Newton FFA Chapter presented her 6-8 minute speech, “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road.”

Harry Schneiber Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2014 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Carley Coles** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter!**

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2014 NJ FFA Secretary of the Year is **Renee Stillwell** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Retiring Address: Kelly Gangel

Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary gave her retiring address, “What About Now?” and thanked her family and advisors for their support by presenting them with an Honorary State Degree and certificates of appreciation.

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award

The Princeton Agricultural Leadership Society Award was presented to **Amanda Wengryn** of the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter!**

Closing Ceremonies

CDE Session

David Watts, 2013-2014 State FFA Sentinel presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 540 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

FFA Talent

Carri Kilian of the Camden Tech East FFA Chapter performed “The Man Who Can’t Be Moved” by The Script.

Summer Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st place:* Jacob Krull, Newton
- 2nd place:* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- 3rd place:* Erika Medina, Newton
- 4th place:* Danielle Pierson, Newton
- 5th place:* Justin Hattersley, Newton

Medals

- Gold:* Jacob Krull, Newton
- Silver:* Erika Medina, Newton
- Bronze:* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

The first place team is the **Newton FFA Chapter!**

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Jordan Allen, Belvidere
- 2nd Place:* Matt Duckworth, Belvidere
- 3rd Place:* Nick Sebold, Belvidere
- 4th Place:* Benjamin Laubach, Belvidere

Medals

- Gold:* Jordan Allen, Belvidere
- Silver:* Matt Duckworth, Belvidere
- Bronze:* Nick Sebold, Belvidere

The first place team is the **Belvidere FFA Chapter!**

Dairy Handlers'

- 1st Place:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- 2nd Place:* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- 2nd Place:* Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd Place:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Medals

- Silver:* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- Silver:* Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional
- Bronze:* Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Gold Medal and a Banner

- Gold:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon

Food Science and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
- 2nd Place:* Liz Muller, Newton
- 2nd Place:* Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
- 3rd Place:* Madison Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
- 4th Place:* Steph Pierson, Newton
- 5th Place:* Destiny Bennett, Essex Co. VTS

Medals

Gold: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

Silver: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional

Bronze: Liz Muller, Newton

The first place team is the **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!**

Horse Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown

2nd Place: Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional

2nd Place: Andrew Pryslak, Hackettstown

3rd Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown

4th Place: Emily Lapolla, Woodstown

5th Place: Jessie Stockton, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Ryleigh Semanchik, Hackettstown

Silver: Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional

Silver: Andrew Pryslak, Hackettstown

Bronze: Carley Coles, Woodstown

The first place team is the **Hackettstown FFA Chapter!**

Livestock Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech

2nd Place: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech

3rd Place: Zach Tomory, Newton

3rd Place: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

4th Place: Lukas Kellenberger, Newton

4th Place: Frankie Burt, Newton

5th Place: Emma Kline, Newton

Medals

Gold: Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

Silver: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech

Bronze: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech

The first place team is **the Newton FFA Chapter!**

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Cody Coles, Woodstown

2nd Place: Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington

3rd Place: Kalen Linser, Northern Burlington

4th Place: Carley Coles, Woodstown

5th Place: Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Ashley Lucas, Northern Burlington

Silver: Cody Coles, Woodstown

Bronze: Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington

The first place team is **the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter!**

FFA Talent

The Freehold FFA Band entertained the audience with their musical talent.

Fall Career Development Event Awards

Fruits and Vegetables

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
- 2nd Place:* Moenika Chowdhury, Union County
- 3rd Place:* Shannon Wilson, Allentown
- 3rd Place:* Kim Slezak, Newton
- 4th Place:* Olivia Crouse, Northern Burlington
- 5th Place:* Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Medals

- Gold:* Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington
- Silver:* Moenika Chowdhury, Union County
- Bronze:* Shannon Wilson, Allentown
- Bronze:* Kim Slezak, Newton

The first place team is the **Union County FFA Chapter!**

Land Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Steven Williams, Allentown
- 2nd Place:* Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
- 3rd Place:* Lacey Hickey, Allentown
- 4th Place:* Heidi Free, Belvidere
- 5th Place:* Melissa Strom, Belvidere

Medals

- Gold:* Steven Williams, Allentown
- Silver:* Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
- Bronze:* Lacey Hickey, Allentown

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Milk Quality and Products

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Charlotte Cercone, Newton
- 2nd Place:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- 3rd Place:* Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon
- 4th Place:* Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon
- 5th Place:* Benjamin Laubach, Belvidere

Medals

- Gold:* Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
- Silver:* Colin Cudworth, Warren Hills
- Bronze:* Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon

The first place team is the **Warren Hills FFA Chapter!**

Turf Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County
- 2nd Place:* Clayton Rogers, Allentown
- 3rd Place:* Jonathon Nelk, Monmouth County
- 4th Place:* Jake Bucci, Monmouth County
- 5th Place:* Thomas Lupo, Monmouth County

Medals

Gold: Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County

Silver: Clayton Rogers, Allentown

Bronze: Jake Bucci, Monmouth County

The first place team is the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter!**

FFA Creed Presentation

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Alison Finn from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Farm Business Management

Medals

Gold: Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown

Silver: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon

Silver: Nico Boscia, Newton

Bronze: Renee Stillwell, Allentown

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Krystan Kaczmarek, Allentown

2nd Place: Emily Donnell, Allentown

2nd Place: Kayley McCarthy, Newton

3rd Place: Breanna Bishop, Monmouth County

3rd Place: Jennie Ferrara, Cumberland Regional

4th Place: Andrianna Borrego, Sussex Tech

4th Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

4th Place: Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

5th Place: Maria Martinez, Monmouth County

5th Place: Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg

Medals

Gold: Krystan Kaczmarek, Allentown

Silver: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

Bronze: Jessie Hickey, Allentown

Bronze: Kayley McCarthy, Newton

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Mike Drislane, Newton

1st Place: Thomas Rinehart, Newton

2nd Place: Liz Muller, Newton

3rd Place: Charlotte Cercone, Newton

4th Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

5th Place: Christopher Faunce, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Liz Muller, Newton

Silver: Mike Drislane, Newton

Bronze: Thomas Rinehart, Newton

The first place team is the **Newton FFA Chapter!**

Meat Evaluation and Technology

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Linnea Pierson, Newton
- 2nd Place:* Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- 3rd Place:* Sarah Hosler, Newton
- 4th Place:* Brian Masi, Newton
- 5th Place:* Kait Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Medals

- Gold:* Linnea Pierson, Newton
- Silver:* Kevin Rodriguez, Newton
- Bronze:* Sarah Hosler, Newton

The first place team is the **Newton FFA Chapter!**

FFA Talent

Krista Ford from the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter performed “Mama’s Broken Heart” by Miranda Lambert.

Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Sales

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Emily Karr, Freehold
- 2nd Place:* Anthony Sanchez, Newton
- 3rd Place:* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
- 4th Place:* Medina Demiri, Freehold
- 4th Place:* Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- 4th Place:* Sophia Baselice, Middlesex-East Brunswick
- 5th Place:* Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick

Medals

- Gold:* Emily Karr, Freehold
- Silver:* Bryanna Dowd, Freehold
- Silver:* Anthony Sanchez, Newton
- Bronze:* Meredith Taylor, Northern Burlington
- Bronze:* Sophia Baselice, Middlesex-East Brunswick

The first place team is the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Jay Hyland, Allentown
- 2nd Place:* Tom Viviano, Allentown
- 3rd Place:* Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
- 4th Place:* Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington
- 5th Place:* Coleby Etherton, Cumberland Regional

Medals

- Gold:* Jay Hyland, Allentown
- Silver:* Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
- Bronze:* Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

The first place team is the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Stephen Bond, Cape May Tech
- 2nd Place:* Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
- 3rd Place:* Wil Winter, Cape May Tech
- 4th Place:* Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg
- 5th Place:* Liz Muller, Newton

Medals

- Gold:* Stephen Bond, Cape May Tech
- Silver:* Liz Muller, Newton
- Bronze:* Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech

The first place team is the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter!**

Floriculture

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
- 2nd Place:* Brooke Reczka, Newton
- 3rd Place:* Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township
- 4th Place:* Leonela Vega, Union County
- 5th Place:* Jessica Buyers, BCIT Westampton

Medals

- Gold:* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
- Silver:* Jessica Buyers, BCIT Westampton
- Bronze:* Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township

The first place team is the **Pemberton Township FFA Chapter!**

Nursery and Landscape

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Jonathan Nelk, Monmouth County
- 2nd Place:* Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
- 3rd Place:* Brandy Steelman, Cape May Tech
- 4th Place:* Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech
- 5th Place:* Alex Fiedler, Newton

Medals

- Gold:* Jonathan Nelk, Monmouth County
- Silver:* Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
- Bronze:* Timothy Gallagher, Monmouth County

The first place team is the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter!**

Veterinary Science

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Place:* Rachael McCorkle, Woodstown
- 2nd Place:* Amber Gates, Phillipsburg
- 3rd Place:* Claire Brown, Allentown
- 3rd Place:* Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet
- 3rd Place:* Alexandria Wilson, Freehold
- 4th Place:* Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg
- 5th Place:* Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

Medals

Gold: Claire Brown, Allentown

Silver: Rachael McCorkle, Woodstown

Bronze: Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold

The first place team is the **Biotechnology FFA Chapter!**

FFA Talent

Jeanette Gray from the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter performed “Let It Go” from the movie Frozen.

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Chapter: Congratulations to the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 14th in Floriculture Career Development Event. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

Individual: Congratulations to **Jessie Hickey** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 20th out of 183 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Catherine Cincotta, 2013-2014 State FFA Reporter presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and 556 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Keynote Address: Mitch Baker

National FFA Secretary, Mitch Baker presented his Keynote Address, “Every Day an Adventure.”

New Jersey Member of the Month and Member of the Year

The Member of the Month recipients for 2013-2014 were honored:

May: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

June: Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren

September: Jimmy LeClair, North Warren

October: Jessie Hickey, Allentown

December: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington

January: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

February: Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

March: Kiana Harris, Allentown

April: George Stillwell, Allentown

The 2013-2014 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Benjamin Wainwright** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

1st Place: Freehold FFA

2nd Place: Allentown FFA

3rd Place: Essex Co. Vo. Tech

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American Degree Candidates were as follows:

Stuart Faunce, Allentown

Anna Lubas, Allentown

Nichole Ondy, Allentown

Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Delaney Gray, Freehold

Shane Greco, Newton

Jonathon Heater, Newton

Caitlin Lubey, Newton

Jared Martz, Newton

Emily Ventura, Newton

Dave Watts, Penns Grove

Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

Kyle Clement, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

World Food Prize Recognition

Alexandria Wilson from the **Freehold FFA Chapter** represented New Jersey as a delegate at the World Food Prize. Alexandria was selected to the EARTH University in Giacimo, Costa Rica to work as a World Food Prize Borlaug-Ruan International Intern.

New Jersey's candidate for the Global Youth Institute for 2014 is **Taylor Cats** of the **Ocean County FFA Chapter!**

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, NJ FFA Advisor and State Program Leader for agricultural education brought greetings on behalf of the Office of Agricultural Education.

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

The following people were presented with the Honorary Garden State FFA Degree:

Michael Brooks – Farmer at Dusty Lanes Farm

Sabrina Brown – Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County Agent

William Carney – FFA Alumni President, Allentown FFA Chapter

Paul Hlubik – NJ State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency

Mitchell Jones – Owner of Mountain Top Farmers, Warren County

Lisa Roach – Career Exploration Teacher, Cape May CVTS

Ryck Suydam – NJ Farm Bureau President

Lisa Tauscher – Manager of Special Needs Students/Programs, Union County VTS

Chuck Wojtaszek – Freehold FFA Chapter Chaperone

Daniel Wunderlich – New Jersey Department of Agriculture Employee

Job Interview Event

- 1st Place (\$100):* Sydney Gavinelli, Freehold
- 2nd Place (\$75):* Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
- 3rd Place (\$50):* Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech

Demonstration Event Awards

Individual Awards

- 1st Place (\$100):* Tyler Kohlhaas, Cape May Tech
- 2nd Place (\$75):* Pier Semanchik, Hackettstown
- 3rd Place (\$50):* Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional

Team Awards

- 1st Place (\$200):* Cape May Tech FFA
- 2nd Place (\$150):* Hackettstown FFA
- 3rd Place (\$100):* Northern Burlington FFA

Retiring Address: Delaney Gray

State FFA Vice President, Delaney Gray gave her retiring address entitled, “Value.” She thanked her support system by presenting them with certificates of appreciation.

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

The 2013-2014 State FFA President, Kyle Clement and State FFA Reporter Catherine Cincotta presented the New Jersey FFA Annual Report, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Kelly Gangel, 2013-2014 State FFA Secretary, and Delaney Gray, 2013-2014 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, 3 State Staff and a New Jersey FFA record of 656 FFA members, advisors and guests present.

Reflections – “One”

The State Officers presented their reflections, which put into perspective how important the agricultural industry is, and encouraged members to make a difference.

Chapter Challenge Award

The winner of the 2014 Chapter Challenge Award is the **Freehold FFA Chapter!**

Star Chapter Award

Jimmy LeClair of the **North Warren FFA Chapter** is the recipient of the 2013-2014 Star State Chapter Placement Award.

Star Greenhand Award

The 2013-2014 Star State Greenhad is **Renee Stillwell** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter!**

Greetings from Young Farmers & Ranchers

Gillian Armstrong, past State Officer and Chair of the New Jersey Young Farmers & Ranchers Program brought greetings on behalf of the NJ YF&R and NJ Farm Bureau.

Superior Chapter Recognition

Belvidere
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Monmouth County
North Warren
Woodstown

National Chapter Award

Gold: Allentown
Northern Burlington Middle
Penns Grove

Silver: Northern Burlington

Bronze: Freehold
Ocean County
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Warren Hills

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** for being named the 2014 Most Improved FFA Chapter!

Greetings from Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno

Lieutenant Governor, Kim Guadagno brought greetings on behalf of the New Jersey State Government and discussed the importance of the agricultural industry.

Proficiency Awards

2014 Dairy Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Kaitlyn Eachus,
Cumberland Regional

2014 Diversified Crop Production Placement Proficiency Award: Jenna Pinhas,
Allentown

2014 Grain Production Placement Proficiency Award: Benjamin Wainwright,
Northern Burlington

2014 Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award: Catherine Cincotta,
Northern Burlington

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education

Marie Barry, Director of the Office of Career and Technical Education, and Honorary American Degree recipient brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the Office of Career and Technical Education.

National FFA Officer Candidate Introductions

The New Jersey National Officer Candidates introduced themselves to the audience. The candidates are:

Delaney Gray, Freehold
Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Gold Rating: Allentown
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Middlesex-East Brunswick
Newton
North Warren
Northern Burlington
Phillipsburg
Salem Co. Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon
Sussex Tech
Woodstown

Silver Rating: Hackettstown
Middlesex-Piscataway
Monmouth County
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Somerset County
Union County
Warren Hills

Bronze Rating: BCIT – Westampton
BCIT West-Vet
Belvidere
Biotechnology
Buena Regional
Camden – Pennsauken
Camden – Tech East
Delsea Regional
Essex Co. Vo. Tech
Pemberton Township
South Hunterdon Middle

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Quiz Bowl:

The **Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter** is the winner of the 2014 FFA Quiz Bowl event!

Lifetime Membership:

The 2013-2014 State FFA Officer Team received Lifetime Alumni Membership after stepping up to the challenge and raising the necessary funds for this honor.

Special Recognition: Ms. Butch

The NJ Alumni Association and NJ State FFA Officers presented Ms. Sue Butch with the “Service Above Self” Award for her unwavering support of the FFA since 1995.

Best Dressed Chapter Award

Congratulations to the **Woodstown FFA Chapter** for being named the 2014 Best Dressed Chapter!

Soybean Yield Contest Awards

The winner of the 2013 Soybean Yield Contest is **Kristi Dickison** of the **North Warren FFA Chapter**!

FFA Essay Events Awards

Division II: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

Division III: Alana Kegel, Middlesex Piscataway

FFA Week Awards

1st Place (\$150): Hackettstown FFA

2nd Place (\$100): Allentown FFA

3rd Place (\$50): Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA

Greetings from Rutgers University

Dr. Barry Jesse, Associate Dean for Academic Administration brought greetings on behalf of Rutgers University.

Distinguished Service

The State Distinguished Service Award was presented to:

The Horse Park of New Jersey

Linden Moose Lodge 913

Team Toyota of Princeton

Zoetis

Convention Recognition

The following people received special recognition for their help during the State Convention:

Krista Cruzan

Leon Delcher

Jimmie Ferguson

Joe Goodenough

Dane Grossnickle

Alec McAlarnen

Eric Nelson

Sam Rubinstein

Brianne Scholl

Brett Speakman

Stephanie Tarlowe

Ashley Willits

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, the members of the Allentown FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was awarded for their efforts.

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown	Heidi Vincent Alissa	Hyland Viviano Lebers
Cumberland	Toby Jacobus Jose	Cuff Newkirk Lopez
Hackettstown	Jamie Robert	Canfield Kucharski
Midd-East Brunswick	Sophia Johnny Corey	Baselice Fernandez Blake
Monmouth County	John Chris Jake Carmine	Jarostchuk Rodermann Bucci Casola
Northern Burlington	Ashley Kenneth	Lucas Hamner
Ocean County	Joshua Kevin	Todd Montaner
Penns Grove	Clarissa Michael Gerardo DeAmonte Miguel	Davis Rosario Rivera Holden Acevedo
South Hunterdon	Rebecca Amanda Nicholas Alexander Ashlyne	Case Wengryn Hart Eldridge Bacorn
Warren Hills	Peter	Mount
Woodstown	Jean Morgan Morgan Connie Rachel Skyler	Miller Masly Heritage Caltabiano Leonardi Amburg

The Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member is **Corey Blake** of the **Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA Chapter!**

State FFA 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.

Talent and State Degree Seating

Julianna Humphreys entertained the audience with her dancing talent.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown:	Grayson A. Asprocolas Roni L. Freed Kiana Harris Colby P. Rothstein George F. Stillwell Shawn M. Wolford
Belvidere:	Maren M. McEvoy
Cape May Tech:	Siana Aspenburg Joseph A. Bravo Johanna Hunter DeFeo Jeanette F. Gray Sydne E. Hunter Emily K. Musick
Middlesex-East Brunswick:	Corey J. Blake
Middlesex-Piscataway:	Peter Dudek
Newton:	Alex T. Armstrong Nico V. Boscia Eliana E. Casqueira Charlotte Cercone Michael G. Drislane Leah M. Glennon Kyle J. Kasharian Emma L. Kline Elizabeth H. Muller Stephanie Nicole Pierson Thomas R. Rinehart Anthony J. Sanchez Darren U. Smith Rebecca L. Viersma
Northern Burlington:	Robert W. Bercy, Jr. Sean J. Hamner Stephen Y. Specca
Penns Grove:	Carleigh R. Huff
Salem Co. Vo. Tech:	Kyle S. Fisher Hannah J. Mann Sierra N. Savidge
Sussex Tech:	Paige E. Hennighan
Warren Hills:	Stacey Giordano
Woodstown:	Rachael McCorkle Kelly Van Cleave Ariel Wilson

State Star Award Recognition

2013-2014 State Star in Agricultural Placement: Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

2013-2014 State Star Farmer: George Stillwell, Allentown

Retiring Address: Kyle Clement

Kyle Clement, State FFA President presented his retiring address entitled “Make the Most of It!” Kyle thanked his support system by presenting his family and advisors with certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Chelsey Fitton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Executive Committee:	Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Catherine Cincotta, Dave Watts, Stuart Faunce
State Parliamentarian:	Kyle Fisher
State Sentinel:	Sean Hamner
State Reporter:	Hope Cahill
State Treasurer:	Benjamin Wainwright
State Secretary:	Jenna Pinhas
State Vice President:	Kelly Gangel
State President:	Kristianne Dowd

Motion by Chelsey Fitton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter to elect the candidates to their respective state offices.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Past State Office Power Point

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

Installation of 2014-2015 State Officers

The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

Convention in Review

The 2014 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2013-2014 State FFA President Kyle Clement, passed the gavel to 2014-2015 State FFA President Kristianne Dowd, who brought closing remarks.

Closing Ceremonies



Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Antonio Mejia, Bankbridge Regional
Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Kiersten Sangastiano, Monmouth County
Kyle Folds, Delsea Regional
Kelly Coleman, Monmouth County
Lynee' Dotson, Northern Burlington Middle
Mrs. Hamilton, Northern Burlington

Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
Miranda Badiacco, Camden Tech East
Sarah McInnis, Cape May Tech
Angie Mansilla, Essex County Vo. Tech
Kelly Gangel, State FFA Secretary
Mr. Dannucci, Northern Burlington
Kristina B, BCIT Westampton

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss and review Horticultural Exposition and the Floral Design CDE.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create a new category for State Officers/Alumni members, modeled after the “Advisor’s Folly”
- Add in each class description the wording “No plug in electricity”
- Create a “Floral Headpiece” category
- Change the wording in the Floral Design Rubric to state “Black Dress Slacks” for female official dress
- Create a “Miniature Garden Category”
- Rename “Dried Delights” to “Country Delights”
- Create a new category for body flowers, for the display of atypical corsages and other pieces
- Reword the Bonsai tree description regarding the wiring of young trees
- Reword flat of bedding plants to read “One entry per chapter”
- Increase the pot size to 22” and suitable for a table display in classes 108-109
- Change Topiary size limit to 3’-5’ wide
- Class 103 Nursery to include any outside NJ landscape material
- Rearrange the tables in the Floral Design CDE so that instructions are easily heard

Destinie Watson, Middlesex-East Brunswick – Chairman
Kiersten Sangastiano, Monmouth County – Secretary

Career Development Event Review and Evaluation

Committee Report

May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Charlotte Cercone, Newton
Alyssa Sebold, Belvidere
Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
Olivia Cullen, North Warren
Dustin Engel, Pemberton Township
George Stillwell, Allentown
Stuart Faunce, State FFA Parliamentarian

Andy Snyder, Somerset County
Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
Delaney Timchak, Sussex Tech
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg
Lauren Stevens, Northern Burlington
Ms. Tiffany Morey, South Hunterdon

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Keep the 60% Mastery Level in effect
- There should be more promotion for career development events such as YouTube series or specific website for CDEs

Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills – Chairman
Rebecca Collin, Phillipsburg – Secretary

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities

Committee Report

May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
Elizabeth Taylor, Buena Regional
Joe Bravo, Cape May Tech
Clara Kolba, Hackettstown
Denise Huscha, Piscataway

Margaret Hopkins, Union County
Carri Kilian, Camden Tech East
Sean Walker, Ocean County
Sarah Smith, Belvidere
Kyle Clement, State FFA President

Purpose of Meeting:

To review and evaluate Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities of the New Jersey FFA Association and make any suggestions necessary.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Amend Bylaws Article I-Organization of local chapters, Section C to replace “Grace Period” with “Probation” and insert a following clarification sentence stating “A chapter placed on probation will not be able to participate in state/national events until the standards necessary for the chapter to remain chartered with the NJ State FFA Association are met.”
- Amend Bylaws Article III-State Officers to insert a Section J that should read “Being that state officers receive a high degree of exclusive professional leadership and public speaking training, state officers still enrolled in secondary education are not permitted to compete in individual career development events.”
- Include State Community Service Project Article 10 Section II of the POA (list as item D) “Statewide community service project” with goals and action steps to be determined by the state executive board.

Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon – Chairman
Sarah Smith, Belvidere – Secretary

State Leadership Activities

Committee Report

May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Cody Coles, Woodstown
Leonella Vega, Union County
Sabrena Colon, BCIT West-Vet
Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg
Amanda Wengryn, South Hunterdon
Delaney Gray, State FFA Vice President

Matt DeChristiano, Monmouth County
Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown
Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington
Andrew Freas, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Yanitza Mendez, Camden Penn Tech

Purpose of Meeting:

Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Give members more information on careers and other opportunities in Agriculture during leadership conferences
- Encourage FFA members to voice their opinions at FFA events
- Increase interactions with members and state officers
- Revise session times based on comments found in evaluations
- Consider implementing regional conferences in order to promote interactions between local chapters (state officers could facilitate for their own region's conference)

Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg – Chairman

Cody Coles, Woodstown – Secretary

State Convention Evaluation and Review
Committee Report
May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Connor O’Leary, Biotechnology
Collin Cudworth, Warren Hills
Megan Rohloff, BCIT West-Vet
Carleigh Huff, Penns Grove
John Zidzik, South Hunterdon

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech
Jason Weaver, Delsea Regional
Morgan Houser, Bankbridge Regional
Morgan Clear, Pemberton Township
David Watts, State FFA Sentinel

Purpose of Meeting:

Evaluate the convention, the community service project, and the courtesy corps application.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Create a showcase for CDEs, or advertisement on IHigh
- Make schedule more apparent for chapter members
- Backstage remains organized as it was for 2014 Convention
- Better information for Courtesy Corps
- More activity for non-competing members
- Assigned seating for all award winners
- Better enforcement of dress code

Anthony Santana, Somerset Co. Vo. Tech – Chairman
Carleigh Huff, Penns Grove – Secretary

State FFA Applications

Committee Report

May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Alexandria Wilson, Freehold
Anne Linke, Middlesex-East Brunswick
Haley Lubey, North Warren
Javon Goodman, Essex Tech
Siera Savidge, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Kristianne Dowd, State FFA Treasurer

Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional
Carley Coles, Woodstown
Adrienne Borrego, Sussex Tech
Estefania Medina, Penns Grove
Mr. Rudderow, Penns Grove

Purpose of Meeting:

To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Change #3 in Blue Jacket, Bright Futures Application to a list, and make seniors in High school eligible to apply
- Member of the Month: carry over applications from previous months
- Add percentages instead of max number involved in Advisor of the Year Application
- Remove Section 2 Part a Ag Awareness, promote through social media, chapter visits, and creating ag awareness month
- Promotion through email application opportunities to chapter officers

Alexandria Wilson, Freehold – Chairman

Carley Coles, Woodstown – Secretary

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

May 22, 2014

Committee Members Present:

Taylor Cats, Ocean County

Alana Kegel, Piscataway

Kevin Kenneolly, Biotechnology

Mike Drislane, Newton

Jontavia Jones, Camden Penn Tech

Dr. McLean, Northern Burlington

Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle

Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet

Gus Semanchik, Hackettstown

Ali Trotman, South Hunterdon

Catherine Cincotta, State FFA Reporter

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss the effectiveness of Program Affiliation as well as recruitment and communication ideas.

Recommendation Actions to be Taken:

- Have hashtag challenges on social media sites to encourage member involvement
- Place the BCIT Medford FFA Chapter on a one year probation for the 2014-2015 year
- Change the format of the state officer request form to GoogleForm to ease submission
- Expand poster program as a reward
- Expand member participation by allowing 7th and 8th graders to participate in 3-5 minute speaking and Division I essay event

Comments:

Suggestion for Poster Series: include better demonstration of the words concept, and should have a number. Use group photos instead of individual photos to prevent them from becoming outdated and to use as incentive awards.

Rebecca Shannon, Freehold – Chairman

Cassandra Cardoza, BCIT West-Vet – Secretary

2013-2014 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Kyle Clement
State Vice President	Delaney Gray
State Secretary	Kelly Gangel
State Treasurer	Kristianne Dowd
State Reporter	Catherine Cincotta
Sentinel	David Watts
Parliamentarian	Stuart Faunce
Executive Committee Chair	Ernest Arians
Executive Committee	Anne Poinsett Lauren Fillebrown
Teacher Representative	Lisa Ann Moschera- Chernigovets
State Advisor	Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Ms. Susan R. Butch



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