88th New Jersey State FFA Convention At-A-Glance

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107**

1:00 – **Registration**
*Residence Halls*

1:00 – **Convention Practice**
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

1:00 – **Agricultural Education Advisory Council Meeting**
*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

1:00 pm **Nominating Committee Orientation**
*Pollak Theatre 139*
Mr. Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Hannah Mann, NJ FFA Executive Committee Chair

2:00 – **Recreation** – Optional for Early 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 230*
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

3:00 pm **Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event**
*Poszycki Hall, Room 222*
Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

3:00 pm **Preliminary Creed Speaking**
*Bey Hall, Rooms 130 & 132*
Ms. Jessica McCosker, 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 134*
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Coordinator

3:00 pm **Agricultural Issues Forum**
*Poszycki Hall, Room 206*
Ms. Kelcey Trewin, Coordinator

3:00 pm **Portable Exhibit Set-Up**
*Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby*

3:00 pm **Application & Event Drop-Off**
*Bey Hall, Room 129*
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
    “How to Be a Real-Life Entrepreneur”
    Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
    Mr. Steven Brockshus, Past National FFA Officer & Entrepreneur

4:00 pm  Art Competition Set-Up
    Bey Hall, Room 126

4:00 pm  Courtesy Corps Meeting
    Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
    Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator

5:00 pm  Teach Ag Dinner
    (by invite only)
    Club Dining Room, Magill Commons

5:00 – 5:45 pm  Dinner – Magill Commons

5:30 pm  Star Placement, Star Agribusiness & Star Farmer Interviews
    Bey Hall, Room 130
    Mr. David Specca, Coordinator

5:30 pm  Star in Agricultural Placement Interviews
    Bey Hall, Room 132
    Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

5:45 pm  Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting
    Young Auditorium, Bey Hall 113
    Ms. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey and Ms. Jennifeur Wilson

6:00 pm  Judging of Scrapbooks
    Bey Hall, Room 130
    Ms. Trisha Munyon, Coordinator

6:00 pm  Marketing Plan CDE
    Bey Hall, Room 134
    Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator

6:00 pm  Judging of Agricultural Awareness, Secretary of the Year and Treasurer of the Year Applications
    Bey Hall, Room 134
    Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator

6:00 pm  Hall of States Exhibit Event
    Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby
    Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, Coordinator

6:00 pm  Judging of Portable Exhibits
    Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby
    Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, Coordinator

6:00 pm  Judging of Art Competition
    Pozycki Hall, Room 206
    Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator
6:00 pm  **Leadership Workshop**  
*“The Power Express*  
*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

6:00 pm  **Delegate Workshop**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
Ms. Myranda Bond, State President & Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President

7:15 pm  **Delegates Seated**

7:15 pm  **Courtesy Corps Meeting**

7:30 pm  **SESSION I**  
*“SPARK POTENTIAL”*  
*Pollak Theatre Auditorium*  
*Presiding: Ms. Myranda Bond,*  
*State FFA President*

Opening Ceremony

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

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

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

**Keynote Address**  
“What We Should have Learned as Kids”  
Mr. Steven Brockshus, Past National Officer & Entrepreneur

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

**2017 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  
- Michael Anema Memorial Scholarships  
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship  
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship  
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial Scholarship  
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship  
- David Seeley 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 Memorial Scholarship  
- New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarships  
- Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship  
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship  
- Roszel Scholarship
- May Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

“3 Billion”
Retiring Address
Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President
Special Recognition

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator

State Convention Rules

Closing Ceremony

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

11:00 pm Lights Out

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2107

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

8:15 am Delegates Seated
Courtesey Corps Meeting

8:30 am SESSION II
“RADIATE CHANGE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary

Opening Ceremony

Greetings from New Jersey State Board of Education
Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Art Competition Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Official Ceremonies Event Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Greetings from NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
“Breathe In, Breathe Out, and Decide”
Retiring Address
Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Parliamentarian
Special Recognition

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Outstanding Community Service Award
Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

Statewide Community Service Project Recognition

Greetings from the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers
Ms. Denise M. Hladun, Program & Special Events Coordinator

Agriscience Fair Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

“A Road to the White House”
Retiring Address
Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer
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*
Mr. Stuart Faunce, Coordinator

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**
*Pozycki Hall, Room 115*
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

**Extemporaneous Speaking**
*Bey Hall, Room 222*
Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

10:00 am  **Preliminary Team Demonstration Event***
*Bey Hall, Rooms 227 & 230*
Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator
Mr. Kyle Fisher, Coordinator
*Finals will be held in Room 113 (Young Auditorium) at 1:00 pm

10:00 am  **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Hort Expo Review and Evaluation**
*Bey Hall, Room 201*
State Officer: Ms. Zuri Richmond

**Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities**
*TBA*
State Officer: Ms. Myranda Bond

*as of 5/18/17*
State Leadership Activities

**TBA**
State Officer: Ms. Kelsey Stockton

State Convention Evaluation

**TBA**
State Officer: Ms. Morgan Rutar

Membership and Chapter Relations

_Bey Hall, Room 128_
State Officer: Ms. Renee Stillwell

CDE Review and Evaluation

_Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)_
State Officer: Mr. Josh Loew

State FFA Applications

**TBA**
State Officer: Mr. Jeremy Poslusny

**11:45 am**  Lunch  –  _Magill Commons_

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**  Recreation  –  _Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)_

**1:00 pm**  Leadership Workshop

_“Agriculture Needs You”_
_Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115_
Mr. Will Shultz, West Virginia State FFA Vice President

**1:00 pm**  Employment Skills Event

_Bey Hall, Room 223_
Mrs. Linda Krajain, Coordinator

**1:00 pm**  FFA Quiz Bowl

_Bey Hall, Rooms 222 & 230_
Mr. Kyle Fisher, Coordinator

**1:00 pm**  Individual Demonstration Event

_Bey Hall, Room 128_
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

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

_Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)_
Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator

**1:00 pm**  **DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION***

_Pollak Theatre, Auditorium_
Presiding:  
Ms. Myranda Bond, State President

Roll Call:
Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary

Approval of the 87th Convention Proceedings

State FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals:
Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President

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*DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION*
National FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals
Mr. Josh Loew, State Sentinel

Program Affiliation Fee & Career/Leadership Development Event Fee:
Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, 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
“IGNITE INFLUENCE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer

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

“Just Do It”
Retiring Address
Ms. Zuri Richmond, 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!

Greetings from New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators
Ms. Jennifeur Wilson, NJAAE President
Agricultural Awareness Awards  Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Chapter Scrapbook Awards  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Hall of States Event Award  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Portable Exhibit Event Awards  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

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

“Afraid and Brave”  
Retiring Address  
Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary  
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  
“ELECTRIFY EXCELLENCE”  
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM  
Presiding: Ms. Zuri Richmond, 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  
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
“Chapter Officer Training: Dream Team”
Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

5:45 – 6:45 pm  Dinner – Magill Commons

7:15 pm  Delegates seated

7:15 pm  Courtesy Corps Meeting

7:30 pm  SESSION IV
“SHINE GREATNESS”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President

Opening Ceremony

Keynote Address
“Qualified”
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

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

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
Job Interview Awards  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Demonstration Event Awards  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Greetings from the United States Department of Education  
Dr. Steve Brown, Educational Program Specialist & National FFA Advisor

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

National Officer Candidate 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

“When the Gun Goes Off”  
Retiring Address  
Mr. Josh Loew, State Sentinel  
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  
Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall
(All Members Must Attend)

12:00 am  
Lights Out

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017

7:00 – 8:00 am  
Breakfast – Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall

8:15 am  
Delegates seated  
Courtesy Corps Meeting

8:30 am  
SESSION V  
“Illuminate Purpose”  
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM  
Presiding: Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Parliamentarian & Mr. Josh Loew, State Sentinel

Opening Ceremony

Reflections – “We Believe in You”

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

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  
Ms. Kelly Gangel, NJ FFA Alumni President

Distinguished Service Awards

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 Agribusiness & Star State in Agricultural Placement Awards  
Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

“The Leader in You”  
Retiring Address  
Ms. Myranda Bond, State President  
Special Recognition

Nominating Committee Report

Election of 2017 – 2018  
New Jersey FFA State Officers

“A Tradition of Excellence”  
Past New Jersey FFA State Officer Presentation
Installation of 2017 – 2018
New Jersey FFA State Officers

88th State FFA Convention in Review

Remarks by 2017 – 2018
State FFA President

Closing Ceremony

11:15 am  2017 – 2018 Officer Team Photo  
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:30 am  Check Out  – Garden Apartments, Laurel, Mullaney, Oakwood, Redwood, Beechwood Residence Halls

12:15 –  2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018 State Officer & Convention Staff Luncheon & Meeting  
Pollak Theatre

1:00 –  2017 – 2018 State FFA  
New State Officer Meeting  
Pollak Theatre, Room 135