Session I

Ernest Arians, 2012-2013 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee member, 3 State Staff, and 484 members, advisors, and guests present.

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

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

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

Allentown: Amanda Greenstein Jeremy Posluszny
Colby Rothenstein Rene Stillwell

Buena Regional: Sarah Kelly

Cape May Tech: Bob Craft Amanda Murray
Olivia Shelton Brandie Steelman

Cumberland Regional: Micheala Hitchner

Essex County: Danny Alfaro Aryanna Espinoza
Deion Gonzalez Xhulia Jakaj

Freehold: Breanna Almeida Sruhti Boddapatio
Matthew Bonnet Bryanna Dowd
Allison Fink Gabby Galterio
Sydney Gavinelli Allie Haggar
Alexis Mooney

Hackettstown: Andrew Pryslak

Middlesex-East Brunswick: Gabby Curcio Janiya Jackson
Sharnette Killings Matt Manning

Middlesex-Piscataway: Mike Peery Lexy Ratliff
Becky Rooney
Monmouth County: Breanna Bishop Maria Martinez
Maria Ortega Arianna Reed

North Warren: Kira Bacarro Nicholls Rebbecca Cruts
Maddie Dean Shane Peck
Alexander Penna

Northern Burlington: Patrick Byrne Jamie Specca

Penns Grove: Randy Simmerman

Salem Co. Vo Tech.: Grady Key Jr. Cheyenne Lucas
Jamie Munyon Trisha Munyon
Victoria Nelson Kelsey Stockton

Sussex Tech: Grace Johnson Ashley Nielson

Union County: Kevin Patino

Warren Hills: Colin Cudworth Jr. Amanda McDade
Rhiannon Robertson

Keynote Address
Wyatt DeJong presented his speech, “Super Hero Time!”

Introduction of NJ State FFA Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee
Ernest Arians described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Delaney Gray
introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:
Peter Dudek, Middlesex Piscataway FFA Sean Pruszkowski- Union County FFA
Kyle Fisher, Salem Co. Vo. Tech. FFA Dante Ricci – Cumberland Regional FFA
Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills FFA Jenna Pinhas- Allentown FFA
Adult Coordinator – Eric Nelson
Executive Committee Representative – Jimmie Ferguson

State Officer Candidates were invited to come to the stage and introduce themselves. The candidates were:
Hope Cahil, Monmouth County
Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
Alex Clark, Newton
Kyle H. Clement, Salem County Vo. Tech
Jessalee Cruz, Allentown
Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
Stuart Faunce, Allentown
Alex M. Feltwater, Newton
Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional
Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
Delaney M. Gray, Freehold
Jonathan R. Heater, Newton
Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills
David Watts, Penns Grove
Nicole Wright, Allentown
New Jersey FFA Alumni Report
Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. Two FFA Alumni WLC Scholarships were presented this year.

WLC Scholarship winners were:
1st Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech
2nd Place: Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were:
1st Place: Cape May
2nd Place: Allentown

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

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association Scholarship – Hope Chaill, Monmouth County; Alex Clark, Newton; and Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton.

Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship – Mackenzie Tierney, Union County

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Emily Ventura, Newton

Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship – Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren

Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship – Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship- Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington

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

David Seeley Memorial Scholarship- Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg

Stephen Tucker Scholarship – Sean Pruszkowski, Union

William G. Smith Scholarship – Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

Roszel Scholarship- Nicole Wright, Allentown

Kenneth Harding Memorial Scholarship- Jessalee Cruz, Allentown

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship- Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship- Andrew Rudd, Belvidere

Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship– Stuart Faunce, Allentown
Warren Cook Memorial Scholarship – Jeffery Neyhart, Biotechnology and Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – James Asprocolas, Allentown; Hope Cahill, Monmouth County; Marisa Kerkendall, North Warren; Carherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington; Heather Shinn, Northern Burlington; Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg; and Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills.

Delaware Valley College Scholarship – Delaney Gray, Freehold

National Convention Scholarship – Rebecca Shannon, Freehold

National FFA Scholarships
$1,000 Archer Daniels Midland Company Scholarship – Mackenzie Tierney

$1,000 NAPA Auto Parts Scholarship – Kelly Gangel, Northern Burlington

$1,000 Tractor Supply – Growing Scholars Scholarships
Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
Ethan Muller, Newton

$2,500 Mahindra USA Women in Agriculture Scholarship – Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
National FFA Eastern Region Vice President Jonelle Futrell brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

2012-2013 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards
The Member of the Month recipients for 2011-2012 were honored
May: Nina Earle, Warren Hills
June: Jennifer Berry Burkhart, Ocean County
September: Stuart Faunce, Allentown
October: Kaitlyn Eachus, Cumberland Regional
December: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
January: Nicole Wright, Allentown
February: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
March: Ben Wainwright, Northern Burlington
April: Hope Cahill, Monmouth County

The 2012-2013 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to Kristianne Dowd of the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Retiring Address: Kyle Clement
Kyle Clement gave his retiring address entitled “Dream On!” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps
Mr. Samuel Rubenstien, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair Marissa Montero from Union County, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of these individuals.
State Convention Rules
The State Officers played a video skit that outlined the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Session II

Anne Poinsett, 2012-2013 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 4 Executive Committee members, and 490 members, advisors, and guests present.

Greetings from the Association of Career and Technical Education
Ms. Lauren Lessels, Senior of the Leadership Department brought greetings to the convention form ACTE

Art Competition Awards
Fine Art:
1st Place: Morgan Montogmery, Middlesex East Brunswick
2nd Place: Kayla Vasquez, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place: Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

Photography:
1st Place: Nina Earle, Warren Hills
2nd Place: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Mary Bonatakis, Freehold

Official Ceremonies Event Award
1st Place: Allentown
2nd Place: Cape May
3rd Place: Middlesex East Brunswick

The 1st place Official Ceremonies team will conduct Opening Ceremonies during the CDE Session.

Landscape Design Event Awards
1st Place: Tyler Gravatt, Allentown
2nd Place: Brenda Reyes, Freehold
3rd Place: Breanna Almeida, Freehold

Retiring Address: Gaspar Hernandez IV
Gaspar Hernandez gave his retiring address entitled “Find the Leader in You!” and presented his parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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 – Shawn Srolovitz, Biotechnology
Division IV – Caitlin Young and Christina Panetta, Biotechnology

Environmental Services/Natural Resources Systems
Division I – Jamie Munyon, Salem Co. Vo. Tech
Division II – Suzanne Riegelman, Biotechnology
Division IV – Lakshmi Iyengar and Michelle Zhao, Biotechnology

Food Products and Processing Systems
Division II – Akaash Kumar, Biotechnology
Division IV – Micheal Shen and Avina Rami, Biotechnology

Plant Systems
Division II – Anthony Santana, Somerset County
Division III - JJ Larkins, Biotechnology
Division IV – Brandie Steelman and Amanda Murray, Cape May Tech

Power, Structural, and Processing Systems
Division II – Victoria Reyes, Salem Co. Vo. Tech.

Social Systems
Division II – Joseph Maggiore, Biotechnology
Division IV – Connor O’Leary and Radhika Gupta, Biotechnology

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

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition
Gold Ranking: Allentown
Newton
North Warren
Northern Burlington

Silver Ranking: Freehold
Penns Grove
Union County
Sussex Tech

Bronze Ranking: Ocean County

Outstanding Community Service Award
Congratulations to the Penns Grove FFA Chapter for receiving this year’s Outstanding Community Service Award.

Statewide Community Service Project
The New Jersey FFA Association’s Statewide Community Service Project focused on collecting gift cards to help in the Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Chapters collected gift cards from stores like Target, Walmart, and other retailers and grocery stores. Over $500 in gift cards were collected. Chapters that participated received a recognition certificate.
Retiring Address: Delaney Gray
Delaney Gray gave her retiring address entitled “Set the Temperature for Your Life” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Chapter Chartering Ceremony
The New Jersey FFA Association welcomes the Pemberton Township FFA Chapter!

Closing Ceremonies

2013 Delegate Business Session

State President, Ernest Arians, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:08 pm. Mr. Randy Trivette served as the official Parliamentarian.

There were 65 delegates and 10 Executive Board members present. A majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 44 votes.

The 83rd NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented by Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President.

Motion by Cheyanne Welch of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter to approve the proceedings of the 83rd New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA chapter. Motion passed.

The National FFA Constitution Proposal regarding the process for amending the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws was presented by James Ferguson III, State FFA Vice President.

Motion by Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter to recommend that New Jersey's delegates vote “yes” on the National Proposal.

Seconded by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion passed.

The New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal regarding membership, dues, Program Affiliation, and the organization of local chapters. Because of the proposals were similar in nature, they were voted on as one proposal. This proposal was presented by Joseph Goodenough IV, State FFA Sentinel.

Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the New Jersey FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws Proposal.

Seconded by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter.

Motion by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter to limit the debate by two speakers.
Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

Main Motion Passed.

The 2012-2013 Program Affiliation Free Structure was presented by Gaspar Hernandez, State FFA Treasurer.

Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the Program Affiliation fee structure.

Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.

- Shannon Thomas of the Newton FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
- State FFA Parliamentarian, Lauren Fillebrown provided information regarding the motion.

Jessie Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter moved the Previous Question.
Seconded by Michaela Kramer of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.

Standing Committee Reports

- Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation
  Motion by Nate Horvath of the Cape May Tech. FFA Chapter to accept the Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- CDE Review and Evaluation
  Motion by Alyssa Ferraro from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter to accept the Career Development Event Review and Evaluation committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities
  Motion by Andrew Rudd from the Belvidere FFA Chapter to accept the Constitution and Bylaws/Program Of Activities committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Leadership Activities
  Motion by Jessica Robinson from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Convention Evaluation
  Motion by Alex Byrnes of the Biotechnology FFA Chapter to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.

- State Applications
  Motion by Nathina Hector from the Essex County FFA Chapter to accept the State Applications committee report as read.
  There is an implied second. Motion passed.
• **Membership and Chapter Relations**
  
  **Motion by Victoria Reyes from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter** to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read.
  
  *There is an implied second. Motion passed.*
  
  • Alyssa Ferraro from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion
  • Delaney Timchak from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter spoke in opposition of the motion.
  • Anne Poinsett, State FFA Vice President provided information regarding the motion.
  • Mrs. Erin Noble, State FFA Specialist provided information regarding the motion.

  **Motion by Wesley Bouchelle of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to adjourn the 83rd delegate business session.
  
  *Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion Passed.*

**Session III**

Lauren Fillebrown, 2012-2013 State FFA Parliamentarian presided.

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**

There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 507 members, advisors, and guests present.

**Public Speaking Awards**

Mr. Ryck Suydam, New Jersey Farm Bureau President, assisted with award presentations and brought greetings from the Farm Bureau.

**FFA Creed**

1st Place: Noelle Lasino, Hackettstown
2nd Place: Mckenzi May, Newton
3rd Place: Delaney Redford, Northern Burlington Middle

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

1st Place: Melonie Weaver, Cape May
2nd Place: Julianna Humphreys, Hackettstown
3rd Place: Paulina Olienick, Northern Burlington

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

1st Place: Emily Karr, Freehold
2nd Place: Steve Petrides, Biotechnology
3rd Place: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

1st Place: Lauren Fillebrown, Phillipsburg
2nd Place: Stuart Faunce, Allentown
3rd Place: Mitchell Haug, South Hunterdon
Agricultural Issues Forum Awards
   1st Place: Allentown

Retiring Address: Joseph Goodenough
Ernest Arians gave his retiring address entitled “The Mountain Pass” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year
The 2013 NJ FFA Advisor of the year is Tim Hagar from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter

Superior Teacher Recognition Program
Receiving a Gold Rating
   John Neyhart, Monmouth County
   Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove
   Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County
   Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional
   Jennifeur Wilson, North Warren

Receiving a Silver Rating
   Bonnie Baldasare, Union County

Receiving a Bronze Rating
   Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle

Teach Agriculture Event Award
   1st Place: Jennifer Bucko, Northern Burlington
   2nd Place: Melody Hoag, Hackettstown
   3rd Place: Paige Hennighan, Sussex 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: Middlesex Piscataway
   2nd Place: Penns Grove

Chapter Scrapbook Awards
   1st Place: Northern Burlington
   2nd Place: Phillipsburg
   3rd Place: Freehold

Hall of States Exhibit Event Award
The winner of the Hall of States Exhibit receiving a $100 award is the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Portable Exhibit Event Awards
   1st Place: Camden Tech East
   2nd Place: Middlesex Piscataway
   3rd Place: Middlesex East Brunswick
Presentation of the First Place 6-8 Minute Prepared Public Speaker
Emily Karr of the Freehold FFA Chapter presented her speech, “God Needs an Agriculturalist.”

New Jersey FFA Treasurer of the Year Award
The 2013 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is Pooja Patel from the Freehold FFA Chapter.

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award
The 2013 New Jersey FFA Secretaries of the Year are Katelin Hulse from the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition
Horticulture Division-Charlse Zielke, Delsea Regional ‘Bonsai Plants’
Permanent Division- Ashley Getta, Monmouth County ‘Going Green’
Fresh Division- Summer Schmidt, Bankbridge Regional ‘Independence Day’
Adult Division- Allison Mains, Allentown ‘Advisor’s Folly’

Retiring Address: Anne Poinsett
Anne Poinsett gave her retiring address entitled “Embrace Change!” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them certificates of appreciation.

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award
The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to Angela Linke of the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition
Gold Rating: Allentown Northern Burlington
Cumberland Regional Phillipsburg
Freehold Woodstown
Middlesex-Piscataway Newton
North Warren Monmouth County

Silver Rating: Buena Regional Cape May Tech
Essex County VTS Agriscience Hackettstown
Middlesex East Brunswick Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County Penns Grove
Salem Co. Vo. Tech Somerset County
Sussex Tech Union County
Warren Hills

Bronze Rating: BCIT Medford BCIT Westampton
Belvidere Biotechnology HS
Camden Tech East South Hunterdon

Closing Ceremonies
CDE Session


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

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee members, and 509 members, advisors, and guests present.

Out-of-State Career Development Event Awards

Dairy Cattle Evaluation
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
2nd Place: Christina Boutillette, Sussex Tech
3rd Place: Heidi Free, Belvidere
4th Place: Katie Hall, Woodstown
5th Place: Abby Koller, Belvidere

Medals
Gold: Heidi Free, Belvidere
Silver: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Abby Koller, Belvidere

Dairy Handlers’
1st Place: Leah Makrevich, North Warren
2nd Place: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington

Medals
Silver: Sean Hamner, Northern Burlington
Gold Medal and a banner
Gold: Leah Makrevich, North Warren

Food Science and Technology
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Ashley Nielsen, Sussex Tech
2nd Place: Emily Ventura, Newton
3rd Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
4th Place: Jon Heater, Newton
5th Place: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional

Medals
Gold: Ashley Nielsen, Sussex Tech
Gold: Jon Heater, Newton
Silver: Emily Ventura, Newton
Bronze: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
**Horse Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Heather Smylie, Northern Burlington
2nd Place: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
3rd Place: Michaela Kramer, Freehold
4th Place: Michaela Hitchner, Cumberland Regional
5th Place: Hannah Steward, Northern Burlington

Medals

*Gold*: Heather Smylie, Northern Burlington
*Silver*: Megan Davis, Cumberland Regional
*Bronze*: Michaela Kramer, Freehold

The first place team was the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter!

**Livestock Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Alex Clarke, Newton
2nd Place: Joey Cercone, Newton
3rd Place: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech
4th Place: Darren Smith, Newton
5th Place: Josh LeMasson, Newton

Medals

*Gold*: Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech
*Silver*: Joey Cercone, Newton
*Bronze*: Alex Clarke, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter!

**Poultry Evaluation**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Shannon Thomas, Newton
2nd Place: Emma Kline, Newton
3rd Place: Jacob Lounsberry, Northern Burlington
4th Place: Corey Kramer, Northern Burlington
5th Place: Liz Muller, Newton

Medals

*Gold*: Shannon Thomas, Newton
*Silver*: Emma Kline, Newton
*Bronze*: Liz Muller, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

**Talent Performance**

Sydney Gavenelli from the Freehold FFA Chapter performed the “Fearless Medley” arranged by Taylor Swift.

**Fall Career Development Event Awards**

**Fruits and Vegetables**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Alina Robinson, Ocean County
1st Place: Ashley Getta, Monmouth County
1st Place: Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton
2nd Place: Sean Pruszkowski, Union County
2nd Place: Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
2nd Place: Julianna Lubbe, Allentown
3rd Place: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Kyle Kasharian, Newton
3rd Place: Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County
4th Place: Alexis Mooney, Freehold
4th Place: Jessica Buyers, BCIT-Westhampton
4th Place: Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton
4th Place: Christopher Villaneuva, Allentown
5th Place: Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle
5th Place: Carri Kilian, Camden Tech East

Medals
Gold: Alina Robinson, Ocean County
Gold: Ashley Getta, Monmouth County
Gold: Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton
Silver: Sean Pruszkowski, Union County
Silver: Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
Silver: Julianna Lubbe, Allentown
Bronze: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington
Bronze: Kyle Kasharian, Newton
Bronze: Katelin Hulse, Monmouth County

The first place team was the BCIT-Westhampton FFA Chapter!

Milk Quality and Products
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Jon Heater, Newton
2nd Place: Amber Sickler, Woodstown
3rd Place: Alyssa Sebold, Belvideere
3rd Place: Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg
3rd Place: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
4th Place: Allison Hitchner, Woodstown
5th Place: Andrew Burnham, Woodstown

Medals
Gold: Amber Sickler, Woodstown
Silver: Allison Hitchner, Woodstown
Bronze: Stacey Giordano, Woodstown
Bronze: Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg

The first place team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter!

Land Judging
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Rene Stillwell, Allentown
2nd Place: Jessie Hickey, Allentown
3rd Place: Wesley Garrison, Belvideere
4th Place: Shannon Thomas, Newton
5th Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

Medals
Gold: Rene Stillwell, Allentown  
Silver: Jessie Hickey, Allentown  
Bronze: Wesley Garrison, Belvideere

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter!

Turf Management  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Clayton Rogers, Allentown  
2nd Place: Brenden Powers, Monmouth County  
3rd Place: Frank Merrill, Somerset County  
4th Place: Tucker Richie, Monmouth County  
5th Place: Matthew DeChristino, Monmouth County

Medals  
Gold: Frank Merrill, Somerset County  
Silver: Tucker Richie, Monmouth County  
Bronze: Clayton Rodgers, Allentown

The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.

FFA Creed Presentation  
The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Noelle Morino from the Hackettstown FFA Chapter.

Winter Career Development Event Awards

Agronomy  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Liz Muller, Newton  
2nd Place: Shannon Thomas, Newton  
3rd Place: Linnea Pierson, Newton  
3rd Place: Tommy Giordano, Newton  
4th Place: Daryl Westover, North Warren  
5th Place: Frank Merrill, Somerset County

Medals  
Gold: Liz Muller, Newton  
Silver: Shannon Thomas, Newton  
Bronze: Linnea Pierson, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter!

Farm Business Management  
Medals  
Gold: Brooke Reczka, Newton  
Silver: Brian Masi, Newton  
Bronze: Ethan Muller, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter!

Floral Design  
H.O. Sampson Certificates  
1st Place: Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton
1st Place: Alexis Rothenstein, Allentown
1st Place: Holly Pipher, Monmouth County
1st Place: Nicole Wright, Allentown
2nd Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
3rd Place: Kelly Gangle, Northern Burlington
4th Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional
5th Place: Cristen Mackintosh, BCIT-Westhampton

Medals
Gold: Catherine Ralph, BCIT-Westhampton
Silver: Alexis Rothenstein, Allentown
Bronze: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
Bronze: Brooke Reczka, Newton

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Forestry
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Joey Cercone, Newton
2nd Place: Josh LeMasson, Newton
3rd Place: Alex Armstrong, Newton
3rd Place: Darren Smith, Newton
4th Place: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown
5th Place: George Stillwell, Allentown

Medals
Gold: Jey Cercone, Newton
Silver: Josh LeMasson, Newton
Bronze: Jenna Pinhas, Allentown

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Meat Evaluation and Technology
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Nico Boscia, Newton
2nd Place: Charlotte Cercone, Newton
3rd Place: Thomas Rinehart, Newton
4th Place: Mike Drislane, Newton
5th Place: Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg

Medals
Gold: Nico Boscia, Newton
Silver: Charlotte Cercone, Newton
Bronze: Mike Drislane, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Talent Performance
Janet Gray from the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter performed “Temporary Home” by Carrie Underwood.
Spring Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
2nd Place: David Modrowski, Somerset County
3rd Place: George Stillwell, Allentown
4th Place: Daniel Sudol, Allentown
5th Place: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

Medals
Gold: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
Silver: Patrick Zavacky, Northern Burlington
Bronze: George Stillwell, Allentown

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Sales
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
2nd Place: Edwin Robinson, Northern Burlington
3rd Place: Delaney Timchack, Sussex Tech
4th Place: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech
5th Place: Samantha Clarke, Freehold

Medals
Gold: Rebecca Shannon, Freehold
Silver: Janet Hosking, Sussex Tech
Bronze: Delaney Timchack, Sussex Tech

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Environmental and Natural Resources
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Peter Mount, Warren Hills
1st Place: Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg
2nd Place: Alex Cannavo, Phillipsburg
3rd Place: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
4th Place: Gina Fagiarone, Freehold
5th Place: Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech

Medals
Gold: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills
Silver: Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg
Bronze: Lindsay Collins, Phillipsburg

The first place team was the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Floriculture
H.O. Sampson Certificates
1st Place: Clara Kolba, Hackettstown
2nd Place: Shawn Perry, BCIT Westhampton
3rd Place: Brooke Reczka, Newton
3rd Place: Emily Karr, Freehold
4th Place: Hailey Reczka, Newton
5th Place: Krystina Mabie, BCIT-Westhampton

Medals
- Gold: Clara Kolba, Hackettstown
- Silver: Shawn Perry, BCIT-Westhampton
- Bronze: Brooke Reczka, Newton
- Bronze: Emily Karr, Freehold

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

**Nursery and Landscape**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Sydne Hunter, Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
3rd Place: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold
4th Place: Jon Nelk, Monmouth County
5th Place: Timothy Gallager, Monmouth County

Medals
- Gold: Sydne Hunter, Cape May Tech
- Silver: Hannah Stone, Cape May Tech
- Bronze: Kristianne Dowd, Freehold

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

**Veterinary Science**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford
2nd Place: Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford
3rd Place: Danielle Lim, BCIT-Medford
4th Place: Liz Muller, Newton
5th Place: Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology

Medals
- Gold: Lydia Vota, BCIT-Medford
- Silver: Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford
- Bronze: Danielle Lim, BCIT-Medford

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

**Talent**

Kyle Clement from the Salem County FFA Chapter performed a medley of piano classics.

**National Event Sweepstakes Award**

*Chapter:* Congratulations to the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes Award for placing 18th 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 **Shannon Bley** of the **Freehold FFA Chapter** for receiving the individual National Sweepstakes Award for placing 2nd out of 160 individuals in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

**Closing Ceremonies**
Session IV


**Opening Ceremonies**

**Introduction of Guests**
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 511 members, advisors, and guests present.

**Joenelle Futrell’s Keynote Address**
Joenelle Futrell, 2012-2013 National FFA Eastern Region Vice President, presented her keynote address, “Good Enough”

**Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards**
*1st Place:* Phillipsburg

**American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**
New Jersey’s American FFA Degree candidates were recognized as follows:
- Ernest Arians- Ocean County
- Gillian Armstrong-Northern Burlington
- Adam Brant-Penns Grove
- James H. Ferguson III-Cape May Tech
- Joseph D. Goodenough IV-Northern Burlington
- Jessica Lynn McCosker-Salem Co. Vo. Tech
- Erin Mulrooney-Philipsburg
- James N. Nardelli-Cumberland Regional
- Morgan Ryan Schnorrbusch-Philipsburg
- Heather R. Shinn-Northern Burlington
- Levi P. Wainwright- Northern Burlington

**Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education**
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, State Program Leader for Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor, brought greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education.

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

**Jim Bischoff** – Owner of Jim Bischoff Landscaping

**Robert Bischoff**- Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional at Lee Bischoff Landscape Maintenance

**Stephen Cochrane**- Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at the Upper Freehold Regional School District

**Diane Galgoci**- Union County FFA Alumni Member and Parent

**Joseph Massare**- Superintendent at the Penns Grove-Carney’s Point School District
Greg McGraw- Supervisor of Curriculum at Cumberland Regional High School

Robin McLean- Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor at Northern Burlington Middle School

Brian Palmer- Purdue Location Manager and Merchant

Thomas Sansevero-Principal at Monmouth County Career Center

Lou Sylvester- Vice Principal and Supervisor of Clubs and Activities at North Warren Regional High School

**Tractor Driving Event**

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington  
2nd Place: Tyler Gravatt, Allentown  
3rd Place: Brendan Powers, Monmouth County  
4th Place: Cody Cassidy, Salem County  
5th Place: Holly Whitmore, Warren Hills

Medals  
Gold: Benjamin Wainwright, Northern Burlington  
Silver: Tyler Gravatt, Allentown  
Bronze: Brendan Powers, Monmouth County

**Job Interview Event**

1st Place: Carly Seldow, Phillipsburg  
2nd Place: Melanie Mayhew, Cumberland Regional  
3rd Place: Chelsea Keegan, BCIT-Medford

**Demonstration**

Individual Awards

1st Place: Andrew Cannavo, Phillipsburg  
2nd Place: Paige Hennigan, Sussex Tech  
3rd Place: Emily Donais, Penns Grove

Team Awards

1st Place: Delsea Regional  
2nd Place: Hackettstown  
3rd Place: Cape May Tech

**Retiring Address: Lauren Fillebrown**

Lauren Fillebrown delivered her retiring address “BElieve in YOUrself ” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

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**Closing Ceremonies**
Session V

Delaney Gray, 2012-2013 State FFA Secretary, and Gaspar Hernandez IV, 2011-2012 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Official Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests
There were 7 State Officers, 5 Executive Committee members, and 531 members, advisors, and guests present.

Reflections – “Our Habitudes”
The State Officers shared habits that helped them be the best leaders they could be.

WLC Scholarship
The New Jersey FFA Alumni Association awarded Hope Cahill from the Monmouth County FFA Chapter and Paige Hennigan from the Sussex Tech FFA Chapter the opportunity to attend Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Video Public Relations Award
The Union County FFA Chapter was awarded a plaque and recognition pins for their video in the single event category.

Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards
2012-2013 Star State Chapter in Agricultural Placement: Peter Dudek, Middlesex Piscataway
2012-2013 Star State Chapter Farmer: George Stillwell, Allentown
2012-2013 Star State Greenhand: Stacey Giordano, Warren Hills

Greetings from the National FFA Organization
Ms. Sherene Donaldson, National FFA Executive Secretary brought greetings from the National FFA Organization and challenged the members to “Each One, Reach One” in order to get more students involved in Agricultural Education and FFA.

Superior Chapter Awards
Belvidere
North Warren
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County
Sussex Tech

National Chapter Award
Gold: Penns Grove – 1st
Allentown – 2nd
Silver: Northern Burlington -3rd
Essex Co. VTS Agriscience
Bronze: Freehold
Newton
Phillipsburg
Warren Hills
**Most Improved Chapter**
Congratulations to the **Salem County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2013 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

**Greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**
**Ms. Monique Purcell**, Division Director, brought greetings from the Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

**State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition**
**Lauren Fillebrown**
Advisors – Mr. Babbit and Mr. Butler  
Administrator – Mr. Troxel

**Joseph Goodenough Anne Poinsett**
Advisors – Ms. Green, Mr. Dunnicci, Mrs. Potts, Mr. Hagar, Mr. Hlubik, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mr. Hilgendorff  
Administrators – Mrs. Sally Lopez and Dr. Cathy McCormick

**Kyle Clement**
Advisor – Ms. Keely Weinberger  
Administrator – Mr. Helder

**Gaspar Hernandez IV**
Advisors – Mr. Pede, Mr. Christian, and Mr. Ridge  
Administrator – Ms. Karen Mazur

**Delaney Gray**
Advisor – Mr. Ducey and Mrs. Guttadora  
Administrator- Mr. Thomas Gallahue

**Ernest Arians**
Advisor-Mrs. Szulecki  
Administrator-Ms. Zavattieri

**Proficiency Awards**
**Animal Production**, **Placement**: David Watts, Penns Grove  
**Vegetable Production**, **Placement**: Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington

**Best Dressed Chapter**
Congratulations to the **Phillipsburg FFA Chapter** for being the 2013 Best Dressed Chapter.

**Soybean Yield Contest Awards**
The winner of the 2012 Soybean Yield Contest is **Kyle Kumple** of the **Northern Burlington FFA Chapter**.

**FFA Essay Events Awards**
**Division I**: Hunter Mulryne, Allentown  
**Division II**: Nina Earle, Warren Hills  
**Division III**: Salvatore Rinaldo, Sussex Tech
**FFA Week Awards**

1st Place: Monmouth County  
2nd Place: Northern Burlington  
3rd Place: Essex County VTS Agriscience

**Distinguished Service**
The State Distinguished Service awards were presented to the Garden Club of Cape May, J. Verkade Nursery, North Warren Farm and Home Supply, and Baylor’s Landscapes.

**Special Recognition**
Eric Nelson  
Keely Weinberger  
Krista Freed  
Leon Delcher  
Brianne Scholl

**Convention Stage Decorations Recognition**
For winning the Floral Design Career Development Event, members of the Allentown FFA Chapter provided decorations for the convention stage. A stipend was presented for their efforts.

**Courtesy Corps Recognition**
Allentown: Craig Baum, Clayton Rodgers, James Asprocolas  
Cumberland Regional: Joshua Loew, Brock Lore  
Freehold: Emily Karr  
Hackettstown: Robert Kucharski  
Middlesex-East Brunswick: Corey Blake, Sharnette Killings, Christopher Androvich  
Middlesex-Piscataway: Stephen Mehes, Katelyn Boscia  
Monmouth County: Arianna Reed, Maria Martinez, Breanna Bishop, Luisa Ortega  
Northern Burlington: Paulina Oleinik, Jake Lounsberry  
Ocean County: Kevin Montaner, Sean Motta  
Penns Grove: Jaymes Dennison, Michael Rosario, Emily Donais  
Union County: Matthew Hirsch, Marissa Montero  
Warren Hills: Colin Cudworth  
Woodstown: Sarah Cater, Emily La Pollz, Brooke Suydam

**Outstanding Courtesy Corps Member**
Congratulations to Chris Androvich from the Monmouth County FFA Chapter for being selected as the 2013 Outstanding Courtesy Corps member!

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

**Talent Performance**
Casey DeStasio from the Freehold FFA Chapter sang “Gone” by Kelly Clarkson.

**Garden State Degree Ceremony**
Allentown: James Asprocolas, Jessalee Cruz
Jessie Hickey
Jenna Pinhas
Jessica Tegano
Nicole Wright

BCIT-Westhampton: Jessica Buyers
Belvidere: Vincent Petruzzi
Cape May Tech: Brandon Alloway
Eric Emmel
Nicholas Martin
Matthew Ricci
Hannah Stone

Cumberland Regional: Kaitlyn Eachus
Freehold: Brianna Besso
Kristianne Dowd
Michaela Kramer

Middlesex-East Brunswick: Angela Linke
Middlesex-Piscataway: Michelle Moss
Monmouth County: Katelyn Hulsel
Newton: Ryan Brewster
Joseph Cercone
Alexandra Clarke
Nicholas Cowie
Erin Dearborn
Joshua Le Mason
Nicholas Lemoncelli
Shannon Thomas

North Warren: Christopher Bailey
Jerret Belcher
Marissa Kerkendall
Dylan Suk
Sarah Turner

Northern Burlington: Joseph Bibus
Wesley Bouchelle
Clinton Carty
Catherine Cincotta
Kelly Gangel
Jacob Colb
Bronson Lyon
Nick Pica
Jessica Robinson
Benjamin Wainwright
Patrick Zavacky

Phillipsburg: Michael Sartini
Aniko Smigelsky

Union County: Matthew Hirsch
Sean Pruszkowski

Warren Hills: Holly Whitmore
Woodstown: Katie Hall
Allison Hitchner
Amber Sickler
Shelby Willetts
**Star State Awards**

2012-2013 State Star in Agricultural Placement: James Asprocolas, Allentown
2012-2013 State Star Farmer: Catherine Cincotta, Northern Burlington

**Retiring Address: Ernie Arians**
Ernie Arians delivered his retiring address “I Believe in You!” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

**Nominating Committee Report**
Stacey Giordano of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

- Executive Committee: Lauren Fillebrown, Anne Poinsett, Ernest Arians
- State Parliamentarian: Stuat Faunce
- State Sentinel: David Watts
- State Reporter: Catherine Cincotta
- State Treasurer: Kristianne Dowd
- State Secretary: Kelly Gangle
- State Vice President: Delaney Gray
- State President: Kyle Clement

**Motion by Stacey Giordano from the Warren Hills FFA Chapter** to accept the Nominating Committee report as read.

- There is an implied second. Motion passed.

**Motion by Wesley Bouchelle from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter** to accept the 2013-2014 slate of State Officers.

- Seconded by Andrew Rudd of the Belvidere FFA Chapter. Motion passed.

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

**Installation of 2013-2014 State Officers**
The newly elected State FFA Officers were installed into their respective offices.

**Convention in Review**
The 2013 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

**Passing of the Gavel**
2012-2013 State FFA President Ernest Arians, passed the gavel to 2013-2014 State FFA President Ernest Arians, who brought closing remarks.

**Closing Ceremonies**
Career Development Events Review and Evaluation Committee
Committee Report
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington Middle  Brianna Besso, Freehold
Devon Bruynell, Salem County Vo Tech  Marissa Kerkendall, North Warren
Joe Bravo, Cape May Tech  Michael Sartini, Phillipsburg
Rachel Robbins, Cumberland Regional  Alyssa Ferarro, Sussex Tech
Maven McEvoy, Belvidere  Amber Suekler, Woodstown
Frank Merrill, Somerset  Dave Modrouski, Somerset
Kyle Clement, State FFA Reporter  Tiffany Morey (Teacher), Essex Co. VTS

Purpose of Meeting:
To review and evaluate Career Development Events.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
- Link Pennsylvania FFA study guide to the New Jersey Ag Ed Bulletin Board
  - Milk Quality and Products CDE:
    - Add more paddles to make event run smoothly and make labels on CMT samples more clear
  - Forestry CDE:
    - Include 20 tree ID instead of 15
    - Include a chainsaw parts ID
    - Include Troubleshoot safety inspection
    - Include a tree disorder section
  - Minimum percent mastery of events:
    - All teams competing in a CDE should be required to pass with a team score of at least 65% in order to qualify for representing NJ at National Convention

Alyssa Ferraro, Sussex Tech – Chairman
Brianna Besso, Freehold – Secretary
Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities Committee
Committee Report
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Andrew Rudd, Belvidere
Elizabeth Taylor, Buena
Charles McDaniel, South Hunterdon
Kayla Boutillier, Sussex Tech
Ernest Arians, State FFA President
Robin McLean (Teacher), Northern Burlington Middle

Stephanie Lighler, BCIT West Vet
Michael Wilson, Ocean County
Justine Wolenski, Hackettstown
Angela Linke, Middlesex East Brunswick

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
- Include State Community Service Project 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)

Andrew Rudd, Belvidere – Chairman
Michael Wilson, Ocean County – Secretary
Horticultural Exposition Committee  
Committee Report  
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Miranda Gable, Northern Burlington Middle  
Lexy Ratliff, Piscataway Vo Tech  
Kelsey Benedette, Delsea Regional  
Tori Mastrellla, Middlesex East Brunswick  
Megan Loew, Cumberland Regional  
Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech  
Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County  
Deion Gonzalez, Essex County  
Antonio Mejia, Bankbridge Regional  
Kristen Mackintosh, BCIT Westhampton  
Delaney Gray, State FFA Secretary  
Nan Hamilton (Teacher) Northern Burlington

Purpose of Meeting:  
To discuss and review Horticultural Exposition and the Floral Design CDE.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
  • Change the “Dried Delights” category to “Country Delights”; make it both silk and dried materials.
  • Create two size limits. The first being 24x24x24 and leave the second to the committee. (choose certain classes to be exempt such as “Mardi Gras”)
  • Change the pot size in Class 102 from 41/2” to 6”
  • Change the description of “European Dish Garden” so that each plant in is a separate pot.
  • Change the name of “Give it All You Got” to “Trend Setters”
  • Change the sign in sheet for classes that have only one entry per chapter
  • Class 108 should be clarify that it is one entry (flat) per chapter
  • Create a “Fairy Garden” class
  • Create a “Potted Perennial” class
  • Keep the two stations at the Floral Design CDE

Nate Horvath, Cape May Tech – Chairman  
Cheyenne Welch, Monmouth County – Secretary
Membership and Chapter Relations Committee
Committee Report
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Suzane Riegelman, Biotechnology
Alma Arriagadd, BCIT West Vet
Chelsey Reegan, BCIT Medford
Quinn Overcash, Cape May Tech
Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown
Anne Poinsett, State Vice President

Alex Eldridge, South Hunterdon Middle
Yanitza Mendez, Camden Pennsauken
Liz Muller, Newton
Alina Robinson, Ocean County
Dale Cruzan (Teacher), Allentown

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

Recommended Actions to be Taken
• Review the Program Affiliation and consider lowering the increments related to cost and membership.
• Place Sussex Tech FFA Chapter on a 1 year probation period
• Continue with the social media plan

Victoria Reyes, Hackettstown – Chairman
Liz Muller, Newton – Secretary
State Applications Committee
Committee Report
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Rebecca Cruts, North Warren
Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington
Janaja Mcclurkin, Middlesex Piscataway
Amanda McDade, Warren Hills
Nathania Hector, Essex County
Gaspar Hernandez, State FFA Treasurer
Stacy Dennis, Penns Grove
George Stillwell, Allentown
Vinny Petruzzi, Buena
Edgar Sanchez, Union
Shannon Thomas, Newton
Joel Rudderow (Teacher), Penns Grove

Purpose of Meeting:
To review state applications.

Recommended Actions to be Taken

- Blue Jackets, Bright Futures:
  o Change question 3 to a list
  o Make seniors in high school ineligible

- FFA Week Application:
  o Number of members to be stated OR number of members and percentage of active members be stated OR number of of FFA members involved column be changed to percentage of members involved.
  o Multimedia be accepted as well as pamphlets
  o Part two should read “Describe in size 12 font in space available” instead of “Describe in 50 words or less.”

- Advisor of the Year
  o Remove percentage of enrollment of FFA member
  o Section 3, part A, question 1 be changed to a list of courses, brief description, number of sections and hours per week taught.
  o Section 2 be graded as eligibility but included in total.

- Public Relations
  o Remove “dues paid” from question 2

Nathania Hector, Essex County – Chairman
Shannon Thomas, Newton – Secretary
Committee Members Present:
Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon                Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology
Rebecca Case, South Hunterdon Middle        Nailen Y. Moore, Camden Pennsauken
Shelby M. Wells, BCIT Medford               Morgan Houses, Bankbridge
Amanda Buchel, Phillipsburg                 Joe DelGiurno, Delsea
Joseph Goodenough, State FFA Sentinel
Lisa Ann Moschera Chernigovets (Teacher), Middlesex East Brunswick

Purpose of Meeting:
Evaluate the convention, the community service project, and the courtesy corps application.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
• Promote the Talent Show application
• Need different ideas for session one, was only a 10 or 11
• Sessions are too long. Make a lot of short sessions instead
• Enforce the lights out
• Sessions could be more audience involved
• Have intermissions in between sessions. Maybe let the members dance onstage.
• Make sure that there no room or bathroom mix-ups
• Have the ice cream at the social already served or have servers
• Courtesy Corps:
  o Only have people sign up for courtesy corps if they plan on taking it seriously
  o Application should have a reference
  o Application should have a contract
• Keep streaming the convention on iHigh
• Have fun activities or ice breakers for the students before registration.

Alex Byrnes, Biotechnology – Chairman
Myranda Bond, South Hunterdon – Secretary
State Leadership Activities Committee
Committee Report
May 22, 2013

Committee Members Present:
Kendal Morgan, Penns Grove   Victoria Nelson, Salem County Vo Tech
Hashem Selim, Union County    Shawn Perry, BCIT Westhampton
Andrew Burnham, Woodstown    Nina Earle, Warren Hills
Brendan Powers, Monmouth County Michaela Kramer, Freehold
Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington Jessie Hickey, Allentown
Samuel Rubenstein, Executive Committee Brian Ducey (Teacher), Freehold

Purpose of Meeting:
Review State Activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve them.

Recommended Actions to be Taken
- To have a facilitator’s workshop at COLT
- Keep National Facilitators at 212
- Extend time in ALLD workshops by 15 minutes
- To have activities, trivia, and other ice breakers at the tables before brunch at ALLD

Jessica Robinson, Northern Burlington– Chairman
Michaela Kramer, Freehold– Secretary
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