

# NEW JERSEY FFA FOUNDATION, INC. 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF GIFTS FROM JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016



**2016-2017 NEW JERSEY STATE FFA OFFICERS**

## State Awards & Activities Fund\*

Donations received from Agricultural Education supporters are invested for FFA leadership, chapter and individual incentive awards, career development events and special personal development activities.

\* Formerly the General Fund

## Special Project Fund

Investments are made to projects for specific business or personal interest. Projects may include career development events, leadership development, scholarships, travel expenses, awards, national FFA convention, activities or state FFA officer activities.

## Memorial Fund

Investments made in memory of a loved one.

**VISION**

To create leadership and educational opportunities for students enrolled in Agricultural Education through unified fundraising efforts, while building awareness and value in Agricultural Education





**NEW JERSEY  
FFA FOUNDATION**


## Categories of Support

There are 9 categories of support in all fund categories:

Rising Sun	\$10,000 or more
Blue & Gold	\$7,500 to \$9,999
New Horizon	\$5,000 to \$7,499
Legacy	\$2,000 to \$4,999
Star	\$1,000 to \$1,999
Gold	\$500 to \$999
Silver	\$100 to \$499
Bronze	\$50 to \$99
Contributor	\$0 to \$49

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# STATE AWARD AND ACTIVITIES FUND

## Gold

Mr. John Grover  
Rustin Farms

## Silver

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ayers  
Mr. & Mrs. William Borst  
Mr. Frank Dragotta  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Garrison  
Mr. Richard Hartung  
Mr. & Mrs. Jacque & Cynthia Roszel

# SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

## Blue & Gold Category

Farm Credit East  
Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship Fund

## Rising Sun Category

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity  
Alpha Delta Epsilon Scholarship

CSX Transportation  
CSX Leadership Grant

## New Horizons Category

Mr. & Mrs. Jacque & Cynthia Roszel  
Roszel Scholarshi Fund

Legacy Category  
Farm Credit East, ACA  
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Ms. Edna Garrison  
Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Star Category  
Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture  
International Leadership Seminar for State  
Officers

New Jersey FFA Alumni Association  
International Leadership Seminar for State  
Officers

Port Colden United Methodist Church  
Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship Fund

South Hunterdon FFA Alumni Assocation  
International Leadership Seminar for State  
Officers

## Gold

Mr. & Mrs. David Bond  
International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers

Mrs. Sara Cobb  
Sara Cobb Agricultural Education  
Scholarship

Dusty Lane Farm  
State Officer Fuel Up Retreat

Mr. William Hilgendorff  
William Hilgendorff, III Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Mid-State Equipment Co. Inc.  
International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers

National FFA Organization  
Agricultural Education Summit

New Jersey Farm Bureau  
Agricultural Issues Forum Career  
Development Event

Tractor Supply Company  
Growing Leaders Fund

Silver Category  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Sharon Barends  
Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship  
Fund

Bent Creek Game Farm LLC  
Roszel Scholarship Fund

“Thank you so much for awarding me this cash prize! I was so ecstatic to win the Job Interview CDE! Winning first place was an amazing experience, and the cash prize was icing on the cake. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. I had an amazing time at convention and participating in this event! Thank you, again!”

-Hana Feuer,  
Cape May Tech  
FFA

“Thank you so much for your generous donation. I greatly appreciate your contribution to my education. Participating in the 3-5 minute public speaking event has improved my speaking skills greatly. Without your support, I would not have had this opportunity. I again thank you for your consideration and altruism.”

-Amy Elwell,  
Salem Co. Vo.  
Tech FFA

**Silver Category (continued)**

**Ms. Joan Birchenall**  
*Dr. John M. Cummings Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

**Cruzans Truck Service Inc.**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Essex County Board of Agriculture**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Mr. John Grover**  
*James Sheaffer Memorial Fund*

**Hamilton Grange No. 79**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horn**  
*David Seeley Memorial Scholarship  
Fund*

**Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil  
Conservation District**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Dr. Roger Locandro**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Ms. Debra McCluskey**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Silver Category (continued)**

**Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Teresa Nagy**  
*Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Francine Nagy**  
*Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

**New Jersey Agricultural Society**  
*Chapter Challenge Event Award*

**New Jersey Association of Agricultural  
Educators**  
*Teach Agriculture Event*

**New Jersey State Grange**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Mr. & Mrs. John & Laurie Neyhart**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures." Program*

**Mr. & Mrs. Jacque & Cynthia Roszel**  
*Farm Business Management CDE; Horse  
Evaluation CDE; National Sweepstakes  
Award*

**Mr. Jay K. Rupell**  
*David Seeley Memorial Scholarship Fund in  
memory of Doris Parr*

**Mr. Brian Seeley**  
*David Seeley Memorial Scholarship  
Fund*



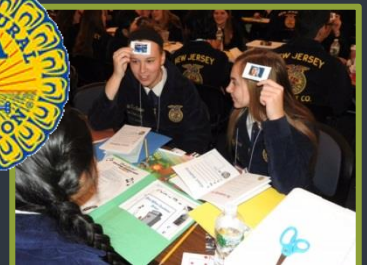
**2015 American Degree  
Recipients**



**National Convention  
Membership Recognition**



**State Convention  
Recognition**



**State Officer Candidates'  
School**



**Agricultural Technology  
and Mechanical Systems  
Career Development Event**

# NEW JERSEY FFA FOUNDATION, INC.

*The New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides financial support to agricultural education students through activities of the New Jersey FFA Association. Contributions to the New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc. are 501(c)(3) tax deductible.*



"Thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship. I am so grateful that you have chosen to help me pursue my goals to become a food scientist. When I was in high school, I was not sure what I would like to do or major in for college. I knew I liked math and science, so I was heading towards the engineering field. However, once FFA opened me up to food science through the Food Science Career Development Event, I found that I had a passion for the work done. It combined math, science, and food; how could I pass that up? Since I started college two years ago, that passion has grown into a love for the field and the work. I am constantly learning of new processes, innovative methods, and opportunities, all of which excite me even more. I thank you for helping make it possible to continue pursuing my passion for this field. Your contribution towards furthering my education is greatly appreciated and definitely does not go unnoticed. Thank you so much!"

-Melanie Mayhew,  
Cumberland Regional  
FFA

### Silver Category (continued)

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Ruth Seeley**  
David Seeley Memorial Scholarship  
Fund

**Ms. Kathryn A. Sharma**  
Bilinski Scholarship Fund for  
Hackettstown FFA Chapter

**Somerset County Board of Agriculture**  
International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers

**Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Nancy Trivette**  
Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial  
Scholarship Fund; "Blue Jackets.  
Bright Futures." Program

**Warren County Farmers' Fair  
Association**  
Robert Hoser Honorary Leadership  
Fund

**Zoetis**  
Veterinary Science Career  
Development Event

**Mr. Gerard John Zvarick**  
International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers

### Bronze Category

**Ms. Patricia Adamo**  
Michael Anema Memorial Scholarship  
Fund

**Mrs. Cheryl Alfonse**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Bilyk - Bilyk Farms**  
Taylor Jellife Memorial Scholarship  
Fund

**Mr. & Mrs. David Burdge**  
Clarence and Stanley Garrison  
Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Cape May Tech Swim Coaches**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Mr. Dominic Cicalese**  
State Officer Club Fund

### Bronze Category (continued)

**Mr. Chester Crane**  
Harry Schnieber Memorial Scholarship  
Fund

**Mr. and Mrs. Dale & Krista Cruzan**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Ms. Laurie Emhe**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Ms. Stephanie Fisher**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Mr. James Gregory**  
William Hilgendorff III Memorial  
Scholarship

**GROWMARK FS, LLC**  
Agriscience Fair

**Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Karen Ludwig**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Mr. Brian T. Martin**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Ms. Kirsten Miller**  
"Blue Jacket. Bright Futures." Program

**Moravian Grange No. 187**  
Harry Schnieber Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

**New Jersey Agricultural Society**  
International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers; "Blue Jackets. Bright  
Futures." Program

**Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Erin Noble**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Ms. Elizabeth Pastore**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

**Mr. Matt Pleasants**  
"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program

Bronze Category (continued)

**Mr. John Polhemus**  
*Harry Schnieber Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

**Ms. Patty Potts**  
*Clarence and Stanley Garrison  
Memorial Scholarship Fund*

**Ms. Virginia Roma**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program*

**Ms. Joan Schnieber**  
*Harry Schnieber Memorial  
Scholarship Fund*

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Barbara Shinn**  
*International Leadership Seminar for  
State Officers*

Bronze Category (continued)

**Ms. Hanna Toft**  
*"Blue Jackets. Bright Futures."  
Program*

**Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Nancy Trivette**  
*State Officer Support Fund*

Contributor Category  
**Mr. Dale Cruzan**  
*State Officer Club Fund*

**Dr. Roger Locandro**  
*State Officer Club Fund*

**Mrs. Erin Noble**  
*State Officer Support Fund; State  
Officer Club Fund*

## BEQUESTS

Donate a portion of your estate towards Agricultural Education/FFA projects to assist in preparing young people for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture!

*"My name is Katie White, and I am part of the Allentown FFA Chapter. I was a recipient of the "Blue Jackets. Bright Futures" Program at the 87<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention. I just wanted to thank the Foundation so much for my new FFA jacket.*

*I love having my new jacket to wear at chapter events. I am proud to represent my chapter, along with the entire FFA organization, every time I wear it. It is a true honor to be able to wear the blue corduroy along with the rest of the members of the FFA community. Thank you for sponsoring my jacket and allowing me to show the world that I am FFA Proud.*

*The 87<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention is the first state convention I've attended and receiving my jacket helped me to realize even more what being part of the FFA is all about. The convention has made me eager to attend different FFA events and become a more active member. Thank you again for my jacket and just for making the convention a really great experience."*

*-Katie White, Allentown FFA*



State Officer Candidates' School



1<sup>st</sup> Place Turf Management CDE Team



State Convention Recognition



Leadership Experience And Development Conference



Fruits and Vegetables Career Development Event

# 2015-2016 TOTAL INDIVIDUAL GIVING

(PER CATEGORY OF SUPPORT)

## Rising Sun

Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity; **CSX Transportation**; Farm Credit East;

## New Horizon

Mr. & Mrs. Jacque & Cynthia Roszel

## Legacy

Ms. Edna Garrison

## Star

Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture; **New Jersey Alumni Association**;  
**Port Colden United Methodist Church**; South Hunterdon FFA Alumni Association

## Gold

Mr. & Mrs. David Bond; **Mrs. Sara Cobb**; Dusty Lane Farms; **Mr. John Grover**;  
**Mr. William Hilgendorff**; Mid-State Equipment Co. Inc.; **National FFA Organization**;  
New Jersey Farm Bureau; **Rustin Farms**; Tractor Supply Company;  
Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Nancy Trivette

## Silver

**Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Ayers**; Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Sharon Barends;  
Bent Creek Game Farm, LLC; **Ms. Joan Birchenall**; Mr. & Mrs. William Borst;  
**Cruzan's Truck Service, Inc.**; Mr. Frank Dragotta; **Essex County Board of Agriculture**;  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Garrison; **Hamilton Grange No. 79**; Mr. Richard Hartung;  
**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Horn**; Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District;  
Dr. Roger Locandro; **Ms. Debra McCluskey**; Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Teresa Nagy;  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Francine Nagy; **New Jersey Agricultural Society**;  
**New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**; New Jersey State Grange;  
Mr. & Mrs. John & Laurie Neyhart; **Mrs. Erin & Justin Noble**; Mr. Jay K. Rupell;  
**Mr. Brian Seeley**; Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Ruth Seeley, Jr.; **Ms. Kathryn A. Sharma**;  
**Somerset County Board of Agriculture**; **Warren County Farmers' Fair Association**; Zoetis;  
Mr. Gerard John Zvarick

## Bronze

Ms. Patricia Adamo; **Mrs. Cheryl Alfonse**; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Bilyk/Bilyk Farms;  
**Mr. & Mrs. David Burdge**; Cape May Tech Swim Coaches; **Mr. Dominic Cicalese**;  
Mr. Chester Crane; **Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Krista Cruzan**; Ms. Laurie Emhe;  
**Ms. Stephanie Fisher**; Mr. James Gregory; **GROWMARK FS, LLC**;  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Karen Ludwig; **Mr. Brian T. Martin**; Ms. Kirsten Miller;  
**Moravian Grange No. 187**; Ms. Elizabeth Pastore; **Mr. Matt Pleasants**;  
Mr. John Polhemus; **Ms. Patty Potts**; Ms. Virginia Roma; **Ms. Joan Schnieber**;  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Barbara Shinn; Ms. Hanna Toft

My name is Jacelyn Rudderow and I am a sophomore in the Penns Grove FFA Chapter. This year, I was honored and blessed to be selected for the 2016 Star State Greenhand award. I was so thrilled to know that all of the hard work I put into my SAE paid off and that my chapter was recognized. Thank you so much for your sponsorship of this award. I plan to use the monetary award towards my SAE project, which is raising my two pygmy goats. Again, thank you for your sponsorship of the 2016 Star State Greenhand Award.

-Jacelyn  
Rudderow, Penns  
Grove FFA

"Thank you for sponsoring the Hall of States event at this year's state convention! I had a great time building my display with my friends. I have made so many memories that will last me a lifetime. My teammates and I were elated when we heard our names being called for first place! Thank you again for sponsoring the Hall of States. It was a great experience!"

-Maddison Stein,  
Freehold FFA

# OWL CLUB



FFA Advisors (past & present) who donate to the New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc. are members of the Owl Club.

Cheryl Alfonse  
 Sara Cobb  
 Dale Cruzan  
 John Grover  
 Dr. Roger Locandro  
 Brian Martin  
 John Neyhart  
 Laurie Neyhart

Erin Noble  
 Jacque Roszel  
 Cynthia Roszel  
 Jay Rupell  
 Hanna Toft  
 Nancy Trivette  
 Randy Trivette

## STATE OFFICER 'CLUB' FUND

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year(s) Served</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year(s) Served</u>
Dominic Cicalese	1977-1978	Roger Locandro	1954-1955
Dale Cruzan III	2005-2006	Erin (Zukus) Noble	2000-2002

## “ BLUE JACKETS. BRIGHT FUTURES.” PROGRAM

Cruzan’s Truck Service, Inc.  
 Essex County Board of Agriculture  
 Hamilton Grange #79  
 Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District  
 Dr. Roger Locandro  
 Ms. Debra McCluskey  
 New Jersey State Grange  
 Mr. & Mrs. John & Laurie Neyhart  
 Mrs. Cheryl Alfonse  
 Cape May Tech Swim Coaches  
 Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Krista Cruzan  
 Ms. Laurie Emhe  
 Ms. Stephanie Fisher  
 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Karen Ludwig  
 Mr. Brian T. Martin  
 Ms. Kirsten Miller  
 New Jersey Agricultural Society  
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 Ms. Elizabeth Pastore  
 Mr. Matt Pleasants  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Randy & Nancy Trivette



2016 Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Horticultural Exposition



Agricultural Sales Career Development Event



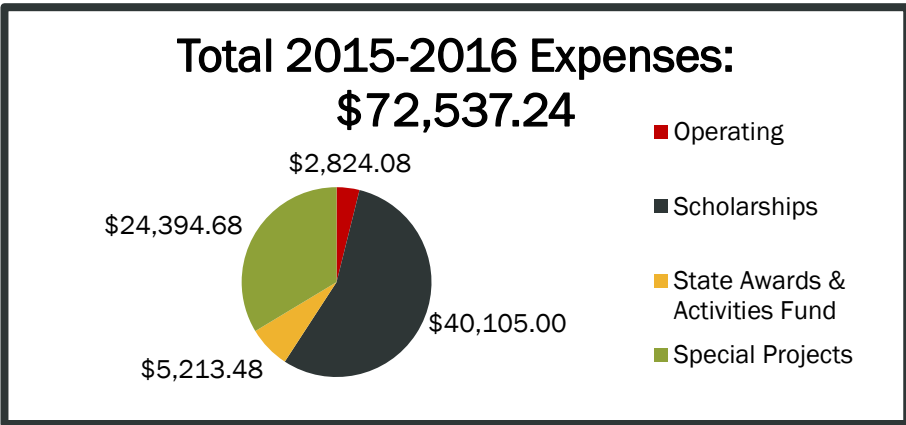
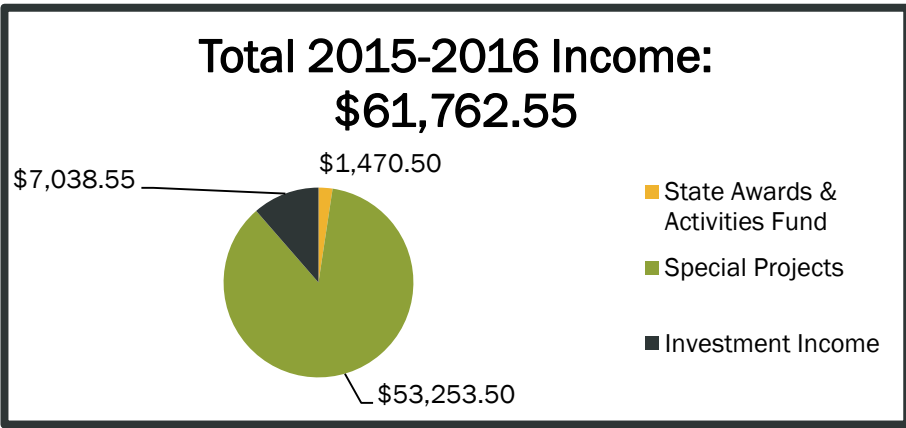
Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day



Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event



*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*



## YES! I want to invest in the future of New Jersey Agriculture!

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Please make checks payable to: New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc.  
Please return this form with your donation to:  
NJ FFA Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 214  
Allentown, NJ 08501

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Please check one:    \_\_\_ State FFA Activities and Awards Fund (formerly General Fund)  
                              \_\_\_ Memorial Fund (please specify name: \_\_\_\_\_)  
                              \_\_\_ Special Project (please specify Area: \_\_\_\_\_)