

80th New Jersey State FFA Convention Proceedings



May 19-21, 2009

Session I

Karis Byram, 2008-2009 State FFA President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 402 members, advisors, and guests present.

Welcome to Rutgers University

Dr. Larry Katz, Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Associate Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, welcomed FFA members and guests on behalf of the college.

Greetings from the NJDA

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

FFA Jacket Presentation

35 New Jersey FFA members were presented with a new FFA Jacket. 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: Richard Potts

Cape May Tech: Ami Adams Jamie Bowden
Margaret C. Bravo Lindsay Cafiero
Brooke Craver Kaity Dunlevy
Sacred DeFeo Andra Ehrhardt
Nichole Hesington Lauren Rodia

Freehold: Brittani Caponegro Taylor Frankel
Nicholas M. Gardner Ashley Marquez
Stephen Milo Sam Rubinstein
Anthony Santoriello, Jr.

Middlesex-East Brunswick: Phelipe Abreu Matt Jones
Kadir Kalkan Lanyse Santiago

Middlesex-Piscataway: Hassan Foote Meagan Mayer-DeChellis
Zachary Motta

Northern Burlington Middle: Ben Wainwright Shelby Lynn South

Ocean County Vo Tech: Theresa B. Carter

Union County: Gabby Aragona Brenda Espinal
Runyton Fuller Guery T. Legagneur
Crystal Pierce Molly Sternal
Mackenzie Tierney

Keynote Address

Barrett Keene presented the Keynote Address, “Meeting My Own Expectations.”

Introduction of NJ State FFA Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee

Karis Byram described the State Officer Nomination and Selection Process and Keely Weinberger introduced the Nominating Committee, the Adult Chair, and Executive Committee Representative:

Brittany Harris - Hackettstown
Ruddy Catala – Middlesex Piscataway
Mike Willadsen – Penns Grove
Justine Sherer - Allentown
Richard Rinehart - Phillipsburg
Alec McAlarnen, Cape May Tech
Adult Coordinator - Ms. Rebecca Schnetzer
Executive Committee Representative - Alyssa Mottram

State Officer Candidates were invited to come to the stage and introduce themselves.

The candidates were:

Jessica Voll - Phillipsburg Allison Karr - Freehold
Hanna Toft- Cape May Tech Eric Nelson - Newton
Brianna Scholl - Hackettstown John Parsons - Newton
Gary Galgoci - Freehold Ashley Frazell - Newton
Skylar Matthews – Woodstown

State Officer Club Presentation

Mrs. Margie Finneran Hurley, the 1978-1979 NJ State President, and her team donated a \$1,000 check to the State Officer Club Fund. This special project fund will help support the state officers’ expenses in their year of office. The 2008-2009 team donated a \$35 check; each officer donated \$5 to the cause.

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

Mr. Chris Nnadi, NJ State FFA Alumni President, addressed the convention on behalf of the NJ FFA Alumni. The results of the FFA Quiz Bowl were Woodstown – 1st place and Monmouth County – 2nd place. The FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship was awarded to Rachel Layton of the Woodstown FFA Chapter. For the Annual FFA Alumni Golf Tournament, Middlesex-East Brunswick FFA Chapter received an award for their outstanding door prize donations, and the Allentown FFA Chapter was deemed the outstanding sponsorship donor.

State FFA Scholarships

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

Harry Schnieber Honorary Scholarship – Gary Galgoci, Union County

John Cummings Memorial Scholarship – Emma Williams, Woodstown

May L. Gerlack State Officer Scholarship – Keely Weinberger, Cape May Tech

C. Fred Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship & Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship – Katie Parr, Warren Hills

Delaware Valley College of Science Agriculture Scholarship & Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship – Karis Byram, Allentown

Arnold Schnetzer FFA Alumni Memorial Scholarship, Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship, Washington Grange #117 Scholarship – Jenny Allen, Warren Hills

Stephen Tucker Scholarship – Cherrelle Bobo, Penns Grove

William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship & the Roszel Scholarship – Justine Sherer-Allentown

Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship – Kaitlyn Lord- Freehold

Woodstown Alumni Association/ Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship – Bridgette Nelson, Woodstown

Atlantic County Grange Scholarship – Aaron D’Addio- Freehold

New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarship – Jennifer Roe, Freehold

Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarship – Karis Byram-Allentown, Abigail Chek-Allentown, Allison Karr-Freehold, Mark Boyko-Middlesex-Piscataway, Ashley Frazell-Newton, Douglas Gomez-Union County, Alison Keggan-Warren Hills, Bridgette Nelson-Woodstown

National FFA Convention Scholarship – Jenny Allen, Warren Hills

National FFA Scholarships

\$1,500 Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship – Robert Fulper, South Hunterdon

Greetings from the National FFA Organization

Past National FFA Southern Region Vice President, Brady Revels, brought greetings to the convention on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

Retiring Address: Hanna Toft

Hanna Toft gave her retiring address entitled “Don’t Stop Believing,” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Mr. Chris Nnadi, with the help of Courtesy Corps Chair, introduced the Courtesy Corps members and described the roles and responsibilities of those individuals.

State Convention Rules

The State Officers played a video skit that displayed the rules for State Convention.

Closing Ceremonies

Reflections

The State Officers gave their reflections.

Session II

Annaliese Gancarz, 2008-2009 State FFA Vice President, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, and 409 members, advisors, and guests present.

Official Ceremonies Event Award

- 1st Place: Allentown
- 2nd Place: Buena
- 3rd Place: Cape May Tech

The 1st place Official Ceremonies team will conduct the Opening Ceremonies at the State FFA Convention Recognition Banquet.

Landscape Design Event Awards

- 1st Place: Aaron D'Addio, Freehold
- 2nd Place: Lauren Maskowitz, Freehold
- 3rd Place: Kerri Caponetto, Freehold

New Jersey FFA Foundation Report

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

FFA Essay Events Awards

- Division 1 winner- Tianua-Marie Griffin, West Essex
- Division 2 winner- Amanda Herbert, Middlesex-Piscataway
- Division 3 winner- Ruddy Catala, Middlesex-Piscataway

FFA Week Awards

- 1st Place: BCIT Westampton
- 2nd Place: Penns Grove
- 3rd Place: Ocean County
- 3rd Place: Allentown

Retiring Address: Brianne Scholl

Brianne Scholl gave her retiring address entitled “My Acronym,” and presented her parents the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Career Development Event Awards

Turf Management

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County
- 2nd Caitlin Venezia, Monmouth County
- 3rd Jason Jedra, Monmouth County
- 4th Kevin Hitchner, Woodstown
- 5th John Parsons, Newton

Medals

- Gold: Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County
- Silver: Caitlin Venezia, Monmouth County
- Bronze: Jason Jedra, Monmouth County

The first place team was the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.

Dairy Foods

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Chris Rogers, North Warren
- 2nd Samuel Casquiera, Newton
- 3rd Kate Murphy, Hackettstown
- 4th Jenny Allen, Warren Hills
- 5th Eric Nelson, Newton
Francis Giambrone, North Warren
Brianne Bendl, Belvidere

Medals

- Gold: Brianne Bendl, Belvidere
- Silver: Russell Smith, Phillipsburg
- Bronze: Chris Rogers

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Farm Business Management

Medals

- Gold: Tessa Masi, Newton
- Silver: Danielle Francisco, Newton
- Bronze: Harley McMahon, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter.

Floral Design

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Anna Lubas, Allentown
- 2nd Nichole DiGennaro, Monmouth County
- 3rd Deanna McMahon, Cumberland
Brittany Ennis, South Hunterdon
Katie Costa, BCIT-Medford
- 4th Lys Marie Perez, West Essex

- 5th Tara Daly, Allentown
Ashley Frazell, Newton
La Quanna Garrett, West Essex

Medals

Gold: Katie Costa, BCIT-Medford
Corey Rader, BCIT Westampton

Silver: Brittany Ennis, South Hunterdon

Bronze: Ashley Frazell, Newton

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

Forestry

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton
Amanda Kirchoff, Newton
Christina Straway, Newton
- 2nd Miranda Nunn, Newton
- 3rd Holly Gaydos, Buena
- 4th Jessica Foster, Salem County Vo Tech
- 5th Tyler Wyker, Hackettstown

Medals

Gold: Ashley Lemoncelli, Newton

Silver: Amanda Kirchoff, Newton

Bronze: Christina Straway, Newton

The first place team was the Newton FFA Chapter

Fruits and Vegetables

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Taylor DuBois, Woodstown
- 2nd Amber Leavy, Monmouth County
- 3rd Corey Radar, BCIT-Westampton
Morgan Lubbe, Allentown
- 4th Paige McMahon, Cumberland
Anna Lubas, Allentown
Allison Karr, Freehold
- 5th Daniel Wolek, Allentown
Bradley VanPelt, Cumberland
Michael Rivera, BCIT-Westampton
Desire Reese, Freehold
Jonathan Lavdas, BCIT-Westampton
Jasmine Beasdale, BCIT-Westampton

Medals

Gold: Taylor DuBois, Woodstown

Silver: Amber Leavy, Monmouth County

Bronze: Corey Radar, BCIT-Westampton
Morgan Lubbe, Allentown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Horse Evaluation

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Tom Spain, Northern Burlington
- 2nd Rachel Layton, Woodstown
- 3rd Olivia Gleissner, Woodstown
- 4th Lauren Jeffery, Allentown
- 5th Ashley Seyglinski, Allentown

Medals

Gold: Tom Spain, Northern Burlington

Silver: Rachel Layton, Woodstown

Bronze: Olivia Gleissner, Woodstown

The winning team was the Woodstown FFA Chapter.

Land Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

- 1st Nichole Ondy, Allentown
- 2nd Matt Carney, Allentown
- 3rd Rich Potts, Allentown
- 4th Ed Struck, Allentown
- 5th Justin Choka, Newton
Casey Campbell, Newton

Medals

Gold: Nichole Ondy, Allentown

Silver: Matt Carney, Allentown

Bronze: Rich Potts, Allentown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Poultry Evaluation

H.O. Sampson

- 1st Dustin Wilson, Woodstown
- 2nd Nichole Ondy, Allentown
- 3rd Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington
- 4th Dylan Armstrong, Northern Burlington
- 5th Byron Armstrong, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Nichole Ondy, Allentown

Silver: Dustin Wilson, Woodstown

Bronze: Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington

The first place team was the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Dairy Handlers

Katie Loew from the Cumberland Regional FFA Chapter received a banner for earning first place in the event.

Horticultural Exposition Best of Division Recognition

Horticulture Division: Janice Perry, Monmouth County

Fresh Division: Aaron Edwards, Bankbridge Regional

Permanent Division: Chris Smith, Freehold

Adult Division: Peggy Grady, Bankbridge Regional

Retiring Address: Mark Boyko

Mark Boyko gave his retiring address entitled “You’ve Got to Get a Little Mud on Your Tires,” and thanked his parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Agriscience Teacher of the Year

The Agriscience teacher of the year was Ms. JoAnn Sopchak of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter.

Agriscience Fair Recognition

The following individuals will have the opportunity to compete at the National FFA Convention in October:

Division II Winners:

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science- Jeff Neyhart-Biotechnology

Botany-Theresa Krawjec-Salem Vo. Tech

Environmental Sciences-Nicole Yaron-Biotechnology

Zoology-Ami Adams-Cape May Tech

Division III Winners:

Botany- Deborah Bakshiyev & Alexa Avitto-Biotechnology

Zoology- Kathrine Rittenbach & Daria Lukasz-Biotechnology

Division III Winners:

Environmental Science- Nicolette Canale & Emily Bourke-Biotechnology

Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science- Samantha Giffen & Shelly Grinshpun-Biotechnology

Engineering- Neil Jethani & Daniel Ipatchi-Biotechnology

Division IV Winners:

Botany- Andi Ehrhardt & Kaity Dunlevy-Cape May Tech

Environmental Sciences- Katie Mumford & Carly Hilton-Cape May Tech

Biotechnology/Microbiology/Food Science- Domenic Desocio & Jennifer Nestor-Biotechnology

The following are overall event winners and recipients of cash awards sponsored by the New Jersey FFA Foundation.

Individuals:

1st Place: Jeff Neyhardt, Biotechnology

2nd Place: Nicole Yaron, Biotechnology

3rd Place: Ami Adams, Cape May Tech

Teams:

1st Place: Neil Jethani & Daniel Ipatchi, Biotechnology

2nd Place: Nicolette Canale & Emily Bourke, Biotechnology

3rd Place: Domenic Desocio & Jennifer Nestor, Biotechnology

Closing Ceremonies

2008 Delegate Business Session

State President, Karis Byram, presided and called the delegate business session to order at 1:05 pm. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor, served as the official Parliamentarian.

There were 59 delegates and 6 executive board members present. A majority vote would require 30 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 40 votes.

The 79th NJ FFA State Convention proceedings were presented.

Motion by Abigail Chek of the Allentown FFA Chapter to approve the proceedings of the 79th New Jersey State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Kevin Cannon of the Delsea Regional FFA chapter.
Motion passes.

Motion by Greg Ritter to from the Belvidere FFA chapter to accept the 2009-2010 NJ Dues Proposal.

Seconded by Julianne Robinson of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter. Motion passes.

Motion by Sean Roberts of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter to accept the 1st National Proposal.

Seconded by Alexandria Couskey of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter.
Motion Passes.

Motion by Julianne Robertson of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter to accept the 2nd National Proposal.

Seconded by Kerri Capenetto of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Motion Passes.

Motion by Dustin Zukus of the Allentown FFA Chapter to accept the 3rd National Proposal.

Seconded by Bobby Sutton of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.
Motion Passes.

Motion by Abigail Chek of the Allentown FFA chapter to adjourn the 80th delegate business session.

Seconded by Bobby Suttten of the Monmouth County FFA Chapter.
Motion Ppasses.

Session III

Brianne Scholl, 2009-2010 State FFA Parliamentarian, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, and 425 members, advisors, and guests present.

Public Speaking Awards

FFA Creed

- 1st Place: Sarah McCaffrey, South Hunterdon Middle
- 2nd Place: Morgan Lubbe, Allentown
- 3rd Place: Megan Coulson, Newton

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st Place: Sarah Flora, Newton
- 2nd Place: Sarah Baker, South Hunterdon
- 3rd Place: Sam Rubinstein, Freehold

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

- 1st Place: Ashley Frazell, Newton
- 2nd Place: Holly Toft, Cape May Tech
- 3rd Place: Dilynn Huthansel, South Hunterdon

Extemporaneous Speaking

- 1st Place: Eric Nelson, Newton
- 2nd Place: Morgan Taylor, Phillipsburg

Agriculture Awareness Awards

- 1st Place: Penns Gove
- 2nd Place: Middlesex-Piscataway

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

- 1st Place: Woodstown
- 2nd Place: Allentown
- 3rd Place: Warren Hills

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

- 1st Place: Woodstown
- 2nd Place: Allentown
- 3rd Place: Camden-Pennsauken

Retiring Address Annaliese Gancarz

Annaliese Gancarz gave her retiring address entitled "It's My Life," and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer of the Year Award

The 2009 NJ FFA Treasurer of the Year is **Bridgette Nelson** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

The 2009 New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year is **Desiree Clarke** from the **Woodstown FFA Chapter**.

Public Relations Awards

1st Place: BCIT-Westampton

2nd Place: Middlesex Piscataway

3rd Place: Allentown

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

Ashley Frazell of the Newton FFA Chapter presented her speech, "Got Bubbles?"

Career Development Event Awards

Agricultural Issues

The first place Agricultural Issues Team was the **Newton FFA Chapter**.

Agricultural Mechanics

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Chris Tyminski, Allentown

2nd Place Clint Carty, Northern Burlington

3rd Place Kevin Willets, Woodstown

4th Place Zach Moran, Allentown

5th Place Alan Stevens, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Chris Tyminski, Allentown

Silver: Clint Carty, Northern Burlington

Bronze: Kevin Hitchner, Woodstown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Agricultural Sales

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Skylar Matthews, Woodstown

2nd Place Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington

3rd Place Linda Gentile, Woodstown

4th Place Richard Potts, Allentown

5th Place Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington

Medals

Gold: Matt Carney, Allentown

Silver: Greg Tegano, Allentown

Bronze: Linda Gentile, Woodstown

The first place team was the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Dairy Cattle

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Tyler Wyker, Hackettstown

2nd Place Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown

3rd Place Joe Goodenough, Northern Burlington

4th Place David Loichie, Allentown

5th Place Kailtyn Mooneyham, Cumberland

Medals

Gold: Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown

Silver: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

Bronze: Tyler Wyker, Hackettstown
Lindsey Nordstrom, Warren Hills

The first place team was the Warren Hills FFA Chapter.

Environmental and Natural Resources

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Harry Cowen, Cape May Tech
2nd Place Katherine Kerkendall, Warren Hills
3rd Place Seth Kelly, Cape May Tech
4th Place Katie Ischinger, Warren Hills
5th Place David Hood, Warren Hills

Medals

Gold: Harry Cowen, Cape May Tech
Silver: Katherine Kerkendall, Warren Hills
Bronze: Ryan Lovelace, Newton

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

Floriculture

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Corey Radar, BCIT Westampton
2nd Place Amanda Renkel, Phillipsburg
3rd Place Chelsie Cintron, Phillipsburg
4th Place Brandy Whitmore, Warren Hills
5th Place Francis Soto, Phillipsburg

Medals

Gold: Corey Radar, BCIT Westampton
Silver: Amanda Renkel, Phillipsburg
Bronze: Francis Soto, Phillipsburg

The first place team was Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Livestock Judging

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place Eric Nunn, Newton
2nd Place Jimmy Nardelli, Cumberland
3rd Place Brittany Weir, Cumberland
4th Place Eric Nelson, Newton
5th Place Matthew Manetas, Cumberland

Medals

Gold: Eric Nunn, Newton
Silver: Brittany Weir, Cumberland
Bronze: Matthew Manetas, Cumberland

The first place team was the Cumberland FFA Chapter.

Nursery and Landscape

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1st Place James Ferguson, Cape May Tech
2nd Place Shawn Cusack, Monmouth County
3rd Place Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County
4th Place Nick Holland, Cape May Tech

5th Place Carly Hilton, Cape May Tech

Medals

Gold: James Ferguson, Cape May Tech

Silver: Shawn Cusack, Monmouth County

Bronze: Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County

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

National Event Sweepstakes Award

Congratulations to the **Allentown FFA Chapter** for receiving the National Sweepstakes award. The National Sweepstakes award is presented to the chapter that places the highest in a National Event.

National Sweepstakes Award for an Individual

This award is given to the individual with the highest individual placing in a national event. This year's National Career Development Event Sweepstakes winner is **Ashley Frazell** of the **Newton FFA Chapter** for placing 7th individually in the Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event.

Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award

The Princeton Agricultural Society Leadership Award was presented to **Randy Wahl** of the **Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter** and **Brittany Ennis** of the **South Hunterdon FFA Chapter**.

Retiring Address- Keely Weinberger

Keely Weinberger gave her retiring address entitled "One Year," and thanked her mom and grandmother for their support by presenting them the Honorary State Degree.

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

Gold Rating: Allentown
Cape May Tech
Cumberland Regional
Freehold
Hackettstown
Monmouth County
Newton
Northern Burlington
Woodstown

Silver Rating: BCIT Westampton
Buena
Middlesex Piscataway
Northern Burlington Middle
Ocean County
Penns Grove
Phillipsburg
South Hunterdon
Union County
Warren Hills
West Essex

Bronze Rating: BCIT Medford
Belvidere
Camden Tech East
Middlesex East Brunswick
North Warren
Salem Co Vo. Tech
South Hunterdon Middle School

Closing Ceremonies

2009 State Convention Banquet

Keely Weinberger, 2008-2009 State FFA Secretary, presided.

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 428 members, advisors, and guests present.

Welcome

Keely Weinberger, 2008-2009 State Secretary, delivered the welcome.

Greeting From the Office of Agricultural Education

Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Program Leader for Agricultural Education and State FFA Advisor, addressed the banquet on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural Education.

FFA Creed Presentation

The FFA Creed was presented by the first place Creed Speaker, Sarah McCaffrey from the South Hunterdon Middle FFA Chapter.

Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Brady Revels, Past National FFA Southern Region Vice President.

2008-2009 New Jersey Member of the Month/Member of the Year Awards

The Member of the Month recipients for 2008-2009 were honored

September: Amber VanMeter, Buena Regional

January: Katrina Nicoletta, Cape May Tech

February: Victoria Wynavage, Buena Regional

March: Dustin Zukus, Allentown

April: Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington

The 2008-2009 New Jersey FFA Member of the Year was awarded to **Dustin Zukus** of the **Allentown FFA Chapter**.

Greetings from the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Dr. Mark Robson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs, welcomed FFA members to New Jersey's land grant university.

Distinguished Service

Congratulations to those who received a Distinguished Service Award: **First Pioneer Farm Credit-Bridgeton, Burlington Center Mall, and the Posey Peddler.**

New Jersey FFA Advisor of the Year

Congratulations to **Mr. David Pede** of the **Newton FFA Chapter** for being named the 2009 New Jersey Advisor of the Year.

Superior Teacher Recognition Program

Bronze: Ms. Robin McLean- Northern Burlington Middle

Silver: Mrs. Patty Thorne, Buena Regional

Gold: Mr. John Petronglo, BCIT Westampton

Mrs. Kim Szulecki, Ocean County

Ms. Bonnie Baldasare, Union County

Closing Ceremonies

Session IV

Hanna Toft, 2008-2009 New Jersey State FFA Treasurer, presided.

Opening Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 2 Executive Committee Members, and 450 members, advisors, and guests present.

Greetings from the National FFA Advisor

Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor and the Coordinator for Agricultural and Rural Education in the Office of Vocational and Adult Education in the United States Department of Education, brought greetings from the National FFA Organization. This is the first time the National Advisor has ever visited our state convention!

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event Awards

The 1st Place team was the **Penns Grove FFA Chapter.**

Brady Revels' Keynote Address-"Return on Investment"

Brady Revels, 2007-2008 National FFA Southern Region Vice President, presented his keynote address "Return on Investment."

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

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

Ms. Nichole Stewart – Past State FFA President & Past State FFA Alumni President

Ms. Lori Thompson – Assistant Director of Student Affairs, the College of New Jersey

Mr. Jim Morris – Associate Director, Continuing Professional Education NJ Agricultural Experiment Station

Dr. Michael Pennella – Superintendent of Essex County Vocational Schools

Mr. Dirk Swaneveld – Superintendent of Belvidere School District

Ms. Dianne Garrison – President, Agricultural Education Advisory Council at Cape May Tech

Mr. Skip Bartlett – Owner and Operator of Bartlett Greenhouses and Florist

Ms. Shirley Sigler – Parent Warren Hills FFA Chapter

Dr. Thomas Bistocchi – Superintendent of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools

Mr. Michael Maddaluna – Superintendent of Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School

Mr. Walter Whitaker – Superintendent of Buena Regional School District

Mrs. Erin Noble – New Jersey State FFA Specialist

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

New Jersey's American FFA Degree candidates include the following:

Allentown:	Karis A. Byram
Newton:	Matthew Brady
	Jacob M. Nunn
Phillipsburg:	Karoline G. Schoenlank
Penns Grove:	Ashley B. Selfridge

Retiring Address- Gabrielle Ritzer “Dreams Go By”

Gabrielle Ritzer delivered her retiring address “Dreams Go By,” and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them the Honorary State FFA Degree.

National FFA Officer Candidate Introduction

Alison Keggan of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter is New Jersey's National FFA Officer Candidate for the second year in a row! She is unable to be with us at convention because she is studying abroad in New Zealand.

Tractor Driving Event

H.O. Sampson Certificates

1 st Place	Matt Carney, Allentown
2 nd Place	Brad VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
3 rd Place	Allen Williams, Woodstown
4 th Place	Levi Wainwright, Northern Burlington
5 th Place	Zach Freeborn, Hackettstown

Medals:

Gold and Banner: Matt Carney, Allentown
Silver: Brad VanPelt, Cumberland Regional
Bronze: Allen Williams, Woodstown

Job Interview Event

1st Place: Leevon Lacy, Woodstown
2nd Place: Elizabeth Rahner, BCIT-Medford
3rd Place: Kylie Smith, Cape May Tech

Demonstration

Individual Awards

1st place: Jen Roe, Freehold
2nd Place: Jimmie Ferguson, Cape May Tech
3rd Place: Sam Casquiera, Newton

Team Awards

1st Place: Cape May Tech
2nd Place: Freehold
3rd Place: Northern Burlington

Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association

Mark Boyko, 2008-2009 State FFA Reporter, and Karis Byram, 2008-2009 State FFA President, presented the 2008-2009 Annual Report of the New Jersey FFA Association, highlighting events throughout the year.

Closing Ceremonies

Session V

Mark Boyko, 2008-2009 State Reporter, presided.

Official Ceremonies

Introduction of Guests

There were 7 State Officers, 3 Executive Committee Members, and 469 members, advisors, and guests present.

Greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education

Mr. Randy Trivette, Bureau Manager, brought greetings from the Office of Career and Technical Education.

Delegate Business Session II

Standing Committee Reports

State President Karis Byram presided and called the Delegate Business Session II to order. Mrs. Lowe, Woodstown FFA Advisor served as official Parliamentarian.

There were 58 delegates present, 8 executive committee members; a majority vote would require 33 votes and a two-thirds vote would require 43 votes.

Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation

Motion by Kevin Cameron of the Delsea Regional FFA Chapter to accept the Hort Expo Review and Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second.

Motion passes.

CDE Review and Evaluation

Motion by Eric Nunn from the Newton FFA Chapter 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 Greg Ritter from the Belvidere FFA Chapter to accept Constitution and Bylaws/POA committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

State Leadership Activities

Motion by Abigail Chek from the Allentown FFA Chapter to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

State Applications

Motion by Zachary Motta from the Piscataway FFA Chapter to accept the State Applications committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Jessica Foster from the Salem County Vo. Tech. FFA Chapter to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

State Convention Evaluation

Motion by Ashley Urtiz from the West Essex FFA Chapter to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read. There is an implied second. **Motion passes.**

Superior Chapter Awards

Allentown
BCIT Medford
BCIT Westampton
Cape May Tech
Middlesex-Piscataway
Monmouth County
Newton
Northern Burlington Middle

Penns Grove
Ocean County
South Hunterdon
South Hunterdon Middle
Union County
Warren Hills
West Essex
Woodstown

National Chapter Award

Gold: Cape May Tech – 1st
Allentown – 2nd

Penns Grove – 3rd
BCIT Westampton – 4th

Silver: Newton
Woodstown

Bronze: Warren Hills
Union County

Most Improved Chapter

Congratulations to the **Buena Regional FFA Chapter** for being named the 2009 Most Improved New Jersey FFA Chapter.

State Officer Advisor and Administrator Recognition

Karis Byram

Advisors – Mr. and Mrs. Roszel

Administrator – Mr. Myslinski

Annaliese Gancarz

Advisors – Mr. Hlubik, Mrs. Potts, Mr. Hilgendorff, Mrs. Hamilton

Administrator – Mr. Kearns

Keely Weinberger & Hanna Toft

Advisors – Ms. JoAnn Sopchak & Hans Toft

Administrator – Mr. John Ord & Dr. Nancy Hudanich

Mark Boyko

Advisors – Mrs. VonThun

Administrator – Mr. Adochio

Gabrielle Ritzer

Advisors – Mrs. Guttadora

Administrators – Mrs. Higley

Brianne Scholl

Advisor – Ms. McKee

Administrator – Mrs. Miller

Proficiency Awards

Diversified Crop Production Placement (*sponsored by National Crop Insurance Services and Crop Production Services*): Tyler J. Bill, Woodstown

Turf Grass Management Entrepreneurship (*sponsored by John Deere*): Mark Boyko, Middlesex-Piscataway

Equine Science Entrepreneurship (*sponsored by Keystone Steel and Wire Co- Red Brand and Land of Lakes Feed/Purina Mills*): Ashley Selfridge, Penns Grove

Equine Science Placement (*sponsored by Tractor Supply Co*): Amanda DiVita, Freehold

Star Greenhand and Chapter Awards

2008-2009 Star State Greenhand: Randy Wahl, Middlesex-Piscataway

2008-2009 Star State Chapter in Placement: Matthew Carney, Allentown

2008-2009 Star State Chapter Farmer: Lauren Duarte, Allentown

Special Recognition

Mr. Dale Cruzan III, Sound and Lights Technical Coordinator
Matthew Hood, CDE Coordinator
Mr. Chris Nnadi, Courtesy Corps Coordinator
Mr. Leon Delcher, Registration Coordinator
Ms. Rebecca Schnetzer, Nominating Committee Coordinator
Kimberly Daniels, Awards Coordinator
Eric Hilgendorff, Equipment Coordinator and Assistant Director of Courtesy Corps

Convention Stage Decorations Recognition

A stipend was given to the BCIT-Westampton FFA Chapter for the stage decorations.

Courtesy Corps Recognition

Allentown: Matt Carney, Ed Struck, Nicole Ondy, and Dan Wolek
BCIT Westampton: Cameron Cook
Buena: John Houghton, Mark Cohen, and Nicole Volpa
Camden Pennsauken: Tyeesha Reevey and Macie Miller
Camden Tech East: Jessica Jimenez and Jasmin Jimenez
Cumberland Regional: Brandon VanPelt and Sean Reilly
Hackettstown: Rachael Swider, Rachel Arcona, and Levi Gibbs
Middlesex East Brunswick: Kadir Kalkan and Matt Jones
Monmouth County: Winfred Jones and Travis Chonsky
North Warren: Chris Rogers, Josh Simmons, and Cody Shipp
Northern Burlington: Joe Goodenough and Clint Carty
Ocean County: Crystal Grover and Kelli Clark
Penns Grove: Yaritza Pitre, Christine Roberts, Jennifer Ludwig, Shelby Roberts, Simone Smith
Union County: Brenda Espinal and Mackenzie Tierney
Warren Hills: Danielle D'Astoli, Frank D'Astoli, and Jon McConnell
Woodstown: Kevin Hitcher, Kyle Tice, Kevin Willets, Thomas DiCecco, Dalton Schultz, and Brian Hanst

Congratulations to **Winfred Jones** and **Travis Chonsky** of the **Monmouth County FFA Chapter** for being named the 2009 Outstanding Courtesy Corps Members.

Best Dressed Chapter

Congratulations to the **Cape May Tech FFA Chapter** for being the 2009 Best Dressed Chapter.

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.

Garden State Degree Ceremony

Allentown: Abigail M. Chek
Justine H. Sherer
Dustin A. Zukus
BCIT Medford: Kaitlyn M. Costa
Cape May Tech: Harry Cowan III
Nick Holland

	Brittney Jordan
	Eric Revelli
Freehold:	Allison Karr
Monmouth County:	Bobby Sutphen
	Caitlin L. Venezia
Newton:	Adam Trevour Armstrong
	Michael R. Bensley
	Douglas M. Cafaro
	Casey L. Campbell
	Samuel Casqueria
	Justin M. Choka
	Amanda R. Kirchoff
	Eric J. Nelson
	Eric N. Nunn
	John M. Parsons
	Ryan Silverman
	Bridget Stewart
	Christina Flora Straway
	Brian J. Walker
Northern Burlington:	Kyle M. Pribell
	Julianne M. Robinson
	Jacob K. Way
Penns Grove:	Cherrelle L. Bobo
	Michael F. Willadsen
Phillipsburg:	Russell R. Smith, Jr.
Piscataway:	Ruddy Catala
	Lindsey Horvath
Union County:	Douglas Gomez
Warren Hills:	Katie L. Parr
West Essex:	Brandy Lashear Harrington
	Lys Marie Perez
	Jasmine Latanya Thorbourne
Woodstown:	Olivia B. Gleissner
	Noelle L. Kitchin
	McKenzie R. Manley
	Skylar S. Matthews
	Bridgette K. Nelson
	Emma Williams

State Star Award Recognition

State Star in Agribusiness: Emma Williams, Woodstown

State Star in Agricultural Placement: Eric Nelson, Newton

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Gold Ranking:	Allentown
	BCIT Medford
	Buena
	Newton
	South Hunterdon
Silver Ranking:	BCIT Westampton

Middlesex-Piscataway
Penns Grove
Union County
Woodstown
Bronze Ranking: Northern Burlington Middle
West Essex
Participant Ranking: Monmouth County

Outstanding Community Service Award

Congratulations to the **Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter** for receiving this year's Outstanding Community Service Award.

Operation Blue and Gold

Operation Blue and Gold is an initiative that was created this year by the state officers to help promote our State Theme, "Serve Today to Impact the Future." The program focused on collecting items for troops overseas. This year, the NJ FFA Association collected 15 boxes full of items to be shipped abroad and \$192.00 for the cause. Chapters that participated in the drive include:

Buena Regional
Cape May Tech
Middlesex-Piscataway
Monmouth County
Penns Grove
Union County
West Essex

Karis Byram's Retiring Address

Karis Byram delivered her retiring address "Striving for Imperfection," and thanked her parents for their support by presenting them a certificate of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report

Jenny Allen of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter presented the Nominating Committee Report as follows:

Teacher Representative:	Mr. David Pede
Executive Committee:	Keely Weinberger, Annaliese Gancarz, Mark Boyko, and Gabrielle Ritzer
State Parliamentarian:	Ashley Frazell
State Sentinel:	Allison Karr
State Reporter:	Skylar Matthews
State Treasurer:	Eric Nelson
State Secretary:	Jessica Voll
State Vice President:	Brianne Scholl
State President:	Hanna Toft

Motion by Abigail Chek from the **Allentown FFA Chapter** to accept the Nominating Committee report as read. **The motion carried an implied second. Motion passes.**

Motion by Zach Motta from the Middlesex-Piscataway FFA Chapter to approve the 2009-2010 slate of State Officers. **Motion passes.**

Past State Office Power Point

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

Installation of 2009-2010 State Officers

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

Convention in Review

The 2009 State Convention in Review video was shared with the audience highlighting events of convention.

Passing of the Gavel

2008-2009 State FFA President Karis Byram passed the gavel to 2009-2010 State FFA President Hanna Toft, who brought closing remarks.

Closing Ceremonies



2008-2009 State FFA Executive Board

State President	Karis Byram
State Vice President	Annaliese Gancarz
State Secretary	Keely Weinberger
State Treasurer	Hanna Toft
State Reporter	Mark Boyko
Sentinel	Gabrielle Ritzer
Parliamentarian	Brianne Scholl
Executive Committee	Alyssa Mottram Kari Schoenlank Desiree Beam
State Advisor	Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette
State FFA Specialist	Mrs. Erin E. Noble
State Executive Treasurer	Ms. Susan R. Butch

80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

HORTICULTURAL EXPOSITION REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Committee Chair: Kevin Cameron, Delsea Regional

Committee Secretary: Alexandria Reid, Bankbridge Regional

Committee Members Present:

Dan Hutson, Northern Burlington, Kevin Cameron, Delsea Regional, Heidi Culbertson, South Hunterdon Middle, Victoria Wynavage, Buena Regional, Bobby Sutphen, Monmouth County, Megan Mayer D., Piscataway, Alexandria Reid, Bankbridge, Abigail Garcia, Camden Tech East, Levi Wainwright, Northern Burlington, Katie Mumford, Cape May Tech, Patricia Thorne, Buena

Executive Board Member: Gabrielle Ritzer, State FFA Sentinel

Advisors: Patricia Thorne, Buena Regional FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

Review the CDEs and Horticultural Exposition to provide suggestions for improvement and positive comments.

Recommended action to be taken:

- To have Hort Expo Courtesy Core with recognition at state convention, hours to count for 8,000 Hour Challenge.
- Have smaller plants placed mandatory in front and larger ones in back or have Curtsey Core place pots under arrangements to heighten them and prevent them from being hidden.
- Add a new bonsai category (6 months of training with wire). For bonsai category, have size limit of 4 feet and require pictures of growing process.
- Change Easter category to include novelty Easter containers.
- Winter solstice description to be “an arrangement suitable for winter holidays.”
- Add a new category- the New Years category. In the “I Do” category, delete words, “be water picked,” and replace with, “have water source.” For “Going Green,” add “may include recycled goods” to description.

Comments:

- Find chapters to sponsor Hort Expo
- Have longer judge meetings to go over all classes and requirements. Mrs Moschera, Middlesex-East Brunswick, volunteered to be in charge.
- Speak to an expert about sizes about nursery plants in nursery category.
- Go over “dress code” grading rubric.

**80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND POA**

Committee Chair: Greg Ritter, Belvidere

Committee Secretary: Jessica McCosker, Salem County Vo-Tech

Committee Members Present:

Greg Ritter, Belvidere, Steve Dragotten, Phillipsburg, Dakota Polenz, South Hunterdon Middle, John Heitour, Somerset County, LysMarie Perez, West Essex, Jessica McCosker, Salem County Vo-Tech,

Executive Board Member: Karis Byram, State FFA President

Advisors: Joel Rudderow, Penns Grove FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

To review the Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities and make recommendations.

Recommended action to be taken:

- The committee recommended a link on the start page of the state FFA website to the state's POA. We also recommend to change the format of the state's POA to be more similar to that of the local chapter POAs in order to be an example to the local chapters. The committee had no recommendations for the Constitution or By-Laws.

Comments:

- We also discussed the "National FFA Organization" and how local chapters can use the letters "FFA" for recruitment and motivation. We also talked briefly about the rules pertaining to the "National FFA Organization" and the letters "FFA."

**80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT
STATE APPLICATIONS**

Committee Chair: Zachary Motta, Piscataway

Committee Secretary: Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

Committee Members Present: Rachel Swider, Hackettstown, Amber VanMeter, Buena, Zachary Motta, Piscataway, Desiree Clark, Woodstown, Ernie Arians, Ocean County, Kim Gear, Penns Grove, Stephanie Tarlowe, Warren Hills

Executive Board Member: Keely Weinberger, State FFA Secretary

Advisors: Kim Ann Szulecki, Ocean County FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss which state applications should be reviewed and to state our purpose as a committee.

Recommended action to be taken:

- Applications should be due at more spread out dates-Amber; A chairperson should be appointed to oversee applications-Mrs. Szulceki; A workshop should be made at LEAD for students interested in getting their State Degree-Mrs. Szulecki; A seminar should be made with information on all applications-Desiree.

Comments:

Ernie from Ocean County moved to pass the Committee Report. Amber from Buena seconded the motion. The motion passed.

80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

STATE FFA LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Committee Chair: Abigail Chek, Allentown

Committee Secretary: Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington

Committee Members Present:

Ashley Marquez, Freehold, Crystal Pierce, Union County, Emma Williams, Woodstown, Abigail Chek, Allentown, Douglas Gomez, Union County, Shawn Cuzack, Monmouth County, Shawn Roberts Penns Grove, Kylie Smith, Cape May Tech, Julianne Robinson, Northern Burlington, Jonathan Oxidine, BCIT-Westampton

Executive Board Member: Brianne Scholl, State FFA Parliamentarian

Advisors: Jennifeur Wilson, North Warren FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

Review State Leadership Activities

Recommended action to be taken:

- LEAD more central location - even time length for each chapter
- SGC-Use webinar to reach out to chapters to inform them of SGC
- SOCS- Keep small amounts of participants
- ALLD- Keep conference in two parts, offer a scholarship; Do not have same week as Hort Expo

Comments:

- LEAD- Returning to a camp setting will raise enthusiasm
- SGC-Exposes younger members to FFA opportunities
- SOCS- Good member/ state officer communication
- ALLD-Enjoyable tour and keynote presentation

80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT REVIEW AND EVALUTAION

Committee Chair: Eric Nunn, Newton

Committee Secretary: Raquel Castaneda, Freehold

Committee Members Present:

Eric Nunn, Newton, Jenine O'Dell, Hackettstown, Rickey Esposito, South Hunterdon, Raquel Castaneda, Freehold, Dylan Hoffman, Ocean County, Dustin Zukus, Allentown, Wesley Bouchelle, Northern Burlington Middle, Jonathan Lavdas, BCIT Westampton, Jimmy Nardelli, Cumberland Regional, Cristian Cintson, Phillipsburg, Nichole Russo, Allentown, Mr. J. Neyhart, Monmouth County

Executive Board Member: Hanna Toft, State FFA Treasurer

Advisors: John Neyhart, Monmouth County FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

Review Career Development and provide suggestions for improvements and positive comments.

Recommended action to be taken:

- Better planning for certain CDEs, so if weather conditions are poor or if materials are not available, we can accommodate for them.
- Conduct usability evaluation on all CDEs. This will help determine if things, such as: time allotted, clear directions, readability are fair to all students.
- Offer more online CDEs when possible as well as alternating different CDEs.
- Have judges provide feedback to students after competitions.

Comments:

80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

STATE CONVENTION EVALUTAION

Committee Chair: Ashley Urtiz, West Essex - Chairman

Committee Secretary: Amanda Kirchoff, Newton - Secretary

Committee Members Present:

Liz Mikotowicz- BCIT Medford, Lizida Molina-Camden Tech East, Brittany Ennis- South Hunterdon, Ashley Urtiz- West Essex, Katie Loew-Cumberland Regional, Amanda Kirchoff- Newton, and Johnathan Koos- Delsea

Executive Board Member: Annaliese Gancarz, State FFA Vice President

Advisors: Nan Hamilton, Northern Burlington FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

Review and discuss state convention and make suggestions for improvement

Recommended action to be taken:

- Delegate Workshop take place at earlier time.
- More planning ahead with Rutgers on facility issues due to safety and distance.
- Possible intermission during sessions.
- Hold a “FFA Chapter Challenge Field Day.”
- If possible earlier check in and move convention to a weekend or two day event.

Comments:

None

80TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY FFA CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTER RELATIONS

Committee Chair: Jessica Foster, Salem County Vo. Tech - Chairman

Committee Secretary: Lindsey Nordstrom, Warren Hills - Secretary

Committee Members Present:

Alyssa Bluck-Somerset County Vocational, Jessica Foster-Salem County Vo Tech, Mark Pontelandolfo- Bankbridge Regional, Ryan Mccrea-Belvidere, Lindsey Nordstrom-Warren Hills, and Ashley Allen BCIT Medford.

Executive Board Member: Mark Boyko, State FFA Reporter

Advisors: Robin McLean, Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss membership and chapter relations.

Recommended action to be taken:

- To revoke charter of Atlantic County, Salem High School, and Bergen-Paramus Chapters.
- To give Sussex Tech and Biotechnology, and H.O. Sampson Collegiate one year probation.
- Implement Fall and Spring CDE tours for first year students and charge approximately half of registration fee (\$4 recommended).
- Make chapters not visited for two consecutive years priority visits to be completed before November 30th annually.
- Continue the use of the online photo album.

Comments:

- Promote Big E and State Officer Candidate School to chapters.
- Research web 2.0 communication (Twitter, Facebook, Myspace) as an option to reach numbers directly; goal is January 2010 in use.



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