

# 88<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention At-A-Glance

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## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107**

- 1:00 – Registration**  
**3:00 pm** *Residence Halls*
- 1:00 – Convention Practice**  
**3:00 pm** *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 1:00 – Agricultural Education Advisory**  
**3:00 pm** **Council Meeting**  
*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*
- 1:00 pm** **Nominating Committee Orientation**  
*Pollak Theatre 139*  
Mr. Eric Nelson, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Hannah Mann, NJ FFA Executive Committee Chair
- 2:00 – Recreation – Optional for Early**  
**4:00 pm** Arrivals – William T. Boylan Gymnasium  
*Basketball, Volleyball & Pool*
- 3:00 pm** **Talent Meeting/Practice**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
*(Mandatory for all talent)*
- 3:00 pm** **Official Ceremonies LDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 230*  
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event** *Poszycki Hall, Room 222*  
Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Preliminary Creed Speaking\***  
*Bey Hall, Rooms 130 & 132*  
Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator Ms. Trisha Munyon, Coordinator  
*\*Creed Finals will take place in Room 130, 30 minutes after Prelims*
- 3:00 pm** **Teach Agriculture Event**  
*Bey Hall, Room 134*  
Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Agricultural Issues Forum**  
*Poszycki Hall, Room 206*  
Ms. Kelcey Trewin, Coordinator
- 3:00 pm** **Portable Exhibit Set-Up**  
*Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby*
- 3:00 pm** **Application & Event Drop-Off**  
*Bey Hall, Room 129*  
Scrapbook, Agricultural Awareness, Secretary's Book and Treasurer's Book

- 3:30 pm State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*
- 3:30 pm Leadership Workshop**  
**“How to Be a Real-Life Entrepreneur”**  
*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Mr. Steven Brockshus, Past National FFA Officer & Entrepreneur
- 4:00 pm Art Competition Set-Up**  
*Bey Hall, Room 126*
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*  
Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator
- 5:00 pm Teach Ag Dinner**  
**(by invite only)**  
*Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*
- 5:00 – 5:45 pm Dinner – Magill Commons**
- 5:30 pm Star Placement, Star Agribusiness & Star Farmer Interviews**  
*Bey Hall, Room 130*  
Mr. David Specca, Coordinator
- 5:30 pm Star in Agricultural Placement Interviews**  
*Bey Hall, Room 132*  
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator
- 5:45 pm Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting**  
*Young Auditorium, Bey Hall 113*  
Ms. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey and Ms. Jennifeur Wilson
- 6:00 pm Judging of Scrapbooks**  
*Bey Hall, Room 130*  
Ms. Trisha Munyon, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Marketing Plan CDE**  
*Bey Hall, Room 134*  
Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Agricultural Awareness, Secretary of the Year and Treasurer of the Year Applications**  
*Bey Hall, Room 134*  
Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Hall of States Exhibit Event**  
*Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby*  
Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**  
*Bey Hall, Upper Level Lobby*  
Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition**  
*Poszycki Hall, Room 206*  
Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator

**6:00 pm Leadership Workshop**  
**“The Power Express**  
*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

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

**7:15 pm Delegates Seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**7:30 pm SESSION I**  
**“SPARK POTENTIAL”**  
**POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM**  
**Presiding: Ms. Myranda Bond,**  
**State FFA President**

**Opening Ceremony**

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

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

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

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

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

**2017 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations**

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA Foundation through Special Projects

- William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship
- Bilinski Senior Award
- Michael Anema Memorial Scholarships
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- John Cummings Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- Woodstown Alumni Association/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship
- New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarships
- Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship

- May Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships

**National FFA Scholarship Recognition**

**National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship**

**Greetings from the National  
FFA Organization**

Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

**“3 Billion”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President  
Special Recognition

**Introduction of Courtesy Corps**

Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator

**State Convention Rules**

**Closing Ceremony**

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

**11:00 pm Lights Out**

***THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2107***

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

**8:15 am Delegates Seated**  
**Courtesy Corps Meeting**

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

**Opening Ceremony**

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

**Art Competition Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Official Ceremonies Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Greetings from NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources**  
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

**“Breathe In, Breathe Out, and Decide”**

*Retiring Address*

Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Parliamentarian  
Special Recognition

**8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition**

**Outstanding Community Service Award**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

**Statewide Community Service Project Recognition**

**Greetings from the John R. Elliott HERO Campaign for Designated Drivers**

Ms. Denise M. Hladun, Program & Special Events Coordinator

**Agriscience Fair Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“A Road to the White House”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer  
Special Recognition

**Closing Ceremony**

**10:00 am PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

*Members and guests should select and attend one of following public speaking events:*

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

Mr. Stuart Faunce, Coordinator

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**

*Pozycki Hall, Room 115*

Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

**Extemporaneous Speaking**

*Bey Hall, Room 222*

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

**10:00 am Preliminary Team Demonstration Event\***

*Bey Hall, Rooms 227 & 230*

Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator

Mr. Kyle Fisher, Coordinator

*\*Finals will be held in Room 113 (Young Auditorium) at 1:00 pm*

**10:00 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Hort Expo Review and Evaluation**

*Bey Hall, Room 201*

State Officer: Ms. Zuri Richmond

**Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities**

**TBA**

State Officer: Ms. Myranda Bond

**State Leadership Activities**

**TBA**

State Officer: Ms. Kelsey Stockton

**State Convention Evaluation**

**TBA**

State Officer: Ms. Morgan Rutar

**Membership and Chapter Relations**

*Bey Hall, Room 128*

State Officer: Ms. Renee Stillwell

**CDE Review and Evaluation**

*Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)*

State Officer: Mr. Josh Loew

**State FFA Applications**

**TBA**

State Officer: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny

**11:45 am** Lunch – *Magill Commons*

**12:30 – Recreation –**

**2:00 pm** *Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)*

**1:00 pm Leadership Workshop**

**“Agriculture Needs You”**

*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115*

Mr. Will Shultz, West Virginia State FFA Vice President

**1:00 pm Employment Skills Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 223*

Mrs. Linda Krajain, Coordinator

**1:00 pm FFA Quiz Bowl**

*Bey Hall, Rooms 222 & 230*

Mr. Kyle Fisher, Coordinator

**1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event**

*Bey Hall, Room 128*

Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator

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

*Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)*

Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator

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

*Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

*Presiding:*

Ms. Myranda Bond, State President

*Roll Call:*

Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary

*Approval of the 87<sup>th</sup> Convention Proceedings*

*State FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals:*

Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President

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

*Program Affiliation Fee & Career/Leadership Development Event Fee:*  
Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer

*Standing Committee Reports*

- Hort Expo Review and Evaluation
- CDE Review and Evaluation
- Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
- State Leadership Activities
- State Convention Evaluation
- State Applications
- Membership and Chapter Relations

*Business Session Concludes*

***\*Delegate business session will continue after Session IV if needed***

**2:30 pm** **SESSION III**  
***“IGNITE INFLUENCE”***  
**POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM**  
***Presiding: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny, State Treasurer***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Public Speaking Awards**  
**Creed Speaking**

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**3-5 Minute Public Speaking**  
Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society

**6-8 Minute Public Speaking**  
Sponsored by New Jersey Agricultural Society and National FFA Foundation

**Extemporaneous Speaking** Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

**Agricultural Issues Forum Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ Farm Bureau

**“Just Do It”**  
*Retiring Address*  
Ms. Zuri Richmond, State Reporter  
Special Recognition

**NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Teach Agriculture Event Awards**  
Sponsored by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

**Love What You Do. Do What You Love. Teach Ag!**

**Greetings from New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**  
Ms. Jennifeur Wilson, NJAAE President

**Agricultural Awareness Awards** Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Chapter Scrapbook Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Hall of States Event Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Portable Exhibit Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**FFA Week Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**“Afraid and Brave”**  
*Retiring Address*  
Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary  
Special Recognition

**Closing Ceremony**

**4:30** *Members and guests should select and attend one of following events:*

- *CDE Awards Ceremony/Talent*
- *Student Leadership Workshop*

**4:30** **CDE AWARDS/TALENT**  
**“ELECTRIFY EXCELLENCE”**  
**POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM**  
***Presiding: Ms. Zuri Richmond, State Reporter***

**Opening Ceremony**  
Presented by 1st place  
Official Ceremonies Team

**Talent Performance**

**Career Development Event Awards**  
***(Recipients, please sit in designated areas)***  
*The NJ FFA Association and NJ FFA Foundation fund banners and medals for all first place teams and individuals. The National FFA Foundation sponsors plaques.*

**Miscellaneous CDEs**  
*Agronomy*  
*Dairy Cattle Evaluation*  
*Food Science & Technology*  
*Livestock Evaluation*  
*Poultry Evaluation*

**Talent Performance**



**Fall CDEs**

*Fruits & Vegetables*  
*Land Judging*  
*Milk Quality & Products*  
*Turf Management*

**Talent Performance**

**Winter CDEs**

*Farm & Agribusiness Management*  
*Floral Design*  
*Forestry*  
*Meat Evaluation*

**Talent Performance**

**Spring CDEs**

*Agricultural Sales*  
*Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems*  
*Environmental & Natural Resources*  
*Floriculture*  
*Nursery/Landscape*  
*Veterinary Science*

**National Sweepstakes Recognition**

- Chapter
- Individual

**Closing Ceremony**

**4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop**  
**“Chapter Officer Training: Dream Team”**  
*Pozyski Hall, Lecture Hall 115*  
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA Central Region Vice President

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

**7:15 pm Delegates seated**

**7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**

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

**Opening Ceremony**

**Keynote Address**

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

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

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

**Job Interview Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Demonstration Event Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**Greetings from the United States Department of Education**

Dr. Steve Brown, Educational Program Specialist & National FFA Advisor

**American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition**

**National Officer Candidate Introduction**

**Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education**

Ms. Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor

**Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**

**“When the Gun Goes Off”**

*Retiring Address*

Mr. Josh Loew, State Sentinel

Special Recognition

**Annual Report of New Jersey FFA Association**

**Closing Ceremony**

**9:30 pm Delegate Business Session**

*(if needed)*

**9:30 – FFA Dance**

**11:30 pm** *Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall*

*(All Members Must Attend)*

**12:00 am Lights Out**

***FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2107***

**7:00 – Breakfast – Rebecca Stafford**

**8:00 am** *Student Center, Anacon Hall*

**8:15 am Delegates seated**

**Courtesy Corps Meeting**

**8:30 am SESSION V**

**“ILLUMINATE PURPOSE”**

**POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM**

***Presiding: Ms. Kelsey Stockton, State Parliamentarian & Mr. Josh Loew, State Sentinel***

**Opening Ceremony**

**Reflections – “We Believe in You”**

**Star State Chapter Awards**

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Star State Greenhand Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Chapter Evaluation Awards**

- Superior Chapter Recognition
- National Emblem Chapters  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
- Most Improved Chapter Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

**State Proficiency Award Presentations**  
Sponsored through National FFA Foundation

**H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition**

**Best Dressed Chapter Award**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Essay Event Awards**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**New Jersey FFA Alumni Report**

- WLC Scholarship
- FFA Quiz Bowl Awards
- Lifetime Membership Ceremony

Ms. Kelly Gangel, NJ FFA Alumni President

**Distinguished Service Awards**

**Convention Recognition**

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

**State FFA Executive Board Recognition**

**Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony**  
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

**Talent Performance**

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

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

**Nominating Committee Report**

**Election of 2017 – 2018**  
**New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**“A Tradition of Excellence”**  
Past New Jersey FFA State Officer Presentation

**Installation of 2017 – 2018  
New Jersey FFA State Officers**

**88<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention in Review**

**Remarks by 2017 – 2018  
State FFA President**

**Closing Ceremony**

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

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

**12:15 – 2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018**  
**1:00 pm State Officer & Convention Staff Luncheon & Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre*

**1:00 – 2017 – 2018 State FFA**  
**3:00 pm New State Officer Meeting**  
*Pollak Theatre, Room 135*