

Welcome FFA members, Advisors and Guests:

We are excited to kick off the 88th New Jersey State FFA Convention! This year, the State Officer team challenged you to 'Illuminate' our mission as FFA members and aspiring leaders. Through competing in Career Development Events, attending leadership conferences, and serving your community, you have surpassed expectations.

Over the next three days, we will **spark potential** in FFA members, acknowledge those who **radiate change** in both our communities and association, and share our messages to **ignite influence** across our state. This convention, we will truly **electrify excellence** and **shine greatness** on those who have advanced Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Education and FFA. Our challenge doesn't end when the gavel drops for the final time.

*Let's continue to **Illuminate purpose!***

Sincerely,



Myranda Bond
State President



Morgan Rutar
State Vice President



Renee Stillwell
State Secretary



Jeremy Posluszny
State Treasurer



Zuri Richmond
State Reporter



Josh Loew
State Sentinel



Kelsey Stockton
State Parliamentarian

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2107

8:00 am **State Officers and Convention Staff meet at Garden Apartments to unpack**

10:00 am **Convention Hall Set-up**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:45 am – **Lunch**

12:45 pm *Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

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

5:30 – **Dinner**

6:30 pm *Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

7:00 pm **Retiring Address Workshop**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:00 pm **Lights Out**

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2107

7:00 am **Breakfast**
Club Dining Room, Magill Commons

8:00 – **Convention Practice**
11:30 am *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

11:45 am – **Lunch**

12:45 pm *Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

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

5:00 – **Dinner**

6:00 pm *Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*

6:00 – **Convention Practice**
10:00 pm *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*

11:00 pm **Lights Out**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107

- 7:00 am Breakfast**
Club Dining Room, Magill Commons
- 8:00 – Convention Practice**
11:30 am *Pollak Theatre, Auditorium*
- 11:45 am – Lunch**
12:30 pm *Club Dining Room, Magill Commons*
- 12:30 – Convention Information &
8:30 pm Judges' Registration**
Pollak Theatre Lobby
Mr. Leon Delcher
- 12:30 pm Registration set up**
Residence Halls
Ms. Debra McCluskey,
Facilities Coordinator
- 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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107

- 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**
Pozycki 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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107

- 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”
Poszycki 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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2107

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

“3 Billion”

Retiring Address

Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice
President
Special Recognition

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

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Scholarships Continued

- Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- May Gerlack Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff 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

Keynote Address

“What We Should have Learned as Kids”

Mr. Steven Brockshus, Past National Officer & Entrepreneur

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 the 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**

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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

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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

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Room 202B

State Officer: Ms. Myranda Bond

State Leadership Activities

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Room 202A

State Officer: Ms. Kelsey Stockton

State Convention Evaluation

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon A

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

Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon B

State Officer: Mr. Jeremy Posluszny

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- 11:45 am** Lunch – *Magill Commons*
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm** **Recreation** –
Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)
- 1:00 pm** **Leadership Workshop**
“Agriculture Needs You”
Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
Mr. Will Shultz, West Virginia State FFA Vice President
- 1:00 pm** **Employment Skills Event**
Bey Hall, Room 223
Mrs. Linda Krajain, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm** **FFA Quiz Bowl**
Bey Hall, Rooms 222 & 230
Mr. Kyle Fisher, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm** **Individual Demonstration Event**
Bey Hall, Room 128
Mr. Ben Wainwright, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm** **Team Demonstration Event Finals**
Bey Hall, Room 113 (Young Auditorium)
Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator
- 1:00 pm** **DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION***
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Presiding:
Ms. Myranda Bond, State President
- Roll Call:*
Ms. Renee Stillwell, State Secretary
- Approval of the 87th Convention Proceedings*
- State FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposals:*
Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Vice President

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*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

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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

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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.

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Miscellaneous CDEs

Agronomy

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Food Science & Technology

Horse Evaluation

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

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**4:30 pm Student Leadership Workshop
“Chapter Officer Training:
Dream Team”**

*Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
Ms. Valerie Earley, National FFA
Central Region Vice President*

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

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

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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 – *Magill Commons***
8:00 am

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2107

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2107

**88th State FFA Convention in
Review**

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

Closing Ceremony

- 11:15 am** **2017 – 2018 Officer Team Photo**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
- 11:30 am** **Check Out** – Garden Apartments,
Laurel, Mullaney, Oakwood,
Redwood, Beechwood Residence Halls
- 12:15 –** **2016 – 2017 and 2017 – 2018**
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

State Convention Leadership Workshops

Wednesday, May 24 – 3:30PM

How to Be a Real-Life Entrepreneur

Steven Brockshus, Past National Officer



Have you ever had a great idea, but done nothing with it? Entrepreneurs are the people who create the future. Whether you want to build the next great app, start your own business or simply make a living working for yourself - join us to see if you have what it takes to be a real-life entrepreneur.

Wednesday, May 24 – 6:00 PM

The Power Express

Valerie Early, National FFA Central Region Vice President



Together, we will discover the power each person has and how we can use our power to change the world in big and small ways.

Thursday, May 25 – 1:00 PM

Agriculture Needs You

Will Schultz, West Virginia State FFA Vice President



Students will discover career opportunities in agriculture.

Thursday, May 25 – 4:30 PM

Chapter Officer Training: Dream Team

Valerie Early, National FFA Central Region Vice President



Chapter Officer teams and members who want to be part of future teams will come together for a Disney themed workshop and will gain valuable tools for chapter improvement.

****All workshops are in Pozycki Hall Room 115***

**2017 HONORARY GARDEN STATE
DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

John M. Benedik, III

Grange Master
New Jersey State Grange

Clint Burgher

Manager, Laboratory Animal Services
Rutgers University, School of Environmental
& Biological Sciences

Philip Confalone

Senior Financial Advisor
Ameriprise Financial

Robin Fohr

Retired Health/Driver's Education Teacher
Warren Hills Regional High School

Sean Hartmann

Horticulture Technician
Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission

Steve Makaravich

Branch Manager
Farm Credit East

Sue McEvoy

Farm Market Manager
Hensler Farms

Brianne Scholl

Past Alumni Officer
New Jersey FFA Alumni

Laura Stickel

Teacher of Agriculture
Freehold Township High School

Anna Trapani

Beekeeper
Trapper's Honey

**2017 NEW JERSEY FFA
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

Belvidere Garden Club
Burlington County Farm Fair
Delicious Orchards
Niblock's Pork Store

**2017 STATE FFA OFFICER PARENTS
RECEIVING THE HONORARY
GARDEN STATE FFA DEGREE**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Tamara Posluszny
Mr. & Mrs. Carl & Ingo Richmond
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Tiffany Loew
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Conni Stockton

**2017 STATE FFA OFFICER
ADMINISTRATORS RECEIVING THE
HONORARY GARDEN STATE
FFA DEGREE**

Mrs. Carol Bost
Allentown High School

Mr. Brandon Crosby
Allentown High School

Mrs. Jennifer MacKnight
South Hunterdon Regional High School

Ms. Valerie Sheppard
Cumberland Regional High School

Mr. John Swain
Salem County Vocational Technical School

Mrs. Janice Trent
Phillipsburg High School

Dr. Meggin Wentzell
Salem County Vocational Technical School

2017 PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship

Jeremy Posluszny, Allentown

Agricultural Sales Placement

Sarah Kelly, Buena Regional

Diversified Crop Production Placement

Julia VanSciver, Northern Burlington

Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Ashlyne Bacorn, South Hunterdon

Equine Science Placement

Steven Williams, Allentown

Landscape Management

Entrepreneurship

Brian Gerges, Hackettstown

Nursery Operations Entrepreneurship

Jamie Specca, Northern Burlington

Outdoor Recreation Placement

Josh Loew, Cumberland Regional

Sheep Production Entrepreneurship

Renee Stillwell, Allentown

Vegetable Production Placement

Joanna Ricci, Allentown

**2017 AMERICAN DEGREE
CANDIDATES**

Jay Hyland, Allentown

Thomas James Viviano, Allentown

Sarah Emily Hosler, Newton

Lukas Daniel Kellenberger, Newton

Randall Howard Struble, Newton

Brian Francis Masi, Newton

Kevin Anthony Rodriguez, Newton

Morgan Rutar, Phillipsburg

Kaitlyn Tallamy, Phillipsburg

Grady Key, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Hannah Mann, Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Myranda M. Bond, South Hunterdon

Paige Hennighan, Sussex Tech

Georgia Lucas, Woodstown

NOTES:

**2017 GARDEN STATE FFA
DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Allentown

Trevor Coffey
Christopher John Faunce
Matthew Reese Gold
Heidi A. Hyland
Briar Mason Mains
Joanna N. Ricci
Susan L. Schmidt
Vincent Anthony Viviano
Sean Andrew Wright

Belvidere

Olivia M. Wyckoff

Cape May Tech

Alana LaCava
Andrew William Nelson
Ariel Mallisa Norbeck
Tessa Wuzunk

Cumberland Regional

Jacob Newkirk

Essex County

Destiny Bennett
Gabriela Gonzalez
Christie Metellus
Jeremy Morrison
Adam Stultz

Freehold

Allison Finn
Renee Hoerning
Karen Corrotea Reyes
Olivia Michelle Ribas

Hackettstown

Noelle Marie Larino
Brian Christopher Gerges

Middlesex-East

Brunswick

Jennifer Obrizan

Monmouth County

Victoria Noelle Heaney
Julia Marie Piancone
Kathryn Emily Smith

Newton

Chris Julian Brock
Maggie Drislane
Brianna Mary Dul
Hannah Mary Holzhauer
Reece Olivier Ivaldi
Summer Dawn Malone
Kacie Erin May
Katie Nelson
Harrison Taylor Redlich
Michael Francis Reidmiller
Cameron P. Saks
Victoria Anne Viersma

Northern Burlington

Zachary Cowperthwait
Gabrielle Kenny
Kaitlin Quinn
Jamie Specca
Julia VanSciver

Penns Grove

Alex Del Olmo Reyes
Jacelyn Rudderow

Phillipsburg

Dominick J. Russo

Salem Co. Vo. Tech

Tiara Ritter

Union County

Aaron J. Etienne

Warren Hills

Brittany Smith

**2016-2017 NJ FFA CAREER
DEVELOPMENT EVENT
COORDINATORS AND JUDGES**

New Jersey FFA Association extends sincere appreciation to those individuals and companies/organizations who contributed time, expertise and materials to benefit Agricultural Education students through FFA Career Development Events.

Agricultural Sales Event -Mr. Bill Walker (Coordinator), Mr. Ben Casella, Ms. Patricia Gamble, Mr. Christian Luciano, Mr. Mark Kiriluk, Ms. Kristen Goodrich, Mrs. Linda Walker

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems Event - Mr. Justin T. Noble (Coordinator), Mr. Joe Clark, Ms. Kim Cullen, Dave Gilliam, Dan Coogan, Kevin O'Brien

Dairy Cattle Evaluation Event – New Jersey 4-H

Dairy Handlers Activity – Mrs. Patricia Hamner (Coordinator), Burlington County Farm Fair

Environmental/Natural Resources Event – Mr. Rich Belcher (Coordinator), Mr. David Specca, Ms. Barbara Phillips, Mr. Mike Kent, Mr. Fred Schoenagel, Mr. Chad Cherefko, Ms. Courtney Davidson, Mr. David Steinmann

Farm Business Management – New Jersey FFA Association

Floral Design Event - Ms. Deborah Moyer (Coordinator), Ms. Krista Cruzan, Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Ms. Trisha Munyon, Ms. Jamie Munyon, Ms. Stephanie Bouchelle, Ms. Linda Andrei

Floriculture Event - Ms. Deborah Moyer (Coordinator), Ms. Karen Kritz, Ms. Hope Cahill, Ms. Barbara Heisler, Mr. Christopher Castens, Ms. Ruth Logan

Food Science & Technology Event –
Pennsylvania FFA Association

Forestry Event – New Jersey FFA Association

Fruits & Vegetables Event - Dr. Bill Sciarappa
(Coordinator), Ms. Amelia Valente, Mr. Dennis
McNamara, Ms. Vivian Quinn, Delicious Orchards

Horse Evaluation Event – Tracey Wichrowski
(Coordinator), Burlington County Farm Fair, Mrs.
Cyndee Roszel

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FFA Association

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Jeanne Ondusko, Mr. Henry Jenkinson, Mr. David
DeFrance, Mr. Chuck Bacon

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Association

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Central Jersey Tractor Pullers Association, Central
Jersey Equipment

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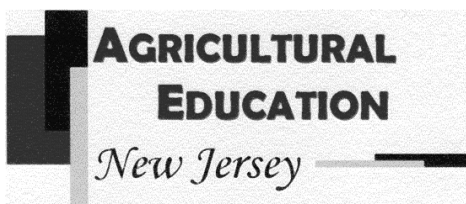
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Dave Pede	1978	39
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Moschera-Chernigovets	1993	24
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Keith Dannucci	1994	23
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Worth Christian	1997	20
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Peggy Grady	2000	17
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Tiffany Morey	2010	7
Brian Hayes	2011	6
Ellen Inman	2011	6
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Taryn Romanczak	2013	4

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Nicole Smith	2016	2
Jenny Allen	2016	1
Andee Dixon	2016	1

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3. I will be courteous, polite and considerate to others. As a result, I gain the respect of others.
4. I will attend all sessions in official/business dress and participate in all activities.
5. I will turn off any electronic devices, such as cell phones, iPods, tablets, and mp3 players during all sessions and convention events.
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8. I will arrive at least ten minutes early to all sessions. This demonstrates my respect for other convention participants and allows the session to begin on time.
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