



Where Are They NOW?

LIFE AFTER FFA

FFA SUPPORTERS

This month's article features past FFA members who have generously given their time or resources to the NJ FFA Association.

JAY RUPPEL



“ Ag Education and FFA helps students with public speaking skills and hands on experiences that make them more well-rounded. ”



Jay joined the Washington FFA Chapter (currently Warren Hills FFA Chapter) in 1958. He served as a State FFA Officer in 1962-1963.



Jay attended Delaware Valley College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy. He then attended Lehigh University where he received his Master's Degree in Education.



Jay served as the Ag Teacher at Warren Hills High School for 30 years. He is currently retired.



Jay received the Honorary American FFA Degree in 1985.



“Travel costs have become higher, and kids can't afford trips like convention or leadership conferences. I give to the NJ FFA Foundation because I want to help kids attend more events.”



Jay's favorite memory was working with kids as an ag teacher. He enjoyed teaching small gas engines, greenhouse management and lawn care.



Jay stays busy even though he is retired. He enjoys traveling and working for his family's floral and lawn care shop.



Patty joined the Newton FFA Chapter in 1996. She served as a State FFA officer in 2000-2001.



Patty received her American FFA Degree in 2002.



Patty attended Delaware Valley College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education.



“I give back to the NJ FFA Foundation so that the next generation can have better and more abundant opportunities. I want the legacy of FFA to live on.”



Patty's favorite memory was when she attended the National FFA Convention during the last year it was held in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the first woman from NJ to compete in the Environmental and Natural Resources CDE.



Patty served as the Ag Teacher at Buena Regional High School for 12 years, and is currently is the Ag Teacher at Cumberland Regional High School.



Patty enjoys spending her spare time with her three year old daughter and her husband.

PATTY THORNE



“ Every day is a new day full of possibilities. ”



"Where Are They Now?" highlights former New Jersey FFA members who once wore the blue jacket and are now in successful careers. Through the interpersonal skills and support it provides, the FFA leads its members toward successful careers.



Roger joined the New Brunswick FFA Chapter in 1950. He served as a State FFA officer in 1954-1955.



Roger received the Honorary American FFA Degree in 1983.



Roger attended Rutgers University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education and a Master's Degree in Plant Science. He later earned a PhD in Plant Ecology.



"I give back because students enrolled in agricultural education have a special education that gives them way more than they can imagine."



Roger was told in high school that he would never go to college, and today he has collected several college degrees. He gives credit to his ag teacher for inspiring him to teach!



Roger is Emeritus Professor of Agriculture, Ecology and Natural Resources at Rutgers University.



Roger continues to learn and helps where he can at Rutgers University and other organizations.

ROGER LOCANDRO



“ I would define a good life by feeling good about what you do for others. ”

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