

Vision of Virginia

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UPCOMING events

SEPTEMBER

12-15: Big E

26-OCT. 6: State Fair of VA

OCTOBER

28-NOV. 2: National FFA Convention & Expo (Indianapolis, IN)

NOVEMBER

26-29: Virginia Farm Bureau Convention

2019 CONVENTION Wrap-up



by Claire Seibel - VA FFA 2018-2019 Vice President

Each June, hundreds of students pack the seats of Burruss Hall like a forest of blue corduroy in the dark, humid air energized with anticipation and excitement. For 93 summers, students met in these halls to come together as one, and for 93 years we braved the heat to be swept into the gears of something larger than ourselves that would equip us for a world where we are empowered to shape the future. At this convention, we dared to seek and map that future with just one powerful question—"What if?" and as we dared to ask "What if?" we braved the world of experiential learning in competitions, celebrated our friends' and our own personal accomplishments, opened our minds to the wisdom of keynote speakers, and prepared to begin our journey into the next school year with new motivation and vision.

This year, over the course of this incredible week, we participated in more than thirty CDEs, LDEs, and middle school contests, including the first Discussion Meet and Turf Grass competitions, recognized hundreds of accomplishments and milestones, and conducted the nominating committee process to select our new leaders for the coming year.

Each day and each session brought additional excitement from the first gavel tap to the Chicago Bulls theme song and installation of our new officers. On Monday, Dr. Michael Evans welcomed us back home to Virginia

Tech, and we heard the inspiring message of our National FFA Southern Region Vice President Jordan Stowe. Tuesday brought a celebration of 50 years of female membership in FFA, the story of how this revolutionary change in our membership was passed by Mr. Dave Shifflet, and the empowering words of Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Jewel Bronaugh, who cast a vision for the future of our industry. On Wednesday, we heard from our National FFA Advisor Dr. Steve A. Brown and approved 196 candidates for their State FFA Degree, the highest honor we can bestow as a state, and we passed eight committee reports and many constitutional amendments, signifying the influence of our members in this student-led organization. We then brought our week to a close with the newly revived FFA dance and our final session.

Whether we began our FFA journeys here or brought them to a bittersweet close, we hope to see you continue to ask "What if?" and strive to become humble leaders willing to serve and shape the future.

Although we arrived on June 18, the work for convention begins months ahead of time. Thank you to every individual and sponsor who makes convention possible! Congratulations and best of luck to the teams who will take their skills beyond convention to compete in the Big E and at National FFA Convention!

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FFA Camp

JULY 8-12, 2019

by Newlin Humphrey - VA FFA 2018-2019 Reporter

Virginia FFA Leadership Camp 2019 was record breaking in so many ways. From spending time making ice cream and beef jerky and learning about how FFA can grow more leaders to making memories and forming connections that will last a lifetime, each moment spent at Graves Mountain Lodge was lived to the fullest. This year, FFA Camp reached an all-time high attendance with 137 campers and guests. Campers also enjoyed many camp traditions, such as the swim

olympics, filling happy gram bags, and watching the sunrise as the week drew to a close.

Campers were so grateful to experience such a fulfilling week that left so many looking forward to returning to camp in 2020. Virginia FFA would like to give a special thank-you to Mr. Turner Trice for his 54 years of service to FFA Camp, which makes the entire week possible each year.



Meal-Packing EVENT

In FFA we learn that service is the most valuable component of leadership, and at our 2019 FFA Leadership Camp, students not only realized the value of service but also put the knowledge into practice. On July 11, 104 FFA members packed over 2,500 snack kits for Madison County families to be distributed through the Loaves and Fishes Program at The Boys and Girls Clubs. Additional food was also donated to the Blue Ridge Food Banks.

This project was made possible by an \$8,000 Living to Serve State Days of Service grant awarded through National FFA and donations secured through the Virginia FFA Foundation. True to FFA's status as a student-led organization, FFA members were involved in the entire

process, from writing the grant application to purchasing the food and packing the kits, and the end result was an incredible impact. The work these students did will feed 34 local families and will supply the Loaves and Fishes program with 29,000 food items, enough to maintain the program for a calendar year. The students also learned to take joy in service and the importance of giving back.

We owe a special thanks to Graves Mountain Lodge for letting us use their facilities and to all people who work with the Loaves and Fishes Program. If you would like to continue with this spirit of service, please consider attending the 2020 Leadership Camp and/or apply for a chapter level grant at ffa.org.



LESSONS LEARNED

Thank You!

Virginia FFA, thank you for showing me how to live unapologetically and always be myself 100 percent of the time. No matter where I was this year, you all welcomed me with open arms. You all changed my life in ways that I could never imagine. The stories you shared, and insight you've given, gave a new perspective for me to look at. Don't be afraid to stay true to yourself in life, no matter where you are or who you're with. Thank you for changing my life for the better. You all are the future and have the power to do anything—and everything—you could ever imagine. Thank you for everything.

Love always,

Nathan McDonald

2018-2019 State Vice President

Words cannot describe how thankful I am for this year. Through the ups and downs, this organization prevails because of you. The memories, friendships, and places last a lifetime. Maybe it was our first time putting on the jacket or our last time hanging the jacket up. No matter where we are in our journey, we carry these things with us. Take the skills you've learned and apply them to your life. And know you are always apart of the FFAfamily. Thank you for showing me how to love unconditionally.

Much love,

Matthew Myers

2018-2019 State Vice President

Virginia FFA, what a year. An unforgettable year full of laughter, fellowship, learning, growing, loving, serving, and leading. You all have shown me how our love, service, dedication, and passion for agriculture and those around us have and will continue to change the world one day at a time. Traveling around the state meeting all of you has opened my eyes to how different each and every one of us is. And how this uniqueness is what makes each of us special, strong as an individual, and even stronger when we are united together. Don't ever be afraid to be your genuine self—you were created with an exciting and special purpose for your life like no one else's in this world. Whether we are putting on the blue jacket for the first time in our FFA journey or wearing it for the last, always remember we don't need the jacket on our backs to serve others, be a true leader, or impact the lives of others. Thank you for impacting our lives this year.

Much love,

Ruth Fitzgerald

2018-2019 State Treasurer

Hope. If I could describe this year in one word, it can easily be said that Virginia FFA gives hope for a brighter future in so many ways. Thank you for always showing me that we can find hope in even the seemingly darkest of moments. Each and every one of you is so capable of greatness and leadership like no other. It is my hope that you continue down this beautiful path of vulnerability, love, ambition, growth, trust, and connection. I love you all so much.

Newlin Humphrey

2018-2019 State Reporter

Leaving my very first ever State Convention 9 years ago, I never imagined just how much one organization can change so many lives, and this past year has been an experience that taught me just that. Every single day this past year I have been constantly reminded of just how much this blue jacket can accomplish. No matter where I was, who I had the pleasure of spending the day with, or whose story I heard, I always felt like I was right at home. In a mere 365 days, I learned that as different as we all are from one another, the love, passion, and willingness to accept others have gone unmatched to anything I have ever seen. Together, we all moved through this year growing, changing, and striving for a better tomorrow, and I know, without a doubt, that the future of Virginia FFA is bright. Thank you, thank you, thank you for opening up your hearts and minds to this lucky girl and changing my life and your peers' for the better. It's been an honor to have kept this door to our shared home of Virginia FFA always open for you all this past year!

Love always,

Katherine Thompson

2018-2019 State Sentinel

At times the world can seem consuming. It's easy to be overwhelmed by the tasks demanded of us and the challenges life throws at each of us. I know through life and through the last year there have been many times where I experienced challenges I never saw coming, whether it was a vehicle accident, an unexpected illness, or a failure. In these moments I've felt like I wasn't enough. I doubted my purpose and the position I was put in. In the middle of one of those challenging moments a good friend reminded me to believe in something outside of myself. When we have faith in something greater, it gives us perspective and hope when the world seems overwhelming. I found that when I started to look outside of myself and remember why I was created and who created me, my eyes opened to things I may have missed all around me. Every day this year I witnessed the passion, drive, and purpose of students as I traveled to chapters around the commonwealth. I had the chance to witness students sharing the impact that FFA has had in enabling them to grow into the people and leaders they are today. Every moment was truly special, whether it was seeing the eagerness and naiveté in the eyes of a sixth grader zipping up the blue corduroy for the very first time, seeing students achieve the dreams they had been working toward for years, or seeing families and communities come together to celebrate their local FFA chapters at their annual banquets. You see, once I focused on something other than myself and my challenges, I was able to see greatness in this organization and in the people surrounding me. This year has given me so many gifts, but the greatest of those has been faith.

Ethan Jackson

2018-2019 State President

What a year it has been, Virginia FFA. A year full of laughter, accomplishments, hard work, and more. When I began this crazy journey a year ago, I felt like I had to go out and change lives with huge, life-changing moments. Now, looking back on our year together, I realize that we all have the chance to change others' lives in small, everyday moments. I saw this firsthand as you all shared memories, stories, perspectives, and friendships with me. Those moments changed my life, and each holds a special place in my heart. I truly can't put into words how much of an impact each and every one of you have left on me. No matter where I went this year, you each helped me learn and grow right alongside you (with some fun along the way). I know the future of FFA and agriculture is so bright because of all of you in the blue jacket. I can't wait to see what you all accomplish. That being said, all I can say is "Thank you." You all have had an impact on my life, and I am so grateful. Now go out and bloom!

Love always,

Kendall Knicely

2018-2019 State Secretary

Virginia FFA, you all are the true force moving this organization. You are worth the late nights, early mornings, long drives, and so, so much more. You are all incredible, wonderful people who have an overflowing well of goodness and potential, and you deserve to be seen as the unique and incredible persons you are. Thank you for watering the seeds of potential in your peers and in us with your belief in others. Thank you each for having an open heart to be your true self, for inspiring others to do the same, and keeping that open heart accepting of others' differences. You taught me and inspired me to lead through connection and empathy, and it was the most important lesson of my life. Thank you. You all embody leadership because you push yourselves, cast visions for the future, and live with integrity every day. Just as one flood cannot water a forest for one hundred years, one single act of leadership cannot make a lasting change, but with each insight offered, snaps for classmates, and willingness to try more in this organization, you showed your steady stream of leadership that will change lives and has changed mine. Thank you.

Wishing you all the best of everything,

Claire Seibel

2018-2019 State Vice President

Get to Know YOUR STATE OFFICERS



VIRGINIA
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! What FFA opportunities would you recommend to FFA members?

MaKayla: I would recommend the Virginia Institute of Cooperative Education (VICE) because it is a very fun weekend where students in Virginia learn about cooperatives and why they are important. This program gives high school students the opportunity to explore careers within cooperatives and learn about themselves, as well as meet students from around the Commonwealth.

Carly: I would recommend participating in as many different FFA events as you can during your time as a member, whether that is CDEs, LDEs, workshops, or conventions. You may end up finding something that you really enjoy, and in the end, we regret the things we didn't do more than the things we did.

Madison: I would recommend being involved in multiple Career Development Events (CDEs) and Leadership Development Events (LDEs). Both of these provide the opportunity to not only strengthen your skills but also allow you the chance to see what best fits you and your interests.

Ryan: I would recommend FFA members to try as many things as possible, whether it is different CDEs, LDEs, or camps. Trying different things gives you the opportunity to discover what you are truly passionate about. Pushing yourself to try new things can also help you unlock your full potential.

Erin: An awesome opportunity for FFA members is the Washington Leadership Conference because it allows members to focus on the impact that they can leave on their community. While attending WLC, members can interact with people from across the country, explore Washington, D.C., and participate in leadership workshops and sessions.

Jacob: I strongly recommend the Virginia Institute of Cooperative Education (VICE) because it is an amazing opportunity for students from around the state to come together and socialize while learning about the field of Cooperative Extension. This three-day program allows students to interact with other members, learn about Extension agencies around the nation, and participate in tons of fun activities throughout the weekend.

Kenzie: I would recommend Virginia FFA Leadership Camp because it provides amazing leadership experiences, all while having fun and meeting members across the state. Throughout the week members have the opportunity to participate in group workshops, recreational activities, and camp competitions.

Hope: I would strongly recommend seeing your chapter as your second family; they will support you, provide opportunities, and open your eyes to many great visions, plus you'll spend a lot of time with them on FFA trips! My chapter became my family, and I will always see them as being a crucial part of my life and definitely credit them for molding me into the person I am today.

Shelby: I would recommend to any and every FFA member to make as many connections within the event they attend. The Blue Jacket really runs through and through later on in life, and going out of your way to meet one person can mean everything.



5.4
Average number of CDEs/LDEs competed in:

Average number of agriculture classes taken in school:

6.7

Average number of FFA jackets owned:



1.4
Average number of siblings:

! What's an interesting fact about your hometown?

MaKayla: An interesting fact about Culpeper is that the famous left-handed pitcher Eppa Rixey Jr. was born and lived here until he was ten. Rixey played for the Philadelphia Phillies and the Cincinnati Reds.

Carly: One interesting fact about Rockingham County is that our county fair is one of the leading agricultural fairs in the nation. The International Association for Fairs and Expositions has awarded the Rockingham County Fair first place for "Overall Program for Competitive Agricultural Exhibitors."

Madison: An interesting fact about both of my hometowns is that they both have historical significance. Goldvein used to have 18 active gold mines, while Snow Camp, NC, is home to the Snow Camp Outdoor Theater that honors our town as the town General Cornwallis camped at during a snowfall around the time of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Ryan: My hometown of Abingdon is packed full of history. Some of the oldest buildings date prior to 1776. For many years my town was known as Wolf Hills; this name was given by Daniel Boone as he was traveling through. Abingdon also has a lot of Civil War history, having several hospitals, and the town was partially burnt down during the war.

Erin: A fun fact about Winchester is that every year during the first weekend of May, everyone gets together for something called "The Apple Blossom Festival." During the festival, parades run through the city, several fun runs are held, and there is even a pageant to crown "Miss Apple Blossom."

Jacob: One interesting fact about Appomattox is that this is the home of the surrender of General Lee to General Grant. In fact, the National Historical Park is still home to multiple original buildings and tons of artifacts from such an important part of America's history.

Kenzie: An interesting fact about Strasburg is that its nickname is "Pot Town" because of the large pottery industry the town had prior to the Civil War. Some of the remaining pottery from the time is sought after by collectors and is sold for thousands of dollars.

Hope: A fun fact about Harrisonburg is that it was passed through by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. In 1862, the fence around our courthouse was used as a place to hold Union soldiers taken as prisoners, and Turner Ashby, a noted cavalry officer, was killed close to the town borders.

Shelby: One interesting fact about Dinwiddie is that it was the home of more battles in the Civil War than anywhere else. Hence the reason the National Civil War Museum is in Dinwiddie.

! What's your biggest fear?

MaKayla: My biggest fear is silos full of corn. I am afraid that I might accidentally fall into a silo full of corn and sink to the bottom.

Carly: My biggest fear is darkness. I have an irrational fear that something is lurking just out of my sight in the darkness, so I always keep a flashlight handy.

Madison: My biggest fear is heights. I do not ride roller coasters, and I avoid walking into tall buildings. I am always afraid the floor will drop out from underneath me.

Ryan: My greatest fear is flipping a piece of farm equipment. Growing up in the Appalachian mountains, I found farming accidents to be more frequent. That is why when I'm on a piece of farm equipment I always try to be extra cautious.

Erin: My biggest fear is falling from heights. I always avoid riding on drop towers at theme parks or going to the top floor of buildings because I am afraid I am going to fall off.

Jacob: My biggest fear is snakes because I have had too many negative encounters with them throughout my life such as having one wrap itself around my leg a few months ago because I accidentally stepped on it.

Kenzie: My biggest fear is the ocean because there is so much that I can't see and is unexplored. At the beach, I can't go out far past my knees because of that.

Hope: My biggest fear is pretty cliché: spiders. I just can't stand their creepy, crawly legs or the thought of them crawling on me.

Shelby: My biggest fear is enclosed tight spaces. I am always uncomfortable in fitting rooms that are super small and where the door is from floor to ceiling.



MaKayla Craig

VIRGINIA FFA PRESIDENT

▶ From Eastern View FFA



Carly Carpenter

VIRGINIA FFA SECRETARY

▶ From Massanutten Tech FFA



Madison Siffard

VIRGINIA FFA VICE PRESIDENT

▶ From C. L. Payne FFA



Ryan Gobble

VIRGINIA FFA VICE PRESIDENT

▶ From Abingdon FFA



Erin Orgen

VIRGINIA FFA VICE PRESIDENT

▶ From Sherando FFA



Jacob Dinterman

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▶ From Appomattox FFA



Kenzie Kline

VIRGINIA FFA TREASURER

▶ From Strasburg FFA



Hope Showalter

VIRGINIA FFA REPORTER

▶ From Turner Ashby FFA



Shelby Stevens

VIRGINIA FFA SENTINEL

▶ From Dinwiddie FFA

2019 VIRGINIA FFA CONVENTION CDE/LDE Award Recipients



AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amber Gessner, Madison Estep, Aiden Keller, and Cameron Froemel
State Winner
Strasburg FFA



AGRICULTURAL ISSUES

MaKayla Craig, Aiden Lust, Hayley Henry, Sarah Southard, Elizabeth Bales, Eryn Twomey, and Melessa Suder (Coach)
State Winner
Eastern View FFA



AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Tyler Huffman, Arlie Eye, Ethan Eye, and Grant Pennybacker
Junior Team Winner
Turner Ashby FFA



AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS

Ethan Ruble, James (Tucker) Grimshaw, Brian Watts, and James P. Whorley
Senior Team Winner
Lord Botetourt FFA



AGRICULTURAL SALES

Nicole Sutton, Jade Bowers, Lauren Lamb, and Marissa Perry
State Winner
Atlee FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 2

Carlie Good and Brenda Lamas
State Winner
Fort Defiance FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ANIMAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 5

Maeve Davis
State Winner
Clarke County FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR PLANT SYSTEMS DIVISION 2

Jenna Wolfe and Anna Anthony
State Winner
Montevideo Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR PLANT SYSTEMS DIVISION 3

Krystalyn Hassett
State Winner
Turner Ashby FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR PLANT SYSTEMS DIVISION 5

Hannah Snow
State Winner
Carroll County FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION 1

Adeline Wallin
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR POWER SYSTEMS DIVISION 1

Clarke Hefferm
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 3

Adeline Wallin
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR SOCIAL SYSTEMS DIVISION 4

Ella Warns and Bryce Keller
State Winner
Broadway FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS DIVISION 2

Hershel HOFFETITZ and Thomas LOHR
State Winner
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS DIVISION 3

Loren Satterwhite
State Winner
Turner Ashby FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND NATURAL RESOURCES SYSTEMS DIVISION 4

Jackson Lohr and Heidi Messerly
State Winner
Broadway FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR FOOD PRODUCTION PROCESSING SYSTEMS DIVISION 1

Makenna Blair
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



AGRISCIENCE FAIR FOOD PRODUCTION PROCESSING SYSTEMS DIVISION 3

Sierra Miller
State Winner
Central FFA



JUNIOR AGRONOMY

Houston Bryant, Justin Higginbotham, and Grace Huffman
State Winner
Nelson County Middle FFA



SENIOR AGRONOMY

Jonathan Ames, Jeremy Petrie, Matthew Hartley, and Jacob Neff
State Winner
Sherando FFA



AVIAN BOWL

Shania Beach, Heidi Messerly, Jackson Lohr, and Jared Hoover
State Winner
Broadway FFA



COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Anna Rash
State Winner
Nottoway FFA



CREED SPEAKING

Audrey Garrison
State Winner
Wilbur S. Pence Middle FFA



JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT

Stephanie Schweigert, Jacqueline Diaz, Madison Crawford, and Herschel Hoffeditz
State Winner
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



SENIOR DAIRY CATTLE EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT

Ella Warns, Evan Carr, Bethany Gentry, and Grace Fravel
State Winner
Broadway FFA



DAIRY HANDLERS ACTIVITY

Salem Sifford
State Winner
C. L. Payne FFA



EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

Megan Pollok
State Winner
Tunstall FFA



ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Sarah Eaton, Lindsay Zirkle, James Eaton, Faith Dellinger, and Jay Jarret (Coach)
State Winner
Stonewall Jackson FFA



EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jordan Winall
State Winner
Powhatan FFA



FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Brittany Hall, Sarah Harvey, Katie Powell, and Kelsey Fitzgerald
State Winner
Nelson Sr. FFA



FLORICULTURE

Kylee Cline, Skylar Cline, Hunter Woodby, and Bailee Cox
State Winner
John S. Battle FFA



JUNIOR FORESTRY

Cooper Owen, Claudia Phillips (representing Emma Nester), Hailey Chitwood, Shelby Rigney, and Tiffany Anderson (coach)
State Winner
Magna Vista FFA



SENIOR FORESTRY

Cole Morris, Colt Maurer, Lydia Staton, and Jack Rodgers
State Winner
Nelson Sr. FFA



JUNIOR HORSE EVALUATION

Caroline Levine, Michell Winand, Jennifer Levine, and Emily Creasey
State Winner
Smith Mountain FFA



SENIOR HORSE EVALUATION

Morgan Short, Adrianna Nelson, Josie Short, and Levi Phipps
State Winner
John S. Battle FFA



JUNIOR HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Caroline Levine, Michell Winand, Jennifer Levine, and Emily Creasey
State Winner
Smith Mountain FFA



SENIOR HORSE HIPPOLOGY

Alex Holliday, Emily Eanes, Kaylynn Lipford, and Elizabeth Akins
State Winner
Powhatan Sr. FFA



HORTICULTURE

Caitlin Garis, Grace Lilly, Olivia Shick, Luke Roy, Chase McCubbin, Alexandria Charrier, Layce Baker-McGee, and Natalie Heath
State Winner
James Wood FFA



JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EVALUATION

Bryce Keller, Desi Showalter, Jesse Haviland, and Isabelle Bowman
State Winner
Broadway FFA



SENIOR LIVESTOCK EVALUATION

Madison Wheeler, Makayla Talley, Samuel Hadacek, and Troy Payne
State Winner
Buffalo Gap FFA



MARKETING PLAN

Joel Gessner, Anna Rankin, and Shelby Smith
State Winner
Strasburg FFA



MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

Ella Warns, Bethany Gentry, Kyle Showalter, and Jesse Earhart
State Winner
Broadway FFA



NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE

Emily Bray, Tanner Roach, Zachary Wilson, and Caleb Brannock
State Winner
Magna Vista FFA



JUNIOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jordan Petrie
State Winner
Sherando FFA



SENIOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Carly Carpenter
State Winner
Massanutten Technical Center FFA



JUNIOR POULTRY EVALUATION

Bryson Funk, Thomas Lohr, Stephanie Schweigert, and Jessica Dove
State Winner
J. Frank Hillyard FFA



SENIOR POULTRY EVALUATION

Ava Showalter (represented by Megan Conley), Heidi Messerley, Shaina Beach, and Jared Hoover
State Winner
Broadway FFA



TURF MANAGEMENT

Emmett Wilkerson, Hunter McRay, Tommy Lamb, and Fredrick Myers
State Winner
Atlee FFA



VETERINARY SCIENCE

Olivia Croft, Parry Dooley, Makenna Garrett, and Joshua Leamy
State Winner
Liberty Senior FFA



YOUTH DISCUSSION MEET

Megan Pollok
State Winner
Tunstall FFA

2019 NATIONAL FFA Chapter Awards

BUILDING COMMUNITIES CHAPTER AWARD

State Winner
Central FFA

STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE CHAPTER AWARD

State Winner
Charlotte Central Middle FFA

GROWING LEADERS CHAPTER AWARD

State Winner
Strasburg FFA

FORESTRY WILDLIFE CHAPTER AWARD

State Winner
Central FFA



2019 STATE *stars*

STAR IN PLACEMENT JOSH POWERS

CHAPTER: SMITH MOUNTAIN



STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS WALKER BOWMAN

CHAPTER: CENTRAL



STAR IN AGRISCIENCE MAEVE DAVIS

CHAPTER: CLARKE COUNTY



STAR FARMER LOGAN MILLS

CHAPTER: CHATHAM



2019 VIRGINIA FFA PROFICIENCY *Award Recipients*



VIRGINIA
FFA ASSOCIATION



AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Ruth Fitzgerald
Nelson Sr. FFA



AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS DESIGN AND FABRICATION

Jared Morgan
Appomattox FFA



AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE PLACEMENT

Trevor Agee
Buckingham FFA



AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Payton Wright
C.L. Payne FFA



AGRICULTURAL SALES PLACEMENT

Josh Powers
Smith Mountain FFA



AGRICULTURAL SERVICES ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Damien Clarke
Appomattox FFA



AGRISCIENCE RESEARCH ANIMAL SYSTEMS

Maeve Davis
Clarke County FFA



BEEF PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Jacob Coffey
Central FFA



BEEF PRODUCTION PLACEMENT

Andrew Tuck
Smith Mountain FFA



DAIRY PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Emma Seekford
Massanutten Technical Center FFA



DAIRY PRODUCTION PLACEMENT

Nicholas Poole
Clarke County FFA



DIVERSIFIED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Wade Reiter
Dinwiddie FFA



DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION - PLACEMENT

Logan Mills
Chatham FFA



DIVERSIFIED HORTICULTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Grayson Moyer
Sherando FFA



DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Pryde Arrington
Holston FFA



EQUINE SCIENCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ryan Gobble
Abingdon FFA



EQUINE SCIENCE PLACEMENT

Noelle Lutz
Appomattox FFA



FRUIT PRODUCTION ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ PLACEMENT

Jonathan Ames
Sherando FFA

VA FFA ASSOCIATION



**GOAT PRODUCTION
ENTREPRENEURSHIP/
PLACEMENT**
Katlyn Taylor
Abingdon FFA



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PRODUCTION AND CARE
ENTREPRENEURSHIP/
PLACEMENT**
Katelyn Graves
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**SPECIALTY ANIMAL
PRODUCTION
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PLACEMENT**
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**SPECIALTY CROP
PRODUCTION**
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PLACEMENT**
Jamont'a Hubbard
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2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA EVENT *Award Recipients*



**AGRISCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
MECHANICS CAREER
DEVELOPMENT EVENT**
Mason Bradley, Cody Scarce,
Matthew Scarce, and Davis Ince
State Winner
Chatham Middle FFA



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**AGRISCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
MECHANICS CAREER
DEVELOPMENT EVENT**
Cody Scarce
High Individual
Chatham Middle FFA



FOOD AND FIBER
Keller Cooley, Brodilyn Ireland,
Sarah Hawkins, Beau Scheulen, and
Susan Harrison (coach)
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



FOOD AND FIBER
Brodilyn Ireland
High Individual
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



PLANT SCIENCE
Brandon Ridings, Clarke Heffern,
Kayden Shomaker, Natalie Ash, and
Kim Black (coach)
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



PLANT SCIENCE
Savanna Miller
High Individual
W. R. Legge Middle FFA



FFA QUIZ BOWL WRITTEN TEST
Anna Borst, Rebecca Stout, Makenna
Blaine, Adeline Walkin, and Danniele
Ames (coach)
State Winner
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA



**FFA QUIZ BOWL WRITTEN
TEST**
Weston Copp
High Individual
Peter Muhlenberg Middle FFA



FFA QUIZ BOWL TEAM EVENT
Anika Perry, Maggie Copp, Weston
Copp, Mason Fisher, and Kate
Hawkins (coach)
State Winner
Peter Muhlenberg Middle FFA



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**FFA QUIZ BOWL - QUIZ BOWL
ESSAY AND DR. JOHN H.
HILLISON AWARD RECIPIENT**
Anna Henderson
High Individual
Stuarts Draft Middle FFA



SMALL ANIMAL CARE
Justin Ford, Mallory Kaczor, Abigail
Mosley, Kelsey Reece and Donna
Kaczor (coach)
State Winner
Laurel Park Middle FFA



SMALL ANIMAL CARE
Maddy Adcock
High Individual
R. E. Aylor Middle FFA

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Lee	Stormy Sutherland-Wallace	Alexis Lamonds	Sarah Byram
Robert Burchett		Tara Schmiedecke	Hailey Catalano
Sarah Graham	Riverheads	Madelyn Wright	Raven Funkhouser
Donovan C. Willis	Hannah Nicole Conner		Megan Grose
	Bryan Austin Hostetler	Stonewall Jackson	Logan Hartley
Marion	Cameron Lee	Darcey Catherine Bennett	Grayson Moyer
Benjamin Isaiah Blevins	Zach McCall	James Franklin Eaton	Erin Orgen
	Avery LeRoy Schaefer	Emily Nichole Rexrode	Mallory Painter
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Hannah Laurel Bopp			Kenny Snyder
	Spotswood		
Ridgeview	Sarah Ritenour	NORTH RIDGE AREA	Skyline
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		Victoria Nicole Claveloux	
BLUE RIDGE AREA	Stuarts Draft	Katelyn Michelle Graves	Strasburg
Broadway	Coraleigh B. Hulse	Edward Gerard Hogan	Madison Estep
Shaina Beach	Jordan Renee Ramsey	Kenneth Reed Mayhugh	Makenzie Kline
Abbey Coleman		Payton Michele Wright	Allyson Jean Neal
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STATE Cattle Working

by Matthew Myers - VA FFA 2018-2019 Vice President

Members put their cattle-working knowledge to the test when they competed in the Cattle Working CDE. Students displayed skills of sorting, tagging, and vaccinating. As steers will, they were not always cooperating, but members showed determination and grit getting them all done efficiently and safely. The state winning team was from Broadway. *Congratulations to all that competed!*



STATE Forestry

by Nathan McDonald - VA FFA 2018-2019 Vice President

In late April, the Forestry Career Development Event was held on the campus of Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge, Virginia. The winners in the junior and senior divisions in each area from across the state came for the opportunity to test their forestry skills and potentially earn the state title. Contestants participated in a variety of events relating to tree identification, measuring tree volume, map interpretation, and equipment identification. Senior competitors were required to participate in additional events relating to other forestry skills.

*Congratulations to these teams
and individuals!*

SENIOR DIVISION

Top Three Individuals

1st Place: Jack Rodgers - Nelson Senior
2nd Place: Alyssa Vass - Carroll County
3rd Place: Jade Bowers - Atlee

SENIOR TEAMS

Top Two Teams

1st Place: Nelson Senior
2nd Place: Powhatan

JUNIOR DIVISION

Top Three Individuals

1st Place: Steven Ramsey - Stuarts Draft
2nd Place: Emma Nester - Magna Vista
3rd Place: Cooper Owen - Magna Vista

JUNIOR TEAMS

Top Two Teams

1st Place: Magna Vista
2nd Place: Atlee

Thank you to Dabney S. Lancaster Forestry Staff Mr. Billy Newman, Mr. Ed McCann, and Mr. Scott Reigel for hosting this event.

STATE Stockman's

by Katherine Thompson - VA FFA 2018-2019 Sentinel

In April, hundreds of FFA members gathered at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg, VA, to compete in the State Junior and Senior Stockman's events. These individuals had to complete several rounds of identification, judge classes of livestock, take a written test, and solve a team problem. This year, our highest-scoring FFA individuals in the event were Herschel Hoffeditz for the Junior event and Ella Warns for the Senior event. The winning teams were J. Frank Hillyard Middle Team A for the Juniors and Page County Team A for the Seniors.

Tractor OPERATORS

by Kendall Knicely - VA FFA 2018-2019 Secretary

On Thursday, April 18, the State Tractor Operators contest was held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Participants performed routine maintenance examinations, took a written test on safety and operation of tractors, and navigated driving courses with both a two-wheel trailer and a four-wheel wagon. Placing third was Bryce Norford from Greene. Placing second was Walker Bowman from Central. The state winner was Josh Powers from Smith Mountain, who will represent Virginia FFA at the Big E in the fall. *Congratulations!*