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## Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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## Introducing the 2012-2013 Pennsylvania State FFA Officer Team

During the very last session at state convention in June, a new state officer team was elected and installed. A nominating committee made up of eight students from across the state spent the entire conference listening to the candidate's speeches and interviews, and a final team of seven students was chosen to represent the Pennsylvania FFA for the next year.

**Casey Shawver - State President**  
*Midd-West FFA Chapter*

"I ran for state office because I wanted the opportunity to show the members the same experience that I had through FFA which helped develop me into the person I am today. I am looking forward to meeting members and learning more about Pennsylvania's agricultural industry."

**Austin Albright - State Vice President**  
*Elizabethtown FFA Chapter*

"The reason why I ran to be a state officer was to share my passion for agriculture and FFA to members in hopes that they better develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. I am



2012-2013 Pa. FFA Officer Team

excited to see where this year goes, and who we will meet."

**Shannon Copeland - State Secretary**  
*Albion FFA Chapter*

"I ran for state office to give back to the members the same way the state officers before me did. I'm looking forward to serving the almost 8,000 members this year."

**Miranda Kane - State Treasurer**  
*Twin Valley FFA Chapter*

"I ran for state office because I wanted to give members the same experiences that I have had and to serve the association to the best of my ability. I'm looking forward to meeting many awesome members and having the chance to help make Pennsylvania FFA as good as ever!"

**Maris Wilson - State Reporter**  
*Twin Valley FFA Chapter*

"I ran for state office to serve the members and to help make their experience in the FFA as rewarding as my time in the organization was. I am looking forward to helping with all the behind the scenes work and meeting all the sponsors that help make our events possible."



National FFA Officer Jason Troendle, far left, joins the 2012-13 Pennsylvania FFA Officer team for a group photo at the Pennsylvania State FFA Convention in June. The officer team, from left are Maris Wilson, Casey Shawver, Sean Jones, Shannon Copeland, Renee Grove, Miranda Kane and Austin Albright.

**Sean Jones - State Sentinel**  
*Philadelphia FFA Chapter*

"I ran for state office to help make an impact on the members by letting them know they can go forth in life without letting any disabilities or other factors prevent them from succeeding in life and achieving their goals. This year I am looking forward to meeting all of the people who make this organization great."

**Renee Grove - State Chaplain**  
*Shippensburg FFA Chapter*

"I ran for State FFA Officer to give back to the organization that has done so much for me. I want everyone else to have the same opportunity that I have had. If there is one thing I am really excited for this year, it is getting to work with the members by running conferences and chapter visits."

## Collegiate FFA Adds to the FFA Experience

### FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

What a way to spend a summer vacation. For the Penn State Collegiate FFA, we are excited each year to spend three days at University Park, Pa. to assist the Pennsylvania FFA in judging and managing events, helping to plan the annual ice cream social, and of course meeting and greeting with FFA members who are hopefully future Penn State students.

For readers unfamiliar with Penn State Collegiate FFA, our mission is, "Collegiate FFA seeks to provide a positive impact by creating personalized opportunities to those who want to grow in confidence, leadership, and agricultural literacy."

A Collegiate FFA membership differs greatly from an active FFA membership but offers opportunities that an active membership cannot. Anyone interested in continuing in personal growth should be certain to join a Collegiate FFA chapter. Our membership comes from a wide array of majors and backgrounds, some in the college of agricultural sciences, and some from other colleges. We welcome both individuals who have worn the blue corduroy and those who want to see what FFA is about for the first time. So long as you go to Penn State, you can be a member of Collegiate FFA.

Most recently, we have been communicating with other universities to find ways to bring our chapters together to network, compete in



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competitions centered on professional development, and of course have fun as FFA members do. We are constantly on the hunt for opportunities to be involved in community service and to be active members of the University.

For more information about Penn State's Collegiate FFA, be sure to visit <http://agsci.psu.edu/clubs/cffa>. Whether you attend Penn State or not, be sure to check with your post-secondary institution to see if they have a Collegiate FFA chapter. We are always looking forward to and love to welcome new members; however I am always glad to see individuals continue their time with FFA.

I would like to congratulate the 2011-2012 state officer team on an amazing job this past year. We are excited to welcome six of the seven officers from this team to the Penn State family. I hope that the time you have spent serving members this past year will pave the way for success within your formal education.

I would also like to applaud the 2012-2013 officer team on being elected to a position of service, dignity, and endless possibilities. You have coined the phrase, "Grow-Lead-Succeed," to help you to inspire FFA members across the state. As you do so, I guarantee that the phrase will quickly apply to your lives as well.

**Editor's Note: Caleb Wright is the Penn State Collegiate FFA president.**

## Pa. FFA Officer Team Visits Lancaster Farming



Photo by Preston Whitcraft

EPHRATA, Pa. — Team members Maris Wilson, Casey Shawver, Renee Grove, Miranda Kane and Austin Albright learn about the printing process, Tuesday, during a tour of Lancaster Farming's office. Assistant General Manager Pete Lindquist discusses the printing process.

## FFA'ers 'Go Wild'

**SHANNON COPELAND**  
*Pennsylvania FFA State Secretary*

WAYNESBURG, Pa. — On July 5 and 6, the Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, WPLC was held in Waynesburg, Pa. at the Greene County Career and Technical Center. Lodging was provided at Waynesburg University. The theme this year was, "WILD about FFA", and the conference certainly was wild.

The conference consisted of several different workshops, two of which were put on by the Pennsylvania FFA State Officers. The Pennsylvania FFA State Officers' workshops were about the different ways to be a good leader, and how

they could incorporate different things strengths they had into their own chapter to improve their own chapter. There was also a workshop hosted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Two game commissioners taught students about animal crime forensics, how to identify a crime scene, and what their jobs entail on a normal day. There was even a workshop on Pennsylvania falcons, with a live hawk in attendance. There was a hypnotist show and a dance in the evening.

Some of the chapters in attendance were: Milton Hershey, Wilmington, Conneaut Area (C.A.S.H), Derry, and Washington.

Thanks to everyone involved for making this conference one WILD time.

