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Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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Students “Grow-Lead-Succeed” with the State Officers

RENEE GROVE
Pa. FFA State Chaplain

The school year is just beginning, which means the Pennsylvania FFA state officers are starting to visit with FFA chapters all across the state. This year, Pennsylvania FFA’s theme is, “Grow-Lead-Succeed,” and the officers are basing all of their chapter visits on this theme.

Students will first learn about ways they can grow through the opportunities that the FFA presents them. Next, students will discover what leadership is to them and what it takes to be a leader in

their home, school and community. Agricultural careers and majors are also a big focus in these chapter visits. Students will learn all about the different paths they can take in life to succeed, whether or not they decide to pursue a career directly related to agriculture.

The officers cannot wait to meet members from across the state. State Reporter Maris Wilson is, “excited to encourage new members to join FFA. We need to make that 8,000 member goal this year.” FFA advisers, make sure to schedule your visits as soon as possible. The state officer team cannot wait to see you in the coming months.



State Officers Austin Albright and Miranda Kane lead a workshop similar to those being taught at this year’s chapter visits.

Photo by Mike Brammer

Range Resources Donates to Pennsylvania FFA Scholarships

MARIS WILSON
Pa. FFA State Reporter

WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA — Have you ever visited a working Marcellus Shale drilling site? On Aug. 17, the Pennsylvania FFA State Officer Team went to a working drill site, as well as a finished site, to learn all about the drilling and natural gas extraction process in the Marcellus Shale bed.

“I live in Lancaster County, so there aren’t many drill sites near me. It was interesting to learn from Range Resources about what they do,” State Vice President Austin Albright said. With communications specialist Mark Windle as their guide each officer learned a little something different from the experience.

Not only did Range Resources host a tour for the State FFA Officers, they also

supported the Pennsylvania FFA in another way. On Aug. 18 at the Washington County Fair auction, Range Resources presented the Pennsylvania FFA with a check for \$50,000 to use as a scholarship for members going to college.

Over the past three years, Range Resources has donated a quarter of a million dollars to the Pennsylvania FFA to use for scholarships. This is the first scholarship offered to FFA members across Pennsylvania, and members are very excited about the opportunity. “College is expensive, and this scholarship is a way Pennsylvania FFA can help put our members in a better place to pay for their education,” State FFA Chaplain Renee Grove said, a two-time recipient of this scholarship.



The Pennsylvania FFA officer team accepts a scholarship donation from Range Resources at the Washington County Fair.

FFA Members Go for Gold at the Big E

MIRANDA KANE
Pa. FFA State Treasurer

This weekend, the FFA chapters of the Eastern Region states will be attending the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. This event, Sept. 14-20, is not only a fair with many activities, entertainment, and exhibits, but it is also a convention that FFA members have the

opportunity to attend each year.

FFA members will be competing in Career Development Events (CDE) hosted at the Eastern States Exposition. Members from Pennsylvania must have placed second at the Pennsylvania FFA State Convention Week for the 2012 year in order to compete at the Big E. In addition, students who received a Star Award in Pennsylvania will move on to

compete in the Big E in hopes of receiving an Eastern Region Star Award.

The members of Pennsylvania FFA are certainly striving for success in their Career Development Events and Star Awards. We know the members are excited to attend this big event and we cannot wait to experience it with them. Good luck to all those competing.

Hoss’s Community Night to Support FFA Jacket Campaign

“Grow-Lead-Succeed.” is the theme for Pennsylvania FFA this year. Over the past seven years, the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association has worked diligently to provide the first step in a student’s success in this organization, which is providing them with a corduroy jacket. As FFA alumni across the nation know, the blue and gold jacket provides a tremendous amount of pride as well as opportunity for each and every student in the organization.

The Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association is excited to team up with Hoss’s Steak and Sea House to raise money to support our first year member jacket program. Please consider visiting the Hoss’s locations listed below on Oct. 9, to raise money to benefit the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association First Year Member Jacket Campaign. In the past seven years, the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association has been able to provide 1,254 first year FFA mem-

bers with their jackets.


Cut out this article and present it on Oct. 9, at Hoss’s locations in Williamsport, Chambersburg, State College, Shamokin Dam, Indiana, Meadville, Carlisle, Huntingdon, Hanover, Grove City, Lewistown, Leesport, Greensburg, Annville, Lititz, York East, and York West. Hoss’s will then donate 20 percent of the total check to the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association to support the Freshman Jacket Program.

FFA Conferences Abound

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION

Who is excited for the upcoming conferences that are coming up in a few weeks? I know that all the Pennsylvania state officers are — that’s for sure. These last few months, the state officers have been planning all sorts of cool activities for all the workshops for both the Adams-Franklin-York Conference, the Washington County Leadership Conference, as well as the Fall Leadership Conference.

This year we are going to challenge YOU; the members and everyone who



attends these events. That is by building friendship, self-confidence, teamwork, as well as growing the new leaders of tomorrow. We hope everyone is ready to learn more about themselves, as well as applying it to everyday life, but the most important one to remember is to have fun. We cannot wait to see you in a few weeks and have a great school year everyone. Remember to Grow- Lead-Succeed!

SEAN JONES

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