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State Convention: the Countdown Is On

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — State Convention is rapidly approaching and the State Officers are working hard to ensure that this Convention is a great one for all the members. It is hard to imagine that in just 17 days all of the State Career Development Events (CDE's) will be under way and Penn State University's Campus will be filled with blue courdory jackets! Tuesday, June 9, the flood of FFA members arrives and CDE's commence. The first session, which takes place in the Eisenhower Auditorium, will be full of speakers, record books awards, new Charter presentations, proficiency awards, public speaking awards and introductions of your 22 State Officer Candidates. On Wednesday, everyone is up bright and early to begin a full day of Career Development Events. By the second session that night all of the winners will be decided and hopefully the new State Officer team. At the second session, the Young Farmers will be awarding an FFA member a trip to the

National Young Farmer convention in Mobile, Ala. Hannah Crossen, National FFA Officer, will speak, Citation Awards will be given out as well as the Honorary Degrees. The State Officer will recognize those important people who supported them, their advisors and parents. Then Thursday, the last and final day of the convention will consist of the closing session. Big things are happening in this session. All of the Career Development Event winners will be recognized and the final State Officer reflections will be presented. Your 2008-2009 State Officers will retire and install the new 2009-2010 State Officers. You will find out who will be Pennsylvania's National Officer Candidate for the National Convention in October and of course to finish it off your new State Officer team will close the final session of the 2008-2009 State Convention. It will be three days full of fun, hard work and much deserved recognition. Good luck to all of the members participating in the CDE's in June the State Officers look forward to seeing you all again.

Lancaster FFA Elects Officers



Photo by Hannah Wentworth, Eastern Region Vice President

LANCASTER, Pa. — At last week's Lancaster County FFA Banquet the 2009-2010 officer team was elected. They are, from left, Adam Mummau, chaplain, Manheim; Jen Drumm, reporter, Manor; Jess Durante, secretary, Elizabethtown; Josh Bledsoe, vice president, Solanco; Kristie Breneman, sentinel, Garden Spot; Jess Keefer, president, Solanco; Caleb Long, treasurer, Manor.

FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

This year has flown by. I cannot believe it is already May. It seems like only yesterday the 11 of us got elected. April has been a fairly calm month, a few chapter banquets and other FFA activities but for the most part just getting ready for college. It is hard to believe that the next Blue and Gold Page State officer article will come from the new state officer team. There have been a lot of great times this year, from Chapter visits, National Convention, and the Big E in the fall, to Farm Show, ACES, State Legislative Leadership Conference (SLLC) and chapter banquets this winter and spring, every one of these events has been amazing and I will never forget them. This one-year of service to the Pennsylvania FFA Association has opened my eyes to a lot of new experiences and challenges. I believe that the



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state officer team has done a wonderful job with all the challenges that we have been faced with this year. The 11 members of the team including myself wish to say thank you to everyone for making this year such an amazing

experience from the board of directors, sponsors, the alumni, and the foundation, to our parents, the Brammers, and the members, we would not have the memories we are taking away without you. I wish next year's team the best of luck, and cannot wait to see everyone at State Convention (June 9-11). Best of luck to all competing at Penn State this year and remember the experiences you have now in the FFA will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Editor's Note: PJ Adam is the Pennsylvania state president.



Terri Kauffman, Megan Ackley and Mike Martin received the Star Placement, Star Farmer and Star Greenhand awards respectively.

Cloister FFA Members Are All Smiles at Their Annual Banquet

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EPHRATA, Pa. — March, April and May is FFA Chapter Banquet Season and it is in full swing. All across the state FFA Chapters hold annual banquets completely run by the chapter officers to highlight the members' accomplishments all year. Local representatives, parents, students and business and industry representatives attend these banquets to see the great achievements that have taken place throughout the year. Cloister FFA from the Ephrata High School had a lot to be proud about.

Receiving their Greenhand degree where Amanda Bowers, Erica Fox, David Martin, Mike Martin, Pat Rehm and Jeremy Weaver.

Megan Ackley, Taylor Bauder, Ryan Cochran, Emily Good, Terri Kauffman, Marcel Myers and Rick Pomeroy received their Chapter degree. Toni Kauffman received the Red Rose Award as well as Equine Placement Proficiency Award. Terri Kauffman received the Ag Communications Placement Proficiency Award. Emily Good received the Beef Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award. Megan Ackley received the Sheep Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award. The Stars were

Mike Martin, Star Greenhand; Megan Ackley, Star Farmer; and Terri Kauffman, Star Placement. Toni Kauffman received the Leadership Award as well as the Scholarship Award. Terri Kauffman and Rick Pomeroy also received the Scholarship Award. Carol Stark was presented with the Honorary Chapter Degree. The final award was given to those who volunteered numerous hours throughout the school year to different organizations. Those who received this award were Charles Ackley, Lew Ayers, Tom Bollinger, Dale Fillmore, Polly Longenberger, Dan Mondeau and Mary Saylor.

Bellwood-Antis FFA Members Recognized for Outstanding Academics

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BELLWOOD, Pa. — At the annual FFA banquets, which are unique to each chapter, the standard degrees and awards are presented. At Bellwood-Antis they hand out the usual awards but they have twist. They present two scholarship awards to their FFA members.

One of the awards, the Barry Marks Memorial Scholarship award, is presented to a senior who has had the highest four-year, all school average. This scholarship is presented to the winner during their first year of training, college or trade school. Drew Saylor was the recipient of this award of \$250. The second scholarship award is given to all members who have maintained an all-school average of 87 percent or higher throughout the year. The recipients of this award were Zach



Doyle, Jared Coho, Lucas Doyle, Alex Watters, Morgan Davensizer, Adam Davensizer, Jeremiah Neely, Mack Kline, Laura Cherry, Rochelle Donahue, Matt Hollen, Lyndsay Yon, Drew Saylor, Shane Browder, Matt Lehman, Alex Stoy, Taylor

Baker, Bobby Decker, Maelena Boyd and Jared Benton.

This is an extraordinary program because it encourages members to do well in their agriculture education class as well as all of their other academic classes.

Drew Saylor from Bellwood-Antis FFA, standing with adviser, Mr. Webreck, received a scholarship award for having the highest four-year, all-school average.