



# BLUE AND GOLD

## Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

One Emblem, Endless Opportunities

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Top, some of the cards made for Valentines for Vets.  
Right, pictured from left, Stacey Fetterman, Ryan Foust, Erica Boyer, Samantha Riffon, Lainey Martz working on cards.

## Line Mountain FFA Make ‘Valentines for Vets’

HERNDON, Pa. — Members of the Line Mountain FFA and the agriculture department made Valentines Cards to send to patients at the VA Hospital in Lebanon, PA. Stu-

dents wanted to give a little cheer to special people who have made sacrifices for our freedom. This is the first time the Line Mountain FFA participated in this project

and they hope they can continue this community service activity. Sixty-one cards were created out of various craft supplies and sent for Valentines Day.



### FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

**JASON ZIMMERMAN**  
Eastern Region Vice President

One Month, Endless Memories is what comes to mind when I think of February. Even though February is the shortest month out of year, it did not stop it from being one of the most action-filled months yet. Our 10th Annual ACES (Agriculture Cooperation Establishes Success) Conference was filled with more than 1,000 members and guests with both weekends combined. Between eating amazing conference food, to getting to meet Picasso, hearing a great motivational speech and having some fun at the dance everyone had a blast. Of course through all the fun we all had a great time learning some new things and getting to meet many people.

Also in February was National FFA Week which was Feb. 16-23. Throughout the week, we attended many dif-

ferent events across the state to help promote agriculture and the FFA in schools, businesses and the community. During this action-packed week we had the chance to attend various events like breakfasts, awards ceremonies, banquets, contests, Dairy Days and much more. This was one week where we had the chance to let everyone that we saw know that our blue jacket do bring bright futures.

Switchgrass, dietary facts on menus, waste tire removal, recycling grocery bags, using SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects as school hours, providing grants for green energy research, do these topics sound familiar? These are actual bills that are in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate and were used at the State Legislative Leadership Conference (SLLC). At SLLC, FFA members simulated running these

bills through the General Assembly of the Pennsylvania Legislature, making changes as they saw fit. They also had some fun at a costume dinner, dance, and even on tours of the Milton Hershey School and Hershey's Chocolate World. We wrapped up SLLC with breakfast in Harrisburg with various members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate. What an experience. Can you believe that SLLC is already over?

I was so excited to hear that so many chapters submitted articles for this month's Blue and Gold page. Thank you to everyone who submitted articles, and if your article didn't make this month's Blue and Gold, be sure to look for it in the FFA Happenings in section B this month. Keep those articles rolling in. Coming up in April, we have the State Officer Candidacy School for anyone interested in running for a state office in the future. Also, of course, in June we have State Convention. It is never too early to get excited and start planning for the future. I hope to see everyone at the 79th Summer Convention at Penn State June 10-12. It will be better then ever! I hope everyone takes advantage of the endless opportunities that the one emblem has to offer.

## Spring is in the Air Penn State Collegiate FFA Keeps Busy

**SARA GUTSHALL**  
Chapter Reporter

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Penn State Collegiate FFA has kept busy with several events throughout the spring semester, including National FFA Week activities and an Easter Egg Hunt. During National FFA Week, Feb. 17-23, chapter members hosted many activities to heighten awareness of the National FFA Organization and Penn State's FFA chapter. Two of the activities were handing out free hot chocolate to Penn State students and holding a Faculty and Staff Appreciation Snack Hour. In addition, our recreation committee kicked-off an Uno Tournament to continue for three consecutive meetings. At the conclusion of the tournament, Dr. John Ewing will treat the overall winner plus a guest to dinner at a restaurant of their choice. Winners from the first round were; Keith Frey, Sara Gutshall, Robyn Bechtel, Ayla Detwiler, and Brett Pifer. On Tuesday night of FFA week, 15 Collegiate FFA members traveled

to the Hoss's Steak and Sea House in Duncansville. Tiffany Grove, State FFA President, celebrated National FFA Week with us and several other chapters during dinner. Nonetheless, all chapter members enjoyed the festivities of National FFA Week.

Saturday, March 2, brought about Collegiate FFA's Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children of College of Agricultural Sciences Faculty and Staff were invited to participate in the event. Children were divided into age groups, where children 6-years-old and younger hunted for eggs, while a children 6 to 12 years of age completed a scavenger hunt. Even though snowy weather forced us to hold the event indoors, parents and children alike are looking forward to next year's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Are you a future Penn State student or interested in continuing your FFA membership after high school graduation? The Collegiate FFA is open to any full-time student enrolled at The Penn State. One does not have to be a former member of the FFA or enrolled in an Agriculture degree to join the Penn State Chapter.

## Manor FFA Celebrates National FFA Week with a ‘Kiss’

**LAURA STEAGER**  
Manor FFA Chapter

MILLERSVILLE, Pa. — From Feb. 18 through 21, Manor FFA celebrated National FFA Week by sponsoring many activities for their members to take part in. On Tuesday, the students enjoyed a scavenger hunt. This event gave new members a way to acquaint themselves with the Manor FFA, its history and upcoming spring events. On Wednesday was the annual Ice Cream Social. This is held for the teachers as a thank you for the support they give to all members by encouraging them to participate in Career Development Events (CDE), fairs and other FFA activities. Thursday was T-shirt day. All members wore their t-shirts to show their pride. The Manor FFA hosted a square dance that Friday and invited all the Lancaster County Chapters to attend to wrap up the week.

The Manor FFA also sponsored the “Kiss a Pig” contest. Containers with all the male administrator's names were located in the cafeteria during the week. The student body

put their change into these containers with the understanding that at the end of the week the principal with the most money would kiss a pig! We are proud to announce that Phil Gale, Associate Principal of Penn Manor High School was the winner. He will get his chance to “Kiss the Pig” at the next pep rally on March 28. All proceeds will benefit a Penn Manor family whose daughter was in a skating accident in January.



Manor FFA showing their support on T-shirt day.



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