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Pennsylvania FFA Happenings

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Introducing Your Newly Elected FFA Officers



Photos submitted by Pennsylvania FFA
James Winklosky will be serving as the state FFA president. Winklosky is from Derry FFA and a recent graduate of Derry Area High School in Westmoreland County.



Benjamin Torrey will be serving as the state FFA vice president. Torrey is from Headwaters FFA and a graduate of Northern Potter High School in Potter County.



Grace Benton will be serving as the state FFA secretary. Benton is from Dover FFA and a recent graduate of Dover High School in York County.



Callie Whiting will be serving as the state FFA treasurer. Whiting is from Wilmington Area FFA and graduated from Wilmington Area High School in Butler County.

The 2022-2023 FFA officers began their term in June. In the coming year, they are looking forward to serving Pennsylvania in the agricultural sector and learning from the community.

James Winklosky

James Winklosky, son of Gretchen and Paul Winklosky, will serve as the president.

James is a recent graduate of Derry Area High School and was a member of the Derry FFA chapter. In his freshman year, he joined the FFA program and his journey began. He enjoyed the different conferences and the opportunities the FFA held for members, which drew him in even more.

After his first year as a member, he was champing at the bit to dive deeper into the FFA and to become chapter officer. He served as treasurer, vice president and president of his chapter over his four years in high school.

As he reached his senior year, he was encouraged by his advisers, parents and past state officers to run for a state FFA office. James knew he could impact members all across Pennsylvania and help the members see and develop their own leadership skills while serving in state office.

As he continues his year, he will try to leave his own mark just as the past state officers have done. Afterward, he plans on attending Pennsylvania College of Technology to study diesel technology.

Benjamin Torrey

Benjamin Torrey, son of Josh and Misty Torrey, will serve as vice president.

Torrey grew up on his family dairy farm in Potter County where his love for agriculture was born. He took his first agriculture class in seventh grade and joined the Headwaters FFA chapter.

In his chapter he served as parliamentary procedure chairman, parliamentarian, and reporter. He was highly involved in public speaking.

His other interests include shooting trap and playing guitar. Torrey decided to run for state office because he wanted to be a beacon of inspiration to his fellow members.

After state office, Torrey will attend Gannon University to study cybersecurity, with an interest in precision agriculture security, and eventually return to his family farm.

Grace Benton

Grace Benton, the daughter of Michelle and Chuck Benton, will serve as the secretary.

Benton was involved in 4-H and United States Pony Club. Benton is a first-generation FFA member and joined the Dover FFA chapter her freshman year. She joined the FFA because of the opportunities she saw to learn more about agriculture and grow in her leadership skills.

Benton served as treasurer her sophomore and junior year.

Her senior year she went on to serve as the Dover FFA vice president. Benton's supervised agricultural experience led her to compete in the horse evaluation career development event. She also competed in vet science, employment skills and extemporaneous public speaking.

Benton wanted to become a state officer to make the same impact past state officers had made on her. Benton valued their advice and feedback they would give but also wanted the chance to help the next generation of FFA members.

In her free time, she loves spending time with her family and friends while occasionally enjoying a good book. She plans on attending the University of Kentucky to study biological and agricultural engineering after completing Dover's engineering career and technical education program.

Callie Whiting

Callie Whiting, daughter of Maggie Whiting, will serve as the treasurer.

Whiting is a recent graduate of Wilmington Area High School where she was an active member of the Wilmington Area FFA chapter.

Born into the dairy industry, Whiting got to grow up with agriculture all around her. Hearing stories from her family members about

the times they were members, sparked her excitement to join FFA her eighth grade year. During her years of high school, she learned about the many opportunities FFA has to offer. Whiting is proud to say that she served as her chapter's secretary and vice president for two years.

Growing up, Whiting had challenges accepting who she was. Having different colored skin made her feel out of place or that she didn't belong. Being in FFA has helped her find her place and start to accept herself. Serving as a state officer will allow her to help at least one member realize they belong, with the hope to show every member that all their differences are what make our organization so unique.

If you catch her outside of official dress she will probably be hanging out with her friends or eating. She also enjoys going to livestock shows, working at a local dairy farm and being with her animals. After her year of service she plans on attending Westminster College, majoring in nursing.

Jeremy Rose

Jeremy Rose, son of Nadine and Richard Crum, will serve as the reporter.

Growing up, Rose participated in 4-H, and the Amature Trapshooting Association, and served the Penns Manor FFA. Rose was the chapter reporter, vice president and president.

During his time in the FFA, Rose competed in livestock and meats judging career development events, as well as in extemporaneous speaking and interview contest leadership development events. Rose's supervised agricultural experience includes a paid placement working on a dairy farm, as well as a paid placement working on a pumpkin patch.

Rose ran for state office with the hope of spreading happiness among the FFA and its members, as well as making all members feel welcome. If you catch Rose outside of his blue and gold jacket, he will probably be trap shooting, feeding goats or eating.

After state office, Rose plans to attend Penn State University studying agricultural and Extension education with hopes of teaching agriculture at the high school level.

Delilah Morton

Delilah Morton, daughter of Dan and Shelley Morton, will serve as sentinel.

Morton joined FFA after going to a meeting and falling in love with the organization. She did not grow up on any farm, but has a strong passion for agriculture and the industry. She loves to see the potential in all FFA members and find what they're passionate about.

At her home chapter of Cumberland Valley, she served as the reporter and the vice president. In her free time, she likes to spend time with friends and family, paint and race dirt bikes.

Morton has always enjoyed working with children, and plans on attending Penn State University after her year of service to major in early childhood education. Her goal is to spread agricultural education all the way into our elementary schools.

Zaleigh Wade

Zaleigh Wade, daughter of Gary and Brenda Wade, will serve as chaplain.

She is a recent graduate of Northwestern High School and was an active member of the Albion FFA chapter. Wade was never one who needed too much convincing and encouragement to be involved. She was eager to get involved and every opportunity she was given, she was there. She served as the chaplain, reporter and vice president of her chapter.

Wade is inspired to serve as a state officer to encourage other members to do the most with the opportunities they are given.

Outside of the blue jacket, Wade valued her experience working at a local dairy farm and an ice cream stand. She serves as a youth church leader and the 2021 Albion Area fair queen.

After state office, Wade plans on pursuing education in meat processing as a butcher. She also plans on searching for opportunities to get involved with missionary work.



Jeremy Rose will be serving as the state FFA reporter. Rose is from the Penns Manor FFA chapter and is a graduate of Penns Manor High School in Indiana County.



Delilah Morton will be serving as the state FFA sentinel. Morton is from Cumberland Valley FFA and a graduate of Cumberland Valley High School in Cumberland County.



Zaleigh Wade will be serving as the state FFA chaplain. Wade is from the Albion FFA chapter and is a recent graduate of Northwestern High School in Erie County.