



Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention “Same Traditions, New Ambitions”

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Local FFA Supporters Receive Honorary State FFA Degree

Blacksburg, Va.—**Thirty-one supporters of the Virginia FFA** received the highest degree the state of Virginia can bestow at the 83rd State FFA Convention June 22-25, 2009 in Blacksburg. They all received a pin, a certificate, and recognition for their hard work and dedication to the Virginia FFA at the fourth session on Wednesday night. The following were recognized:

Cindy Marie Atkins	Kenneth Stuart Atkins	Michael Bowen
Vanessa Bowen	Bonnie Brown	Hope Brown
Robert Brown	Shirley Brown	Frank G. Elgin, Sr.
Gloria Elgin	Roger Lee Elgin, III	Robert H. Holman
Mrs. Janet Keith	Shelley Largen	Thomas Largen
Kevin Howard Price	Melody Dian Price	Michael M. Rhodes
Jeffrey Michael Smith	Sally Elaine Smith	Curtis Sowers
Loyce Sowers	George Fiddler	Mark Burkett
Kyle Bryan	Garland E. King	William Monk
Keith Balderson	Donald Haynes	Wes Bean
Kevin Keith	Bobby Orrock	

Honorary membership--- farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership. It is always a pleasure to recognize the efforts of others made in the Virginia FFA’s behalf.

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FFA is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,439 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 200 chapters. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

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