



Virginia FFA 2009 State Convention "Same Traditions, New Ambitions"

News Release

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Junior Agricultural Mechanics 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Agricultural Mechanics, Junior Division Career Development Event were announced Thursday June 25th at the final session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

High individuals received pins and the state winning team received a plaque provided by the sponsors. Teams were recognized on stage during the fifth session of the convention.

The team from the Strasburg HS FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Junior Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event at the 82nd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Hunter Caricofe, Tyler Keller and Addie Guthrie and were coached by Ron Roller. The Strasburg HS team placed first in competition against 12 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--	Hunter Caricofe, Tyler Keller, and Addie Guthrie, all of Strasburg HS
2nd Place--	Logan Howard, Robbie Judy, and Brandon Strasnider, all of Sherando HS
3rd Place--	Aaron Cornett, Chris Shaw, and Dustin Sumner, all of Grayson County CATE
4th Place--	Austin Wagg, Dustin Richardson, and Josh Payne, all of Carroll County Interm.
5th Place--	Cody Roark, Blake Witt, and Ethan Reynolds, all of Abingdon HS

Top Placing Individuals

1st Place-- Hunter Caricofe of Strasburg HS,

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2nd Place-- Brandon Strasnider of Sherando HS,
3rd Place-- Tyler Keller of Strasburg HS,
4th Place-- Robbie Judy of Sherando HS,
5th Place-- Alex Marshall of Stuarts Draft HS,
6th Place-- Logan Howard of Sherando HS,
7th Place-- Dillon Bruce of Stuarts Draft HS,
8th Place-- Addie Guthrie of Strasburg HS,
9th Place-- Cody Roark of Abingdon HS,
10th Place-- Aaron Cornett of Grayson County CATE,

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Strasburg HS,	Carroll County Intern.,
Sherando HS,	Abingdon HS,
Grayson County CATE,	

Silver Emblem Teams

Stuarts Draft HS,	Lakeland HS,
Rural Retreat HS,	Amelia County HS,

Bronze Emblem Teams

Turner Ashby HS,	Luray HS,
Massaponax HS,	Ft. Defiance HS,

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Dillon Bruce of Stuarts Draft HS,	Tyler Keller of Strasburg HS,
Hunter Caricofe of Strasburg HS,	Alex Marshall of Stuarts Draft HS,

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Aaron Cornett of Grayson County CATE,
Addie Guthrie of Strasburg HS,
Logan Howard of Sherando HS,
Robbie Judy of Sherando HS,

Cody Roark of Abingdon HS,
Brandon Strasnider of Sherando HS,
Austin Wagg of Carroll County Interm.,
Travis Whitus of Amelia County HS,

Silver Emblem Individuals

Dustin Sumner of Grayson County CATE,
Hunter Botkin of Ft. Defiance HS,
Chris Buck of Lakeland HS,
Hunter Nester of Amelia County HS,
Dakota Nowers of Rural Retreat HS,
Josh Payne of Carroll County Interm.,

Ethan Reynolds of Abingdon HS,
Dustin Richardson of Carroll County Interm.,
Chris Shaw of Grayson County CATE,
Brian Sours of Luray HS,
Blake Witt of Abingdon HS,

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Brandon Cochran of Amelia County HS,
Cari Deshazo of Massaponax HS,
Sierra Edenton of Massaponax HS,
Chelsea Fay of Lakeland HS,
Frazier Gilliam of Lakeland HS,
Jordan Miller of Turner Ashby HS,

Eric Stickley of Turner Ashby HS,
Damion Thompson of Rural Retreat HS,
Andrew Viers of Ft. Defiance HS,
David Waters of Luray HS,
Christopher Weakland of Massaponax HS,
Corey Williams of Rural Retreat HS,

The Virginia FFA Junior Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team activity, a demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities. Areas of emphasis include energy systems, environmental/natural resource systems, machinery & equipment systems, structural systems and industry & marketing systems.

The event is one of many educational activities at the Virginia FFA State Convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. The

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event was held on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, VA.

The Junior Agricultural Mechanics event is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation.

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The FFA Mission: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth** and **career success** through agricultural education

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