



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Junior Crops Judging 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Crops Judging, 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 Nelson Middle School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Junior Crops Judging Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Jenny Elgin, Gabby Davis, Chris Baker and Tori Goodwin and were coached by Scott Massie. The Nelson Middle School team placed first in competition against 1 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia

Jenny Elgin, Gabby Davis, Chris Baker,
and Tori Goodwin, all of Nelson Middle
School

2nd Place--Virginia

Hunter Barbour, Tommy Frederick, Aaron
Kerns, and Dimitri Smith, all of Sherando
High School

Top Placing Individuals

1st Place-- Gabby Davis of Nelson Middle School, VA

2nd Place-- Jenny Elgin of Nelson Middle School, VA

3rd Place-- Tori Goodwin of Nelson Middle School, VA

4th Place-- Chris Baker of Nelson Middle School, VA

5th Place-- Dimitri Smith of Sherando High School, VA

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6th Place-- Hunter Barbour of Sherando High School, VA

7th Place-- Aaron Kerns of Sherando High School, VA

8th Place-- Tommy Frederick of Sherando High School, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Sherando High School, VA

Nelson Middle School, VA

Silver Emblem Teams

Bronze Emblem Teams

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Chris Baker of Nelson Middle School, VA

Tommy Frederick of Sherando High School,
VA

Hunter Barbour of Sherando High School, VA

Tori Goodwin of Nelson Middle School, VA

Gabby Davis of Nelson Middle School, VA

Aaron Kerns of Sherando High School, VA

Jenny Elgin of Nelson Middle School, VA

Dimitri Smith of Sherando High School, VA

Silver Emblem Individuals

Bronze Emblem Individuals

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The Virginia FFA Junior Agronomy Career Development Event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Participants' knowledge of agronomic sciences was tested through several levels of competition including developing solutions for problematic scenarios, identification of seeds, insects, soil and crops, and other management practices.

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

The Agronomy Career Development Event is sponsored by the Virginia Small Grains Board, Virginia Corn Board, and the Virginia Soybean Board.

FFA is a national youth organization of 476,732 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,223 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Virginia FFA Association has over 10,800 members in 208 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 and www.vaffa.org for more information.

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