



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Horse Hippology 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Horse Hippology 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 winner received a plaque provided by the sponsors. The winner was recognized on stage during the fifth session of the convention.

The team from the Riverbend High School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Horse Hippology Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Rachel Rice, Adrianna Pusso, Alexandra Orton and Mara Ansley and were coached by Bo Johnson. The Riverbend High School team placed first in competition against 26 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Rachel Rice, Adrianna Pusso, Alexandra Orton, and Mara Ansley, all of Riverbend High School
2nd Place--Virginia	Elizabeth Newhart, Emily Foster, Sara Enger, and Christine Reed, all of Clarke County High School
3rd Place--Virginia	Carey Layman, Ashlea Bowers, Holly Shelton, and Melissa Davick, all of Buffalo Gap High School
4th Place--Virginia	Brittany Edwards, Karen Jackson, Sierra Athey, and Haley Loving, all of James Wood High School
5th Place--Virginia	Brittany Freeze, Caroline Warns, Jonathan

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	Robertson, and Drew Bowman, all of Spotswood High School
6th Place--Virginia	Jessie Elliott, Katie Galvan, Amanda Womack, and Kara Hudson, all of Halifax County High School
7th Place--Virginia	Meghan Mullins, Danielle Turner, Austin Oquinn, and Blake Yates, all of Clintwood High School
8th Place--Virginia	Jennifer Gobble, Kenny Rasnake, Chasity Faust, and Katelin Pope, all of Abingdon High School
9th Place--Virginia	Ameliene Bossung, Shannon Ireland, Heather Michael, and Katelyn Ryder, all of Sherando High School

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Rachel Rice of Riverbend High School, VA
- 2nd Place-- Meghan Mullins of Clintwood High School, VA
- 3rd Place-- Haley Loving of James Wood High School, VA
- 4th Place-- Ashlea Bowers of Buffalo Gap High School, VA
- 5th Place-- Caroline Warns of Spotswood High School, VA
- 6th Place-- Karen Jackson of James Wood High School, VA
- 7th Place-- Elizabeth Newhart of Clarke County High School, VA
- 8th Place-- Alexis Musick of Honaker High School, VA
- 9th Place-- Hannah Coogan of Strasburg High School, VA
- 10th Place-- Holly Shelton of Buffalo Gap High School, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Riverbend High School, VA	Halifax County High School, VA
Sherando High School, VA	Clintwood High School, VA
James Wood High School, VA	Clarke County High School, VA

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Spotswood High School, VA
Buffalo Gap High School, VA

Abingdon High School, VA

Silver Emblem Teams

Amelia High School, VA
Carroll County Intermediate School, VA
Richlands High School, VA
Fort Defiance High School, VA
Fort Chiswell High School, VA

Honaker High School, VA
Rockbridge High School, VA
Pulaski County High School, VA
Turner Ashby High School, VA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA
Strasburg High School, VA
Park View Senior High School, VA
Madison High School, VA
Luray High School, VA

King George High School, VA
Marion High School (Hort), VA
Culpeper High School, VA
Appomattox High School, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Alexa Allen of Fort Defiance High School,
VA
Brittney Baber of Fort Defiance High School,
VA
Ameliene Bossung of Sherando High School,
VA
Ashlea Bowers of Buffalo Gap High School,
VA
Jared Brumfield of Culpeper High School, VA
Brianna Cave of Turner Ashby High School,
VA

Jordan Kelly of King George High School, VA
Haley Loving of James Wood High School,
VA
Meghan Mullins of Clintwood High School,
VA
Alexis Musick of Honaker High School, VA
Elizabeth Newhart of Clarke County High
School, VA
Katelin Pope of Abingdon High School, VA

Hannah Coogan of Strasburg High School, VA	Adrianna Pusso of Riverbend High School, VA
Sarah Dalton of Carroll County Intermediate School, VA	Christine Reed of Clarke County High School, VA
Melissa Davick of Buffalo Gap High School, VA	Rachel Rice of Riverbend High School, VA
Sara Enger of Clarke County High School, VA	Jonathan Robertson of Spotswood High School, VA
Chasity Faust of Abingdon High School, VA	Katelyn Ryder of Sherando High School, VA
Emily Foster of Clarke County High School, VA	Holly Shelton of Buffalo Gap High School, VA
Brittany Freeze of Spotswood High School, VA	Caroline Warns of Spotswood High School, VA
Kara Hudson of Halifax County High School, VA	Ashley Wheeler of Rockbridge High School, VA
Karen Jackson of James Wood High School, VA	Amanda Womack of Halifax County High School, VA
Jared Keene of Richlands High School, VA	

Silver Emblem Individuals

Tasida Adams of Fort Chiswell High School, VA	Tanner Keith of Fort Chiswell High School, VA
Mara Ansley of Riverbend High School, VA	Carey Layman of Buffalo Gap High School, VA
Gage Asbury of Honaker High School, VA	Blair Long of Turner Ashby High School, VA
Sierra Athey of James Wood High School, VA	Wallace Nile of Appomattox High School, VA
Drew Bowman of Spotswood High School, VA	Alexandra Orton of Riverbend High School, VA
Heath Brown of Richlands High School, VA	Jessica Osterbind of Amelia High School, VA
Kayla Chittum of Rockbridge High School, VA	Kenny Rasnake of Abingdon High School, VA
Brittany Edwards of James Wood High School, VA	Kayla Reynolds of Honaker High School, VA
Jessie Elliott of Halifax County High School, VA	Taylor Richardson of Madison High School, VA

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Heather Flippin of Amelia High School, VA	Rebecca Smiley of Turner Ashby High School, VA
Courtney Glover of Richlands High School, VA	Kendal Strafer of Culpeper High School, VA
Jennifer Gobble of Abingdon High School, VA	Shayna Thacker of Pulaski County High School, VA
Georgia Hilliard of Pulaski County High School, VA	Danielle Turner of Clintwood High School, VA
Amber Howard of Strasburg High School, VA	Tyler Walke of Fort Chiswell High School, VA
Megan Hudson of Pulaski County High School, VA	Rachael Watts of Appomattox High School, VA
Shannon Ireland of Sherando High School, VA	

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Sydney Brumbelow of Amelia High School, VA	Jonathan Jones of Marion High School (Hort), VA
Thomas Canfield of Madison High School, VA	Rachel Leary of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA
Gregg Chandlynn of Luray High School, VA	Alicia Meadows of Fort Defiance High School, VA
Chalette Cress of Marion High School (Hort), VA	Heather Michael of Sherando High School, VA
Katie Cummings of Amelia High School, VA	Angel Mullins of Richlands High School, VA
Dylan Dalton of Fort Chiswell High School, VA	Austin Oquinn of Clintwood High School, VA
Courtney Duncan of Pulaski County High School, VA	Kaithlyn Ragan of King George High School, VA
Britney Dye of Honaker High School, VA	Davey Sisk of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA
Samantha Dyer of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA	Karie Smith of Fort Defiance High School, VA
Tiffani Freeze of Luray High School, VA	Jessica Terry of Rockbridge High School, VA
Katie Galvan of Halifax County High School, VA	Morgan Thomas of Park View Senior High School, VA
Kathryn George of Appomattox High School, VA	Trevor Ward of Marion High School (Hort), VA

Zachary Horton of Carroll County
Intermediate School, VA

Kristin Hubbard of Carroll County
Intermediate School, VA

Julianne James of Appomattox High School,
VA

William Warner of Carroll County
Intermediate School, VA

Emily Whitby of Park View Senior High
School, VA

Blake Yates of Clintwood High School, VA

The purpose of the Virginia FFA Horse Hippology Career Development Event is to stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management, and production through the agricultural education curriculum. It also provides recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of instruction in equine science.

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 event is sponsored by the Virginia Horse Industry 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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