



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Horse Evaluation 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Horse Evaluation 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. Team members will compete at the National CDE in Indianapolis, IN in October. The state runner up receives the opportunity to represent Virginia at the Big E competition in Massachusetts. Teams were recognized on stage during the fifth session of the convention.

The team from the Buffalo Gap A FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Ashlea Bowers, Melissa Davick, Holly Shelton and Emily Landrom and were coached by Rosalea Riley. The Buffalo Gap A team placed first in competition against 22 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Ashlea Bowers, Melissa Davick, Holly Shelton, and Emily Landrom, all of Buffalo Gap A
2nd Place--Virginia	Emily Foster, Sara Enger, Elizabeth Newhart, and Christine Reed, all of Clarke County
3rd Place--Virginia	Austin O'Quinn, Blake Yates, and Travis Fleming, all of Clintwood
4th Place--Virginia	Heather Tharpe, Laney Palmer, and Kerri Dunaway, all of Randolph Henry
5th Place--Virginia	Alisha Hudson, Brandy Bandy, and

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6th Place--Virginia Nicole Stump, all of Giles
Rachel Alger, Sina Kipry, Jennifer
Davison, and Jessica Davison, all of
Millbrook

7th Place--Virginia Jared Brumfield, Kendal Strafer, and
Alexis Sawyer, all of Culpeper

8th Place--Virginia Morgan Diehl, Brittney Baber, and Jessica
Arnold, all of Fort Defiance

Top Placing Individuals

1st Place-- Gretchen Thompson of Buffalo Gap B, VA
2nd Place-- Ashlea Bowers of Buffalo Gap A, VA
3rd Place-- Holly Shelton of Buffalo Gap A, VA
4th Place-- Heather Tharpe of Randolph Henry, VA
5th Place-- Sara Enger of Clarke County, VA
6th Place-- Travis Fleming of Clintwood, VA
7th Place-- Carey Layman of Buffalo Gap B, VA
8th Place-- Alisha Hudson of Giles, VA
9th Place-- Christine Reed of Clarke County, VA
10th Place-- Melissa Davick of Buffalo Gap A, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Randolph Henry, VA	Culpeper, VA
Millbrook, VA	Clintwood, VA
Giles, VA	Clarke County, VA
Fort Defiance, VA	Buffalo Gap A, VA

Silver Emblem Teams

Turner Ashby, VA	Magna Vista B, VA
Spotswood A, VA	Floyd County B, VA

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Rockbridge, VA
Magna Vista D, VA

Floyd County A, VA
Buffalo Gap B, VA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Strasburg, VA
Spotswood B, VA
Magna Vista E, VA
Magna Vista C, VA

Magna Vista A, VA
Luray, VA
Fort Chiswell, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Rachel Alger of Millbrook, VA
Corine Arey of Turner Ashby, VA
Jessica Arnold of Fort Defiance, VA
Brittney Baber of Fort Defiance, VA
Justin Blair of Fort Chiswell, VA
Ashlea Bowers of Buffalo Gap A, VA
Melissa Davick of Buffalo Gap A, VA
Jennifer Davison of Millbrook, VA
Kerri Dunaway of Randolph Henry, VA
Sara Enger of Clarke County, VA
Travis Fleming of Clintwood, VA
Emily Foster of Clarke County, VA
Alisha Hudson of Giles, VA

Sina Kipry of Millbrook, VA
Emily Landrom of Buffalo Gap A, VA
Carey Layman of Buffalo Gap B, VA
Elizabeth Newhart of Clarke County, VA
Austin O'Quinn of Clintwood, VA
Christine Reed of Clarke County, VA
Holly Shelton of Buffalo Gap A, VA
Kendal Strafer of Culpeper, VA
Nicole Stump of Giles, VA
Heather Tharpe of Randolph Henry, VA
Gretchen Thompson of Buffalo Gap B, VA
Blake Yates of Clintwood, VA

Silver Emblem Individuals

Kelsy Diehl of Spotswood B, VA
Brandy Bandy of Giles, VA
Sara Benton of Turner Ashby, VA
Drew Bowman of Spotswood A, VA

Sarah Hoover of Strasburg, VA
Olivia Kellison of Luray, VA
Kendra Lester of Floyd County B, VA
Gabby Linkous of Floyd County A, VA

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Jared Brumfield of Culpeper, VA
Cody Caldwell of Floyd County A, VA
Brianna Cave of Turner Ashby, VA
Hannah Coogan of Strasburg, VA
Jessica Davison of Millbrook, VA
Morgan Diehl of Fort Defiance, VA
Lindsey Fox of Turner Ashby, VA

Cassidy Miller of Floyd County A, VA
Laney Palmer of Randolph Henry, VA
Abby Price of Floyd County B, VA
Jonathan Robertson of Spotswood A, VA
Alexis Sawyer of Culpeper, VA
Chelsea Vassar of Rockbridge, VA
Ashley Wheeler of Rockbridge, VA

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Jessica Terry of Rockbridge, VA
Tyler Brinegar of Magna Vista D, VA
Kayla Chittum of Rockbridge, VA
Adam Clark of Magna Vista C, VA
Brittany Freeze of Spotswood A, VA
Alycia Hancock of Magna Vista D, VA
Justin Havens of Magna Vista A, VA
Jacob Havs of Floyd County B, VA
Connor Jones of Magna Vista C, VA
Brandi Martin of Magna Vista B, VA
Maggie Moran of Floyd County A, VA
Jordan Moxley of Magna Vista C, VA

Michael Moxley of Magna Vista C, VA
Lydia Pack of Magna Vista B, VA
Courtney Raybourne of Magna Vista B, VA
Courtney Roinette of Magna Vista E, VA
Hannah Scaletta of Magna Vista A, VA
Andrea Smith of Magna Vista D, VA
Taylor Stone of Magna Vista A, VA
Kristen Swinney of Magna Vista B, VA
Zach Thompson of Magna Vista E, VA
Kasey Waddell of Magna Vista A, VA
Caroline Warns of Spotswood A, VA
Brooke Wilson of Magna Vista D, VA

The Virginia FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate horses. Event components include eight selection classes that consisted of four halter classes and four performance classes. Students also give four sets of oral reasons with two sets coming from each evaluation class. Students competed individually during the state Horse CDE at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA and the top teams were invited back to compete in the team event.

The event is one of many educational activities at the Virginia FFA State Convention

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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 state winning team will represent Virginia at the 82nd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 21-24, 2009.

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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