



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

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

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Livestock 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 Blacksburg High School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Junior Livestock Judging Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Colby Redifer, Jeremy Perfater and John Clouse and were coached by Debbie Lineberry. The Blacksburg High School team placed first in competition against 21 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Colby Redifer, Jeremy Perfater, and John Clouse, all of Blacksburg High School
2nd Place--Virginia	Nick Bowman, Sammy Conner, Brandy Brooks, and Matthew Poff, all of Floyd County High School
3rd Place--Virginia	Shannon Garber, Madison Slaven, Kayla Reed, and Jessica Houff, all of S. G. Stewart Middle School
4th Place--Virginia	Austin Montgomery, Kendall Freed, Matthew Jones, and Marshall Hilbert, all of Wilson Middle School
5th Place--Virginia	Caleb Liptrap, Cole Ramsey, Kolt Shifflett, and Cody Ridenour, all of Stuarts Draft

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6th Place--Virginia	High School Marisa Osborne, Abbie Caldwell, and Cody Dillon, all of Grayson County Vocational
7th Place--Virginia	Alisha Leonard, Ian Phillips, Haley Porterfield, and Tanner Edwards, all of Carroll County Intermediate School

Top Placing Individuals

1st Place-- Nick Bowman of Floyd County High School, VA
2nd Place-- Colby Redifer of Blacksburg High School, VA
3rd Place-- John Clouse of Blacksburg High School, VA
4th Place-- Marshall Hilbert of Wilson Middle School, VA
5th Place-- Cody Dillon of Grayson County Vocational, VA
6th Place-- Kolt Shifflett of Stuarts Draft High School, VA
7th Place-- Matthew Poff of Floyd County High School, VA
8th Place-- Jessica Houff of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA
9th Place-- Kayla Reed of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA
10th Place-- Shannon Garber of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Wilson Middle School, VA	Grayson County Vocational, VA
Stuarts Draft High School, VA	Floyd County High School, VA
Carroll County Intermediate School, VA	Blacksburg High School, VA
S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA	

Silver Emblem Teams

Signal Knob Middle School, VA	Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA
Louisa Middle School, VA	Culpeper Middle School, VA
Peter Muhlenburg Middle School, VA	Broadway High School, VA

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Luray High School, VA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA

Rural Retreat Middle School, VA

Bluestone Middle School, VA

Patrick County High School, VA

Giles High School, VA

Fort Defiance High School, VA

Charles Monroe Tech Center, VA

Holston Ag, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Annie Boitnott of Patrick County High School,
VA

Nick Bowman of Floyd County High School,
VA

John Clouse of Blacksburg High School, VA

Chad Deavers of Fort Defiance High School,
VA

Cody Dillon of Grayson County Vocational,
VA

Devin Elliott of Giles High School, VA

Kendall Freed of Wilson Middle School, VA

Shannon Garber of S. G. Stewart Middle
School, VA

Marshall Hilbert of Wilson Middle School,
VA

Jessica Houff of S. G. Stewart Middle School,
VA

Caleb Liptrap of Stuarts Draft High School,
VA

Marisa Osborne of Grayson County
Vocational, VA

Jeremy Perfater of Blacksburg High School,
VA

Ian Phillips of Carroll County Intermediate
School, VA

Matthew Poff of Floyd County High School,
VA

Haley Porterfield of Carroll County
Intermediate School, VA

Ryan Powell of Floyd T. Binns Middle
School, VA

Cole Ramsey of Stuarts Draft High School,
VA

Colby Redifer of Blacksburg High School, VA

Kayla Reed of S. G. Stewart Middle School,
VA

Kolt Shifflett of Stuarts Draft High School,
VA

Kaitlyn Sonifrank of Broadway High School,
VA

Kelsey Thompson of Holston Ag, VA

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Silver Emblem Individuals

Hannah Anderson of Broadway High School, VA	Matthew Jones of Wilson Middle School, VA
Brandy Brooks of Floyd County High School, VA	Alisha Leonard of Carroll County Intermediate School, VA
Tevin Bundy of Luray High School, VA	Trish Mcdonaldson of Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA
Abbie Caldwell of Grayson County Vocational, VA	Austin Montgomery of Wilson Middle School, VA
Shawna Colvin of Culpeper Middle School, VA	Daniel Pittard of Bluestone Middle School, VA
Tanner Edwards of Carroll County Intermediate School, VA	Dexter Richman of Peter Muhlenburg Middle School, VA
Courtney Germroth of Broadway High School, VA	Cody Ridenour of Stuarts Draft High School, VA
Bethany Gochenour of Signal Knob Middle School, VA	Allen Sheads of Culpeper Middle School, VA
Makayla Harrison of Charles Monroe Tech Center, VA	Madison Slaven of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA
Tyler Holliday of Rural Retreat Middle School, VA	Corey Turner of Luray High School, VA
Kyle Holt of Giles High School, VA	Hunter Watkins of Louisa Middle School, VA
William Humphrey of Louisa Middle School, VA	JB Wright of Rural Retreat Middle School, VA
Ben Jenkins of Luray High School, VA	

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Jesse Bickley of Louisa Middle School, VA	Sydney Neal of Signal Knob Middle School, VA
Carrie Bowles of Patrick County High School, VA	Amy Nelson of Broadway High School, VA
Cody Brill of Peter Muhlenburg Middle School, VA	Virginia Pannill of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA
James Caricofe of Signal Knob Middle School, VA	Daniele Pless of Bluestone Middle School, VA

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Adam Carter of Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA	Erin Puryear of Bluestone Middle School, VA
Elizabeth Cleveland of Fort Defiance High School, VA	Emily Sheads of Culpeper Middle School, VA
Sammy Conner of Floyd County High School, VA	Jesse Smallwood of Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA
Kimberly Eaton of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA	James Stephenson of Bluestone Middle School, VA
Johnathan Foltz of Peter Muhlenburg Middle School, VA	Samantha Strickler of Luray High School, VA
Drew Goad of Louisa Middle School, VA	Derek Thomas of Holston Ag, VA
Kristen Martin of Culpeper Middle School, VA	Tyler Wakeman of Signal Knob Middle School, VA
Cody Neal of Peter Muhlenburg Middle School, VA	

The Virginia FFA Junior Livestock Career Development Event is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate livestock. Event components include seven evaluation classes of beef, sheep and swine; oral placement reasons on four classes; a written exam on livestock production; and quality grading of slaughter cattle. A team event, based on production performance records, demonstrates the team's breeding livestock selection ability.

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 Livestock Evaluation event is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation.

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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