



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Small Animal Care 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Middle School Small Animal Career Development Event were announced Wednesday, June 24th, at the third session of the 83rd Virginia State FFA Convention held in Blacksburg, Virginia.

High individuals and the top team received medallions provided by the sponsors. Teams were recognized on stage during the third session of the convention.

The team from the James Wood Middle School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Small Animal Care Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Sydney Barr, Julia Putprush, Olivia Athey and Morgan Walls and were coached by Samantha Stern. The James Wood Middle School team placed first in competition against 16 other teams.

This year's participants were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Sydney Barr, Julia Putprush, Olivia Athey, and Morgan Walls, all of James Wood Middle School
2nd Place--Virginia	Kasey Johnson, Megan Lorey, Rachel Judy, and Sara Stickman, all of Robert E. Aylor Middle School
3rd Place--Virginia	Taylor Shifflett, Drew Shifflett, and Marybeth Robertson, all of Elkton Middle School
4th Place--Virginia	Kirsten Campbell, Bethany Gochenour, and Rachel Taylor, all of Signal Knob Middle School
5th Place--Virginia	Victoria Dandar, Kelsey Holdway, Arin

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Davis, and Ellen Haines, all of Admiral
Richard E. Bird Middle School

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Marybeth Robertson of Elkton Middle School, VA
- 2nd Place-- Olivia Athey of James Wood Middle School, VA
- 3rd Place-- Katie Herndon of Chatham Middle School, VA
- 4th Place-- Jessica Craig of Wilbur S. Pence Middle School, VA
- 5th Place-- Natalie Allen of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA
- 6th Place-- Kasey Johnson of Robert E. Aylor Middle School, VA
- 7th Place-- Kate Ramsey of Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA
- 8th Place-- Drew Shifflett of Elkton Middle School, VA
- 9th Place-- Victoria Dandar of Admiral Richard E. Bird Middle School, VA
- 10th Place-- Megan Lorey of Robert E. Aylor Middle School, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Admiral Richard E. Bird Middle School, VA Signal Knob Middle School, VA
Robert E. Aylor Middle School, VA Elkton Middle School, VA
James Wood Middle School, VA

Silver Emblem Teams

Chatham Middle School, VA S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA
Wilbur S. Pence Middle School, VA Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA
Fredrick County MS, VA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA Halifax County Middle School, VA
Montevideo Middle School, VA Central Middle - Charlotte, VA
Read Mountain Middle School, VA J. Frank Hilliard Middle School, VA

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Park View Middle School, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Natalie Allen of S. G. Stewart Middle School,
VA

Olivia Athey of James Wood Middle School,
VA

Sydney Barr of James Wood Middle School,
VA

Kirsten Campbell of Signal Knob Middle
School, VA

Jessica Craig of Wilbur S. Pence Middle
School, VA

Victoria Dandar of Admiral Richard E. Bird
Middle School, VA

Arin Davis of Admiral Richard E. Bird Middle
School, VA

Ellen Haines of Admiral Richard E. Bird
Middle School, VA

Katie Herndon of Chatham Middle School,
VA

Kasey Johnson of Robert E. Aylor Middle
School, VA

Megan Lorey of Robert E. Aylor Middle
School, VA

Trish McDonaldson of Stuarts Draft Middle
School, VA

Kate Ramsey of Stuarts Draft Middle School,
VA

Marybeth Robertson of Elkton Middle School,
VA

Drew Shifflett of Elkton Middle School, VA

Faith Stoutamyer of Montevideo Middle
School, VA

Rachel Taylor of Signal Knob Middle School,
VA

Morgan Walls of James Wood Middle School,
VA

Silver Emblem Individuals

Aliza Bennett of Fredrick County MS, VA

Kennis Crawford of Central Middle -
Charlotte, VA

Joseph Eubank of Fredrick County MS, VA

Sarah Gardner of S. G. Stewart Middle School,
VA

Kathryn Gillispie of Chatham Middle School,
VA

Bethany Gochenour of Signal Knob Middle
School, VA

Nick Pickrel of Chatham Middle School, VA

Julia Putprush of James Wood Middle School,
VA

Kate Ridgeway of Wilbur S. Pence Middle
School, VA

Taylor Shifflett of Elkton Middle School, VA

Rebecca Smith of Park View Middle School,
VA

Sara Stickman of Robert E. Aylor Middle
School, VA

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Rachel Judy of Robert E. Aylor Middle School, VA

Morgan Kidd of Park View Middle School, VA

Brandi Moad of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA

Gabriel Perez of Floyd T. Binns Middle School, VA

Spencer Thompson of J. Frank Hilliard Middle School, VA

Cameronn Wade of S. G. Stewart Middle School, VA

Tiffany Worley of Halifax County Middle School, VA

Randy Wright of Fredrick County MS, VA

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Elaine Chumley of Central Middle - Charlotte, VA

Rosie Croushorn of Wilbur S. Pence Middle School, VA

Emily Fowler of Chatham Middle School, VA

Madison Hinkle of J. Frank Hilliard Middle School, VA

Kelsey Holdway of Admiral Richard E. Bird Middle School, VA

Julia Liskey of J. Frank Hilliard Middle School, VA

Jordan Murphy of Read Mountain Middle School, VA

Makalyn Nesselrodt of Montevideo Middle School, VA

Rachel Overbay of Read Mountain Middle School, VA

Samantha Price of Wilbur S. Pence Middle School, VA

Bradlee Rice of Halifax County Middle School, VA

Lauren Ross of Central Middle - Charlotte, VA

Katie Roy of Fredrick County MS, VA

Chelsey Royston of J. Frank Hilliard Middle School, VA

Brianna Segura of Park View Middle School, VA

Jesse Smallwood of Stuarts Draft Middle School, VA

Alyssa Stanek of Read Mountain Middle School, VA

Jack Underwood of Halifax County Middle School, VA

Blair Whitby of Park View Middle School, VA

The Virginia FFA Small Animal Care 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, identification of breeds and

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products, and individual practical skills.

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 Small Animal Care 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.

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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