



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

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Virginia FFA Association State Event Winners-- Veterinary Science 2009

Blacksburg, Virginia-- Winners of the State FFA Veterinary Science 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. The state winning team will 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 Massaponax High School FFA Chapter placed first in the Virginia FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event at the 83rd Virginia FFA State Convention. The team members were Victoria Hempfling, Bethany Mcgoff, Daniel Roberts and Sarah Wickes and were coached by Heidi Martin. The Massaponax High School team placed first in competition against 27 other teams.

This year's participants
were:

Top Placing Teams

1st Place--Virginia	Victoria Hempfling, Bethany Mcgoff, Daniel Roberts, and Sarah Wickes, all of Massaponax High School
2nd Place--Virginia	Alix Drown, Casey Dehaven, Deanna Shenk, and Tracy Wilson, all of James Wood High School
3rd Place--Virginia	April Baldwin, Kristen Aldrich, Pamela Pantini, and Kristina Wall, all of Riverbends High School
4th Place--Virginia	Melisse Mcelhaney, James Rockwell, Nicole Salyers, and Krista Tatum, all of Sherando High School

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5th Place--Virginia	Alycia Hancock, Robert Norris, Hannah Scaletta, and Kristen Swinney, all of Magna Vista High School
6th Place--Virginia	Caterina Calo, Roxzanna Dalton, Justin Blair, and Tasida Adams, all of Fort Chiswell High School
7th Place--Virginia	Olivia Bennett, Jackie Fisher, Kesi Miller, and Kristen Keesee, all of Rustburg High School
8th Place--Virginia	Tate Craun, Brooke Gardner, Angela Merritt, and Alexa Allen, all of Fort Defiance High School
9th Place--Virginia	Brittany Harper, Carrie Howdysshell, Bre Kern, and Jillian Sellers, all of Massanutten Technichal Center

Top Placing Individuals

- 1st Place-- Victoria Hempfling of Massaponax High School, VA
- 2nd Place-- Bethany Mcgoff of Massaponax High School, VA
- 3rd Place-- Deanna Shenk of James Wood High School, VA
- 4th Place-- Olivia Bennett of Rustburg High School, VA
- 5th Place-- Pamela Pantini of Riverbends High School, VA
- 6th Place-- Roxzanna Dalton of Fort Chiswell High School, VA
- 7th Place-- Krista Tatum of Sherando High School, VA
- 8th Place-- James Rockwell of Sherando High School, VA
- 9th Place-- Kristen Aldrich of Riverbends High School, VA
- 10th Place-- Alix Drown of James Wood High School, VA

Team Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Teams

Riverbends High School, VA	James Wood High School, VA
Massanutten Technichal Center, VA	Rustburg High School, VA

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Massaponax High School, VA
Sherando High School, VA
Magna Vista High School, VA

Fort Defiance High School, VA
Fort Chiswell High School, VA

Silver Emblem Teams

Craig County High School, VA
Central High - Shenandoah, VA
Franklin County High School, VA
Powhatan High School, VA
Giles High School, VA

Carroll County High School, VA
Rockbridge High School, VA
Culpeper High School, VA
Broadway High School, VA

Bronze Emblem Teams

Liberty High School - Bedford, VA
Strasburg High School, VA
Park View Senior High School, VA
Page High School, VA
Luray High School, VA

Marion High School (Hort), VA
Wilson Memorial High School, VA
Millbrook High, VA
Clarke County High School, VA
Appomattox High School, VA

Individual Emblems Listed

Gold Emblem Individuals

Kristen Aldrich of Riverbends High School,
VA
Olivia Bennett of Rustburg High School, VA
Caterina Calo of Fort Chiswell High School,
VA
Roxzanna Dalton of Fort Chiswell High
School, VA
Casey Dehaven of James Wood High School,
VA
Alix Drown of James Wood High School, VA

Sarah Lipps of Craig County High School, VA
Melisse Mcelhaney of Sherando High School,
VA
Bethany Mcgoff of Massaponax High School,
VA
Angela Merritt of Fort Defiance High School,
VA
Robert Norris of Magna Vista High School,
VA
Pamela Pantini of Riverbends High School,
VA

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Lauren Dudley of Rockbridge High School,
VA

Jackie Fisher of Rustburg High School, VA

Matthew Fore of Powhatan High School, VA

Brooke Gardner of Fort Defiance High School,
VA

Alycia Hancock of Magna Vista High School,
VA

Brittany Harper of Massanutten Technical
Center, VA

Victoria Hempfling of Massaponax High
School, VA

Bre Kern of Massanutten Technical Center,
VA

Elizabeth Knick of Franklin County High
School, VA

Ashland Law of Franklin County High School,
VA

Daniel Roberts of Massaponax High School,
VA

James Rockwell of Sherando High School, VA

Nicole Salyers of Sherando High School, VA

Hannah Scaletta of Magna Vista High School,
VA

Deanna Shenk of James Wood High School,
VA

Kristen Swinney of Magna Vista High School,
VA

Krista Tatum of Sherando High School, VA

Kristina Wall of Riverbends High School, VA

Sarah Wickes of Massaponax High School,
VA

Tracy Wilson of James Wood High School,
VA

Silver Emblem Individuals

Meredith Adams of Powhatan High School,
VA

Alexa Allen of Fort Defiance High School,
VA

Carson Baldwin of Appomattox High School,
VA

Michelle Berry of Culpeper High School, VA

Ryon Birtsch of Craig County High School,
VA

Justin Blair of Fort Chiswell High School, VA

Jared Brumfield of Culpeper High School, VA

Dyllan Chapins of Central High - Shenandoah,
VA

Heidi Harry of Craig County High School, VA

Carrie Howdysshell of Massanutten Technical
Center, VA

Kristen Keesee of Rustburg High School, VA

Austin Larrowe of Carroll County High
School, VA

Rachel Leeth of Central High - Shenandoah,
VA

Lucy Lynch of Carroll County High School,
VA

Kesi Miller of Rustburg High School, VA

Megan Moyer of Luray High School, VA

Kayla Chittum of Rockbridge High School, VA	Amy Nelson of Broadway High School, VA
Michael Clements of Rockbridge High School, VA	Jessica Prater of Powhatan High School, VA
Tate Craun of Fort Defiance High School, VA	Amanda Richardson of Carroll County High School, VA
Chalette Cress of Marion High School (Hort), VA	Jillian Sellers of Massanutten Technichal Center, VA
Samantha Darnell of Giles High School, VA	Hobie Stone of Carroll County High School, VA
Briana Davis of Powhatan High School, VA	Jalen Thomas of Appomattox High School, VA
Jessica Davison of Millbrook High, VA	Ashley Wheeler of Rockbridge High School, VA
Brandon Dean of Broadway High School, VA	Philip Wilborn of Park View Senior High School, VA
Elizabeth Goff of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA	

Bronze Emblem Individuals

Tasida Adams of Fort Chiswell High School, VA	Jonathan Jones of Marion High School (Hort), VA
Hannah Anderson of Broadway High School, VA	Amber Lee of Giles High School, VA
April Baldwin of Riverbends High School, VA	Michael Marston of Central High - Shenandoah, VA
Ashley Beebe of Culpeper High School, VA	Sabrina Montgomery of Franklin County High School, VA
Victoria Bone of Park View Senior High School, VA	Mackenzie Moore of Wilson Memorial High School, VA
Joseph Clary of Park View Senior High School, VA	Taylor Neal of Strasburg High School, VA
Brittany Cumbie of Franklin County High School, VA	David Potter of Culpeper High School, VA
Jennifer Davison of Millbrook High, VA	Stephanie Reid of Strasburg High School, VA
Richard Dooley of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA	April Roberts of Park View Senior High School, VA

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Melissa Fox of Page High School, VA	Andrea Scott of Millbrook High, VA
Michaela Garrison of Clarke County High School, VA	Ashleigh Smith of Strasburg High School, VA
Jasmine Grant of Clarke County High School, VA	Kaitlyn Sonifrank of Broadway High School, VA
Hallie Harriman of Strasburg High School, VA	Cymber Stanley of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA
Barry Heck of Liberty High School - Bedford, VA	Nicole Stump of Giles High School, VA
Aaron Heishman of Central High - Shenandoah, VA	Kelly Wallace of Page High School, VA
Suzanne Hendricks of Appomattox High School, VA	Trevor Ward of Marion High School (Hort), VA
Alisha Hudson of Giles High School, VA	

The Virginia FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event includes a written exam, breed identification, anatomy and skeletal identification. To prepare for the event students learn the breeds and structures of various small animals.

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 state winner of the event will represent Virginia at the Eastern States Exposition in September.

The Veterinary Science event is sponsored by the Virginia FFA Foundation, Inc.

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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