



**99th Virginia
FFA State
Convention
June 9-12, 2025**



The FFA Creed

I Believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturalists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I Believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I Believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of the progressive agriculturalists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I Believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so - for others as well as myself; in the need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I Believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The FFA Creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 39th Convention and the 63rd Convention.

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June 9th-12th, 2025
Blacksburg, Virginia

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I Believe ...

It was 1917. The Smith - Hughes Act was passed by Congress. Agriculture and farming are now allowed in public schools. Soon after, in September of 1925, Henry C. Groseclose, Edward C. Magill, Walter S. Newman, and Harry W. Sanders - all professors at Virginia Polytechnic Institute - began creating an agricultural club for students in vocational agriculture classes. The following year the "Future Farmers of Virginia" was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. This innovation caught the attention of many states and quickly spread across the nation. The idea encouraged the establishment of a national organization. It was in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri, that the "Future Farmers of America" was established.

Today the National FFA Organization encompasses 1,027,273 FFA members from 8,739 chapters in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The Virginia FFA Association is composed of nearly 15,731 FFA members from 217 active chapters. Virginia FFA prides itself as the birthplace of the FFA. For 99 years, Virginia has been committed to excellence in agricultural education and the FFA. In the beginning, the FFA concentrated on farming, but now the industry and the FFA have grown and changed to encompass over 280 different careers. FFA prepares students for career success in everything from production agriculture to biotechnology, turf grass management, and education.



2024-2025 State Officer Team



Grayson Long

State President

Massanutten Technical Center

"No one ever made a difference by being like everyone else."

– P.T. Barnum

Blair Rutherford

State Secretary

Patrick Henry

(Glade Springs)

"The light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness has not overcome it."

– John 1:5



Keller Cooley

State Vice President

Sherando

"Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyways."

– John Wayne

Allison Rhodes

State Vice President

Fort Defiance

"Opportunities are like sunrises, if you wait too long you miss them."

– William A. Ward





Braelyn Durbin

State Treasurer

James Wood

"Choose to seek the light.
Choose to be the light. Your
strength can inspire others to
find their light too."

Jackie Diaz

State Reporter

Broadway

"To live is the rarest thing in
the world. Most people exist,
that is all."
– Oscar Wilde



Ryan Livesay

State Sentinel

Rappahannock

"The only real mistake is the
one from which we learn
nothing."
– Henry Ford



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FFA Foundation Director



Kelsey Weston
Nominating Committee Ex-Officio
Past State President, 2023-2024



Schedule

June 9-12, 2025

Monday, June 9th

10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION BEGINS
Litton Reaves 1370

1:00 p.m.

CONTESTS BEGIN
See Page 14 for Times and Locations

1:00 p.m.

STATE OFFICER INTERVIEWS
Hutcheson 302, 310

2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION CLOSES
Litton Reaves 1370

4:00 p.m.

ADVISOR ORIENTATION
Litton Reaves 1670

5:00 p.m.

DINNER
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

SESSION 1 - *Burruss Hall Auditorium*

6:45 p.m.

PRE-SESSION – Welcome, Rules, and
State Officer Introduction Video

7:00 p.m.

Posting of the Colors

Presentation of the Creed by Area
Creed Winners

Creed Speaking Results

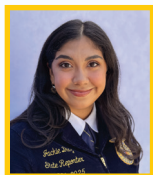
Opening Ceremony



Welcome to Virginia Tech:
Dave Winston, Extension Specialist
Dairy Science, Youth

Introduce the Courtesy Corps

Award Presentations:
100% Membership
New Charters
Superior Chapter
National Chapter
Public Relations



Retiring Address: **Jackie Diaz**,
Virginia FFA State Reporter



CDE Award Presentations:
Forestry Field Day
Horticulture Demonstration
Small Engine Troubleshooting
Career Applications in Horticulture
Middle School Ag Exploration

Retiring Address: **Keller Cooley**,
Virginia FFA State Vice President

CDE Award Presentations:
Tractor Troubleshooting
Agriscience Demonstration
State Fair Crops
Junior Dairyman's
Junior Forester's

State Officer Candidate Introductions

State Officer Advisor Recognition

Closing Ceremony

TALENT – Immediately Following Session
Check In Front of Burruss Hall

11:00 p.m.

Lights Out

Tuesday, June 10th

6:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

7:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION OPENS
Litton Reaves Entrance

7:15 a.m.

CONTESTS BEGIN
See Page 14 for Times and Locations

8:00 a.m.

WORKSHOPS BEGIN
Colonial Hall Classroom,
Squires Student Center

11:45 a.m.

LUNCH
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

1:30 p.m.

TALENT SHOW - Burruss Hall

3:00 p.m.

(at the conclusion of talent)
COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Burruss Hall

5:00 p.m.

DINNER
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

SESSION 2 - *Burruss Hall Auditorium*

6:45 p.m.

PRE-SESSION

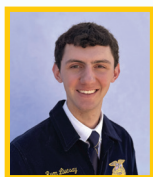
7:00 p.m.

Welcome

Opening Ceremony

CDE Award Presentations:

Spanish Creed
Cattleworking
Extemporaneous Speaking
Junior Forestry
Senior Forestry
Meats Judging



Retiring Address: **Ryan Livesay**,
Virginia FFA State Sentinel

CDE Award Presentations:

Conduct of Chapter Meetings
Parliamentary Procedure
Junior Prepared
Senior Prepared



Retiring Address: **Braelyn Durbin**,
Virginia FFA State Treasurer

CDE Award Presentations:

Poultry
Soils
Stockman's
Lawn Tractor Operators
Tractor Operators
Talent



Keynote Speaker: **Jack Lingenfelter**,
National FFA Southern Region
Vice President

VAAE Teacher Awards:

Ms. Lindsay Tomlinson, VAAE President

Session Sponsor Remarks

1st Day Event Results

Closing Ceremony

11:00 p.m.

Lights Out

Wednesday, June 11th

6:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

7:15 a.m.

CONTESTS BEGIN

See Page 15 for Times and Locations

SESSION 3 - *Burruss Hall Auditorium*

9:00 a.m.

PRE-SESSION

9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Ceremony

2024-2025 All-State Conduct of Meetings Team

National Awards:

Strengthening Agriculture

Building Communities

Growing Leaders

Forestry & Wildlife

Business Session:

Roll Call of Delegates

Unfinished Business

Committee Reports

New Business

Approval of State FFA Degree

Candidates

Middle School Contest Awards:

Agriscience Technology Mechanics

Food and Fiber

Plant Science

Small Animal Care

Quiz Bowl

10:00 a.m.

CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO OPENS

Commonwealth Ballroom,

Squires Student Center

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

3:45 p.m.

CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO CLOSES

Commonwealth Ballroom,

Squires Student Center

4:00 p.m.

FOUNDATION RECEPTION

Owens Ballroom (Invitation Only)

5:00 p.m.

DINNER

D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

SESSION 4

6:15 p.m.

PRE-SESSION - Talent Review

6:50 p.m.

Welcome

Presentation and Awards:
El Credo de FFA



Opening Ceremony

Keynote Speaker: **Zach Jacobs**,
Deputy Secretary of Education

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

Anniversary Teams and VIP's

Virginia FFA Foundation Report:
Rebekah Slabach, Foundation Board
Chair and Jennifer Armstrong,
Foundation Executive Director



Retiring Address: **Blair Rutherford**,
Virginia FFA State Secretary

Virginia FFA Scholarships

Proficiency Awards

Special Presentation from **Tess Seibel**



Stars Over Virginia

Retiring Address: **Allison Rhodes**,
Virginia FFA State Vice President

Recognition of State Officers' Parents

State FFA Degree Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

9:00 p.m.

FFA DANCE - Squires Student Center
Blue (dance)
Yellow (dance & breakzone from 9-10)
Maroon (dance & breakzone 10-11)

11:45 p.m.

LIGHTS OUT

Thursday, June 12th

6:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

SESSION 5

7:45 a.m.

PRE-SESSION

8:00 a.m.

Welcome
Opening Ceremony
Lifetime Membership Presentation



Intro of National Officer Candidate
Star Chapter Award
Committee Reports
Board of Directors

Retiring Address: **Grayson Long**,
Virginia FFA State President

CDE Award Presentations:
Agricultural Communications
Agricultural Education
Agricultural Issues Forum
Agricultural Mechanics
Agricultural Sales
Agriscience Fair
Agronomy
Avian Bowl
Discussion Meet
Environmental and Natural Resources
Farm Business Management
Floriculture
Food Science
Horse Evaluation
Horse Hippology
Employment Skills
Livestock
Marketing Plan
Milk Quality and Products
Nursery/Landscape
Horticulture
Turf Grass Management
Vet Science
Scrapbook

Nominating Committee Report

Closing Ceremony

THIS COULD BE YOU!

Don't wait to
get your **PLATE**.



The Plate Process:

- Scan the QR Code to order -OR- Go to SupportFFA.org.
- Scroll to the license plate.
- Click the image which takes you directly to DMV's webpage to order.

**Just like that, you will be able to
show your support for the Virginia
FFA every time you hit the road!**



Alphabetical List of Presentations

Award	Session	Day & Time
Agricultural Communications	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agricultural Education	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agricultural Issues Forum	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agricultural Mechanics	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agricultural Sales	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agriscience Demonstration	1	Monday 7:00pm
Agriscience Fair	5	Thursday 8:00am
Agriscience Technology Mechanics	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Agronomy	5	Thursday 8:00am
Avian Bowl	5	Thursday 8:00am
Building Communities Award	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Career Applications in Horticulture	1	Monday 7:00pm
Cattleworking	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Chapter Forestry/Wildlife Award	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Conduct of Chapter Meetings	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Creed Speaking	1	Monday 7:00pm
Discussion Meet	5	Thursday 8:00am
Employment Skills	5	Thursday 8:00am
Environmental and Natural Resources	5	Thursday 8:00am
Extemp. Public Speaking LDE	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Farm Business Management	5	Thursday 8:00am
Floriculture	5	Thursday 8:00am
Food and Fiber	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Food Science	5	Thursday 8:00am
Forestry Field Day	1	Monday 7:00pm
Forestry & Wildlife	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Honorary State FFA Degrees	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Horse Evaluation	5	Thursday 8:00am
Horse Hippology	5	Thursday 8:00am
Horticulture	5	Thursday 8:00am
Horticulture Demonstration	1	Monday 7:00pm
Growing Leaders Award	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Jr. Dairyman's	1	Monday 7:00pm
Jr. Forester's	1	Monday 7:00pm
Junior Forestry	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Junior Prepared	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Lawn Tractor Operators	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Livestock	5	Thursday 8:00am
Marketing Plan	5	Thursday 8:00am
Meats Judging and Evaluation CDE	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Middle School Ag Exploration	1	Monday 7:00pm
Milk Quality and Products	5	Thursday 8:00am
National Chapter Award	1	Monday 7:00pm
National Officer Candidate	5	Thursday 8:00am
New Charters	1	Monday 7:00pm
Nursey/Landscape	5	Thursday 8:00am
Parents of State Officers	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Parliamentary Procedure CDE	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Plant Science	3	Wednesday 10:00 am
Poultry	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Prepared Public Speaking LDE	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Proficiency Awards	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Public Relations Award	1	Monday 7:00pm
Quiz Bowl	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Retiring State Officers	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Scholarship Recognition	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Scrapbook	5	Thursday 8:00am
Senior Forestry	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Senior Prepared	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Small Animal Care	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Small Engine Troubleshooting	1	Monday 7:00pm
Soils Judging	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Spanish Creed	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Star Chapter Award	5	Thursday 8:00am
Stars Over Virginia	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
State Fair Crops	1	Monday 7:00pm
State FFA Degrees	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
State Officer Installation	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
Stockman's	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Strengthening Agriculture Award	3	Wednesday 10:00am
Superior Chapter Award	1	Monday 7:00pm
Talent	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Tractor Operators	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Tractor Troubleshooting	1	Monday 7:00pm
Turf Grass Management	5	Thursday 8:00am
VAAE Teacher Awards	2	Tuesday 7:00pm
Vet Science	5	Thursday 8:00am
Virginia Scholarships	4	Wednesday 7:00pm
100% Membership Award	1	Monday 7:00pm

Contest Information

Monday, June 9

Contest	Time	Location
Scrapbook		
Turn in to Registration by	1:30 PM	LR 1370
Ag Sales Exam	1:00 PM	Hutcheson 209
Agriscience Fair	By Appt.	LR 1240
Avian Bowl Exam	1:00 PM	LR 1770
Creed Speaking - <i>Session practice to follow in Burruss Hall</i>	1:00 PM	Graduate Life Center Auditorium & A
Milk Quality & Products	1:00 PM	FST 27
Middle School AG Mechanics	1:00 PM	Commonwealth Ballroom B
Quiz Bowl Exam	1:00 PM	Commonwealth Ballroom B
Vet Science Exam	1:00 PM	LR 1670
Nursery/Landscape	1:30 PM	Smyth 146
Horse Judging (Day Two)	2:00 PM	LR 244
Spanish Creed - <i>Session practice to follow Session 3 in Burruss Hall (Wed. A.M.)</i>	2:30 PM	Graduate Life Center Auditorium & A
Talent	9:00 PM	<i>Meeting in Burruss after session</i>

Tuesday, June 10

Contest	Time	Location
Agriscience Fair	By Appt.	LR 1240
Ag Mechanics (Senior)	7:30 AM	Meet at LR 1870
Livestock	7:30 AM	LR 1670
Ag Communications	8:00 AM	LR 232, 244
Ag Sales	8:00 AM	Pamplin 1001, 1002, 1003, 1010, 3004
Extemporaneous Public Speaking	8:00 AM	Graduate Life Center Auditorium
Floriculture	8:00 AM	Smyth 146
Agronomy (Crops) (Day One)	8:30 AM	Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
Vet Science (Day Two)	8:30 AM	LR 1670, 1760, 1770, 1800, 1860
Middle School Contests (<i>Food & Fiber, Plant Science, Small Animal Care</i>)	8:30 AM	Commonwealth Ballroom A/B
Employment Skills (Day One)	9:00 AM	Williams Hall 120
Turf Grass Management	9:00 AM	LR 1870
Prepared Public Speaking Events - Junior	10:30 AM	Graduate Life Center Room A
Talent Check-in	12:30 PM	Burruss Auditorium
Prepared Public Speaking Senior	1:30 PM	Graduate Life Center Room A

Contest	Time	Location
ENR (Day One)	1:30 PM	Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room
Middle School Quiz Bowl	1:30 PM	Commonwealth Ballroom A/B, Squires 217
Marketing Plan	2:00 PM	Hutcheson 204, 207
Food Science (Day One)	2:00 PM	FST 27

Wednesday, June 11

Contest	Time	Location
Ag Mechanics (Junior)	7:30 AM	LR 1870
Agronomy (Crops) (Day Two)	8:00 AM	Graduate Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
Floriculture (Day Two)	8:00 AM	Smyth 146
Discussion Meet	8:30 AM	Squires, 234, 236, 238 - Finals in Colonial Hall
ENR (Day Two)	8:30 AM	Graduate Life Center Classrooms
Food Science (Day Two)	8:30 AM	FST 27
Hippology	8:30 AM	Meet LR 1670, Compete LARNA
Employment Skills (Day Two)	9:00 AM	Williams 120
Farm Business Management	9:00 AM	LR 1870
Ag Ed	1:00 PM	LR 244
Avian Bowl	1:00 PM	Smyth 146
Ag Issues	1:00 PM	Graduate Life Center Auditorium





You're Invited to FFA LEADERSHIP CAMP!

Who? All middle and high Virginia FFA members

When? July 7 – Day Camp
July 8-11 – Overnight Camp

Where? Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA

Why? Leadership development, new friendships, recreational sports, and much more!

For more information visit:

<https://www.vaffa.org/leadership-camp>

Wednesday Night Dance Entry



Advisors,

Wristbands are your tickets to Wednesday night activities in Squires Student Center. Please distribute these after Session 4.

Blue Bands - Dance Only

Yellow Bands - Dance and Breakzone from 9:00-10:00 PM

Maroon Bands - Dance and Breakzone from 10:00-11:00 PM

Thank you for helping us make convention safe and fun for all!

-Convention Staff

Looking for a fun, free, and educational weekend at Graves Mountain Lodge?

Then we have the conference for you!

Scholarships will be awarded to the top three
performers at the VICE conference:

\$2,000 to the top performer

\$1,500 to the second-place performer

\$1,000 to the third-place performer

Join us in March 2026!

Contact the Virginia Cooperative Council:
Mary Howell - mary.howell@sscoop.com or
visit the Council's website at www.virginia.coop



Virginia Cooperative Council



99th Virginia FFA State Convention

Workshops

Tuesday

8:00-9:00 AM – Colonial Hall, Squires

Barbecue Sauce

Presenter: Josh Nelson, Idaho FFA

State Vice President

Learn about the values of leading with equity instead of equality by striving to be curious before being judgmental. Built on a scene from Ted Lasso, this workshop will truly put your dart skills to the test!

9:15-10:15 AM – Colonial Hall, Squires

Palmetto Park

Presenter: Alex Vega, South Carolina FFA

State Vice President

Learn about South Carolina wildlife and agriculture while “traversing” through a state park. Throughout this workshop, you will learn the importance of advocating for the environment and staying knowledgeable about the agriculture around you.

2:30-3:30 PM – Colonial Hall, Squires

How to Build a Home

Presenter: Jack Lingenfelter, National FFA

Southern Region Vice President

Home isn't just a place; it's a group of people. In this workshop, we'll understand the importance of community through value and encouragement.

Wednesday

10:30-11:30 AM – Colonial Hall, Squires

Building on Framework

Presenter: Jory Ratzlaff, Kansas FFA

State President

Discover how valuing the work of others can help you find success in your own life! By exploring how to build on existing ideas, you will learn ways you can accelerate progress towards your goals.

1:15-2:15 PM – Colonial Hall, Squires

Anyone Can Cook

Presenters: Kaylin Pippin, Delaware FFA State

Vice President and Edwina Chen, Delaware FFA

State Treasurer

Cook up your integrity skills by figuring out your morals and values! Learn to be authentically yourself, all while respecting everyone's backgrounds.

2:30-3:30 PM – Colonial Hall, Squires

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Agricultural Education in Virginia



Secondary Education

33,900 students in agricultural education courses

348 agriculture teachers

154 high school agricultural education programs

79 middle school agricultural education programs

162 students enrolled per program on average

Keynote Speakers

Jack Lingenfelter

**National FFA
Southern Region Vice
President**

Session 2
Keynote Speaker

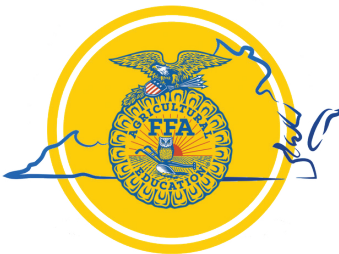


Jack Lingenfelter joined FFA for the community and admired the deep tradition and belonging in the blue corduroy jacket. His journey in the blue jacket would have been short without the mentors and leaders who believed in him.

“When I forgot the third paragraph of the FFA Creed during a competition, my agricultural education teacher believed I could learn from my failure and become stronger. When I wasn’t chosen to be my chapter’s candidate for the Area Office, my mentor believed I didn’t need a title to have a purpose. When I was deferred from my dream college during state office, my state staffer believed there was a greater plan for me.”

Lingenfelter’s Supervised Agricultural Experience was in agricultural communications, where he hosted a podcast, “The Straws that Stir the Drinks.” He interviewed FFA members, officers, policymakers and agriculturists. His goal was to increase agricultural literacy and share the stories of those in agriculture. For him, agriculture is a community, and during his year of service, he hopes to make FFA feel like home for every student he meets.

“Our FFA members have incredible potential, Lingenfelter said. “It is my genuine desire and hope to help students overcome any fear stopping them and reach their full potential. Our world and organization need bold leaders who fight and believe in agriculture.”



Zach Jacobs

Deputy Secretary of Education

Session 4
Keynote Speaker



Zach Jacobs currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia and was initially appointed by Governor Youngkin as the Assistant Secretary of Education in September 2023. Prior to this role, he helped lead state and federal government relations for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. He previously served as a Senior Legislative Assistant for two members of Congress working on appropriations, agriculture, education, energy, national security, and transportation policy.

Before his time on Capitol Hill, Zach was appointed as a Legislative Analyst in the Office of Congressional Relations at the U.S. Department of Agriculture under Secretary Sonny Perdue. Zach is a first-generation college student who received his B.S. in Agribusiness Management and National Security and Foreign Affairs from Virginia Tech and his M.A. in Strategic Communications from Liberty University. Zach has had the honor of serving as Virginia FFA State President from 2014-2015.

SAVE THE DATE!
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
DAY AT THE CAPITAL

**Tell your FFA story.
Grow as an AgVocate.**



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*January 22, 2026
(snow date January 29)*

Virginia FFA Hall of Presidents

1927-28	Joe Turner	Chase City
1928-29	Samuel Hardwick	Dublin
1929-30	Ernest Dunton	Nassawadox
1930-31	Harold Craun	Bridgewater
1931-32	Blaine Blackburn	Grassey Creek
1932-33	Frank Webb	Danville
1933-34	Ross Minton	Smithfield
1934-35	William Shaffer	Maurertown
1935-36	Wayne Larrowe	Woodlawn
1936-37	James Via	Ashland
1937-38	Jonas Chamberlain	Clearbrook
1938-39	Marcus Oliver	Kempsville
1939-40	Jack McAboy	Brucetown
1940-41	Robert Copenhaver	Crockett
1941-42	Dave Walker	Farmville
1942-43	Beverly Roller	Weyers Cave
1943-44	Thomas Shirley	Luray
1944-45	Francis Harris	Washington-Henry
1945-46	Edward Goode	Rocky Mount
1946-47	Camice Mannon	Floyd
1947-48	Dallas Johnson	Fluvanna
1948-49	Robert Stevens	Rustburg
1949-50	Eric Robinson	Cumberland
1950-51	Charles Moyer	Amelia
1951-52	James Hottle	James Wood
1952-53	Bruce Ayers	Hardin-Reynolds
1953-54	Lennie Gamage	Cartersville
1954-55	David Miller	Bland
1955-56	R.G. Akers, Jr.	Cambria
1956-57	Danny Bird, Jr.	Bland
1957-58	Bill Lawson	Elkton
1958-59	Thomas Garnett	Charlotte Courthouse
1959-60	Frank Thomas	Salem
1960-61	Charles E. Fariss	Rustburg
1961-62	Kendall Clay	Willis
1962-63	David Geiman, Jr.	Waynesboro
1963-64	Lowell Koontz	Elkton
1964-65	Ronald Millner	Appomattox
1965-66	Steve Bollinger	Broadway
1966-67	L.H. Newcomb	Chase City
1967-68	Wayne Pence	Port Republic
1968-69	Richard Bailey	Danville
1969-70	David Shiflett	Grottoes
1970-71	Randy Roller	Weyers Cave
1971-72	Paul S. Craun	Mt. Crawford
1972-73	John Goode, Jr.	Winchester
1973-74	Alpha Trivette	Ladysmith
1974-75	Jay Cecil	Dublin
1975-76	Eddie Stowe	Danville



1976-77	Rodney McAllister	Verona
1977-78	Doug Rinker	Winchester
1978-79	Melanie Burgess	Broadway
1979-80	Tim Gano	Winchester
1980-81	Lynn Koontz	Harrisonburg
1981-82	George Bowers	Maurertown
1982-83	Cathy Hively	Broadway
1983-84	Joe Bowman	Edinburg
1984-85	David Wright	Fort Defiance
1985-86	Lee Arrington	Penhook
1986-87	Kathy Lineburg	Middletown
1987-88	Scott Lily	Mechanicsville
1988-89	Cindy Fannon	Charlotte Courthouse
1989-90	Matt Lohr	Broadway
1990-91	Jody Bickel	Rapidan
1991-92	Robert Mills	Danville
1992-93	Toni Ritenour	Central
1993-94	Chase Lowe	Floyd
1994-95	Tara Cupp	Bridgewater
1995-96	Mendy Beckman	Bridgewater
1996-97	Willie Morris	Bridgewater
1997-98	Jason Roller	Keezletown
1998-99	Ben Grove	Churchville
1999-00	Leslie Funkhouser	Toms Brook
2000-01	William Dick	Winchester
2001-02	Todd Sadler	Ladysmith
2002-03	Jordan Liskey	Bridgewater
2003-04	Josh Stephens	Fort Valley
2004-05	Allen D. Heishman, II	Mt. Jackson
2005-06	Sarah Jo Helms	Laurel Fork
2006-07	Will Earhart	Verona
2007-08	George Allen Bowers, Jr.	Woodstock
2008-09	Christopher Atkins	Berryville
2009-10	Morgan Slaven	Weyers Cave
2010-11	Wes Kline	Dayton
2011-12	Brian Walsh	Woodstock
2012-13	Dustin Richardson	Galax
2013-14	Mitch Wallace	Crewe
2014-15	Zach Jacobs	Swoope
2015-16	Chandler Vaughan	Keysville
2016-17	Ashley Yanego	Strasburg
2017-18	Tess Seibel	Roanoke
2018-19	Ethan Jackson	Smith Mountain
2019-20	MaKayla Craig	Eastern View
2020-21	Megan Day	Catlett
2021-22	Charlie Moser	Liberty
2022-23	Emily Jenkins	Broadway
2023-24	Kelcey Weston	Smith Mountain
2024-25	Grayson Long	Massanutten Technical Center

Virginia FFA Anniversary Teams

75 Years: 1949-1950

President	Eric Robinson	Cumberland
Vice-President	Daniel Moncol	Disputanta
Secretary	David Myerhoffer	Wilson Memorial
Treasurer	Powell Anderson	Buckingham
Reporter	Bruce Chalfin	Brookville
Sentinel	Jimmie Dodd	Louisa
Executive Committee	Robert Stevens	Rustburg
Executive Committee	Sidney Brown	Alberta
Executive Committee	W.H. Grosecole	Ceres

50 Years: 1974 - 1975

President	Jay Cecil	Pulaski
Appalachian VP	Ray Warren	Abingdon
Blue Ridge VP	Tim Tatum	Tunstall
Central VP	Lynwood Pierson	Rappahannock
Eastern VP	Michael Greene	Suffolk
Northern VP	David D. See	Broadway
Southside VP	Mike Gallier	Appomattox
Secretary	Peter D. Palmer	Turner Ashby
Treasurer	Joseph E. Carey	Randolph-Henry
Reporter	Bobby Orrock	C.T. Smith
Sentinel	Jay Poole	George Wythe

25 Years: 1999-2000

President	Leslie Funkhouser	Strasburg
Appalachian VP	Scott Russell	Carroll County
Central VP	Jason Carpenter	Culpeper Senior
Northern VP	Matthew Hickey	Buffalo Gap
Southside VP	Lynn Herndon	Bluestone
Secretary	Beth Stover	Turner Ashby
Treasurer	Bart Kite	Page County
Reporter	Bridget Sine	Central

10 Years: 2014-2015

President	Zach Jacobs	Buffalo Gap
Vice President	Ryan Williams	Nottoway
Vice President	Morgan Smith	Holston
Secretary	Brittany Bowman	Stonewall Jackson
Treasurer	Daniel Black	Sherando
Reporter	Alice Cox	Floyd County
Sentinel	Garrett Coffey	Central

(2015-2016)

President	Chandler Vaughan	Randolph-Henry
Vice President	Cailin Orgen	Sherando
Vice President	Cayla Mutschler	Gloucester
Vice President	Emily Moyers	Alleghany
Secretary	Hunter Wimmer	Smith Mountain
Treasurer	Mary Ott	Page County
Reporter	Bethany Gochenour	Strasburg
Sentinel	John-Robert Helsley	Central

(2016-2017)

President	Ashley Yangeo	Strasburg
Vice President	Clay Graham	Buffalo Gap
Vice President	Sydney Baxter	Dinwiddie
Secretary	Phillip Saunders	Nelson Sr.
Treasurer	Kelly Callender	Turner Ashby
Reporter	Isabell Leonard	Riverheads
Sentinel	Keri Knott	Magna Vista

(2017-2018)

President
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Tess Seibel
Bailey Carpenter
Mason Sowers
Justin Petrie
Melissa Ruhlman
Chris Kuhler

Lord Botetourt
Spotswood
James River
Sherando
East Rockingham
CL Payne

(2018-2019)

President
Vice President
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Ethan Jackson
Nathan McDonald
Claire Seibel
Matthew Myers
Kendall Knicely
Ruth Fitzgerald
Newlin Humphrey
Katherine Thompson

Smith Mountain
Strasburg
Lord Botetourt
Culpeper
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Nelson Sr.
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MaKayla Craig
Madison Sifford
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Erin Orgen
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Carly Carpenter
Kenzie Kline
Hope Showalter
Shelby Stevens

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Massanutten Tech
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(2020-2021)

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Madeline Moore
Austin Funk
Jeremy Petrie
Faith Dellinger
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Stuarts Draft

(2021-2022)

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Emma Jackson
Jackson Lohr
Ellie Vance
Lauren Rhodes
Sammy Leach

Liberty
Smith Mountain
Broadway
Stuarts Draft
Fort Defiance
C.L. Payne

(2022-2023)

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Jill Reiter
Jordan Petrie
Carly Thomas
Savannah Goodwin
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Pulaski County
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Sherando
Highland
Louisa
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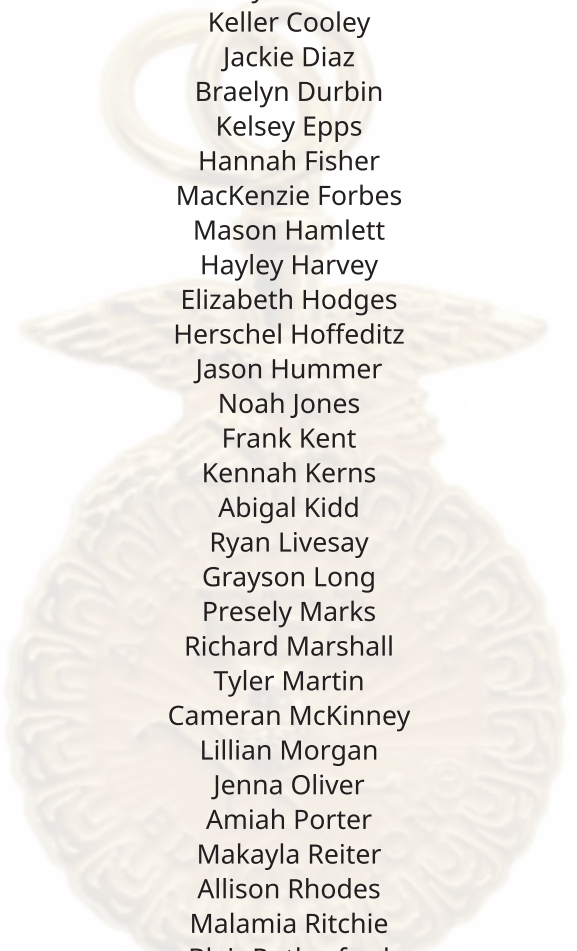
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Liberti Sell
Adam Hawkins

Smith Mountain
Culpeper
Broadway
Lord Botetourt
Rappahannock
Carroll County
Rappahannock Co.
Sherando

2025 Virginia FFA American Degree Candidates



Hannah Anderson
Lizzy Bosaefe
Keller Cooley
Jackie Diaz
Braelyn Durbin
Kelsey Epps
Hannah Fisher
MacKenzie Forbes
Mason Hamlett
Hayley Harvey
Elizabeth Hodges
Herschel Hoffeditz
Jason Hummer
Noah Jones
Frank Kent
Kennah Kerns
Abigail Kidd
Ryan Livesay
Grayson Long
Presely Marks
Richard Marshall
Tyler Martin
Cameran McKinney
Lillian Morgan
Jenna Oliver
Amiah Porter
Makayla Reiter
Allison Rhodes
Malamia Ritchie
Blair Rutherford
Emile Shell
Rylee Shiflett
Kayden Shomaker
Taylor Smith
Zach Wallen
Skyler Weaver
Brent Wetzel
Mackenzie Wiley

*Pending National FFA Approval

2025 Honorary FFA State Degree Recipients

As stated in the National FFA Constitution, the Honorary Degree is presented to those who have rendered outstanding service, such as farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of the School Board, chapter advisors, teachers and staff members in agricultural education, business people, and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA.

Thank you to all of our Honorary Degree recipients!

Eric Bond	Megan Livesay
Beth Breeding	Timothy Livesay
Brian Carpenter	Elizabeth Martin
Edward Chip Long III	Rhonda Monger
Gretchen Cooley	Katie Reames
Smith Cooley	Christopher Reisinger
Araceli Diaz	Debbie Rhodes
Francisco Diaz	Jeff Rhodes
Matthew Durbin	Randi Richards Lutz
Stephanie Emmel	Adam Ritchie
Raleigh Hayter	Eric Rutherford
Sarah Jo Jones	Holly Rutherford
Christy Kerr	Aaron Scyphers
Elizabeth Lam	Tabitha Ulmer
Greta Liskey	Verona Moose Lodge 2172
Christy Livesay	Amy Whitten

2025 Virginia FFA State Stars



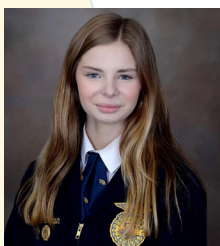
Star in Agribusiness

Grace Stowe,
Chatham

After learning about beekeeping from a visiting national officer in 2021, Grace began to take an interest in operating her own apiary. That same fall, she began preparing an area to establish her operation, “Bougie Bees,” and now is the keeper of five established hives housing 50,000 bees each. With zero knowledge of raising bees, Grace has taken it upon herself over the past three years to conduct thorough research and learn from other local beekeepers. Primary responsibilities include checking the queen’s health, treating the hive for Varroa mites, harvesting honey, and ensuring the hives are safe from predators. Grace has found great success in learning how to split hives to establish new colonies and has even successfully rescued a wild hive from a family member’s house. Each year, Grace harvests an average of 120 to 150 pounds of honey from her five hives, which she packages and markets to her community through social media. Not only has Grace been able to sell a tangible product, but she has also noticed the impact her operation has had on improving the pollination of numerous local crop farms. Grace will be attending Virginia Tech, majoring in Agribusiness, in hopes of pursuing a career in agricultural sales.

Star Farmer

Sarah Craun,
Turner Ashby



Throughout her entire life, Sarah has been immersed in agriculture and has cultivated a deep passion for the livestock industry. Of her many Supervised Agricultural Experiences, beef production entrepreneurship has been the most significant, as she has expanded her registered Angus herd from seven to fourteen breeding females. Through knowledge gained from family members, local networking opportunities, and FFA contests such as meat judging, livestock judging, and prepared public speaking, Sarah has been able to effectively operate and manage her respective livestock. In 2023 and 2024 she even became certified by ABS Global and Premier Select

Sires to artificially inseminate her own cattle. In addition to breeding cattle, Sarah has bought, raised, and sold market steers, pigs, and lambs for the Rockingham 4-H/FFA Market Animal Show. Funds generated from the sale of her market livestock projects have allowed her to further invest in her cow herd. Sarah's farming resume also includes placement aspects, as she is a part-time worker on her father's broiler operation, and her grandfather's cow-calf and commercial sheep operation. In order to continue her involvement in the livestock industry, Sarah will be attending Blinn College in Brenham, Texas on a livestock judging scholarship to obtain an associate's degree in agriculture, with plans of transferring to Kansas State to major in Animal Science with a minor in Biology.



Star in Agricultural Placement

**Dale Foltz,
Central**

Growing up as an active helper on the family farm, Dale has always been responsible for completing many tasks including feeding livestock, making hay, fixing fence, and servicing tractors. Working on farm machinery owned by his family allowed Dale to gain experience in welding and using an acetylene torch to fix damaged implement parts. After building strong connections with the owners of Woodstock Equipment, Dale was offered a job there in May of 2023 right after he turned sixteen. At the start of this job he was only able to spray weeds, mow, take out the trash, unload trucks, wash tractors, and put fluid into tires. Flash forward to today, he is carrying out even more challenging tasks including changing filters and fluids, checking equipment for minor issues, and diagnosing issues within a computer program called "Service Analyzer". One of the head mechanics at Woodstock Equipment has even taught him how to rebuild hydraulic cylinders and split a tractor. In addition to hands on skills, Dale has also furthered his social skills by spending time with customers to explain newly purchased equipment. Dale is the proud completor of both the bronze and silver level certification offered by Bobcat University Online. As his interest in mechanic work has grown, Dale has enrolled in the Auto Tech program at Triplett Tech. He plans to continue working as a mechanic while completing the final certifications offered by Bobcat and taking additional courses offered by Kubota in order to strengthen his portfolio of skills.

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Avah Bache
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Samara Baker
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Justin Brewton
Emma Brooks
Rylie Brown
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Samantha Burns
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John Campbell
Ace Campbell
Brooklyn Clark
Justin Clemmer
Jeb Collins
Abigail Connell
Carmen Contreras-Ruiz
Kaylie Crabtree
Ryley Crabtree
Sarah Craun
Matthew Curtis
Thomas Custer
Savannah Dalton
Hannah Dalton
Conner Davis
Lily Davis
Walter Davis
Dani Davis
Brianna Dean
Chloe Dejong
Montana Deming
Isabella Dietrich
Barrett Digh
Nevaeh Dowell
Katie Eagler
Analise Eddins

Corrine Edenton
Sarah Ely
Travis Ernest
Sarah Evans
Delaney Faulk
Casey Felts
Kaitlyn Fitzgerald
William Fleenor
Dale Foltz
Charlie Franklin
Luke Gardner
Meredith Gebhardt
Ben Geesaman
Courtney Georgopoulos
Nathan Goad
Casey Gobble
Kelby Grady
Meredith Graham
Addison Greene
Caleb Greene
Brook Griffen
Grant Grub
Mauricio Guerrero
Olivia Gullett
Kate Guntang
Garry Hagwood
Jeb Hall
Emily Hammer
Rachel Harmon
Savanna Harris
James Harris
Sarah Hawkins
Clarence Hawkins, Jr.
Emily Heaton
Cameryn Heidt
Tim Henderson
Lily Henicheck
Joe Horn
Claire Howe
Zoey Huffman
Hunter Huffman
Clay Jackson
Ayla Janney
Wyatt Jenkins
Taylor Jennelle
Hailey Keagy
Karen Keaton
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Tyler Monger
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Alston North
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Cole Oliver
Mackenzie Painter
Ayden Parham
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Jason Payne
Jaycie Perry
Anika Perry
Vance Perry
Aden Peters
Allexis Phillips
Joseph Pisarcik
Johnny Powers
Peyton Prater
Hailey Preuss
Walker Price
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Brooke Ray
Toni Redfearn
Casey Redifer
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Christopher Reyes-Palma
Dillon Rhodes
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Colton Rowen
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Javion Saunders
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Karley Sonifrank
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Dylan Spillman
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Kaitlin Stone
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Keriana Stottlemeyer
Leah Stout
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Leilani Teel
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Carley Thomas
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Caleb Thompson
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George Twigg
Gary Vance
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Natalie Walke
Owen Waller
Addison Walters
Hailey Ware
Tanner Weaver
Leland Webb-Dyson
Aaron Weekley
Austin Williamson
Layla Willie
Samantha Wills
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Natalie Wisman
Adam Witt
Megan Wolfcale
Morgan Wolfe
Marshall Wray
Shanoa Wright

2025 National FFA Scholarship Recipients

Arthur and Nell Lewis Memorial

\$5,500 each

Emma Alexander, Louisa
Allison Amstutz, Carroll County
Savannah Dalton, Carroll County
Lily Davis, Fort Defiance
Karyss Isom, Grayson County
Savannah Janzen
Taylor Jennelle, Central
Kaitlyn Knight, Tunstall
Samantha O'Bier, Rappahannock
Allexis Phillips, Broadway
Clay Shantz, Turner Ashby
Ella Shreckhise, Fort Defiance
Keriana Stottlemeyer, Central
Lilah Wooton, Goochland

Bayer - Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship

\$1,500

Emily Creasey, Smith Mountain
Allyson Long, Liberty
Kirin Miller, Lord Botetourt

FFA Future Leaders Scholarship by Tractor Supply Company Trade Division

\$10,000

Lillian Morgan, Nelson County

\$5,000

Joe Horn, Buffalo Gap
Layla Willie, Franklin County

Obaugh Ford, Inc.

\$1,000

Hailey Keagy, Fort Defiance

2025 Virginia FFA Scholarships

Andrea Lohr Memorial

\$1,500

Natalie Wisman, Turner Ashby

Andrew Farrar Memorial

\$750

Franco Abud, Courtland
Grayson Long, Massanutten Technical Center

George H. Seibel Memorial

\$1,500 each

Grace Stowe, Chatham
Hannah Tilson, Chilhowie

James Clouse Memorial

\$750

Keller Cooley, Sherando

Lynwood Lowry, Jr. Memorial

\$750 each

Hannah Smith, Buffalo Gap
Allison Rhodes, Fort Defiance

Shelia Lily Memorial

\$3,000 each

Abigail Kiser, John S. Battle
Richard Marshall, Spotswood

Virginia Produce Cultivating Change Virginia Tech Ag Tech

\$2,000 each

Caleb Greene, Sherando
Lane Malcom, Buffalo Gap
Lyla Morris, William Monroe
John Fisher, Tazewell
Sara Moore, Fauquier
Dylan Carroll, William Campbell
Thomas Lohr, Broadway

Randall “Randy” Reedy Memorial

\$500

Ayla Janney, Broadway

Hugh M. Hawkins Memorial

\$3,000

Sarah Streett, Stonewall Jackson

2025 Superior Chapter Award

Abingdon	Liberty-Bedford
Amelia	Liberty-Bedford Middle
Appomattox Middle	Louisa
Appomattox Senior	Luray
Atlee	Magna Vista
Bassett	Mechanicsville
Brentsville	Mecklenburg
Broadway	Millbrook
Buffalo Gap	Montevideo Middle
Caroline	Nelson Senior
Caroline Middle	North Fork Middle
Carroll County Middle	Orange
Central	Page County
Charlotte Central Middle	Patrick Henry
Courtland	Peter Muhlenberg Middle
C.L. Payne	Randolph-Henry
Clarke County	Rappahannock
Culpeper	Rappahannock County
Culpeper Middle	Riverheads
Cumberland	S.G. Stewart Middle
Dinwiddie	Sherando
Eastern View	Signal Knob Middle
Fauquier	Skyline
Floyd T. Binns Middle	Smith Mountain
Fluvanna	Spotswood
Fort Defiance	Strasburg
Gloucester	Stuarts Draft
Goochland	Tunstall
Hanover	Turner Ashby
Holston	Virginia Beach
J. Frank Hillyard Middle	W.R. Legge
John Battle	Warren County Middle
Johnson-Williams Middle	Wilbur S. Pence
Kettle Run	Wilson Memorial
King William	Wilson Middle

2025 Event Sponsors

Agricultural Education LDE

State Plaque: Sponsored by the Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators

Agricultural Issues CDE

State Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Andrew W. Smith

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State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Donnie Wingo

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. James Huffman

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Jimmy Burcher

Agricultural Mechanics Senior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Beth Breeding in Honor of Bill and Phyllis Fretwell

State Plaque: Sponsored by Mr. Jimmy Burcher

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Riverheads FFA

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by David and Jamie Stowe

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Andy Seibel

Agricultural Sales Senior Division CDE

State Shield: Sponsored by Rockingham Cooperative

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by United Country Anders Realty in Memory of Mr. Jim Cole

2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Robert Noel

Agriculture Communications Senior Division CDE

State Plaque: Rockingham Cooperative

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Young Farmers of Virginia

National Finalists travel scholarships provided by the Dan Swafford and Henry Paris Legacy Funds

Agriscience Demonstration Junior Division CDE

1st High Individual Plaque: sponsored by CSX Transportation

State Plaque: Sponsored by CSX Transportation

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Agriscience Technology Middle School Mechanics CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Randy Ward

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Colton Lindamood

2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. James Huffman

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Agronomy Junior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. George Jones

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Ronald B. Roller

Agronomy Senior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards

State Plaque: Virginia Corn & Soybean Boards

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Dr. Ozzie Abaye

Avian Bowl

State Plaque: Sponsored by University of Mount Olive

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Scott & Naomi Reiter

Building Communities Chapter Award

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeffrey M. Poole

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Ralph Puckett

Blue Ridge Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Eugene McIlwee

Central Area Plaque: In Memory of Roger Mitchell by Central Area

Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Amelia County Board of Supervisors

Cattle Working Event

State Plaque: Sponsored in Honor of Dee Whittier

Event Endowed by: Rockingham Cooperative/Powder River Legacy Fund

Chapter Conduct of Meetings Junior Division LDE State Winner

Plaque: In Honor of Bill Shumate

State Medal Sponsor: In Honor of Mr. Barry Z. Arey

Chapter Forestry/Wildlife Award

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Clintwood & Pulaski FFA

Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

Northern Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by HUB Federation Southeast

Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

Creed Speaking LDE

State Plaque: In Honor of Grayson Long

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Kenneth P. Bryant

Glass Award: Endowed in Honor of Toni Ritenour Dinges

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Chesterfield Farm Bureau

3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Ms. Tammy Cole

Blue Ridge Area: Blue Ridge Area VAAE

Central Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Randy Trivette

Northern Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Harry J. Bagnell, Jr.

South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Ms. Laurie Cunningham

Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Dinwiddie FFA Chapter

Dairy Evaluation Junior Division CDE

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. William "Bill" Simmons

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Mason Ware

2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

Dairy Evaluation Senior Division CDE

State Plaque: Rockingham Cooperative

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Mason Ware

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

Dairy Handlers Activity

State Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Ms. Brandie Jo McDonald

2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald and Sponsored by James Wood & Sherando FFA

Junior Dairyman's Contest

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Dave Winston

Discussion Meet

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Young Farmers

Employment Skills LDE

State Plaque: 2015-2016 State Officer Team

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Ron & Ella Daughtry

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Pat & Sidney Daughtry

3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Blue Ridge Collegiate FFA

Environmental & Natural Resources CDE

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Eric Fitzgerald

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Hanover Ruritan Club

Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE

State Plaque: Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. E.M. Pennington

2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. George Lancaster

3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Louisa County FFA Alumni

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jim Cole

Central Area Plaque: Sponsored by Louisa County FFA Alumni

Northern Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Doug Rinker

South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Bedford County Farm Bureau Young Farmers

Southeast Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Jim Erickson

Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE

State Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. Alex White

1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Charles Johnson

2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Edward W. McCann

3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit

FFA Quiz Bowl - Team

State Plaque: Sponsored by Scott & Sally Shomo

FFA Quiz Bowl - Written

State Plaque: In Honor of Dr. John Hillison

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. John Hillison Legacy Fund

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Read Mountain Middle FFA

Floriculture CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel

1st, 2nd, 3rd High Individual Plaques: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel

Food & Fiber

State Plaque: In Honor of Mrs. Ruth McCall Boden

1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mrs. Kristin R. Beery

Food Science CDE

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Forestry Junior Division CDE

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Forestry Senior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Forestry Education Foundation

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Southeast Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Ron Price

South Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

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Event Sponsor: Virginia Forestry Education Foundation

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Growing Leaders Chapter Award

State Plaque: Blue Ridge Area VAAE

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Southeast Area Plaque: Amelia County Board of Supervisors

Horse Evaluation CDE

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Event Sponsor: Virginia Horse Industry Board

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Sr. State Plaque: In Memory of Ms. Jennifer Phillips

1st High Individual: Virginia Horse Industry Board

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Horticulture CDE

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State Plaque: In Memory of O. Beverly Roller
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Stockman's Contest-Junior

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Central Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Joel B Yowell

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South Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Amelia County Board of Supervisors

Southeast Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jesse W. Morgan

Tractor Troubleshooting CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Billy Perrow by Jimmy Burcher

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Dr. Stan and Janice Burke

2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. Stan and Janice Burke

Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

South Ridge: In Memory of Mr. Jesse W. Morgan by Jimmy Burcher

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Today, we're focused. Our mission and cause are clear. We have a vision — inspired and designed by those we serve, and those that serve with us every day. Our focus on deepening a culture of philanthropy and developing principled student leaders is still at the core of our work and serves as the common thread throughout the history of FFA's efforts in the Commonwealth, and throughout the country. A gift to the Virginia FFA Foundation can be put to work today to meet the most immediate needs of FFA members and agricultural educators, or to develop a legacy fund or planned gift that will ensure FFA has the resources needed for years to come. Lastly, the Virginia FFA Foundation has recognized individuals who have had a lasting impact in service to FFA and agricultural education as Leave a Legacy honorees. Read more about our legacy funds below or visit us online at vaffafoundation.org to join us in inspiring premier leadership, personal growth, and career success for FFA members.

The Virginia FFA Alumni

The Virginia FFA Alumni and Supporters Organization is a dedicated group of adults whose purpose is to support and promote agriculture and agricultural education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. James Clouse, retired Virginia Tech Professor, was one of the founding members of the National FFA Alumni program in 1971. Virginia has had an active alumni chapter since the inception of the program and this endowment fund is used to provide lifetime membership to the current Virginia State FFA officers, and to provide opportunities for engagement and support of Virginia FFA Association programs. The Leave a Legacy fund was established as a way to encourage and support the endeavors of the Virginia FFA Association.

Dr. Glenn Anderson - Legacy Fund

Dr. Glenn Anderson was a dedicated and faithful servant to the Virginia FFA Association and agricultural education for four decades, serving as the State FFA Advisor for over 20 years. Glenn was instrumental in new teacher education and oversaw Virginia FFA as it grew to 184 chapters and over 10,000 members. Dr. Anderson worked with nearly 300 state officers spanning over 30 teams. He enriched the lives of FFA members and officers with his wisdom and advice. Dr. Anderson's legacy fund will be used to support the State FFA Degree Program and other defined opportunities that impact FFA members across the Commonwealth.

Dr. Larry Case - Legacy Fund

Dr. Larry Case's long-time support of Virginia FFA through mentorships, contributions and service on the Foundation Board have helped to navigate Virginia FFA through tough times. Because of the leadership and support from the Case family over the years, Virginia FFA emerged stronger than ever. After the passing of his beloved wife, Joy and in honor of everything he and Joy have done for Virginia FFA, this Legacy Fund was created. Once fully endowed, this fund will benefit the general operations of Virginia FFA Foundation.

Dr. James P. Clouse - Legacy Fund

The Dr. James P. Clouse Legacy fund was created to honor the service and achievement of Dr. Clouse in agricultural education. Raised on a family farm, Dr. Clouse, affectionately known as Jim, developed an interest in service at an early age through his farm background and by serving in World War II. Jim had a forty-year career in Agricultural Education, which included several years as a middle and high school agricultural teacher and FFA Advisor, followed by over thirty years as a professor and administrator at two universities. He retired as a Professor Emeritus from Virginia Tech in 1987. Jim participated in various professional and community organizations and received numerous awards and honors for his service. Dr. Clouse was a vital contributor to the FFA, serving on the organizing board of the National FFA Alumni Association and as its second President. Jim held an Honorary American Farmer Degree and Honorary State Degrees from Indiana and Virginia. Noting his passion for global agriculture, the National FFA introduced Jim to international work in 1968 through a teacher improvement program in Panama. This led to a career in international activities at various times during the next 30 years in countries in Africa, Central and South America, and Europe. Dr. Clouse was a strong believer in FFA and the U.S. and understanding our role within our global community. He was adamant that FFA members must develop the courage to take the first step into the world, experience dynamic cultures, and become leaders in global agriculture. This endowment fund supports FFA members with funds for international travel.

Wickham Coleman - Legacy Fund

Wickham Coleman is not a stranger to agriculture or hard work. Wickham's family has been farming in Caroline County since the 1920's, raising crops and Black Angus cattle. Mr. Coleman received a Bachelor's and master's degree in Vocational Education and Secondary School Supervision from Virginia Tech, and served as an officer in the United States Air Force. He also served as a high school teacher, a high school principal, and agricultural education advisor at the Lady Smith FFA Chapter, at Caroline County High School for nearly 40 years. In 1971, he joined the Virginia Department of Agricultural Education as supervisor of agricultural education instruction in 23 counties throughout the state. Mr. Coleman influenced individuals in agriculture and left a positive impact on Virginia's agricultural industry and the field of agricultural education. This memorial fund will be used to fund Virginia FFA State Degrees in Mr. Coleman's memory.

Kenneth O. Dalton

Kenneth attended Carroll County High School and was an active FFA member. His dedication led to his placement as a national winner in the Vegetable Production Proficiency Award. His commitment to the future of agriculture was evident to those who knew Kenneth. This legacy fund celebrates his achievements and effort as an FFA member and agriculturist.

Mr. Johnny Davis

The Johnny Davis Legacy fund was newly established in 2023 and honors the life and contributions of Johnny; beloved husband, father, and friend. More information about this legacy will be available in 2024.

Mr. Andrew Lockett Farrar - Legacy Fund

Mr. Farrar grew up on his family farm in Mecklenburg County where his love of agriculture began. Upon entering high school, Andy eagerly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses and joined his New Farmers of America (NFA) chapter. As an active NFA member, Andy participated in contests at the local, state, and national level. Andy received both his Honorary State and American FFA Degree in 1977 for being an outstanding agriculture teacher and advisor. Additionally, he was recognized with the Regional and National NVATA Sound Off for Agriculture with the NFA Distinguished Service Award for his work as an international exchange host family. Mr. Farrar has served his community, Virginia Department of Education, and the FFA & NFA professionally from 1961 until his retirement in 1991. His legacy endowment will support the State Fair Scholarship Program.

The Heishman Family - Legacy

This fund was established to endow the Virginia FFA Association State Star Farmer Program. Allen, Adam, and Aaron Heishman were members of the Central FFA Chapter in Shenandoah County, Virginia. All three brothers were proud recipients of the State Star Farmer award in 2004, 2006, and 2010, respectively. The Heishman's were very active in all areas of the FFA during their time with the association. Together they own and operate a farm raising beef, sheep, goats, and swine, as well as producing hay, corn, and barley. The brothers are all Virginia Tech College of Agricultural and Life Science graduates. The Heishman family recognizes the importance of the FFA and production agriculture, as well as the role played in molding their lives and career path.

Dr. John H. Hillison - Legacy Fund

Dr. Hillison has been an avid part of the Virginia FFA Association as a past professor and department head of the Department of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech. He has been a member of the Virginia Tech community since 1976, and provided statewide leadership to Virginia agricultural education programs, and was subsequently selected as a Fellow of American Association for Agricultural Education. Upon his retirement from Virginia Tech, Dr. Hillison continues to share his wisdom with many FFA members and guests each year as he challenges their FFA history and conducts countless tours of the FFA Historical Room. Each year, the top five students participating in the FFA Quiz Bowl written exam have the opportunity to compete for a scholarship from the Hillison Legacy Fund to attend National FFA Convention.

Mr. Jimmy Hisghman

Mr. James R. Hisghman, Jr. served as agricultural educator for 30 years at Strasburg High School and Signal Knob Middle School. Successful in forestry, soils judging, and the National Chapter Awards Program, Jimmy was an anchor of support and mentorship to the agricultural education community. After his retirement, Jimmy established Teaberry Hill Woodworks, a company that provided affordable precut mechanics projects to assist teachers in teaching basic woodworking and metalworking skills for their students. This legacy fund, created to recognize Jimmy Hisghman and his multitude of accomplishments and support for Virginia FFA, will support middle school CDEs at Virginia's annual FFA State Convention.

Cathy Hively Hughes - Legacy Fund

Mrs. Hughes was an asset to agricultural education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Cathy inspired students on a daily basis as she taught agricultural education at

Chancellor High School in Fredericksburg and John C. Myers Middle School in Broadway. She retired from teaching Agricultural and Environmental Science at Massanutten Regional Governor's School in Mt. Jackson. Mrs. Hughes has been recognized with numerous, well-deserved awards for excellence in teaching. Mrs. Hughes was an active member and served offices in the Broadway FFA Chapter, Rockingham Federation, and was president of the Virginia State FFA Association in 1982. She traveled to Europe and Japan through the National FFA Experience Abroad Program and received both State and American FFA Degrees. Cathy was also presented with the Honorary American Degree for her work teaching agriculture and advising FFA activities. The Cathy Hively Hughes Legacy Fund funds state officer plaques and awards annually.

Shelia Lilly Legacy Fund

Shelia Lilly was born in Rockingham County and lived there her entire life. She did not grow up on a farm and was never an FFA member. Shelia truly lived her life to serve others – frequently putting others' needs above her own. She especially involved giving her time and energy to anything that helped young people become involved in their school and community. Shelia also was a passionate advocate for agriculture through her profession and volunteer work. The Shelia Lilly Memorial Scholarship was established by her family, friends and community when Shelia passed away from cancer in 2018. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant who embodies Shelia's passion for community involvement, agriculture advocacy, and extracurricular activities. Plans to pursue a career in agriculture is preferred but not a requirement for application. The scholarship is available for post-secondary education including college and technical or trade certification.

Andrea Lohr - Legacy Fund

This fund was created to honor the service and passion of a woman who was a continuous servant and representation of hope, love, and faith to all she came into contact with. Andrea Lohr developed a passion for agriculture at an early age on her family farm in Kentucky. An active FFA member, she earned the office of 1993 Kentucky State President. Andrea taught agricultural education in Rockingham County for four years until she chose to stay home with her children in 2001. Along with her husband, Matt, Andrea spoke in all 50 states spreading the words of inspiration to FFA members. In 2006, Andrea was diagnosed with a rare form of breast cancer and courageously battled the disease until July 2011. To anyone who knew Andrea, her drive, passion, faith, and love for family and life were contagious. Because of this, she continued to inspire many despite her health condition. Andrea strongly believed in all that agricultural education and FFA has to offer to students. The Andrea Lohr Memorial Fund provides an annual scholarship awarded to an outstanding Virginia FFA member who demonstrates the skills, attitude, and determination to accomplish their goals despite the obstacles he/she may face.

Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. - Legacy Fund

Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. was a class member and FFA chapter president of the Wilson Memorial High School FFA chapter in Augusta County, Virginia and graduated in 1977. Upon graduation, Lynwood entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute as a Poultry Science major. A member of the class of 1982, Lynwood was a gregarious individual who made a lasting impression and friendship with everyone he contacted. An avid fan of Virginia Tech football, a great storyteller, and a charter member of Omega Omega Omega fraternity while a student in Blacksburg; Lynwood remained in contact with his beloved college friends through the years. Lynwood's life was cut short in February 2011 and immediately his college friends established a Leave a Legacy endowment to honor the life and memory of Lynwood L. Lowry, Jr. The Lowry Legacy funds an annual scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from Augusta County who intends to further their education in the area of agriculture.

The Randall "Randy" Reedy Memorial Fund

Randall L. Reedy grew up in Linville, Virginia, raising black Angus cattle on the family farm. A member of the Broadway FFA Chapter, Randy was very active in the FFA, winning several awards. Randy was a top five finalist in the National FFA Poultry Judging Competition. He also went on to earn his State Farmer Degree and American Farmer Degree. In 1981, he earned the National Diversified Livestock Proficiency Production Award. Later that year, he married his high school sweetheart, Shelia, and they happily raised a farm and a family together for many years. Outside of his family's feeder pig, broiler, Boer goat farm, Randy worked as a salesman for Beery Farm Feeds. He later went on to Rocco Feeds as a dispatcher before working up to Feed Mill Manager. He worked at Rocco, which later became George's Family Foods, for 28 years before moving to Virginia Poultry Growers Coop as Feed Mill Manager in 2013. Randy's Legacy Fund will be utilized to provide a scholarship to a Virginia FFA member each year.

O. Beverly Roller - Legacy Fund

Mr. O. Beverly Roller played an instrumental role in the promotion of the FFA in Virginia. He was a FFA member, agriculture teacher, state and national FFA officer, state FFA supervisor, agricultural industry professional, Virginia Delegate, and a church and civic club leader. Every individual that interacted with Mr. Roller is better for knowing him. He is the epitome of the owl, the all-knowing FFA advisor. We are all benefactors of his extensive knowledge, skills and enthusiasm, which he focused on FFA, agriculture, community service, and young people. Bev has stated, "The FFA is just as great as you want to make it. It'll do for you what you need in life but it's up to you. It's not handed to you on a silver platter. It takes commitment, work, sacrifice,

and a renewed emphasis on getting the most out of life that you can.” The O. Beverly Roller Legacy Endowment fund contributes to the Senior Prepared Speaking Career Development Event.

Dr. Claud L. Scroggs - Legacy Fund

Dr. Claud L. Scroggs was an original member of the Virginia FFA Foundation Board of Directors and assisted in the development of the organization’s articles of incorporation and bylaws. Dr. Scroggs taught young people about how cooperatives work and their many benefits. The purpose of the memorial fund is to help defray enrolled in Employee and Collegiate Seminars at the annual NICE Conference of the American Institute of Cooperatives.

G. Andrew Seibel – Legacy Fund

Considered a second father, mentor, and friend by countless individuals, Andy Seibel is recognized for superior work ethic, integrity and commitment to others. He has dedicated his adult life to developing students and supporting the FFA. His AgEd career has included 16 years in the classroom and 23 years in roles as Virginia’s FFA Executive Secretary and State Specialist with Virginia Cooperative Extension. As an FFA Advisor, Andy’s students received over 300 state and national awards, and he has inspired many future ag teachers. In state office, he has mentored more than 150 state officers. He received the National FFA VIP Citation in 2011 for ongoing service to the organization and had continued in leadership and board roles since. Although his teaching service has been recognized multiple times, Andy is quick to gloss over those successes, turning attention to those that support him instead. As a former Ag Teacher, VAAE/NAAE Officer, and state staff, Andy’s fund will support meaningful FFA networks through annual gatherings of Retired Ag Teachers and Past State FFA Officers.

George H. Seibel Memorial Scholarship Fund

George H. Seibel was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend of agriculture. He is believed that agriculture was a way of life and as a past FFA chapter president encouraged young people to take part in and learn about agriculture’s innovative opportunities. George had a great faith in God, believed that community service was a way of life, and always included others, cherishing his close friendships. J.R. Miller said, “The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is the character of a man. What a man is survives him. It can’t be buried.” George Seibel I had great character and a greater love for agriculture. Building on Miller’s quote, the Virginia FFA Foundation has established a scholarship fund that will benefit students wishing to pursue a degree in an

agricultural related field who exhibit the exemplary qualities George possessed including superior work ethic, love for agriculture, and zest for life.

Doris Smith - Legacy Fund

Mrs. Doris Smith began working for the Virginia Tech Department of Agriculture, Leadership, and Community Education in 1978. During those years, she not only serves as secretary for the department, but also as a mentor to students pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education. During her time at Virginia Tech, Mrs. Smith played an instrumental role as an associate member and executive director of the Virginia Association for Agricultural Educators (VAAE). She has also dedicated countless hours assisting with the State FFA Convention and other FFA events. Doris received her Honorary American Degree in 2006. In 1990, she was one of only five Virginia Tech employees to receive the Award for Excellence at Virginia Tech. Like agriculture teachers, Doris has to put in many unpaid hours towards her jib. Doris has requested that this legacy fund support state officer travel and expenses.

The Dan Swafford Memorial Fund

Jerry “Dan” Swafford taught agricultural education for 35 years in Virginia and five years in Missouri. He served as the coordinator of the Virginia agriscience program and was a member of the National FFA agriscience fair committee. Dan transported materials for the state FFA convention, ran the FFA Alumni store, and coordinated competitions on the federation, area, and state levels, including events at the State Fair of Virginia. Mr. Swafford was an early and enthusiastic adopter of new technology, concepts, and curriculum and was pivotal in the development of curriculum for small animal care, veterinary science, drone technology, and renewable energy. This fund will allow future generations to learn about the good deeds and generosity of a colleague who wanted to be remembered as a “Good Guy,” providing a travel scholarship for an agriscience fair participant to attend the National Convention each year.

Turner Trice - Legacy Fund

For more than 50 years, Virginia FFA Leadership Camp has been facilitating, in large part, by Mr. Trice. His impact and legacy may be best expressed in the words of those who have experienced Leadership Camp firsthand. When asked what Mr. Trice has meant to FFA camp, David Balderson noted, “Turner is a great example to me, our students, and teachers on what it is to give of your time.” Turner has spent countless hours ensuring FFA camp is an inspiring and educational experience for members. The Turner Trice Leave a Legacy Fund will provide scholarships for FFA members to attend camp during the coming years, ensuring his legacy of leadership lives on at camp.

Virginia FFA “State Officer Challenge” Legacy Fund

The State Officer Challenge recognizes the contributions of our former officers and their commitment to serving FFA members across the state. Established in 2005, this endowment continues to grow as former officers and other supporters of FFA contribute funds that support current state officers in meeting the responsibilities of representing Virginia FFA around the world. This legacy fund provides state officers with the casual and official apparel needed to ensure their appearance is representative of our heritage and pride.

Mr. Donald “Donnie” Wingo

Donnie Wingo is a retired 35-year staff member of the Virginia Tech Agricultural Engineering Department. During his career, Donnie assisted in numerous agricultural mechanics courses and labs that worked directly with collegiate students preparing to become Agricultural Educators. Countless Virginia Tech students developed and sharpened their mechanical skills while preparing to become competent instructors under the helpful and patient guidance of Donnie Wingo. Since the inception of the Virginia FFA Agricultural Mechanics contests beginning with Professor T. J. Wakeman in the 1960s, Donnie Wingo helped prepare and conduct those events at the Virginia FFA convention for over 50 years. Mr. Wingo also assisted with the National Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event on three different occasions. Donnie is a recipient of the Virginia State Farmer Degree, Honorary State Farmer Degree, Honorary American FFA Degree, and the FFA Blue & Gold Award. The legacy will honor Mr. Wingo’s significant contributions to Virginia Agricultural Education by providing a travel scholarship to the high individual in the state Senior Agricultural Mechanics CDE.



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a Contest

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the national
officer

Attend the
Expo

Wish a State
Officer
Candidate
Good Luck!

Write a
Thank-You
note to a
sponsor

Walk across
Drill Field in
Official Dress

FFA Scavenger Hunt

Get a signature from...

1. FFA member from a different chapter
2. State Treasurer
3. Someone who is staying on campus
4. Past State Officer
5. Advisor from a different area
6. State Vice President
7. State Vice President
8. Someone who is getting their State Degree
9. Courtesy Corps Member
10. State President
11. Visiting State Officer
12. Expo Booth Presenter
13. State Reporter
14. Someone who traveled over 3 hours
15. State Secretary
16. Virginia FFA Alumni
17. State Sentinel
18. National Officer
19. State Officer Candidate
20. First-year Member

Make sure to take pictures during the convention, and as you complete the Scavenger Hunt, and post them on social media using #VAFFA99 !



The 2025 Virginia State
Officer Team wishes you all
a happy convention week!



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State Officer Trivia

1. Which state Officer's favorite drink is coffee?
2. Which State Officer is related to Patsy Cline?
3. Which State Officer loves old western movies?
4. Which State Officer auditioned for America's Got Talent?
5. Which State Officer played softball for 13 years?
6. Which State Officer got a rock stuck in their nose as a kid?
7. Which State Officer couldn't join FFA until 10th grade?

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1. Jackie 2. Braelyn 3. Keller 4. Grayson 5. Blair 6. Allison 7. Ryan



To the person in the blue corduroy,

Thank you. You represent not only the strength of our Commonwealth's agricultural roots, but the spirit, leadership, and promise of its future. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your FFA Journey. You have impacted us beyond measure. We have forever been changed by your passion, hard work, and resilience throughout this year. You have shown us what it truly means to be rooted in something greater than yourselves. In times of challenge, you've stood tall— anchored by your passion for agriculture, your commitment to leadership, and you're unshakable support for one another. You've proven that resilience isn't just about bouncing back, it's about moving forward with strength, purpose, and pride.

This year, we watched you embrace opportunities, adapt to change, and lead with integrity. The blue corduroy jacket you wear is more than a uniform, it's a promise to grow, to lead, and to serve. And every time you zip it up, you represent not just your chapter or school, but the heart of Virginia agriculture and the future of our world.

As members of the Virginia FFA, your voices matter. Your ideas can shape your communities, your leadership can inspire your peers, and your passion for agriculture can help feed and sustain the world. Lean into every opportunity this organization gives you. Say yes to challenges. Support your fellow members. And never forget the values stitched into that corduroy: learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve. We are so proud of all you've accomplished and excited for what lies ahead. As you continue to learn, grow, and lead, never forget the impact you can make—on your chapter, your community, and beyond. You are the future, and because you are rooted in resilience, we know that the future is bright.

With love,

Grayson, Blair, Keller, Allison, Braelyn, Jackie, and Ryan

Emergency Information

Virginia FFA strives to provide a safe environment for all convention attendees. If, for any reason, there is an emergency during convention please use the following numbers to contact professional help and our convention staff:

Major Emergencies: 911

FFA Contacts

Virginia FFA Main Office
(540) 231-3823

Virginia Tech and Community Contacts

Virginia Tech Police
911 if on campus or (540) 231-6411

Virginia Tech Housing and Residence
Emergency
(540) 231-6205

Blacksburg Police
911 off campus in Blacksburg
or (540) 961-1150

Room lock outs & emergencies:
Go to New Hall West 24 Hour Help Desk

*Emergency Medical forms are located at the
Virginia FFA Main Office, 115 Hutchenson Hall

24 hour help desk will be in New Hall West
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**Please notify a Virginia FFA Staff Member in
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Report the following information ASAP:

1. Name of claimant
2. Date of injury /illness
3. How the injury /illness was sustained
4. Complete medical diagnosis by the attending physician
5. Serial number of application
6. Statements for services rendered by doctor, hospital, or nurse, are always necessary
7. Group leader must sign claim reports



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