



100th VIRGINIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

**June 8th-11th, 2026
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.



2025-2026 STATE OFFICER TEAM



Emma Alexander

State President

Louisa

"If what you are working for really matters, you'll give it all you got."

– Nido R. Quebin

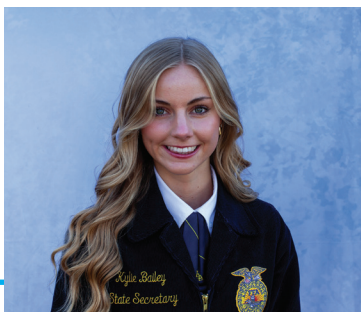
Kylie Bailey

State Secretary

James Wood

"No matter how small it starts, your world only grows as much as you nurture it."

– Kylie Bailey



Franco Abud

State Vice President

Courtland

"You need to keep people close, you need to give them access to your heart."

– Mitch Albom

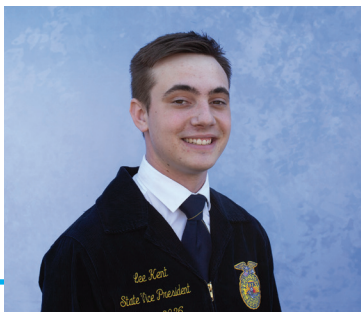
Lee Kent

State Vice President

Fort Defiance

"A negative mind will never make a positive life."

– Ziad K. Abdelnour





Georgia Grady

State Treasurer

Fauquier

“Do your best, don’t worry about the rest.”

– Sam Oravec

Alli Phillips

State Reporter

Broadway

“Awards and chains fade, but the impact of choosing to serve someone else, is something that never fades.”

– Clay Sapp



Danika Landreth

State Sentinel

Culpeper

“If you got a dream, chase it. ‘Cause a dream won’t chase you back.”

– Cody Johnson



VIRGINIA

FFA ASSOCIATION

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LaVeta Nutter
State FFA Advisor



Jennifer Armstrong
FFA Foundation Director



Grayson Long
Nominating Committee Ex-Officio
Past State President, 2024-2025



SCHEDULE

June 8-11, 2026

Monday, June 8th

- 10:00 a.m.** REGISTRATION BEGINS
Litton Reaves 1370
- 12:00 p.m.** LUNCH
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall
- 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 CLOSSES
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: **Dr. Mario Ferruzzi**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Introduce the Courtesy Corps

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

Retiring Address: **Lee Kent**,
Virginia FFA State Vice President





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

Retiring Address: **Georgia Grady**,
 Virginia FFA State Treasurer



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

Retiring Address: **Alli Phillips**,
 Virginia FFA State Reporter

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 9th

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
 See page 17 for all times and locations

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:

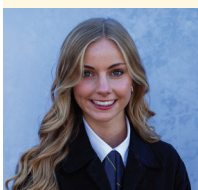
Spanish Creed
Cattleworking
Extemporaneous Speaking
Junior Forestry
Senior Forestry
Meats Judging



Retiring Address: **Danika Landreth**,
Virginia FFA State Sentinel

CDE Award Presentations:

Conduct of Chapter Meetings
Parliamentary Procedure
Junior Prepared
Senior Prepared



Retiring Address: **Kylie Bailey**,
Virginia FFA State Secretary

CDE Award Presentations:

Poultry
Soils
Stockman's
Lawn Tractor Operators
Tractor Operators
Talent



Keynote Speaker: **Joey Nowotny**,
National FFA Eastern Region
Vice President

VAAE Teacher Awards: **Ms. Elizabeth
Duncan**, VAAE President

Session Sponsor Remarks

1st Day Event Results

Closing Ceremony

11:00 p.m.

Lights Out

Wednesday, June 10th

6:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

7:15 a.m.

CONTESTS BEGIN
See Page 15 for Times and Locations

9:00 a.m.

WORKSHOPS/TOURS BEGIN
See page 18 for all times and locations

SESSION 3 - Burruss Hall Auditorium

9:00 a.m.

PRE-SESSION - **Joey Nowotny**,
National FFA Eastern Region Vice
President

10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Opening Ceremony
2025-2026 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
War Memorial Gym, enter from Drillfield

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH
D2 (Dietrick) Dining Hall

3:45 p.m.

CAREER & OPPORTUNITY EXPO CLOSSES
War Memorial Gym, enter from Drillfield

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: **Secretary Katie Frazier**, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry



Keynote Speaker: **Governor Abigail Spanberger**, 75th Governor of Virginia

Honorary State Degree Ceremony

Anniversary Teams



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

Retiring Address: **Franco Abud**, Virginia FFA State Vice President

Virginia FFA Scholarships

Proficiency Awards

Stars Over Virginia

Recognition of State Officers' Parents

State FFA Degree Ceremony

Closing Ceremony

9:00 p.m.

FFA DANCE - War Memorial Gym, enter from Drillfield

11:45 p.m.

LIGHTS OUT

Thursday, June 11th

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: **Emma Alexander**, Virginia FFA State President

CDE Award Presentations:
 Agricultural Communications
 Agricultural Education
 Agricultural Issues Forum
 Agricultural Mechanics
 Agricultural Sales
 Agriscience Fair
 Agronomy
 Avian Bowl
 Dairy Evaluation
 Discussion Meet
 Employment Skills
 Environmental and Natural Resources
 Farm Business Management
 Floriculture
 Food Science

Horse Evaluation
Horse Hippology
Livestock
Marketing Plan
Milk Quality and Products
Nursery/Landscape
Horticulture
Turf Grass Management
Vet Science
Scrapbook

Nominating Committee Report

Closing Ceremony

Official Convention Tees!



Available at the Alumni Store

Hoge Hall - Second Floor Lounge

Alumni Convention Store

Located in the second floor
lounge of Hoge Hall

Store Hours

Monday:

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Pizza After Session until 10:30 PM*

Tuesday:

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Pizza After Session until 10:30PM*

*While Supplies Last



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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 |
| Dairy Evaluation | 5 | Thursday 8:00am |
| 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 |
| Nursery/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 8th

| Contest | Time | Location |
|---|----------------|---|
| Avian Bowl Exam | 1:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1860 |
| Creed Speaking - <i>Session practice to follow in Burruss Hall</i> | 1:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1760 |
| Floriculture (Day 1) | 1:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1870 |
| Food Science Exam | 1:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1890 |
| Middle School AG Mechanics | 1:00 PM | Smyth 146 |
| Milk Quality & Products | 1:00 PM | FST 27 |
| Vet Science Exam | 1:00 PM | McBryde 2nd Floor |
| Ag Sales Exam | 1:30 PM | Pamplin 32 |
| Spanish Creed - <i>Session practice to follow Session 3 in Burruss Hall (Wed. AM)</i> | 2:30 PM | Litton Reaves 1760 |
| Horse Judging (Day 2) | 3:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1860 |
| Quiz Bowl Exam | 3:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1870 |
| Talent | 9:00 PM | <i>Meeting in Burruss after Session</i> |
| Agriscience Fair | By Appt. | Litton Reaves 1240 |
| Scrapbook | | Litton Reaves 1370 |
| Turn into Registration by | 1:30 PM | |

Tuesday, June 9th

| Contest | Time | Location |
|---|----------|--|
| Livestock | 7:30 AM | Litton Reaves 1670 |
| Ag Communications | 8:00 AM | Litton Reaves 1860/1890 |
| Ag Education | 8:00 AM | Davidson 281 |
| Ag Mechanics - Sr. | 8:00 AM | Litton Reaves 1870 - Compete at Pulaski County High School |
| Ag Sales | 8:00 AM | Pamplin 32 |
| Extemporaneous Public Speaking | 8:00 AM | Litton Reaves 1760 |
| Floriculture (Day 2) | 8:00 AM | Smyth 146 |
| Agronomy (Crops) (Day 1) | 8:30 AM | Seitz 112 |
| Middle School Contests (Food & Fiber, Plant Science, Small Animal Care) | 8:30 AM | War Memorial Gym - Enter from Drillfield |
| Vet Science (Day 2) | 8:30 AM | McBryde 2nd Floor |
| Employment Skills (Day 1) | 9:00 AM | Williams 120 |
| Turf Grass Management | 9:00 AM | Litton Reaves 1870 |
| Prepared Public Speaking - Jr. | 10:30 AM | Litton Reaves 1760 |
| Talent Check-in | 12:30 PM | Burruss Auditorium |
| ENR (Day 1) | 1:30 PM | Davidson 281 |
| Middle School Quiz Bowl | 1:30 PM | War Memorial Gym - Enter from Drillfield |
| Prepared Public Speaking - Sr. | 1:30 PM | Litton Reaves 1760 |
| Marketing Plan | 2:00 PM | Engel 223 |
| Agriscience Fair | By Appt. | Litton Reaves 1240 |

Wednesday, June 10th

| Contest | Time | Location |
|---------------------------|---------|--|
| Ag Mechanics - Jr. | 7:30 AM | Litton Reaves 1870 - Compete at Pulaski County High School |
| Hippology | 7:30 AM | Litton Reaves 1670 |
| Agronomy (Crops) (Day 2) | 8:00 AM | Seitz 112 |
| Nursery/Landscape | 8:00 AM | Smyth 146 |
| Dairy Evaluation | 8:30 AM | Litton Reaves 1670 |
| Discussion Meet | 8:30 AM | Pamplin 32 |
| ENR (Day 2) | 8:30 AM | Davidson 281 |
| Food Science (Day 2) | 8:30 AM | HABB 1 |
| Employment Skills (Day 2) | 9:00 AM | Williams 120 |
| Farm Business Management | 9:00 AM | Wallace 340 |
| Ag Issues | 1:00 PM | Seitz 112 |
| Avian Bowl | 1:00 PM | Litton Reaves 1860 |



You're invited to
FFA Leadership Camp!



Who? All VA FFA Members in grades 6th-12th

When? Day Camp - July 6th
 Overnight Camp - July 7th-10th

Where? Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, VA

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

VIRGINIA INSTITUTE ON COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

March 2027 - Graves Mountain Lodge

Join students from across Virginia for a hands-on leadership experience featuring teamwork, communication, leadership, and cooperative business challenges.

- Scholarship up to \$2,000
- Interactive team competitions
- Retreat-style conference experience
- Applications due mid February



On **September 30th**, the Co-op Council will host a **FREE Career Expo** at the **Southside Virginia Community College**.

Students in grades 6-9 are invited to

- Explore careers in cooperatives and agriculture
- Learn about SVCC's Power Line Worker program
- Lunch, snacks, and giveaways provided

Visit the Council's website at www.virginia.coop or email Mary Howell at mary.howell@sscoop.com to learn more about these great opportunities.



Virginia
Cooperative Council



100TH VIRGINIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

Workshops

Tuesday

1:00-1:50 PM – Litton Reaves 1870

Commit to Grit

*Presenter: **Katie Argo**, Past State Treasurer and Kayla Parks, State President with the Delaware FFA Association*

This workshop teaches students the importance of being resilient and ways to overcome challenges.

2:00-2:50 PM – Litton Reaves 1870

Stories to Connect Us

*Presenters: **Alex Wise**, Oregon Past President and **Gustaf Suksdorf**, Washington Past Vice President*

“Stories Connect Us” explores how personal experiences can build meaningful connections. Participants will learn how storytelling shapes relationships and how finding the right story can help us connect with almost anyone.

3:00-3:50 PM – Litton Reaves 1870

The Grassland Games: 50 Minutes to State

*Presenter: **Dara Booher**, Mentor Coordinator for the Virginia Forage and Grasslands Council*

Can you solve the pasture puzzle? Most people just see a field of green, but a champion evaluator sees a high-stakes map of wildlife habitat, soil secrets, and forage gold. In this fast-paced, 50-minute “sprint to the finish,” you’ll move from “I’ve never seen this before” to “I’m ready to compete.”

Through three rapid-fire stations, you’ll master the ID Dash (spotting plants in seconds), the Habitat Hero challenge (fixing degraded fields for wildlife), and the Soil Lab (the “Ribbon Test” secret). We wrap up with a live “State Final” simulation where your team makes the calls on a real-world scenario. No boring lectures—

just dirt, plants, and the tips you need to dominate a new VA FFA CDE: Grassland Evaluation Contest (coming Spring 2027). **Are you game?**

Wednesday

9:00-11:00 AM – VT Turfgrass Research Center

The Grass is Always Greener... Sometimes!

*Host: **Dr. Dan Sandor**, Virginia Tech Turfgrass Science Program*

Join the VT Turfgrass Science program on Wednesday June 10th from 9:00am-11:00am for a tour of the Turfgrass Research Center to discover the latest research they're working on to help the turfgrass industry incorporate practical and sustainable solutions for managing lawns, golf courses, athletic fields, and sod farms across the Commonwealth. You'll get a firsthand look at some of the turfgrass variety trials, the 20,000-ft² putting green, new robotic equipment and other technological innovations, and also connect with our team of faculty, researchers, and graduate students! The tour will wrap up with a stop at Lane Stadium to learn about the STEM principles involved in the day-to-day management of Worsham Field. **Transportation is provided, meet in Litton Reaves Hall 1870.**

11:15-12:15 PM – Hutcheson 204

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2:30-3:30 PM – Hutcheson 204

Impact Through Individualism

*Presenter: **Raphaella Amaral**, 2026 New Hampshire National Officer Candidate*

Throughout the Impact through Individualism workshop we will identify what strengths we as individuals have within our communities and how we can use them to leave an impact, make change, and grow while working with those around us!

Agricultural Education in Virginia



Secondary Education

40,057 students in agricultural education courses

340 agriculture teachers

166 high school agricultural education programs

83 middle school agricultural education programs

160 students enrolled per program on average

Save the Date!



**Virginia FFA Day
At the Capitol
January 22nd, 2027**

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Mario Ferruzzi

Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Session 1: Welcome to
Virginia Tech



Mario Ferruzzi joined the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech as dean in October 2024. He leads a college consisting of more than 1,900 employees in locations across Virginia – all united in the land-grant mission of teaching, research, and Extension. Ferruzzi also works with stakeholders and partners throughout the commonwealth, nation, and world to address critical research and workforce needs, support thriving communities, improve human and animal health, and enhance the productivity and sustainability of agriculture.

Ferruzzi’s research lies at the interface of agriculture, food, and nutrition sciences in the study of micronutrient and phytochemical bioavailability, metabolism, and impact to human health. He focuses on strategies that can be leveraged to improve the nutritional and functional quality of food products for at-risk populations.

Ferruzzi grew up in Beaufort, North Carolina, spending time on Open Grounds Farm, a large corporate farm developed and managed by his father, and in his mother’s research lab at the Duke University Marine Lab. He earned his B.S. in chemistry from Duke University and his Ph.D. in food science and nutrition from The Ohio State University.

Joey Nowotny

National FFA Eastern Region Vice President

Session 2: Keynote Speaker



Joey Nowotny’s FFA journey started in sixth grade with a loudspeaker announcement promising free pizza at the first meeting. By freshman year, his advisor encouraged him to get more involved, and in a growing chapter, Joey found his path, starting with aquaponics. He shared that aquaponics was a way to get his foot in the door of agriculture.

“What began as an experiment in the back of a classroom had real-world applications,” he said. “I’m proud to say I’ve gone from not knowing what SAE stood for to helping others and myself find a path in agriculture, proving that everyone belongs in agriculture, no matter where they come from or how they start.” When a friend left for college and needed help with the family broiler operation, Joey stepped in and discovered a love for production agriculture.

During his year as a national officer, he wants to ensure that everyone feels seen, valued and inspired. He says he wants not only to remind members that there is a place for them in agriculture but also to encourage alumni and supporters to stay involved and give back. Joey says he wants to welcome every member who walks into a room and wonders if they belong.

Secretary Katie Frazier

Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

Session 4: Keynote Speaker

Katie K. Frazier, a native of the Shenandoah Valley, has dedicated her career to supporting the growth of two of Virginia's top industries: agriculture and forestry. With extensive experience in advocacy, Katie has worked tirelessly at both the state and federal levels on a wide range of issues, including soil and water conservation, market and economic development, agricultural research, workforce development, and the preservation of working farms and forests.



Since 2018, Katie has served as the Chief Brand Officer for Farm Credit of the Virginias. In this role, she leads the financial cooperative's marketing, legislative and advocacy efforts, education, the Farm Credit Knowledge Center, stakeholder and community relations, and charitable contributions programs.

Her previous experience includes serving as the Executive Director of the Virginia Agribusiness Council, a non-profit trade association in Richmond, as well as representation of wineries and grain producers in her advocacy work.

Katie resides in Chesterfield County with her family and is actively involved in her church and local Scouting America Troop.

Governor Abigail Spanberger

75th Governor of Virginia

Session 4: Keynote Speaker

Abigail D. Spanberger grew up just outside of Richmond, where she learned the value of public service early on from her parents. A proud product of Virginia public schools, she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia.



She has spent nearly her entire life in service to her country, first at the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and later at CIA, before running for Congress in Virginia's 7th Congressional District in 2018 and winning three consecutive terms. She and her husband Adam are now raising their three daughters in Henrico County.

As Governor, Abigail D. Spanberger will focus on bringing Virginians together, lowering costs for Virginia families, making our public schools the best in the nation, keeping our communities safe, and more. Abigail Spanberger will always put Virginia first as Governor.

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2026 VIRGINIA FFA STATE STARS



Star in Agribusiness

Adyson Metts,
Randolph-Henry

Adyson Metts' FFA SAE project is the breeding of German Shorthaired Pointer puppies, and it has been ongoing since she was in sixth grade. The project started as a hobby, but it developed into an actual business which has contributed to building character traits such as responsibility, leadership, and perseverance. Her family had always owned hunting dogs and took them out to the field regularly, sparking her interest in working with the breed. As a result, through her business, she has learned about the amount of work needed to raise healthy puppies while being engaged in her community, school, and various FFA events.

Being the owner of Metts Ridge's German Shorthaired Pointer Puppies, she plays many roles and performs various tasks. She attends to the dogs' and puppies' health, follows feeding schedules, records necessary information concerning puppies and their health, as well as takes part in all communications with potential buyers, advertising of the litters, scheduling appointments with the vet, and managing finances of the business. Thus, she has gained good communication skills and improved her ability to solve different problems related to the breeding process.

Overall, her SAE has provided her with invaluable experience in entrepreneurship in the agricultural field. Furthermore, by running her business throughout middle and high school, she became a responsible and efficient leader. In addition, owning and running her own business has not only strengthened her passion for agriculture, but it has prepared her for future opportunities and career goals within the agricultural industry.

Star Farmer

Campbell Bauserman,
Nelson Senior

Ever since 6th grade, Campbell has been involved in livestock production on her family's farm in Nelson County. With her SAE



starting with just three bottle calves and a show lamb, she has grown and expanded her operation to fifty-one head of Hampshire cross sheep and thirty-seven Simmental-influenced cattle. She has grown and maintained her SAE based on what she has learned from family members, stockmen, and livestock judging career development events. She has brought new reproductive technologies to her family's operation, including artificial insemination and embryo transfer. Through the use of these technologies and skilled genetic selection, she has improved the quality of her herd and has been able to grow her own show livestock that she has exhibited in shows across the state.

Inspired by the animal health aspects of her project, Campbell has decided to pursue a career in nursing and will attend Radford University in the fall. She still plans to be involved in, and one day return to, her family operation.



Star in Agricultural Placement

Jacob Stickley,
Strasburg

Growing up in his family's welding and fabrication business, Jacob Stickley developed a strong work ethic and passion for agricultural mechanics at a young age. He officially became a paid employee in middle school and progressed from completing small repair jobs to performing structural welding and fabrication on dump beds, excavator buckets, trailer frames, tractors, and agricultural equipment.

Today, Jacob serves as Vice President of the family business, helping oversee workflow, organize labor, order materials, assist with billing, and contribute to operational decisions. Through his SAE, Jacob has developed advanced welding, fabrication, leadership, and problem-solving skills that have prepared him for his goal of becoming a mechanical engineer specializing in structural and heavy equipment design.

Jacob has competed in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest for four years and also competed in the Tractor Troubleshooting and Small Engines CDEs. Outside of FFA, he is a two-year varsity football starter, member of Strasburg High School's first state championship football team, track state qualifier, and National Honor Society member. He plans to attend Laurel Ridge Community College before transferring to Virginia Tech to pursue a degree in engineering.

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State Shield: Sponsored by Rockingham Cooperative
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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

Building Communities Chapter Award

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

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Ralph Puckett

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Cattle Working Event

State Plaque: Sponsored in Honor of Dee Whittier

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Chapter Conduct of Meetings Junior Division LDE State Winner

Plaque: In Honor of Bill Shumate

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State Plaque: Sponsored by CSX Transportation

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Clintwood & Pulaski FFA

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Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation

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Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

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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

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State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Dave Winston

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Southeast Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Jim Erickson

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2nd High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Edward W. McCann
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FFA Quiz Bowl - Team

State Plaque: Sponsored by Scott & Sally Shomo

FFA Quiz Bowl - Written

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State Plaque: In Honor of Dr. John Hillison
1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. John Hillison Legacy
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Floriculture CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel
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Food Science CDE

Event Sponsor: J & W Farm
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Event Sponsor: Virginia Forestry Education Foundation
State Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Leroy McGrady
1st High Individual: Sponsored by Mrs. Katie Dews McCann
Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Mike Cox
Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA
Federation
Central Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Northern Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
South Ridge Area Plaque: Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation
Southeast Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Arthur L. Wiggins

Forestry Senior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Forestry Education Foundation
State Plaque: In Memory of Clyde and Edna Brown by Mike and Kelly Brown
1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Steward Moffett
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Jr. and Sr. State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Horse Industry Board
Sr. 1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Tony Rudolph

Horse Hippology CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Horse Industry Board
Jr. State Plaque: Sponsored by Clintwood FFA
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Horticulture CDE

State Plaque: In Memory of Mrs. Carol Elgin

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2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Amherst County Farm Bureau

Marketing Plan CDE

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Meats Evaluation Junior Division CDE

State Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Tech Block & Bridle Club
1st & 2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Virginia Beef Industry Board
3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

Meats Evaluation Senior Division CDE

State Plaque: In Honor of Mr. Wayne Cupp by Tonja Romero
1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by CEV Multimedia
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3rd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Jeremy McDonald

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State Plaque: Rockingham Cooperative
1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Robert Harper
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National Chapter Award Junior Division

Appalachian Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Leonard Eugene Grove
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National Chapter Award Senior Division

State Plaque: In Memory of Dr. Glenn Anderson
Appalachian Area Plaque: In Honor of Mrs. Jane Clark
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South Ridge Area Plaque: In Memory of Mr. Garland Burcher
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Nursery/Landscape CDE

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2nd & 3rd High Individual Plaques: In Memory of Dr. Alan McDaniel

Parliamentary Procedure LDE

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Plant Science

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1st High Individual Plaque: In Memory of Andrea Lohr

Poultry Evaluation Junior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Poultry Federation
State Plaque: In Memory of R.Z. Arey
1st High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Mrs. Kristin R. Beery

Poultry Evaluation Senior Division CDE

Event Sponsor: Virginia Poultry Federation
State Plaque: In Honor of Charlie Shiflett, Jr. by Mandy Curry
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2nd High Individual Plaque: Sponsored by Dr. Richard Rateau

Prepared Public Speaking Junior Division LDE

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Southeast Area Plaque: Sponsored by Edward & Evelyn Hanzlik

Prepared Public Speaking Senior Division LDE

Event Sponsor: Endowed by the O. Beverly Roller Legacy Fund
State Plaque: In Memory of O. Beverly Roller
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2nd High Individual Plaque: In Memory of O. Beverly Roller
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Event: Virginia Corn and Soybean Boards
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Northern Area Plaque: Sponsored by Massanutten FFA Federation

Stockman's Contest-Junior

State Plaque: Lynchburg Livestock Market

1st High Individual: In Memory of William C. Daughtery by Judy and Bill Daughtery

Stockman's Contest-Senior

State Plaque: In Honor of Dr. Mark Wahlberg

1st High Individual: In Memory of William C. Daughtery by Judy and Bill Daughtery

Strengthening Agriculture Chapter Award

State Plaque: Sponsored by Massanutten FFA Federation

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Washington County FFA Federation

South Ridge Area Plaque: Bedford County Farm Bureau Women's Committee

Talent Contest

State Shield: In Memory of Houston Caldwell

1st High Individual Plaque: In Honor of Ms. Tammy Cole

Tractor Operator's

State Plaque: In Memory of Billy Perrow by Jimmy Burcher

1st, 2nd, & 3rd High Individual Plaques: Sponsored by Hopkins Excavating

Appalachian Area Plaque: Sponsored by Gary Larowe Family

Blue Ridge Area Plaque: Sponsored by Augusta Highland FFA Federation

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

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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

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

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

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

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. Additionally, the Hanover FFA Chapter has established the Johnny Davis - Hanover Leave a Legacy Fund which provides leadership opportunity scholarships for Hanover FFA Members.

Mr. Andrew Lockett Farrar

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

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

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 the 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

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.

Sheila Lilly

Sheila 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. Sheila 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. Sheila also was a passionate advocate for agriculture through her profession and volunteer work. The Sheila Lilly Memorial Scholarship was established by her family, friends and community when Sheila passed away from cancer in 2018. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant who embodies Sheila'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

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.

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

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 and the Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Dr. Claud L. Scroggs

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 costs for students 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 has 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 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 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

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 job. Doris has requested that

this legacy fund support state officer official dress and other professional wear during their year of service.

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

For more than 50 years, Virginia FFA Leadership Camp has been facilitated, 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”

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.

Farmer Minor & Victoria Pace Minor

Paul C. Minor, aka "Farmer Minor," grew up on his family farm in Bristol, CT. In the fall of 1966, Paul entered his freshman year at Virginia Tech in the Corps of Cadets, initially majoring in Agricultural Education. During the summer of 1969, while working in Roanoke, Paul met Victoria Pace on a blind date. Paul and Victoria wed in November 1970 and moved to Galax. Soon after, they returned to Paul's family farm in Bristol, CT. Paul entered the corporate world, working nearly 30 years for Southern New England Telephone Company, while Victoria pursued a career in the dental field, becoming the manager of all the dental clinics at the University of CT School of Dental Medicine. They were responsible for making Minor's Farm one of the most extensive "entertainment farms" in the state. Paul established what is now a nationally known reading program for children, traveling the U.S. for over 24 years.

Dave Shiflett/Andy Seibel

After years of successful teaching together at Fort Defiance High School in August County, David Shiflett and Andy Seibel have established this fund in honor of their former students. Over their teaching years, Dave and Andy were privileged to have had students successfully participate in numerous state and national FFA events. These forward-thinking former agricultural instructors invested proceeds from community-based educational projects, which are the foundation of this Legacy Fund. As an investment in paying student success forward, it is their hope that this legacy will allow current and future students from the school community to learn and grow as they participate in FFA activities and events.

Henry Paris

Henry was born in New Jersey, the oldest of 8 children. He attended Allentown High School, where he became a member of FFA. He credits his advisor, Mr. Dippold, as being the person who fostered his love of agriculture. Henry attended Rutgers, majored in Animal Science, and graduated in 1969. His first job after college was teaching at an area vocational high school in Eastern Pennsylvania. Henry rented a small barn and raised veal calves on a small

scale for about a year before purchasing an established veal farm in the fall of 1973 in Cartersville, Virginia. In 2003, he began teaching Special Education at Powhatan Jr High and established their Agriscience class two years later. He loved working with his students in class and especially loved being an FFA Advisor. Henry and Lois met while in college and married soon after graduation in 1969. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Hugh M. Hawkins

Hugh M. Hawkins grew up in Blacksburg, Virginia. Prior to graduating from VPI in 1943, he served in the United States Merchant Marines. He taught Agriculture at New Market and Stonewall Jackson High Schools in Shenandoah County for 35 years. He always kept the needs of the local community his first priority. Mr. Hawkins was known to be thrifty and innovative in the way he maintained the Agriculture Department and took advantage of available resources to provide the best opportunities to his students. One never knew what awaited in class and his teaching objective was whatever the community needed that day. His faithfulness to the community continued into retirement, where he volunteered to assist senior citizens or others without means. "I enjoy helping people" is a comment he often stated.

Mark Galen Deavers

Mark Galen Deavers, a well-known farmer in Rockingham County, was born in 1971 and passed away in 2020. During his life, he was passionate about FFA and Young Farmers, and was best known in those organizations for sharing safety tips when he met with farming groups. He is remembered as an inspiration to the younger generation just starting out. Mark graduated from Broadway High School and from Bridgewater College with an accounting degree. After college graduation, Mark farmed cattle, corn, and small grains while owning a trucking company, a poultry litter hauling operation, and a hay-making business. He was the state president of the Young Farmers of Virginia. He was also termed by the Rockingham County Fair as "a close friend of the fair, always willing to help with anything that was needed. He always made sure it got done."

Rockingham Cooperative/Powder River Cattle Working

Rockingham Cooperative and Powder River Livestock Equipment emphasize that the future of agriculture depends on the investments made in young people today, supporting Virginia FFA Foundation endowments that provide vital educational opportunities and leadership development. Through the Rockingham Cooperative & Powder River Livestock Equipment Legacy Fund, their financial support directly funds awards for the state-level FFA and 4-H Youth Cattle Working Contest, helping youth build essential hands-on skills in animal handling, safety, and teamwork. This commitment reflects their shared belief that agriculture is a way of life requiring long-

term dedication, and by strengthening communities, sustaining family farms, and inspiring future leaders, they are proud to help cultivate the next generation that will guide the agricultural industry for decades to come.

Rockingham Ag Heritage Fund

We are excited to invite your support for the Rockingham Agricultural Heritage. This fund has received contributions, given in memory of remarkable individuals who have significantly impacted ag education. Proceeds from the fund will provide financial assistance for Rockingham County Agricultural Education students to participate in State and National FFA competitions, leadership workshops, and other transformative experiences. Your contribution is an investment in the future of agriculture in Rockingham County. Every dollar makes a difference as we work to build this fund.

Scott & Sally Shomo

Scott and Sally Shomo are lifelong residents of Augusta County, and both grew up on farms. Both were involved in FFA during their high school years and are life members of the FFA Alumni and have received their Honorary American FFA Degrees. Sally continued her love of agriculture and the FFA from 1982 to 2013 by teaching agriculture at Stuarts Draft, Wilson Memorial, and Beverley Manor Middle Schools. Scott worked in the insurance industry, but returned to his love of farming in 2012, with Shomo AG LLC, a farm specializing in raising beef cattle and growing corn, small grains, and hay near Staunton. The love of agriculture and the FFA allowed Scott and Sally Shomo to start a Legacy Fund to share with others the importance of agricultural education and the FFA, the future of the FFA organization, and its members.

Tess Seibel

Tess Seibel was elected as the National FFA Eastern Region Vice President in November of 2019. In March 2020, her year of service was disrupted as the COVID-19 Pandemic forced the cancellation of FFA events at every level. During this year, Tess completed her national officer duties virtually and supported thousands of students through projects including "Project Embrace Fully," where she mailed over 200 hand-written letters of encouragement to strangers nominated by their friends and family. That fall, the 93rd National FFA Convention was canceled for the first time since WWII and held virtually. Although in a different format, this convention reached students at every level and had over 217,000 viewers and participants. Tess helped redefine what it meant to be in a leadership position during adversity and demonstrated servant leadership at its heart.

Trivette Family

The FFA has had a great impact on the Trivette family. Burle and Madelene had three sons who would join FFA. All three participated in a wide variety of activities, including public speaking and parliamentary procedure competitions. Two were chapter president. Two became state officers. Alpha Trivette was elected Virginia FFA President and National FFA President. Randy Trivette became an agricultural educator and, for ten years, was the Virginia State FFA Executive Secretary. He worked with eleven state FFA officer teams and served on multiple National FFA Boards. When he married Nancy J. Schnetzer, he moved to New Jersey. Nancy was the New Jersey State FFA Executive Secretary and State FFA Advisor, was a member of several national FFA boards, and was the National FFA Treasurer for five years. Danny Trivette was exposed early to FFA. In addition to holding office, Danny was recognized as a regional proficiency award winner in floriculture. He exhibited leadership as a staff member of the State FFA-FHA camp. We honor the Trivettes' dedication and service to agricultural education.

Welford & Connie Orrock

The American FFA Degree, the organization's highest honor, represents years of agricultural experience, leadership, and service, and receiving it in person at the National FFA Convention is a meaningful milestone for students and their communities. Inspired by a remarkable family legacy in which all six of their sons earned the American FFA Degree, along with state degrees and leadership roles, the Welford and Connie Orrock Family, lifelong dairy and diversified farmers in Caroline County, deeply valued the opportunities FFA provided. Their youngest son's recognition made Mr. Welford Orrock the only father honored by National FFA for having all six sons achieve this distinction, one of the greatest honors of his life. This extraordinary legacy and commitment to youth agricultural education led the family to establish permanent financial support to help future recipients cover the costs of attending the National FFA Convention to receive the American FFA Degree.

J.C. Mines Memorial

Justin Curtis "J.C." Mines was a hardworking and community-minded young man rooted in Shenandoah Valley agriculture, active in FFA and 4-H, a livestock showman, a skilled welding student from Massanutten Technical Center, and a dedicated EMT serving with the Singers Glen fire and rescue units before his life was tragically cut short at 19. His commitment to agricultural mechanics, service, and innovation inspired the creation of the J.C. Mines Memorial Fund through the Virginia FFA, which provides SAE grants and scholarships for students pursuing careers in agricultural equipment sales or service. This endowment honors J.C.'s entrepreneurial spirit and mechanical talent while empowering future agricultural leaders to carry forward his passion for hands-on work, community service, and rural life.

Robert & Loretta Strickler

Robert H. "Twig" Strickler and his wife, Lorraine, devoted their lives to agriculture, community service, and faith, building on deep roots in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Twig began working for Rocco, Inc., the poultry company his father helped found, while still a teenager, later graduating from Virginia Tech and rising to chief operating officer and eventually chairman as the company became a respected agricultural leader; together, he and Lorraine also operated a cow-calf farm near Harrisonburg. Lorraine, raised on a dairy farm in Loudoun County, shared his commitment to agriculture and to supporting youth. In their honor, the Strickler family established an endowment providing SAE project grants for Rockingham County FFA members, encouraging the entrepreneurial drive of young people pursuing agricultural careers, particularly those in the Shenandoah Valley who may lack the means to further their education.

Lord Botetourt Alumni Legacy

The Lord Botetourt FFA Scholarship fund was established in 1971. Funds were raised as a joint venture between the Lord Botetourt FFA and the Lord Botetourt Young Farmers. The funds were established to provide a college scholarship to an FFA member from Lord Botetourt High School pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field. This includes students who attend a two or four-year university, community college, or technical school.



FFA BINGO



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| Look at 25-26 scrapbook on the top floor of Burress | Fist bump someone from a different chapter | Take a picture with a Visiting State Officer | Play rock, paper, scissors with a member | Participate in pre-session dancing |
| Play volleyball outside the dorms | Collect an FFA Challenge Coin | Compete in a contest | Compliment someone you don't know | Get an FFA animal squishy |
| Line dance to Fishin' in The Dark | Eat in D2 | FREE | Post a picture using #VAFFA100 | Dab with a State Officer |
| Attend a workshop | Visit the Expo | Visit the FFA Historical Room in Litton Reaves | Go to the FFA Dance | Visit the FFA Store |
| Get a high-five from a National Officer | Take a picture with the Hokie Bird | Be a part of the Run-in Tunnel | Take a picture with the FFA Historical Marker | Thank your advisor for bringing you to the convention |

FFA SCAVENGER HUNT

Get a signature from...

1. FFA member from a different chapter

2. State Treasurer

3. Someone who traveled under 1 hour

4. Past State Officer

5. Courtesy Corps Member

6. State Vice President

7. State Vice President

8. Someone who is getting their State Degree

9. First-year 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. Someone who has been in FFA for years

Make sure to take pictures during the convention, and as you complete the challenges, post them on social media using #VAFFA100!



The 2026 Virginia State Officer Team wishes you all a happy convention week!



Let us see your FFA journey by following us on social media!

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FFA WORD SEARCH

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STATE OFFICER TRIVIA

1. Which State Officer has a twin sister?

2. Which State Officer loves to write songs and play music?

3. Which State Officer has a Buc-ee's themed car?

4. Which State Officer enjoys baking, especially banana bread?

5. Which State Officer is a certified lifeguard?

6. Which State Officer has the biggest "and best" truck on the team?

7. Which State Officer got a mayfly stuck in their ear?

1. Georgia 2. Kylie 3. Franco 4. Emma 5. Allie 6. Danika 7. Lee



To you IN THE BLUE CORDUROY,

One hundred years ago, four former Virginia agriculture teachers and Virginia Tech faculty decided to create something bigger than themselves. Henry Groseclose, Walter Newman, Edmund Magill, and Harry Saunders established the Future Farmers of Virginia with the belief that the future of agriculture could begin not just in the field, but in the classroom. In 1926, the first State Rally, now known as State Convention, was held. A dream planted by four educators has now grown into a lasting legacy.

Today, that legacy looks like 249 chapters and more than 16,000 members across Virginia. It looks like giving every student, no matter their background, a place in the future of agriculture. As we go throughout convention this week, know that each of you plays a role in continuing that legacy and proudly representing Virginia agriculture. From the peanut fields of Southeast Virginia to the poultry farms of the Blue Ridge, from the cattle farms of Appalachia to the hydroponic systems of Northern Virginia, each of us contributes to the future of agriculture in our own way.

But a legacy like this is not maintained passively. It takes effort, dedication, and cultivation from each of us. As E.M. Tiffany reminds us in the creed, the future of agriculture is built not only through words, but through deeds. The Virginia FFA we have had the honor to serve this past year is filled with dedicated, perseverant, and compassionate individuals who will continue carrying this organization forward.

That legacy is you.

The work you do to support, practice, and advocate for agriculture is our legacy. The example you set as motivated, hard-working, and capable individuals is our legacy. Virginia FFA, thank you for cultivating our legacy.

***With love,
Emma, Kylie, Lee, Franco, Georgia, Alli, and Danika***