

# Vision of Virginia

SUMMER 2021



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# UPCOMING events

**SEPTEMBER**

16-19: Big E

**SEPTEMBER**

23-OCT 3: State Fair of Virginia

**OCTOBER**

25-30: National FFA Convention

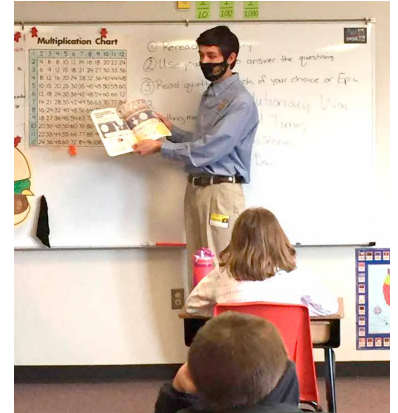
**OCTOBER**

29-NOV 4: NAAE Convention

# AGRICULTURE Literacy Week

by Hunter Carson – VA FFA 2020-2021 State Vice President

The 2021 Annual Agriculture Literacy Week was held the week of March 15th - 21st. Through coordination with Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom, volunteers from across the state of Virginia came together to increase agriculture literacy in the Commonwealth. Volunteers read the storybook, *How Did That Get in My Lunchbox*, by Chris Butterworth, through a series of virtual and in-person sessions in Virginia classrooms. The story follows staple lunchbox foods like cheese, clementines, chocolate chip cookies, and apple juice from farm to table. Volunteers included First Lady of Virginia, Pamela Northam, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Bettina Ring, local producers, FFA members, and state officers.



State Vice President, Austin Funk reading to students of Rockingham County.



Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Bettina Ring visiting students virtually.



Rappahannock FFA Officers reading to kindergarten students in Rappahannock County.



First lady of Virginia, Pamela Northam visits students in Newport News.



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As part of the Harvest Bag program, ACHS FFA members prepared educational activities, crafts, and recipes to pair with 7 types of locally grown produce products for 75 elementary student families.

## APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FFA CONDUCTS *Remote Ag* AWARENESS PROGRAM

by Alison Jones – VA FFA

As a special partnership with the Virginia Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom program, the ACHS FFA chapter recently conducted an agricultural awareness program for local elementary students. During the global pandemic, more families are spending time at home, and FFA members sought to create an opportunity for families to participate in a free, fun, and educational agricultural activity from the safety of their home. The Harvest Bag project would incorporate locally sourced produce in an attempt to introduce healthy food to the family's routine meal plans.

FFA members partnered with local farmers to secure a variety of fresh

produce and utilized Agriculture in the Classroom curriculum to curate crafts, books, and recipes for each fruit or vegetable. Seventy-five families received the kits packed with apples, broccoli, sweet potatoes, greens, turnips, cabbage, and pine cones. FFA members organized a contactless pick up in early December.

According to a follow up survey, most children enjoyed making a pine cone wildlife feeder and preparing sweet potato chips with their parents. Parents said that their families learned the most about turnips during the project. Survey results also indicated that families enjoyed reading “A Picture Book of George Washington Carver” by David Adler together. A copy of the activity

booklet, books, recipes, and other activities can be found at: [www.tinyurl.com/ffaharvestbag](http://www.tinyurl.com/ffaharvestbag).

One parent said, “I think this is a wonderful way to help families expand their menus to include more produce.”

The FFA chapter would like to express their sincerest thanks to the Virginia Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom program, Bruce and Joanne Jones of Virginia Cooperative Extension, Kroger of Appomattox, Rick Butler of the Virginia Department of Forestry, Saunders Brothers Inc., the Southside Virginia Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association, and Andrew Gallier.

# Get to Know

## THE 2021-2022 VIRGINIA FFA STATE OFFICER TEAM!

by Hope Showalter – VA FFA 2019-2020 State Reporter

On June 24th, the 2021-2022 State Officer Team was announced at the final General Session of the 95th Virginia FFA State Convention. For the next year, these six individuals will travel the Commonwealth speaking with FFA Members, businesses, alumni, and community members about FFA, agriculture, leadership, and agricultural education. Learn a little more about each of these incredible individuals down below!



**State President: Charlie Moser**  
Home Chapter: Liberty (Bedford)

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

I hope to build connections with members and help them realize their full potential in FFA. I also hope to educate others about the many opportunities FFA offers and continue to promote the FFA as an elite leadership organization.

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

I have a chicken business called “Charlie’s Chickens.” It was my SAE throughout high school and each spring and summer I raise pullers and sell them to local customers in my community.

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

Livestock Judging

**What made you want to join FFA?**

In 8th grade, my 4-H leader told me about FFA and all the opportunities it offered through agriculture. I knew many members in our 4H club who were in FFA and I saw the positive impact they had on their community. When I joined in 9th grade I soon realized it wasn’t just about agriculture, FFA is about developing premier leaders for the future. Throughout my years in high school I realized FFA not only developed my leadership skills, but it also strengthened my communication and critical thinking skills. One of the best parts of high school was being an FFA member.



**State Secretary: Emma Jackson**  
Home Chapter: Smith Mountain

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

I hope to be able to connect with members and make an impact and difference in this organization. I hope to continue to learn and acquire knowledge throughout this year of service to become a better leader.

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

One fun fact about me is that I absolutely love cooking and baking. Whenever I’m stressed or just want something to do, you can usually find me whipping some new creation up in my kitchen.

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

Livestock Judging

**What are you looking forward to the most this year?**

I am so excited to meet new members, travel with my amazing teammates, and learn new leadership skills and more about our industry! I’m not exactly sure what this year has in store, but I am so ready to conquer all!



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**State Vice President: Jackson Lohr**  
Home Chapter: Broadway

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

I hope to have a lasting impact on the members I meet and on Virginia FFA through becoming a stronger leader, agriculturalist, and person. I want every FFA member to know that FFA has a place for them and how this amazing organization can benefit them. I also look forward to seeing what members and advisors across the state can teach me as I continue to grow.

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

If you ask anyone that knows me about what I like they will immediately tell you that I love tractors. I can talk about, look at or research tractors for hours on end no matter what color they are. If I ever pass a tractor going down the road, I will be the first person to point it out and even frequently stop to get a closer look.

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

Parliamentary Procedure

**What made you want to continue to be involved in FFA?**

When I joined FFA in 6th grade I immediately felt like I was somewhere I belonged thanks to the people that were involved in it, everyone from the state officers to the ag teachers to the members that I could now call my friends. It is thanks to these people who inspire me even to this day, that push me to go out of my comfort zone and try new things and to make FFA feel like home.



**State Treasurer: Ellie Vance**  
*Home Chapter: Stuarts Draft*



**State Reporter: Lauren Rhodes**  
*Home Chapter: Fort Defiance*



**State Sentinel: Sammy Leach**  
*Home Chapter: C.L. Payne*

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

I would love to interact with members on a one-on-one level and learn about their various SAEs. I believe that there is a lot of wisdom in learning from others' experiences and the future of agriculture begins with these events. Knowing there is always more to learn, expands your space to grow and learn as a person.

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

I am in love with all types of plants, but I absolutely stink at taking care of them. I am notorious for spending loads of time and money on succulents, and they only last me a month. No harsh feelings though, I just learn from my mistakes, and I continue to indulge in my love for houseplants.

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

Parliamentary Procedure

**What made you want to join FFA?**

My family had always been involved in the FFA and Agricultural Education. However, it wasn't until my middle school's FFA open house that I truly became interested in becoming a member. Hearing the various stories of the trips my middle school had embarked on and the new friends they all seemed to make excited me. After participating in my first CDEs I decided that I too wanted to experience an adventure of my own and attend State Convention. Not only did it spark a newfound love for the organization but it also opened my eyes to the amazing opportunities the FFA has in store.

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

This year, I hope to create a new scholarship specifically for students who are looking to further their education in a trade, or vocational education. These opportunities are just as important for our future generations, and I hope to help give other students those same opportunities to grow!

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

One fun fact about myself is that I'm a powerlifter! I love weightlifting, especially leg day! At my home school, I hold the women's back squat record at 285 pounds!

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

Parliamentary Procedure

**What are you looking forward to the most this year?**

This year, I'm most looking forward to traveling the state, meeting new people, and seeing new places! I've never gotten the chance to travel much, so I'm excited for the new opportunities that wait for me beyond my home county! Virginia is such a diverse state, from mountain ranges to the Chesapeake Bay, I can't wait to see it all!

**What is one thing that you hope to have learned or accomplished this upcoming year?**

One thing that I hope to accomplish this year is to have at least two new middle school programs have more involvement in FFA competitions. This will allow the students to grow and come out of their comfort zone!

**What is one fun fact about yourself?**

A fact about myself is when I was in high school, I was the mascot for my school! I love showing support and dedication to the athletic programs at my high school.

**Favorite CDE/LDE**

My favorite CDE is Public Speaking. It has truly shaped me into the person I am today.

**What made you want to continue to be involved in FFA?**

What has made me want to continue to be involved in the FFA and agricultural industry is the amount of business that support our organization and how many leaders are developed coming out. The FFA has made me gain knowledge by networking with others, leadership skills, and the ability to work with others!

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by Lauren Rhodes – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Reporter

The 2020-2021 Virginia FFA State Officer team had a challenging year to say the least. Given the circumstances, the team went above and beyond to make an impact on as many members and students as possible, whether that was in person, or over a computer screen. For Josh Powers, the biggest hurdle that he had to face this past year was exactly that. “I missed getting to see the members in person, having those face-to-face conversations, and the ability to make connections with them, but there were also plenty of fun memories to be had!” Austin Funk and Jeremy Petrie both agreed that getting to interact with members, both in person and virtually, holds a special place in their hearts. Austin particularly enjoyed being able to have an in-person convention in his hometown, Rockingham County. Leadership camp, and getting to have fun with members, was a highlight of those interactions for Jeremy.

A year of service has had the chance to make a serious impact on Virginia FFA State Officers, in addition to the impact that they have made on students. Madeline Moore and Andrew Seibel both experienced extremely moving moments in their year of service. For Maddie, the international trip to Costa Rica moved her. “One of the many defining moments of my year of service as a State Officer was during our nine-day trip to Costa Rica. During those nine days, I had the opportunity to meet new people, try new foods and experiences, and see many views I had never seen before within agriculture, and the country itself. It was the most overwhelming feeling of gratefulness and awe to know that I get to live in a world as big as this one and can impact others as they have impacted

me. It made me realize that the impact agriculture has on each individual goes bigger than me, my state, and my country. The world truly couldn’t make it if it weren’t for agriculture!” For Andrew, it was experiencing the wildfire of passion of Virginia FFA members. “When we were on visits that required students to come out of their way to attend, it made a huge impact on me. Some came to the school while the building was closed, others drove close to an hour to an off-site location just to learn more about and love FFA. It was very humbling to know how motivated our students are and fostered a drive within me that I didn’t know I had before!”

While the team is getting ready to part ways, some of the team wants to leave some final advice for the members of Virginia FFA. Past State President Megan Day said, “Take every chance and understand that not every opportunity is meant to be successful. It’s ok to fail!”

Past State Sentinel Ryan Altis said, “FFA offers countless opportunities in every interest area imaginable, and members should branch out and try every CDE, LDE, and event possible. There is no better way for an FFA member to grow than to try as many things as they possibly can.”

Megan, Josh, Austin, Hunter, Maddie, Andrew, Jeremy, Faith, and Ryan; Your service to Virginia FFA, and your willingness to go above and beyond speaks volumes about who you are, and your passion for agriculture, FFA, and its members. ***Thank you for all you have done this year!***

## STATE OFFICER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

# Costa Rica

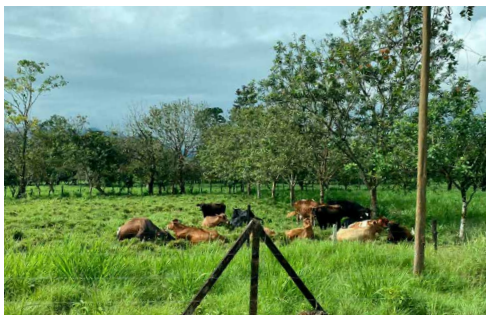
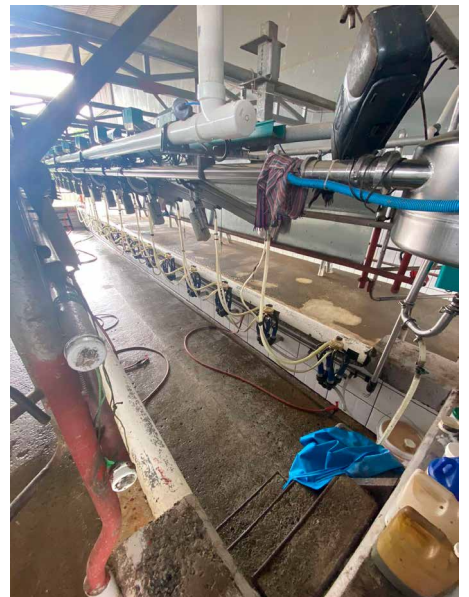
by Megan Day – VA FFA 2021-2022 State President  
and Hunter Carson – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Vice President

On April 29th, masked up and armed with hand sanitizer, the state officer team boarded a plane heading to San Jose, Costa Rica. The 2020-2021 Virginia FFA State Officer team had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica for nine days to explore the vast agricultural industry the nation has to offer. The agriculture industry of Costa Rica exhibits sharp contrast to that of the United States. Not only including the agriculture products, but also including the size and scope, and agriculture practices.

The climate and geography of Costa Rica is completely unique. Being located just north of the equator, it has warm temperatures year long, and possesses tropical rainforests, wetlands, mountains, rivers, and arid

plains. These conditions provide for such a diverse agriculture industry. Facets of the industry state officers had the opportunity to experience include coffee, pineapples, heart of palm, dairy, beef, poultry, pork, wildlife conservation, and agritourism.

One aspect of the Costa Rican agriculture industry that's unique to the country is the size and scope. Most farms average size in Costa Rica is less than 25 hectares, relatively small compared to farms in the United States. These farms are also majority family run, with little or no hired labor. Farmers trade large herds and vast pasture, for small herd numbers and intense rotational grazing regimens.





**What was your biggest take away from this international experience?**

“My biggest takeaway was realizing that this was the same world I live in. While there were so many differences, realizations, growth, learning experiences, and opportunities to try new things- my most favorite thing was seeing how sustainable they were. They were so proud of their hard work, and you could tell they put their all into absolutely everything.”  
*-Faith Dellinger- 2020-21 State Reporter*

“My biggest takeaway was the people of Costa Rica and how they take pride in their heritage. You can see it in their day to day lives and their agriculture practices.”  
*-Ryan Altis- 2020-21 State Sentinel*



# 2021 VIRGINIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

by Charlie Moser – VA FFA 2021-2022 State President

The 95th annual Virginia FFA State Convention was held from June 21-June 24th. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the sessions for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday were conducted virtually while being watched by chapters across the Commonwealth. However, on Wednesday June 23rd, the only in-person session was held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. Virginia FFA worked diligently to ensure that the students had access to convention in a virtual format as well as in person. While the virtual sessions were viewed by many FFA Chapters throughout the state, the in-person day on June 23rd saw over 900 smiling, excited, laughing FFA members happy to be back in person!

Some contests had been held prior to the week of state convention such as the contest for Agricultural Communications. During the in-person day, many contests were held, and students began arriving at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds early that morning to head to their competitions. But these contests weren't the only source of excitement that day. Members of the 2020-2021 Virginia FFA State Officer Team facilitated and directed workshops for the many students who attended convention that day. Virginia FFA was also lucky to welcome a very special guest, Doster Harper, the National FFA President! During his year of service, he's traveled all over the country meeting different chapters in different states as well as traveling to different state's conventions. At the Rockingham County Fairgrounds that day he facilitated a workshop for students while speaking later that night during the session. Having Doster at State Convention and hearing him speak during session was truly special!

## MEMBER THOUGHTS:



**“My favorite part was my small animal competition and attending the in-person session at the end of the day.”**

*- Lauren V from Stuarts Draft Middle FFA*

**“It was great being at State Convention this year and seeing all the blue jackets reunite after a year of not being together in person.”**

*- Danielle T from Smith Mountain FFA*

**“I really enjoyed Doster’s workshop because we had the opportunity to step outside our comfort zone and meet new people from different FFA chapters across the state of Virginia.”**

*- Joseph Wilson from Halifax FFA*

**“My favorite part of Virginia FFA State Convention was being able to meet and connect with other chapters during the in-person session after this strange year!”**

*- Courtney Begoon from Fort Defiance FFA*





The FFA Creed, by E.M. Tiffany. "I BELIEVE in the future of agriculture. With a faith born not of words but of deeds..." Each and every year, FFA members from across the state of Virginia compete in the Creed Speaking Contest. These members work diligently to memorize the creed in preparation for their federation, area, and state contest. It's no easy task, but it's made possible because FFA members BELIEVE. Virginia FFA members believe in themselves and the future of agriculture. As FFA members we believe in the promise of better days through better ways. That same passion and belief reflected in the words of the FFA Creed are found throughout all FFA members across the Commonwealth. The contest results are revealed below with that same passion and hardworking spirit Virginia FFA members display each and every day!

## JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL CDEs/LDEs

### CREED SPEAKING

- 1st - Rebekah Sanderson**, Randolph Henry  
**2nd - Olivia Dellinger**, Stonewall Jackson  
**3rd - Grace Stowe**, Chatham Middle

### JUNIOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 1st - Sarah Craun**, Wilbur S. Pence Middle  
**2nd - George Saison**, Rappahannock High School  
**3rd - Evelyn Farmer**, Halifax County

### SENIOR PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 1st - Makayla Bryan**, Edward W. Wyatt Middle  
**2nd - Cody Scarce**, Chatham  
**3rd - Rachel Craun**, Massanutten Technical

### SENIOR EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

- 1st - Kate Shifflet**, Luray  
**2nd - Lauren Rhodes**, Fort Defiance  
**3rd - Logan Kellum**, Rappahannock High School

### JUNIOR AG MECHANICS

- High Team: Broadway** (Chase Gumienny, Ethan Conley, Dakota Pence, Peyton Nesselrodt)  
**2nd Place Team: King William** (Patrick Upshaw, Samantha Mcinteer, Ian Stone, Davis Unser)

### AGRISCIENCE MECHANICS

- High Team: Wilson Middle** (Caleb Jones, Trenton Strickler, Rylie Brown, Noah Wine)  
**2nd Place Team: R.E. Aylor Middle** (Blake Sneddon, Ward Heffern, Jaiden O'Connor, Mason Patterson)

### JUNIOR CROPS JUDGING

- High Team: Charlotte Central Middle** (Ben Geesaman, Adyson Metts, Virginia Davis, Kaylee Pillow)  
**2nd Place Team: Sherando** (Kaydan Shomaker, Rebecca Stout, Beau Scheulen, Sarah Martin)

### JUNIOR HIPPOLOGY

- High Team: S. Gordon Stewart Middle** (Paige Chafin, Chloe Keplinger, Alaina Mcmanaway, Olivia Swank)  
**2nd Place Team: J. Frank Hillyard Middle** (Ella Beagle, Karley Sonifrank, Kendall Carter, Jacie Crites)

### FOOD AND FIBER

- High Team: R.E. Aylor Middle** (Emma Wisecarver, Alaina Swisher, Corinne Cooley, William Davis)  
**2nd Place Team: Wilson Middle** (Ava Ferraro, Grace Sandridge, Bridgett Mcdonaldson, Payton Pickwood)

### PLANT SCIENCE

- High Team: Charlotte Central Middle** (Ruby Ramsey, Kandace Rutledge, Haleigh Evans, Caleb Purser)  
**2nd Place Team: R.E. Aylor Middle** (Lily Wray, Sarah Hawkins, Morgan Legge, Kate Guntang)

### QUIZ BOWL WRITTEN

- High Team: J. Frank Hillyard Middle** (Ayla Janney, Ella Garlock, Haelyn Keller, Myleigh Jones)  
**2nd Place Team: Wilbur S. Pence Middle** (Laurel Armstrong, Bridget Redifer, Jordyn Auville, Lauren Harold)

### SMALL ANIMAL

- High Team: R.E. Aylor Middle** (Bella Walters, Savannah Judy, Leah Stout, Reagan Adams)  
**2nd Place Team: North Fork Middle** (Landon Brinkley, Nicholas Haggerty, Andrew Veverky)

## SENIOR CDEs/LDEs

### AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS

- High Team: Nelson County** (Abby Bryant, Sarah Hicks, Colt Mauer, Jack Rodgers)  
**2nd Place Team: Broadway** (Molli Coleman, Emily Jenkins, Joy Bergan, Reid Garrison)

### SENIOR AG MECHANICS

- High Team: Sherando** (Clarke Heffern, Kyle Hunter, Jacob Stout, Cody Ridings)  
**2nd Place Team: Broadway** (William Zerkel, Nathan Zerkel, Ethan Foltz, Conner Cleaver)

### SENIOR AG SALES

- High Team: Stuarts Draft** (Nealynn Hurd, Ashley Hamb, Anna Henderson, Maddie Baska)  
**2nd Place Team: Dinwiddie** (Jill Reiter, Savannah Schnepf, Morgan Traylor, Madelyn Reiter)

### AVIAN BOWL

- 1st: Colt Mauer - Nelson County**  
**High Team: Nelson County** (Colt Mauer, Jack Rodgers, Abigail Bryant, Sarah Hicks)

### SENIOR CROPS JUDGING

- High Team: Randolph Henry** (Emily Geesaman, Hannah Gessaman, Mason Hamlett, Colby Cary)  
**2nd Place Team: Nelson County** (Katie Powell, Justin Higginbotham, Houston Bryant, Daniel Campbell)

### EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

- 1st: Samantha Wall - Bassett FFA**  
**2nd: Jill Reiter - Dinwiddie**

### SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- High Team: Spotswood** (Drake Cupp, Richard Marshall, William Painter, Chloe Shepard)  
**2nd Place Team: Central** (Parker Sheetz, Ashley Bushong, Benjamin Walthers, Zach Cooper)

### FARM BUSINESS

- High Team: Massanutten Technical** (Rachel Craun, Kaylee Hill, Katlyn Hill, Ella Warns)

### SENIOR FOOD SCIENCE

- High Team: Magna Vista** (Clay Coleman, Alexandra Pearson, Cooper Owen, Alyson Cuthbertson)  
**2nd Place Team: Broadway** (Ryan Conley, Erica Wood, Emily Jenkins, Alex Holsinger)

### FLORICULTURE

- High Team: John S. Battle** (Rocco Malina, Kylie Bowman, Josie Short, Nealie Cunningham)  
**2nd Place Team: Magna Vista** (Mallory Kaczor, Olivia Shelor, Abbie Moxley, Addison Bryan)

### SENIOR HIPPOLOGY

- High Team: Amelia County** (Lauren Williams, Savannah Banton, Cara Whitaker, Chelsey Ojeda-Sanjuan)  
**2nd Place Team: James Wood** (Mckenna Chenoweth, Savannah Miller, Lauren Crawford, Ella Pingley)

### MARKETING PLAN

- High Team: Fort Defiance** (Courtney Begoon, Sam Martin, Evelyn Wade)

### MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

- High Team: Sherando** (Mattea Krejci, Christin Morris, Emily Orgen, Ella Borst)  
**2nd Place Team: Broadway** (Herschel Hoeffeditz, Jackie Diaz, Jared Hoover, Katie Payne)

### SENIOR NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE

- High Team: Mechanicsville** (Macie Banton, Mckenzie Marker, Tyler Rankin, Meg Coble)  
**2nd Place Team: James Wood** (Grace Lilly, Caitlin Garis, Emile Shell, Jacqueline Whitt)

### SENIOR VET SCIENCE

- High Team: Appomattox** (Christian Godin, Rose Clark, Will Morgan, Tyler Martin)  
**2nd Place Team: Randolph Henry** (Nathan Michaelson, Lacey Steppe, Ansley Napier, Morgan Dickerson)

# State Stars

## STAR FARMER: SALEM SIFFORD

**Chapter:** C.L. Payne

**Background:** Salem grew up on her family's beef farm where she helps run a cow-calf operation of Hereford cattle. She has also competed in the National Dairy Handler's contest. Salem shows beef and dairy cattle as well. In the future, she hopes to become a Veterinary Pathologist with hopes of teaching.



## STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS PLACEMENT: REGAN JACKSON

**Chapter:** Clarke County

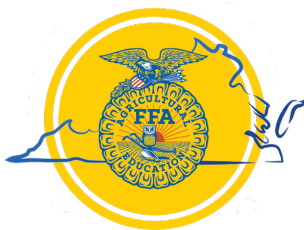
**Background:** Regan found her passion for agriculture through helping her grandparents on the family farm. She continues to play a key role on her farm as she helps manage the health of their cattle herd through managing nutrition and giving vaccinations. Regan's favorite FFA contests include Public Speaking and the Dairymen's contest. She hopes to increase her responsibilities on the family farm all while learning about agriculture.



## STAR IN AGRISCIENCE: MAKAYLA NEWMAN

**Chapter:** Carroll County

**Background:** Makayla found her interest in research through the Carroll County Agricultural Fair with raising piglets. During her research project she studied the effect of iron shots on a piglet's weight. She has competed in many FFA contests including Floriculture, Livestock Judging, and Veterinary Science. Her goal is to become a large animal veterinarian and serve rural communities.



Every year, Virginia FFA offers students thousands of dollars in scholarships. This year Virginia FFA gave out \$11,250 in various scholarships to members across the state. Aside from the state level, Virginia FFA members also earned \$13,000 in scholarships from National FFA. These scholarships support students as they begin college or head into their future career.

## 2021 National FFA Scholarship Recipients

### AGCO Corporation

Andrew Seibel, Lord Botetourt

### Arthur and Nell Lewis Memorial

Sarah Murray, Abingdon

Kloe Rife, Ridgeview

### Bunge North America

Andrew Seibel, Lord Botetourt

Claire Seibel, Lord Botetourt

### Edgar and Ann Duskin Southern Crop Production/ FFA Agriculture Leadership Program

Claire Seibel, Lord Botetourt

### Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships-Paul Obaugh Ford Inc.

Rachel Mohler, Fort Defiance

### Joseph Allen Hardy and Helen Williamson Hardy

Stacy Doss, Holston

## 2021 Virginia FFA Scholarship Recipients

### Andrea Lohr Memorial

Heidi Messerley, Broadway

### Andrew Farrar Memorial

Carly Carpenter, Massanutten Technical Center

### Farmer Focus

Grace Fravel, Broadway

Abigail Bryan, Nelson County

Ashlynn Clemmer, Riverheads

Mindi Freed, Stonewall Jackson

### George H. Seibel Memorial

Andrew Seibel, Lord Botetourt

### James Clouse Memorial

Hunter Carson, Kettle Run

### Lynwood Lowry, Jr. Memorial

Rachel Mohler, Fort Defiance

### Shelia Lily Memorial

Madeline Moore, Holston

### Shenandoah County Farm Bureau

Mindi Freed, Stonewall Jackson

### VAAE Ag Ed

Hayley Seabright, James Wood

### Virginia Farm Bureau Combined

Quinna Molden, Sherando

## 2021 Outstanding Junior and Senior Chapters!

### Junior Chapters

#### Appalachian Area

Plaque in honor of Mr. Leonard Eugene Grove

Carroll County Middle FFA

#### Blue Ridge Area

Plaque in honor of Scott Massie

Elkton Middle FFA

#### Northern Area

Plaque sponsored by Virginia FFA

North Fork Middle FFA

#### South Ridge Area

Kathy B. & Raymond Ramsey

Liberty Bedford-Middle FFA

#### State Winning Junior National Chapter

Endowed by 2009-2010 VA FFA State Officer Team

Elkton Middle FFA

### Senior Chapters

#### Appalachian Area

Plaque endowed in honor of Mrs. Jane Clark

Abingdon FFA

#### Blue Ridge Area

Plaque endowed in memory of C.F. Weaver and in memory

of Mary K. Weaver

Broadway FFA

#### Central Area

Plaque endowed by Eastern View FFA

Mechanicsville FFA

#### Northern Area

Plaque sponsored by Virginia FFA

Central FFA

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Appomattox FFA



2020-2021 Virginia FFA State Officer Team.



Doster Harper the National FFA President made some new friends from Virginia FFA!

## 2021 State Proficiency Winners

### Agricultural Education

Makayla Bryant - E.W. Wyatt

### Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance-Placement

Samuel Leach - C.L. Payne

### Agricultural Processing

Matthew Hartley - Sherando

### Agricultural Sales-Placement

Courtney Begoon - Fort Defiance

### Agricultural Services

Makenna Garrett - Liberty

### Agriscience Research-Animal Systems

Jordan Newman - Cumberland

### Beef Production -Entrepreneurship

Megan Pollock - Tunstall

### Diversified Agricultural Production

Andrew Seibel - Lord Botetourt

### Diversified Crop Production-Placement

Gabby Martin - Powhatan

### Diversified Horticulture

Ella Borst - Sherando

### Diversified Livestock

Salem Sifford - C.L. Payne

### Environmental Science/Natural Resource Management

Harleigh Cupp - Spotswood

### Equine-Placement

Anna Ballenger - Tunstall

### Goat Production

Hailey Patterson - Sherando

### Landscape Management

Cora Meredith - Carroll County

### Nursery Operations

Ellie Vance - Stuarts Draft

### Poultry Production

Charlie Moser - Liberty

### Service Learning

Lauren Rhodes - Fort Defiance

### Sheep Production

Rachel Moeller - Fort Defiance

### Small Animal Production and Care

Brooke Hodes - Liberty

### Specialty Animal Production

Jordan Petrie - Sherando

### Specialty Crop Production

Jacob Ely - Lee

### Swine Production-Entrepreneurship

Emma Jackson - Smith Mountain

### Swine Production-Placement

Faith Dellinger - Stonewall Jackson

### Turf Grass Management

Makayla Newman - Carroll County

### Vegetable Production

Adam Worley - King William

## 2021 HONORARY FFA STATE DEGREE Recipients



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JEFFREY POWERS

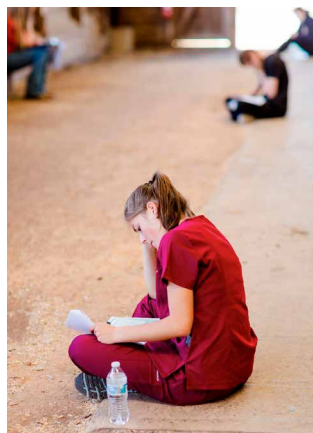
KAREN POWERS

ANDY SEIBEL

MEGAN SEIBEL

HEIDI L. VANDERVELD

KIM A. VANDERWELD



Members competing in the Veterinary Science Contest. There were many contests held throughout the day. Members had the opportunity to meet others, play games, and strengthen their leadership skills during these workshops!

# 2021 VIRGINIA FFA STATE Degree Recipients

At Virginia FFA State Convention each year, FFA members look forward to many things. Some look forward to meeting new people from other chapters, others are excited to compete in their contests, and some are excited for all their hard work and service to pay off in the form of their State Degree! During the in-person session at the 95th annual Virginia FFA State Convention, 147 FFA members were recognized and rewarded for their service hours through receiving the FFA State Degree.



<b>Abingdon FFA</b> Kaylee Rae Bateman Sarah Elizabeth Murray Kaitlin Brenna Owens	<b>Carroll County FFA</b> Kassidy Rachel Goad Cora Meredith Makayla Renae Newman Abigail Elisabeth Norman Mackenzie Ann Sparks	<b>Fauquier FFA</b> Hunter Brown Becca Henegar Damian Lane Sage Smith	<b>Louisa FFA</b> Savannah Goodwin	<b>Riverheads FFA</b> Hunter Ross
<b>Appomattox FFA</b> Caden Braford Jade Campbell Taylor Dudley Elijah Moore	<b>Central FFA</b> Ashley Marie Bushong Shyann Jordan	<b>Fort Defiance FFA</b> Lauren Rhodes	<b>Luray FFA</b> Emily Brooke King Madison Joyce Rooks Kate Lelia Shifflett	<b>Sherando FFA</b> Curtis Bauserman Ella Borst Lucille Ferrulli Erica Feuerstein Josh Hartley Kyle Hunter Michelle Kopczynski Mattea Krejci Quinna Molden Andrew Norris Emily Organ
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<b>Broadway FFA</b> Molli Coleman Ryan Conley Grace Fravel Reid Garrison Bethany Gentry Jared Hoover Jackson Lohr Heidi Messlerly Collin Rhodes Kyle Showalter Jessica Showalter William Zerkel	<b>Clarke County FFA</b> Mary Herndon Regan Jackson Maya Marasco George Roberts Abigail Salvador Gage Shiley Jordan Shiley Brooke Stotler Caden Thompson Eleana Vincent	<b>Halifax County FFA</b> Sabrina Ann Covington Joseph Marshall Wilson	<b>Nelson County FFA</b> Abigail Bryant Jacob Fitzgerald Sarah Hicks Mason Dean Hughes Trevor Hughes Colt Mauer Bryson Ramsey Jack Rodgers	<b>Spotswood FFA</b> Harleigh Cupp
<b>Buckingham Senior FFA</b> Shaylynn Leigh Elick	<b>Courtland FFA</b> Emily Broyles Emma M. Shropshire	<b>Holston FFA</b> Stacy Doss Katlin Michelle Lawson Timber Elizabeth Nickels Grayson Surber Dylan Thomson	<b>Page County FFA</b> Brayden Turner	<b>Stonewall Jackson FFA</b> Isabell Dellinger Sarah Eaton Rhonnie Miller Courtney Ann Ritchie
<b>Buffalo Gap FFA</b> Hannah Nicole Allman Katherine Elaine Redifer Makayla Renee Talley Jason Teter	<b>Christiansburg FFA</b> Sammantha Chase Humphreys	<b>James Wood FFA</b> Emmah Duvall Caitin Garis Grace Lilly Hayley Seabright	<b>Powhatan FFA</b> Brenden Carney Kayla Markwith Gabby Elizabeth Martin James Barksdale Timberlake	<b>Strasburg FFA</b> Abigail Davis Cameron James Froemel
<b>C.L. Payne FFA</b> Riley Nicole Hines Riley Hogan Samuel Scott Leach Caroline Louise Ott Elizabeth Jane Ott Salem Sifford	<b>Culpeper FFA</b> Larraina Anne Campos	<b>Lee County FFA</b> Chelsie Kareen Alsup Abigail Jane Edwards Kattie Elizabeth Martin Natalie Grace Sage Colton Lane Wilder	<b>Pulaski County FFA</b> Addie Grace Crigger Natalie Grace Hardyman Kelsi de'juana Pack	<b>Stuarts Draft FFA</b> Nathan Aitcheson Ellie Vance
	<b>Cumberland FFA</b> Sarah Elizabeth Jackson	<b>Liberty FFA</b> Charlie Moser Kevin Paul Painchaud Joel David Witt	<b>Randolph Henry FFA</b> Hannah G. Holt Devin Lee Letterman Nathan Daniel Michaelson Cheyenne Nicole Stembridge	<b>Tunstall FFA</b> Anna Maria Ballenger
	<b>Eastern View FFA</b> Ethan Nathaniel Fairfax Robert S. Fairfax Lewis James West	<b>Lord Botetourt FFA</b> Brennan Corell Lauren Gentry Reagan Hall Aviana Wilson	<b>Riverbend FFA</b> Allison R. Williams	<b>Turner Ashby FFA</b> Krystalyn G. Hassett Loren Rose Satterwhite Diana Rose Slagell

# 2021 STATE cattle working CONTEST RESULTS



by Charlie Moser – VA FFA 2021-2022 State President

The State Cattle Working Contest was held on April 16, 2021, at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. The top two teams from each of the area contests held throughout Virginia were selected to compete in the state contest. A total of 10 teams competed. During this CDE, contestants run 3 calves through a squeeze chute where they administer vaccinations, wormer, and ear tags/notches. Contestants were judged on all these components as well as the amount of time it takes to run the calves through the chute. Congratulations to all those who competed in this event! The Virginia FFA Association would also like to send a special thanks to the hosting fairground as well as the judges and volunteers who made this event possible. The top 3 teams are as follows:



## 1ST PLACE TEAM

### Fort Chiswell FFA

Karlynn Goforth  
Charlie Goforth  
Addie Crigger



## 2ND PLACE TEAM

### Augusta 4-H

Elyse Dyson  
Makayla Talley  
Madison Wheeler



## 3RD PLACE TEAM

### Rockingham 4-H

Ryan Conley  
Blake Payne  
William Zerkel



# 2021 STATE Forestry

by Madeline Moore – VA FFA 2020-2021 State Vice President

The State Forestry Competition was held on April 28th at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge. Forty-nine FFA and 4H members participated this year! We would like to thank Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Professor Billy Newman, and the Forestry Department students for conducting this event. The Forestry Competition includes Tree Identification, Tool Identification, Identification of Insects and Diseases, Measurements, Timber Stand Improvement, and Pulp Wood Calculations.



## 2021 State Forestry Results

**4H TEAM:**  
1st - Rockingham

**4H HIGH INDIVIDUAL:**  
Blake Payne, Rockingham

**SENIOR TEAMS:**  
1st - Broadway  
2nd - Central  
3rd - Magna Vista, Team A  
4th - Buckingham  
5th - Carroll County  
6th - Magna Vista, Team B

**SENIOR HIGH INDIVIDUAL:**  
Ryan Micklewalt, Central

**JUNIOR TEAMS:**  
1st - Broadway  
2nd - J. Frank Hillyard  
3rd - Chatham Middle  
4th - Buckingham  
5th - Chatham  
6th - Powhatan Middle

**JUNIOR HIGH INDIVIDUAL:**  
Katie Payne, Broadway

# Block & Bridle

## HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

by Emma Jackson – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Secretary

The 2021 Horse Judging Contest was held. The horse judging contest allows teams from across the State to demonstrate their knowledge by evaluating classes, including haltered and performance, in addition to giving oral reasons. There were 4 juniors and 16 seniors who competed in this year's contest. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the contest and results took place virtually. Special thanks are sent to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this contest a success! In addition, congratulations to all teams, coaches, and individuals who worked very hard and persevered through this year!

## 2021 State Horse Judging Results

### HIGH SENIOR INDIVIDUAL:

1st - Cassidy Wolfcale, Eastern View  
2nd - Elizabeth Bates, Eastern View  
3rd - Kate Roberston, Liberty

### HIGH SENIOR TEAM:

1st - Eastern View  
2nd - Kettle Run  
3rd - Liberty

### HIGH JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL:

1st - Olivia Swank  
2nd - Alaina McManaway  
3rd - Ashley Tutwiler

### HIGH JUNIOR TEAM:

1st - S.G. Stewart Middle

# Block & Bridle

## MEAT EVALUATION CONTEST

by Sammy Leach – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Sentinel

The Meats Evaluation contest took place on May 5, 2021. There were 10 Senior Teams and 13 Junior Teams that participated in this competition. The members began this competition by identifying retail cuts of meat as well as analyzing carcasses. Then the competitors had to take a written test and then senior teams started working on reasons. This competition teaches proper skills of evaluation and could potentially lead to future career opportunities. The contest and results were held virtually. Special thanks to Katherine Carter and the Block and Bridle Club at Virginia Tech for conducting this year's competition. We are so proud of our members and all their hard work to make this virtual competition successful!

## 2021 State Meat Evaluation Results

### HIGH SENIOR INDIVIDUAL:

1st - Katie Powell, Nelson County  
2nd - Jenna Wolf, Broadway, Team A  
3rd - Jared Hoover, Broadway, Team A

### HIGH SENIOR TEAM:

1st - Broadway, Team A  
(Jenna Wolf, Jared Hoover, Stephanie Schweigert, and Creed Combs)  
2nd - Nelson County  
3rd - Central High  
4th - Pigeon Forge  
5th - Tunstall, Team A

### HIGH JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL:

1st - Bailey Sheetz, Central High  
2nd - William Eberly, Central High  
3rd - Claire Mathias, J. Frank Hillyard

### HIGH JUNIOR TEAM:

1st - Central High  
(Bailey Sheetz, William Eberly, Jera Cook, and Hayden Pence)  
2nd - J. Frank Hillyard Middle  
3rd - Montevideo Middle, Team A  
4th - Nelson County Middle  
5th - Montevideo Middle, Team B



## 2021 State Parliamentary Procedure Results

1st - Buffalo Gap  
 2nd - Holston  
 3rd - Fort Defiance



## 2021 Conduct of Chapter Meetings

1st - Broadway  
 2nd - Carroll County Middle  
 3rd - Fort Defiance



# 2021 STATE Parliamentary Procedure

by Ellie Vance – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Treasurer

On April 2, 2021, the State Parliamentary Procedure and the Conduct of Chapter Meetings leadership development events (LDEs) were held at Buffalo Gap High School. These LDEs consist of teams from across the Commonwealth of Virginia coming together to demonstrate their knowledge of parliamentary law in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. Five junior teams and five senior teams competed in this LDE. The winning teams will represent Virginia in the national competition. The Virginia FFA Association would also like to send a special thanks to all the judges, host school, and volunteers who made this event possible.



The All-State Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team are as follows:  
 President: Katie Payne, Broadway  
 Vice President: Madelyn Caviness, Carroll County Middle  
 Secretary: Gabriel Garlock, J. Frank Hillyard Middle  
 Treasurer: Gilbert May, Fort Defiance  
 Reporter: Herschel Hoffeditz, Broadway  
 Sentinel: Jackie Diaz, Broadway  
 Advisor: Tyson Shanke, Turner Ashby

# STATE Poultry JUDGING

by Lauren Rhodes – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Reporter

The state FFA poultry judging contest took a virtual platform, as 85 students competed in April. FFA members graded ready-to-cook turkey and chicken carcasses, interior and exterior eggs, further processed products, as well as live laying hens and broilers. To round out the contest, FFA members gave reasons on the past production laying hens and completed a written exam about the poultry industry. Those competing were scored based on their grades in each class. A job well done to all the members who competed in this contest! Virginia FFA would like to thank those who helped take this contest to the virtual platform, as it was vital to the success of this contest! The top 3 teams are as follows:

## 2021 State Poultry Judging Results

### TOP 3 SENIOR TEAMS:

#### 1st - Broadway

(Ethan Foltz, Bethany Gentry, Nate Zerkel, William Zerkel)

#### 2nd - Sherando

(Christin Morris, Brodilyn Ireland, Kyle Hunter, Adam Hawkins)

#### 3rd - Highland

(James Cunningham, Erin Brendel, Harley Cunningham, Rachel Amirault)

### TOP 3 JUNIOR TEAMS:

#### 1st - Turner Ashby junior

(Glen Foster, Carrie Miller, Malaina Ritchie, Julia Eye)

#### 2nd - J. Frank Hillyard Middle

(Maggie Toothman, Karley Sonifrank, Abigail Floyd, Caroline May)

#### 3rd - Stonewall Jackson Junior

(Hannah Poole, Maggie Eaton, Olivia Dellinger, Trey Heishman)

## STATE TRACTOR Operators

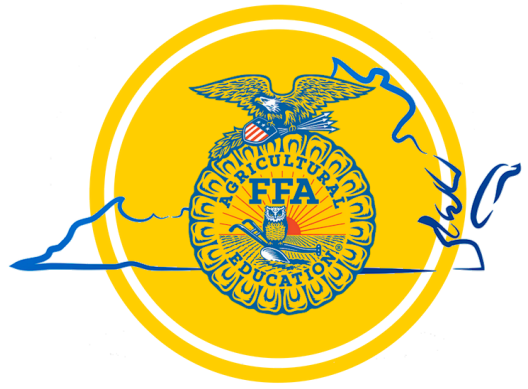
by Jackson Lohr – VA FFA 2021-2022 State Vice President

On Thursday, April 15th, the State Tractor Operators contest was held at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds in Harrisonburg. Participants were tasked with conducting a maintenance inspection, take a written test on the safety and operation of a tractor and navigating a course with a two-wheeled wagon in addition to backing a four-wheeled wagon into a stall. Placing third was Jacob Ely from Lee, placing second was Damian Lane from Fauquier, and the state winner was Hunter Colaw from Highland. Congratulations to these individuals!



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