

## 2017 National FFA Convention Missouri Highlights

National Record High number of **American FFA Degrees** by a state - 532 recipients

**MARSHALL FFA** was recognized as **OVERALL TOP CHAPTER in the Nation** in the Model of Excellence within the National Chapter Award Program. This includes the entire body of work of the chapter over the year with their Program of Work.

**PARIS FFA** was recognized as **THE TOP CHAPTER in the Nation** in the Premier Chapter – Growing Leaders Division within the National Chapter Award Program. This includes the body of work in the Growing Leaders Division of the Program of Work.

**23 Chapters received the highest chapter rating awarded – 3 Star** - (Ashland, Aurora, Boonville, Brookfield, Bucklin, Centralia, Chillicothe, Higbee, Marshall, Monroe City, New Franklin, Paris, Salisbury, Sarcoxie, Seneca, Seymour, Sherwood, Sweet Springs, Tipton, Trenton, Troy, Union and West Plains)

### **Career Development Events Summary**

- 12 of 20 teams/individuals received Gold rating
- 13 members placed in the Top 10 Individuals in their respective CDE
  - Agricultural Sales -- Paris – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
    - Regan Ragsdale – 3<sup>rd</sup> high and Lizzy Vitt – 4<sup>th</sup> high individuals
  - Agricultural Mechanics – North Shelby – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - Micah Linberger – 3<sup>rd</sup> high individual
  - Agronomy – North Shelby – 4<sup>th</sup> place
  - Dairy Cattle Evaluation – Monett – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - Lora Wright – 4<sup>th</sup> high individual
  - **Dairy Foods – Fair Play – 1<sup>st</sup> place**
    - Sumona Khodyrke – 6<sup>th</sup> high, Lexie Simpson -- 7<sup>th</sup> high, Kenzie Clark – 8<sup>th</sup> high individuals
  - Farm Management – Fatima – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - **Leon Koenigsfeld – 1<sup>st</sup> high** and Ben Luebbering – 4<sup>th</sup> high individuals
  - Floriculture – Marshfield – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Nikki Bridle – 7<sup>th</sup> high individual
  - Horse Evaluation – Columbia – 6<sup>th</sup> place
  - Meat Evaluation – Trenton – 5<sup>th</sup> place
  - **Nursery/Landscape – Hamilton – 1<sup>st</sup> place**
    - **Andrew Ernat – 1<sup>st</sup> high** and Clayton Cook – 9<sup>th</sup> high individuals
  - Parliamentary Procedure – Eldon – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Poultry – Columbia – 6<sup>th</sup> place
    - Emily Wawrzyniak – 9<sup>th</sup> high individual
- 47 of 74 individuals received Gold rankings ( approximately top 10 percent of the CDE)

## **2017 National FFA Convention Missouri Highlights – (cont.)**

**Agriscience Fair** – 14 out of 20 agriscience fair projects placed in the top twelve in the nation.

- 8 of 14 received a gold rating and placed in the top 5 in the nation
  - Lela Bryant & Makayla Bryant – Troy – 5<sup>th</sup> in Animal Systems Division 4
  - Daryin Sharp & Jacob Shelenhamer – Bolivar – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Animal Systems Division 6
  - Jenna Hahn & Collin Nichols – Troy – 4<sup>th</sup> in Environmental Services Division 6
  - Joy Sparks & Tommi Magnall – Farmington – 4<sup>th</sup> in Environmental Services Division 6
  - Tyler Bean & Grace Miller – Walnut Grove – 5<sup>th</sup> in Food Products Division 6
  - Jacob Maclean & Abbigail French – Troy – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Plant Systems Division 4
  - Andrew Littlefield – Cassville – 5<sup>th</sup> in Social Systems Division 3
  - Alexandria Lock & Andrea Lock – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Social Systems Division 6

**Proficiency Awards** - 10 National Finalist –top four in the nation based on their work based program Finalists

Agricultural Communications – Mariah Fox – Trenton  
Agricultural Sales Placement – William Davis - Mexico  
Beef Production Entrepreneurship – Cole Diggins -- Bronaugh  
Dairy Production Entrepreneurship – Ashton Atteberry – Conway  
Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship – Luke Henneke – Linn  
Diversified Crop Production Placement – Derek Stimpson – Trenton  
Diversified Horticulture – Morgan LaBoube -- Herman  
Grain Production Entrepreneurship – Matthew Gastler – Audrain Co. R-VI  
Outdoor Recreation – Jacob Blank – Richland  
Specialty Animal Production – Derek Anderson – Paris

**National FFA Band** – 15 of approximately 100 members selected nationally:

Allison Binder, Salisbury; Trace Chambers, Fayette; Cathryn Denny, Carl Junction; Walker Easley, Orrick; Noah Findling, Kirksville; Fayne Hamilton, South Harrison, Emma Ricketts, Salisbury; Mardee Sadowsky, North Harrison; Natalie Schaeffer, Cameron; Avery Shultz, Memphis; Olivia Sloan, Salisbury; Jessica Spencer, Pierce City; Luke Vaughn, Marceline; Jacob Wilson, Gallatin; Koltan York, Crocker.

**National FFA Chorus** – 5 of approximately 75 members selected nationally:

Felicity Bruegel, Seneca; Emalee Flatness, Willard; Trenton Gabriel, Worth County; Colin Joesting, Tarkio; Chloe Moss, Crocker.

**National FFA Talent Performers** - 3 selected nationally:

Amber Chapman, Paris; Maggie Frakes, Portageville; Bailey Wilkinson, Vienna.

**Honorary American FFA Degree** - 13 recipients

Don Koonce, Holts Summit; Robin Horstmeier, O'Fallon; Ted Probert, Mansfield; Halbert Smith, Gainesville; Stan Adler, Warsaw; Zach Crews, Slater; Brandon Duff, Carthage; Randy Lightfoot, Fair Play; Susan Marsh, Atlanta; Joe Moore, Exeter; Chuck Reece, Butler; Stephen Schniedermeier, Nodaway-Holt; A.J. Wingard, Pleasant Hill.

**Hall of States representative** in the Expo Show – Centralia FFA



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### **Marshall FFA from Missouri Named 2017 National Model of Excellence Winner**

INDIANAPOLIS (*Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017/National FFA Organization*) – The Marshall FFA Chapter from Missouri has been named the 2017 National FFA Model of Excellence winner at the 90th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

The National Chapter Award program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

To encourage students interested in agricultural construction careers, Marshall FFA organized “Welding Our Future Together.” This included a welding workshop, a tour of Missouri Welding Institute and tutoring for the scholarship competition. During the workshop, FFA members received guided practice on industry welds from a trade school instructor. In addition to this activity, the chapter also conducts activities such as a kindness campaign, “I Believe” packages and coloring for agriculture.

High school chapters that received high three-star ratings during judging in the summer are eligible to compete for the Model of Excellence award, the highest honor awarded to a high school FFA chapter by the National FFA Organization. Ten FFA chapters competed in a presentation and interview process for the top honor during this year’s national convention. Marshall FFA received a plaque in an onstage ceremony during the convention’s second general session on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The National Chapter Award program is sponsored by John Deere.

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During “Beef Up Reading,” Paris FFA encouraged elementary students to get excited about reading. They challenged elementary students to read and log more than 95,000 minutes of reading in a month. FFA members visited classrooms to motivate the students and share about the importance of reading. The chapter even got parents involved by hosting a free barbecue brisket dinner for all students, parents and teachers during the Title I Reading Night. FFA members enjoyed setting goals and helping the elementary students to reach them to reinforce the importance of reading.

Chapters eligible to compete for the National Premier Chapter: Growing Leaders award demonstrate competency in doing innovative things or taking traditional concepts and applying a creative twist in the growing leaders division of the chapter’s Program of Activities. Ten three-star chapters competed in a presentation and interview process for the top honor during this year’s national convention. Paris FFA received a plaque in an onstage ceremony during the convention’s second general session on Thursday, Oct. 26.

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