

2017 National FFA Convention Award Winners from California

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The 90th National FFA Convention was held on October 25-28, 2017 at Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention set a new attendance mark with 67,006 members, teachers, and guests in attendance.

California had 1,911 members, teachers and guests attend the National FFA Convention which is up from last year's record of 1,739.

Listed below are the awards and achievements of California FFA members, chapters, and educators:

<u>National Contests:</u>	<u>Team Placing</u>	<u>High School</u>	
Agricultural Issues	National Champion	Gold	Galt HS
Agriculture Mechanics	4th	Gold	Tulelake HS
Agricultural Sales	3rd	Gold	Grass Valley-Bear River HS
Agronomy	---	Gold	Atwater HS
Creed Speaking	2nd	Gold	Bakersfield-Foothill HS
Dairy Cattle Judging	2nd	Gold	Petaluma HS
Environmental & Natural Resources	10th	Gold	Reedley Middle College
Extemporaneous Speaking	---	Silver	Turlock HS
Farm Business Management	---	Silver	Elk Grove HS
Floriculture	---	Gold	Atwater HS
Forestry	---	Silver	Nevada Union HS
Horse Judging	National Champion	Gold	Bakersfield-Frontier HS
Job Interview	---	Bronze	Atwater-Buhach Colony HS
Livestock Evaluation	2nd	Gold	Nipomo HS
Market Plan	3rd	Gold	O'Neals-Minarets HS
Meat Judging	2nd	Gold	Clovis HS
Milk Quality & Products	4th	Gold	Santa Maria HS
Nursery/Landscape	5th	Gold	Atwater HS
Parliamentary Procedure (N)	---	Gold	San Luis Obispo HS
Parliamentary Procedure	National Champion	Gold	Galt-Liberty Ranch HS
Poultry	5th	Gold	Modesto-Grace Davis HS
Public Speaking	---	Bronze	San Luis Obispo HS
Veterinary Science	3rd	Gold	Madera South HS

National Proficiency Awards:

9 National Proficiency Finalists from California

- National Winner – Grain Production Placement – Joel Baltazar Mendoza, Hamilton City
- National Winner – Veterinary Science – Katrina Siems, Morro Bay

Agriscience Fair:

18 Students were name National Agriscience Fair Finalists from California:

- National Winner – Food Products & Processing - Emma Thorpe, Lakeside-El Capitan
- National Winner – Social Science – Jonathan Moules, Turlock

Top 5 States in American FFA Degree Recipients:

1 st	Missouri	532
2 nd	Ohio	397
3 rd	California	378
4 th	Texas	231
5 th	Tennessee	203

Nationally, there were 4,068 American FFA Degrees conferred which is a new record.

Hall of States National Winner:

- California, Patterson HS

National Chapter Awards:

California had 13 FFA Chapters recognized as National Chapter Award winners:

- Bakersfield-Frontier 3 Star
- Bakersfield-North 3 Star
- Bakersfield-Highland 2 Star
- Exeter 2 Star
- Firebaugh 2 Star
- Galt 2 Star
- King City 2 Star
- Littlerock 2 Star
- Sacramento-Florin 2 Star
- Strathmore 2 Star
- Imperial 1 Star
- Woodlake 1 Star

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients:

Judy Aschwanden	St. Helena HS
Anna Bates	San Luis Obispo HS
Andree Early	Oroville-Las Plumas HS
Joe Richards	Fillmore HS
Emmett Shultz	Visalia-Golden West HS
Kelly Tulloch	Mountain Empire-Pine Valley HS
Dane White	Galt HS
Shay Williams-Hopper	Tulare HS
Dr. David DeSilva	Retired Animal Science, College of the Sequoias
Kerry Stockton	CATA Executive Assistant

2017-18 National FFA Officers:

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