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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER • 5-7 Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC) - Bakersfield **11-12** GLC - Meniffee **11-12** GLC - Fresno **13** GLC - Lakeside **14** GLC - Calipatria **18-21** GLC - Lemoore **24-26** GLC - Colusa **25-28** GLC - Paso Robles **26** GLC - Petaluma

OCTOBER • 2-3 GLC - Redding **2-5** GLC - Lodi **9** GLC - Ferndale **22-24** National FFA Convention Delegate Trip **24-28** National FFA Convention & Expo **28-30** State Educational Tour of Washington D.C.

For a list of current FFA events please visit www.CalAgEd.org

SAVE THE DATE

**THIS SCHOOL YEAR
CALIFORNIA FFA HAS A
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

for you!

Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC)

What: Introduction to Agricultural Education, Career Success
Who: Freshmen

When: One Day Conferences in Aug., Sept. and Oct.

Introduces students to the benefits and opportunities in Agricultural Education, including SAE and FFA. This conference is the "hook-line-and-sinker" to get students to buy into Agricultural Education throughout their four years in high school.

Made for Excellence Conference (MFE)

What: ME: Student Development, Personal Growth
Who: Sophomores

When: Two Day Conferences held in January and February

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "Student Development and ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."

Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA)

What: WE: Chapter Development, Personal Growth
Who: Juniors

When: Two Day Conferences held in January and February

Once a leader is comfortable with their own self and self-purpose, they can discover how to work with others and establish a goal. The process for analyzing program needs and planning a project or event is the focus of this conference as students discover how to be teams of innovative leaders in their chapter. This conference about "WE: the individual leader, their relationships with others and how to establish common vision."

Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE)

What: SERVE: Community Development, Personal Growth
Who: Seniors

When: Four Day Conference held in March

Students step into the role of one of California's State legislators, are assigned a specific California district and spend four days in Sacramento. SLE is all about the role of government, agricultural policy and advocacy. This conference focuses on Community Development and SERVE: the ability to grow and develop others and serve your community."

FFA CONFERENCE'S MOVE TO ANAHEIM WAS A SUCCESS!

In April, over 6,000 people attended the 90th Annual California State FFA Leadership Conference for the first time held in Anaheim! Attendees witnessed state officer retiring addresses and were entertained by the State Choir and Talent, while delegates shaped the future of the organization. Fun was had by all at California FFA's exclusive night at Disney's California Adventure Park, and the experience left attendees feeling "Activated". Save the date for our 91st Annual California State FFA Leadership Conference in Anaheim, April 26-29, 2019!

Saluting California's Champions

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Agriscience Fair Champions

Advanced High Team
Exeter FFA

Overall Individual, Novice Division
Grace Jardon, Exeter FFA

Overall Team, Novice Division
Mary Jane Archuleta-Jensen and Zachary
Giovani, Exeter FFA

Novice High Team
Woodlake FFA

Overall Individual, Novice Division
Haidyn Washburn, Sanger FFA

Overall Team, Novice Division
Emily Sarantopulos and
Jordan Zamora, Elk Grove FFA •

State FFA Winners

Star Administrator Award
Jeanne Utterback, McArthur FFA

Star Advisor Award
Nicole Morris, Modesto - Central Catholic FFA

Star Counselor Award
Brianna Fulkerson, Merced - Golden Valley FFA

Star Supporting Staff Award
Daniel Lassanske, Shandon FFA

Speaking Champions

Parliamentary Procedure - Novice
Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA

Parliamentary Procedure - Advanced
Bear River FFA

Creed Recitation
Charisma Arreola, Bakersfield - Foothill FFA

Extemporaneous Public Speaking
Orrin Jones, Live Oak FFA

Job Interview Contest
Kyler Vernon, Nipomo FFA •



STAR in Ag Placement

Daysee Magana, Fallbrook FFA



STAR in Agriscience

Emily Hambly, Healdsburg FFA



STAR Farmer

Bailey Morrel, Willows FFA



STAR in Agribusiness

Seth Hilfike, Holtville FFA

Scholarship Recipients

Almond Board of California Scholarship

Adriana Arias, Santa Maria FFA
Aalexias Woolf, North-Bakersfield FFA
Hayley Fernandes, Tulare FFA
Sedar Kane, West Valley FFA
Juan Perez, Salinas FFA
Lindsey Swall, Tulare FFA
Abigail Albin, Fortuna FFA
Jeanette Furlong, Tomales FFA
Callie Norton, Atwater FFA
Brian Phelps, Lemoore FFA

Alpha Gamma Rho

Rocio Berber, Firebaugh FFA

Byron J. McMahon Memorial Scholarship

Haley Benbow, Fortuna FFA

Dean McNeilly Scholarship

Emily Sampson, Lincoln FFA

Dorothy McMillan Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Day, Turlock FFA

Friends of the FFA Scholarship

Conner Watson, Lakeside FFA
Ariel Scholten, Sebastopol - Analy FFA

Hartford Insurance Company Scholarship

Theron Dale, Fortuna FFA
Claire Sheppard, Biggs FFA
Brody Van Vleck, Bayside FFA

Jaimie Lynne Pettey Memorial Scholarship

Macy Myers, Sierra - Tollhouse FFA
Jenna Fields, Coyote FFA
Shane Wyman, Tollhouse - Sierra FFA

Jerry L. Biggs Memorial

Soledad Castro, Walnut Grove FFA

Jerry T. Davis Honorary Scholarship

Lauren Millang, Woodland - Pioneer FFA

Mabel W. Jacks Memorial Scholarship

Mary Adams, Escalon FFA
Katya Martinez, Firebaugh FFA
Amanda Stevenson, Nipomo FFA

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FEATURED CHAPTER

Central Catholic FFA

BREAKING THE MOLD

According to Merriam-Webster a tradition is a belief or behavior passed down within a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance with origins in the past. We often think of family recipes, ranches, businesses and FFA chapters as traditions. In California many of the 325 plus FFA chapters have been around for over 50 years. So how do we break tradition? Or try to start something new? In 2012, the California FFA delegation voted to allow private schools to apply for FFA charters. This is a very non-traditional approach for our association. Thanks to the revolutionary thinking of that group of delegates, Central Catholic FFA was founded! Today there are more than a dozen private and charter schools that make up our state association.

Central Catholic High School is located in the heart of Modesto, surrounded by vineyards and almond orchards. The high school was founded in 1966 based on the teachings of the Catholic faith and preparing students for higher education. This small school has deep roots in agriculture throughout the Central Valley and the thought of an agriculture program was something this school had been longing for. Modesto Junior College would offer agricultural science courses on campus every other semester to help fill that void. Students even started a CCHS Ag Club where they would meet and host ag days for the local elementary school. Many students are second, third, and fourth generation agriculturists who grew up showing livestock through the 4-H program.

In August 2014 when Mrs. Nicole Morris was

hired to start an official agriculture department and FFA program at Central Catholic it was a natural fit. Before school started there were twelve young men enrolled in the Introduction to Agriscience course. With some recruitment and marketing that number grew to 44 students and two agriculture course offerings. Central Catholic FFA was officially granted membership on September 10, 2014. We hit the ground running, being as active as possible. We attended GLC, MFE, ALA, and State Conference in Fresno. Students were overwhelmed with opportunities, fun, new friendships, learning more, and how to be better. There was so much desire and drive from our members to seize every moment and to do great things, and it paid off. We had a dairy cattle and agriculture pest control team that first year. Both worked very hard and didn't let being a new chapter discourage them. That spring we would be Champions as the 2015 State FFA Champions in the area of Agricultural Pest Control. We even had a student compete at the State FFA speaking finals for Prepared Public Speaking. This success came from

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grit and determination. It has also serves as the base of our program and motivation for our chapter to strive for excellence.

After completing our fourth year we have a lot to be proud of, starting with our school. Our program has grown to nearly 185 students and in year three Ms. Jessica Jordan was hired to join the team and help build the agriscience pathway. Nearly 50-percent of our school population is enrolled in an agriculture course, we offer a complete pathway for our students and teach 8-10 sections of agriculture each year. Our students are taking initiative, attending leadership conferences, and we have taken students to the National FFA Convention twice! We even had a National Delegate representing California in 2016. For the past three years we have taken over 50 students to the State FFA Conference! In the areas of CDEs we have offered the following teams with the help of our parents and community: Agriscience, Ag Pest Control, Ag Sales, Best Informed Greenhand, Dairy Cattle, Farm Power, Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Marketing Co-Op, Milk Quality & Dairy Foods, Nursery/Landscape, Scrapbook and Vine Pruning. Last year we got to bring home another

Photo Captions (starting opposite page, upper left, rotating clockwise): Member of the Scrapbook committee proudly displaying their 2018 Championship Bowl for their hard work; Mrs. Morris & Ms. Jordan with Lena Magee after winning Small Animal Master Showmanship in 2017; Our first elected Chapter Officer team serving in 2014-2015; State Championship Agricultural Pest Control team members in 2015; First group of State Conference attendees and founding members proudly holding our official FFA charter in 2015; Ambria Schneringer, Agricultural Sales Placement State Proficiency Winner, and Mrs. Morris 2018 California STAR FFA Advisor; FFA members enjoying the week long festivities for FFA week; and Floral students working on square vase centerpieces for an event.

silver bowl for our champion scrapbook! Each year we typically have over 25 students trying out for one of the speaking contests. Since our establishment we have had at least one member make it to the California FFA State Speaking finals in one of the speaking contests, with three students in 2017 and the second place Prepared Public Speaker in the state that year. The next area of agricultural education we focus on is SAEs. Each year nearly 45 students, which is 35-percent of our chapter, exhibit market and breeding projects at the local county fair. In addition many of our students have paid placement projects with a large group of them working at Ott

U-Pick who employ almost 30 FFA members each year to work. In 2017, the California FFA State degree was awarded to our first group of eligible members. We had four students that first year, and doubled it this past year with eight students receiving their state degree in 2018. Furthermore, we had four sectional proficiency winners, one sectional runner-up, one regional winner, and Ambria Schneringer was the State Proficiency Winner in Agricultural Sales Placement and has applied for the National FFA Proficiency Award this October. This fall we will

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With the passing of the State FFA Leadership Conference comes another energetic and passionate team of newly elected officers! California FFA News caught up with the 2018-2019 State Officers to learn a little bit more about these leaders inside the corduroy.

What are you looking forward to most this year of service?

Share your most memorable FFA experience.

MATT My most memorable FFA experience was staring out in awe at over 7,000 blue jackets the first time I attended the State FFA Leadership Conference.

KYLER Livestock Judging has been a component of my life prior to my time in the FFA. Therefore, when my livestock judging team had the chance to compete at nationals it was the culmination of so many factors that resulted in the most fulfilling moments in my life.

AALEXIAS I would have to say that my most memorable FFA experience would be the time I attended State Conference for the first time as a freshman because by being there I felt so empowered, motivated, and felt as though I was a part of something way bigger than just myself.

KYLE My most memorable FFA experience has been being able to attend the Washington Leadership Conference.

DEVIN My most memorable FFA experience would have to be running for my first office and forgetting my speech because this is where I learned the importance of preparation.

ORRIN By far my first State Convention! Going and seeing just how many people are passionate about what agriculture education does was an eye opener. And I will never forget that Thompson Square concert! It was awesome just to go and have fun with a ton of other students and FFA members, and it really encouraged me to get more involved as well.

What is your career goal?

MATT I aim to serve in the U.S. Air Force as an officer and pilot.

KYLER To work as an agriculture lawyer, and maintain a flock of ewes for a competitive show stock operation.

AALEXIAS It is my utmost goal after graduating from college to become an agricultural educator so that I can help give back to an organization that has helped me learn and grow so much.

KYLE I want to be a lobbyist fighting for agriculture in Sacramento and maybe even run for congress one day if the opportunity presents itself.

DEVIN I hope to become an agricultural lobbyist for a Cattlemen's Association upon graduating from Oklahoma State University.

ORRIN After college, I would love to work as a mechanical engineer for any large agricultural company. It has always been a dream of mine to design and patent something of my own creation. I hope that being in an engineering career field I could have the opportunity to create new tools for agriculturalists to use.

MATT I'm excited to meet many terrific CA FFA members! I can't wait to learn about what goes on at different chapters across the state and to see different perspectives on our association.

KYLER I am extremely excited to go on Star tours and learn about other members' projects. My SAE project was one of my favorite experiences, so I can't wait to learn more about different sectors of agriculture and the members who are involved in their SAEs.

AALEXIAS This year I am really looking forward to getting to meet so many members of California FFA, so I am able to listen and learn their stories that make them so unique. I am also super excited to be able to see all around California and witness what makes each of the chapters and areas so incredibly different.

KYLE The aspects of my year of service that I am most excited for are the things that aren't planned and the times I get to make relationships with the members of California FFA. The moments after the chapter visits, Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences, and Made For Excellence Leadership Conferences where I can sit down and make connections with people is what I am most excited about.

DEVIN There's nothing I love more than learning what people are passionate about. I'm so excited this year to have the opportunity to learn what our FFA members are passionate about and what makes their eyes light up.

ORRIN I cannot wait to start teaching workshops at all of the COLCs and MFE conferences! It's gonna be a wild ride full of laughs and fun times!

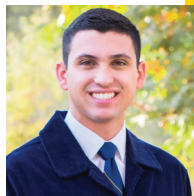
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**State FFA President
MATT ROSA**

Birthday:
March 25, 2000

Home Chapter: El
Diamante FFA

SAE: Dairy
Production
Placement



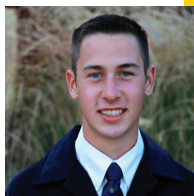
CDE/LDEs: Dairy Cattle Judging,
Marketing (Co-ops), Agrifinance,
Impromptu Public Speaking, Prepared
Public Speaking, and Job Interview.

**State FFA Vice President
KYLER VERNON**

Birthday:
January 20, 2000

Home Chapter:
Nipomo FFA

SAEs: Sheep and
Swine Production



CDE/LDEs:
Livestock Judging, Creed Recitation,
Impromptu Public Speaking, and Job
Interview.

**State FFA Secretary
AALEXIAS WOOLF**

Birthday:
March 17, 2000

Home Chapter:
Bakersfield -North
FFA

SAE: Goat
Production
Entrepreneurship



CDE/LDEs: Horse Judging,
Parliamentary Procedure, and Citrus
Judging

What advice do you have to a freshman just beginning their FFA experience?

MATT Don't be afraid to jump in with both feet! FFA has both learning and fun to offer you, so take every opportunity you have to participate.

KYLER Devote yourself to the FFA Creed, because you only get one shot to compete in that contest. If you commit yourself to the creed it will help you believe in yourself and this organization.

AALEXIAS The best advice I could give would be to be willing enough to put yourself outside of your comfort zone from the very beginning, whether that would be trying a contest you aren't sure about or even running for an officer position. I think it is so very important to realize that when we do things we are not necessarily comfortable with that is where we can truly learn and grow the most.

KYLE The advice I would give to a freshman is don't let variables you can't control get under your skin and stop you from jumping on opportunities. Life is 20% what happens, 80% how you react to it!

DEVIN One piece of advice I wish I was given as a freshman is to be adventurous! Freshman year is the prime year to step out of your comfort zone in order to find what you're truly passionate about.!

ORRIN Try something new! Don't be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone, believe in yourself and it might lead you to meet some of your best lifelong friends!

Favorite "tech-free" way to pass time.

MATT I enjoy visiting and eating with good friends.

KYLER A round of golf with my buddies.

AALEXIAS I usually either spend time with friends, coloring or even cleaning when trying to pass time.

KYLE My favorite way to pass time is to play the guitar.

DEVIN Being horseback, writing and drawing are my favorite ways to pass time.

ORRIN Fly-fishing for trout! I spend my winters tying my own flies, and every summer I use every free moment I have on small spring creeks, chasing wild beautiful trout. There is something about a calm day of fishing that relaxes the soul.

Favorite quote

MATT "Can't never could"

KYLER "Only I can change my life, no one else can do it for me." ~ Carol Burnett

AALEXIAS "Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody." ~ Kid President

KYLE "We could either be mad because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses" ~ Abraham Lincoln

DEVIN "Perhaps this is the moment for which you were created."

ORRIN "The power of imagination makes us infinite." ~ John Muir

**State FFA Treasurer
DEVIN GRIFFITH**

Birthday:
April 2, 1999

Home Chapter:
Arbuckle FFA

SAE: Cattle
Production
Entrepreneurship



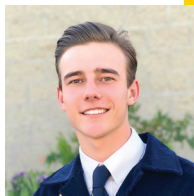
CDE/LDEs: Job Interview, Prepared
Public Speaking, Agricultural Sales, and
Parliamentary Procedure

**State FFA Reporter
KYLE DAYTON**

Birthday:
November 27,
2000

Home Chapter:
Jurupa Valley FFA

SAE: Swine
Production
Entrepreneurship



CDE/LDEs: Creed Recitation, Impromptu
Public Speaking, Livestock Judging Prepared
Public Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure

**State FFA Sentinel
ORRIN JONES**

Birthday:
February 14, 2000

Home Chapter:
Live Oak FFA

SAEs: Pasture
Management, and
Ag Mechanics



CDE/LDEs: Impromptu Public Speaking,
Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and
Agricultural Sales



Agricultural Issues Forum High Team
Santa Rosa FFA



Agricultural Sales High Team
Arbuckle FFA



Agronomy High Team
Tulelake FFA



Agricultural Mechanics High Team
Selma FFA



Agricultural Welding High Team
Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA



Agronomy High Individual
Gabriela Gonzalez-Zuniga, Tulelake FFA



Agricultural Mechanics High Individual
Boyd Fransen, Selma FFA



Agricultural Welding High Individual
Wade Hasch, Templeton FFA



Best Informed Greenhand High Team
Newman-Orestimba FFA



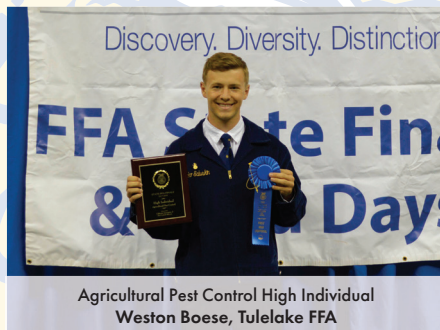
Agricultural Pest Control High Team
Tulelake FFA



AET / Farm Record Book High Team
Tulelake FFA



Best Informed Greenhand High Individual
Jose Cruz, Tranquillity FFA



Agricultural Pest Control High Individual
Weston Boise, Tulelake FFA



AET / Farm Record Book High Individual
Phoebe Bogdon, Lakeside-El Capitan FFA



Citrus Judging High Team
Tulare FFA

Proficiency Winners

Agricultural Communications

Jaryn Giampaoli, Le Grand FFA

Agricultural Education

Taylor Richardson, Healdsburg FFA

Agricultural Mechanics Design/Fabrication

Abbigail Prins, Tulare FFA

Ag. Mechanics Repair/Maintenance Entrepreneurship

Tanner Paquette, El Capitan FFA

Ag. Mechanics Repair/Maintenance Placement

Raul Morales, Madera FFA

Agricultural Processing

Kallie Huebert, Reedley-Immanuel FFA

Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship

Nitin Gupta, Tulare FFA

Agricultural Sales Placement

Ambria Schneringer, Modesto-Central Catholic FFA

Agricultural Services

Taylor Pryor, King City FFA

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

Kimberlina Santos, Madera FFA

Agriscience Research – Integrated System

Jonathan Moules, Turlock FFA

Agriscience Research – Plant Systems

Delaney Sarantopoulos, Elk Grove

Beef Production Entrepreneurship

Madison Dewar, Bakersfield-Independence FFA

Beef Production Placement

Bowdy Griffin, Loyalton FFA

Dairy Production Entrepreneurship

Derrick Pomi, Petaluma FFA

Dairy Production Placement

Matthew Rosa, Visalia-El Diamante FFA

Diversified Agricultural Production

Sean Van Loben Sels, Clarksburg-Delta FFA

Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship

Austin Robbins, Exeter FFA

Diversified Crop Production Placement

Irelyn Bese, Merced-Golden Valley FFA

Diversified Horticulture

Danny Joya, Madera FFA

Diversified Livestock

Amanda Thomas, Colusa FFA

Environmental Science/Natural Resources

Kayla Zalensy, Nipomo FFA

Equine Science Entrepreneurship

Katlyn Barath, Mt. Empire FFA

Equine Science Placement

Charlotte Irizarry, La Habra FFA

Fiber/Oil Crops

Dawson Holt, Corcoran FFA

Food Science and Technology

Tessa Flournoy, Orland FFA

Forage

Bailey Morrell, Willows FFA

Forest Management

Taylor Lovewell, Reedley-Immanuel FFA



Citrus Judging High Individual
Kaylee Faria, Visalia-El Diamante FFA



Dairy Cattle Judging High Team
Modesto FFA



Computer Applications High Team
Bakersfield-North FFA



Dairy Cattle Judging High Individual
Aidan Azevedo, Hilmar FFA



Computer Applications High Individual
Jennyfer Mejia, McFarland FFA



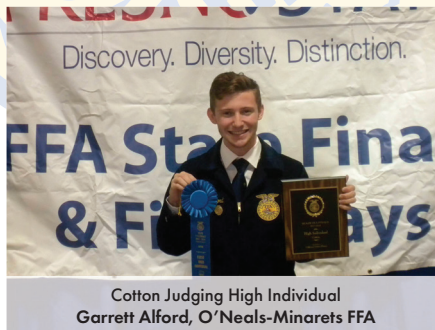
Farm Business Management High Team
Petaluma FFA



Cotton Judging High Team
Chowchilla FFA



Farm Business Management High Individual
Kelsey Martin, Petaluma FFA



Cotton Judging High Individual
Garrett Alford, O'Neals-Minarets FFA



Farm Power and Machinery High Team
Tulare FFA

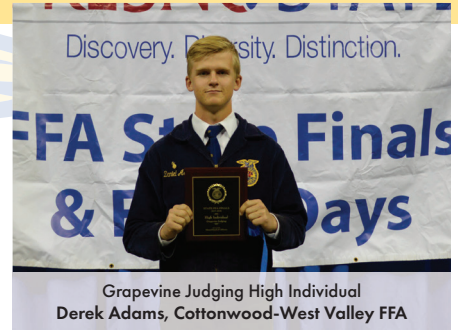
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Farm Power and Machinery High Individual
Ethan Harlan, Woodland FFA



Fruit Tree Judging High Team
Modesto-Johansen FFA



Grapevine Judging High Individual
Derek Adams, Cottonwood-West Valley FFA



Floriculture High Team
Altaville-Bret Harte FFA



Fruit Tree Judging High Individual
Roxana Olivas, Modesto-Johansen FFA



Grapevine Pruning High Team
Kingsburg FFA



Floriculture High Individual
Citalli Garcia, St. Helena FFA



Fruit Tree Pruning High Team
Reedley-Immanuel FFA



Grapevine Pruning High Individual
Daisy Ramirez, Selma FFA



Forestry High Team
Weaverville-Trinity FFA



Fruit Tree Pruning High Individual
Jazzlynn Franco, Santa Maria-Righetti FFA



Light Horse Judging High Team
Bakersfield-Frontier FFA



Forestry High Individual
Dylan Miller, Weaverville-Trinity FFA



Grapevine Judging High Team
Cottonwood-West Valley FFA



Light Horse Judging High Individual
Thea Vander Meulen, Ripon-Christian FFA

Proficiency Winners

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Goat Production

Willis Wolf, Merced-El Capitan FFA

Grain Production Entrepreneurship

Chase Dahle, Big Valley FFA

Grain Production Placement

Reagan Dahle, Big Valley FFA

Home and/or Community Development

Marissa Pendleton, Sebastopol FFA

Landscape Management

Anthony Wright, Heritage FFA

Nursery Operations

Ariel Scholten, Sebastopol FFA

Outdoor Recreation

Lance Santerre, Gridley FFA

Pomology Production

Edwin Madrid, Buena Park FFA

Poultry Production

Joshua Albrrecht, Chico-Core Butte FFA

Sheep Production

Kyler Vernon, Nipomo FFA

Small Animal Production and Care

Kaya Briscoe-Mattis, Atwater FFA

Specialty Animal

Conner Hiatt, Madera-Liberty FFA

Specialty Crop

Yadira Barrera, Pioneer Valley FFA

Swine Entrepreneurship

Courtney King, Petaluma FFA

Swine Placement

Corie Falaschi, Los Banos FFA

Turfgrass Management

Steven Mendonca, Galt FFA

Vegetable

Kelsi Cisney, Heritage FFA

Veterinary Science

Nichole Clinton, McKinleyville FFA

Viticulture Production

Katherine Golden, Poway FFA

Wildlife Production

Cody Nelson, Poway FFA •

Scholarship Recipients

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My Job Depends on Ag

Kyle Dayton, Jurupa Valley FFA

Bowdy Griffin, Loyalton FFA

Pacific Coast Producers Scholarship

Brandon Stoffel, Pleasant Grove FFA

Paul Freitas Memorial Scholarship

Mary Wright, Pitman FFA

The Willey Family Scholarship

Hailey Baldwin, Escondido FFA

Brianne Shannon, Mission Viejo FFA

Zenith Insurance Company Scholarship

Lantz Adams, Reedley Middle College FFA

Prentyce Hitt, Elk Grove FFA

Garrett Arand, North - Bakersfield FFA

Sydney Stocking, Woodland - Christian FFA •



Livestock Judging High Team
Oakdale FFA



Marketing (Co-ops) High Individual
Catrina Sada, San Luis Obispo FFA



Meat Judging High Individual
Annika Delreal, Clovis-East FFA



Livestock Judging High Individual
Michael Rezendes, O'Neals-Minarets FFA



Marketing Plan High Team
Exeter FFA



Milk Quality and Dairy Foods High Team
Nipomo FFA



Marketing (Co-ops) High Team
San Luis Obispo FFA



Meat Judging High Team
Madera FFA



Milk Quality and Dairy Foods High Individual
Kjori Murakami, Merced FFA

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Chapter Scoops



LIVINGSTON FFA Receives State Title

Submitted by Lauryn Franzese

Livingston FFA continues to redefine its history. On April 21, 2018 the Livingston FFA chapter beat out 331 programs to take the title of California State Program of Activities Champions. The Livingston FFA Program of Activities was created to serve as a guide for chapter members, parents, and community members. In the Program of Activities, or POA for short, you will find everything you need to be a successful member of the Livingston FFA Chapter. The Program of Activities includes information such as the chapter constitution, chapter calendar, leadership conferences, and FFA degrees. The countless hours and devotion put into the POA led the Livingston FFA chapter to their victory. Livingston's FFA Vice President, led the POA Committee with our advisor's assistance. This major accomplishment marks the first state championship in the last decade for Livingston FFA.



IMPERIAL FFA State Convention Memories

Submitted by Lauren Drewry

Imperial FFA attended the 90th California FFA State Convention in Anaheim with 14 students. The experience will forever help our members as they attended a number of unique and motivational leadership development workshops. All of the participating members returned from this exceptional convention with renewed vigor and skills learned from the sessions and workshops. One student said, "It is an experience I will never forget. I met students from all different chapters and had a great time!" The attendees came home with stories of people they met that influenced them for the better. Workshops provided by state and national officers helped students from our chapter realize their potential and grow as leaders. The Imperial FFA students loved attending the convention and plan on returning next year.



FIREBAUGH FFA Sectional Meeting

This year, the West Fresno Madera sectional meeting was held at Firebaugh High School. There were two people slated for every office available based on interviews held earlier. The delegates were given around 15 minutes to go and ask questions with those slated. The two slated for an office answered two questions with a minute each. After their answers were given, delegates from all 13 chapters chose who they believed was best fit for office. In the end, a wonderful turnout of our new 2018-2019 West Fresno Madera sectional officers came to be. The meeting was a great experience to meet new people and get to know them.

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Natural Resource Management High Team
Tollhouse-Sierra FFA



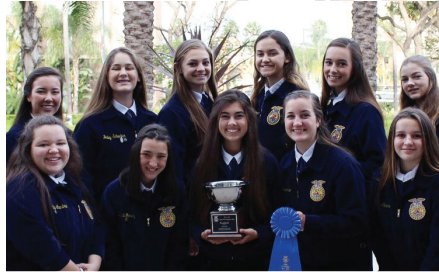
Program of Activities High Team
Livingston FFA



Soil and Land Evaluation High Team (Part 2, Cal Poly SLO)
Reedley-Middle College FFA



Nursery/Landscape High Team
Cottonwood-West Valley FFA



Scrapbook High Team
Central Catholic FFA



Vegetable Crop Judging High Team
Perris FFA



Nursery/Landscape High Individual
Paden Bear, Cottonwood-West Valley FFA



Small Engines High Team
Modesto-Beyer FFA



Vegetable Crop Judging High Individual
Noah Rast, Escalon FFA



Poultry Judging High Team
Santa Maria-Righetti FFA



Small Engines High Individual
Roby Morales, Merced-El Capitan FFA



Veterinary Science High Team
Susanville-Lassen FFA



Poultry Judging High Individual
Sonora Robertson, Santa Maria-Righetti FFA



Soil and Land Evaluation High Team (Part 1, CSU Fresno)
O'Neals Minarets FFA



Veterinary Science High Individual
Kassie Sandborg, Susanville-Lassen FFA

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also have our first American FFA Degree recipients, Jared Alamo and David Phillips. Lastly, Mrs. Morris was awarded the California STAR FFA Advisor in Anaheim last April, among one of the youngest to join the elite group.

Our program is still growing, facing new challenges, and changing students' lives each and every day. We still feel like the new kids on the block, but we are very proud of what we have achieved. Central Catholic FFA will continue to provide agriculture, leadership, service, faith and family for our students. Our successes can be contributed to those who support us, coach us and believe in us. We have plenty to be thankful for and continue to trust in the Lord for his blessings. Central Catholic FFA challenges you to "Break the Mold," try something new, make new traditions and know that anything is possible! •



Photo Captions (starting at top and rotating clockwise): Our public speaking competitors at the 2016 Sectional contest bringing home some ribbons; Our annual Boots 'n Blue Jeans event is our only fundraiser for our program. There is an average of 400 guests and approximately \$125,000 profit; David Phillips receiving second place in California for Prepared Public Speaking in 2017; and Ms. Jordan (left) displaying the 2017-2018 Sectional CATA Outstanding 2-3 Ag Department alongside Mrs. Morris (right) with her award for the 2017-2018 Sectional CATA Outstanding Young Teacher.



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ARROYO GRANDE FFA The Great AGventure

Submitted by Guin Dechance

On May 11, 2018, Arroyo Grande FFA took on the challenge of leading 400 fourth graders from the Lucia Mar School District around the agriculture department to teach them about the agricultural industry in the annual AGventure. Forty FFA members led classes and performed demonstrations exhibiting different aspects of agriculture. The students' presentations showed some of the chapter's cattle roping experts and the pigs, sheep, and poultry raised at our school farm for the Santa Barbara County Fair. The chapter was joined by the San Luis Obispo County Cattle Women, who assisted in numerous presentations including butter churning, apple grafting, and dissecting owl pellets. The young students left at the end of their AGventure, excited about their new knowledge and experiences.

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GUSTINE FFA Honoring Veterans

Submitted by Aubrie Hazan

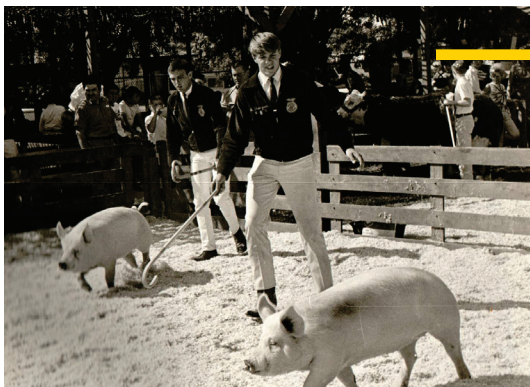
"Living to Serve," as stated in the FFA Motto is important to the Gustine FFA Chapter. FFA members were given the opportunity to serve our community's veterans and the sacrifices that they made for our freedom. On Friday, May 25th, eleven Gustine FFA members were proud to honor the men and women who served in our military by placing crosses and flags at the Hills Ferry Cemetery. Megan Azevedo who attended the event said, "It was nice to be able to honor the veterans who served for our country." The students enjoyed giving back.



MADERA FFA Memorial Day Celebration

Submitted by Kimberly Copland

Memorial Day is more than just a day off of school for the Madera FFA chapter. They see it as a day to give back to those who gave their all for our country. Working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the members helped set up Memorial Park in Madera. The members helped set up over 75 U.S. flags throughout the park and at the memorial statues. The veterans took the time to tell members about their experiences and the importance of the Memorial Day celebration. Members helped the veterans throughout the day and helped pack up and store the flags.



SANGER FFA Recognizing Historical FFA Alumni

Submitted by Haidyn Washburn

The Sanger FFA Chapter is looking forward to a terrific year, kicking off with the recognition of former chapter members who were actively involved in FFA, and continue to be involved in agriculture in their daily lives. Sanger is starting a new project in which we interview Sanger High School alumni about how they incorporate ag into their careers and employ the ideals that were instilled in them through FFA. Sanger High is on a journey to teach our new FFA members about what we've done in the past. It will be extremely rewarding for our current members to learn about our history and delve into activities offered to past members. This can encourage their involvement in agriculture in the future. •

Your Chapter FFA

We want to hear from your chapter!

1) Submit a 100-150 word article about a recent activity.

- a. Please do not include members or advisors names within the article.
- b. The article should be about an interesting/unique type of FFA activity. This is an opportunity to showcase new and innovative chapter activities.

2) Attach a GREAT quality digital photo of the activity.

- a. Photos should be in color and help further explain the submitted article.
- b. Photos must be sent as individual jpeg files.

3) Email the above information to news@californiaffa.org.

The subject of the email must include your chapter's name. In the email, please include the author of the chapter scoop and title of the article.

4) Please reference page two for submission deadlines

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wilsonkiff Incredibly thankful for all of the lessons this jacket has taught me, and the people it has brought into my life.



ant.cruz_179 The 90th Annual FFA State Leadership Conference labeled "Activate" was so inspiring. I was so glad to meet so many new and amazing people. I love you, California FFA, and hope to see you guys next year. This was an experience of a lifetime.



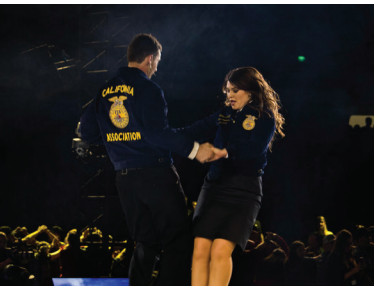
kingovfrotten My life has been blessed by the 90th California State Conference, which included the making of new memories with new and old friends alike. Although this is my last conference, it has opened new doors for me to pursue in life with the knowledge and experience I have gained.



santarosa_ffa Thank you so much Anaheim for treating us well at the 90th CA FFA Convention! Now we're home ready to #activateffa and embark on a new journey with all of the knowledge we've learned.



spookstersahian Thank You to this group of amazing individuals that have shared the past few days with me and 7,500 others that share the same passion for this organization! I have met my best friends, my favorite teachers, and made unforgettable memories through the FFA. I am so so SO happy to have spent my high school years preparing and competing, showing, dancing and singing with my chapter, and putting on meetings. Although this was my last state conference... it has got to be my favorite. What other chapter will have a riff off in line at California Adventures against the past State Officer team and win? I love you guys!



ffaarcata Arcata FFA had a great time at the 90th State FFA Convention. We met new people attending workshops and sat in sessions listening to the inspiring words of the California State Officers. We can't wait for next year!



xtophjr Well, I'm late on the post but whatever, my final state convention was epic. Although I wasn't with my own chapter very much, I ran around trying to see everything the convention had to offer as well as hang out with my friends from other schools I've made through the FFA this year! Disneyland's California Adventure was a blast and I got to see some awesome new state officers get installed! It's been real California FFA. Here's to coming back as an alumnus!