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### We want to hear from you...

We are always looking for great stories about members and alumni around our state. Know of a story that we should feature in CA FFA News? Please email news@californiaffa.org.

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Winter ..... August 15th  
Spring ..... November 15th  
Summer ..... February 15th

### Stay in touch...

*"California FFA"*



# NATIONAL FFA Convention & Expo

THE GOLDEN STATE OF CALIFORNIA FFA STAYED GOLDEN DURING THE 89TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AND EXPO. Our convention delegates and all attendees from California had an excellent time Transforming FFA and their futures. We are so proud of all of our contestants and National Champions featured on pages four and five. California also boasted 318 American Degree Recipients. Recipients are listed, beginning on page 12.



*Revised submission deadlines*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH • 7-10** Sacramento Leadership

Experience (SLE) - Sacramento **APRIL • 20** State

Speaking Finals - Fresno **21** State Parli Pro Finals

- Fresno **22-25** California FFA State Convention

- Fresno **MAY • 6** Cal Poly State Finals - Cal

Poly San Luis Obispo

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# Taking a Look Back at California FFA



## 50 Years Ago! Retro Edition - May 1966

The California  
**FUTURE FARMER**



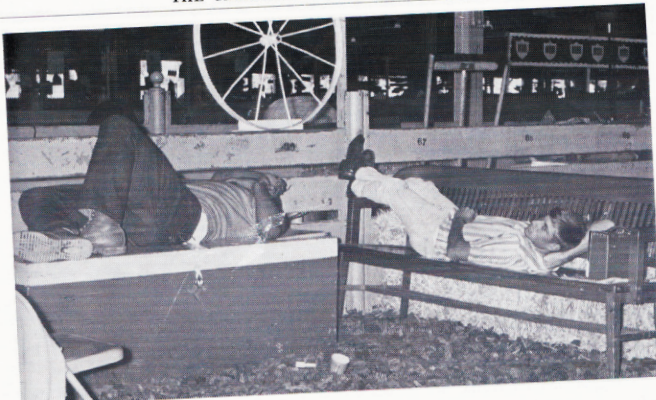
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THE CALIFORNIA FUTURE FARMER

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### Brothers Invite Hunters to Ranch

Two Marin County brothers are harvesting a new kind of "crop" with a bang.

The crop with a bang in this instance is pheasant hunters.

Bob and Fred Dickson, brothers who raise small grain on 1,500 acres of land in the Black Point area of San Francisco Bay, have for the second year set aside 1,000 acres for a membership hunting club.

So far as is known, says the Council of California Growers, the Dicksons are the first farmers in California to operate a commercial hunting facility and continue to farm the same land.

The club, complete with a clubhouse and even dogs for rent, now has 280 members. The majority

#### California Tops Cash Crops

California sells the most farm products—worth \$3.6 billion—per year, topping Iowa with \$2.7 and Texas with \$2.3 billion. California also was first with cash receipts from all crops, but took second place to Iowa for all livestock and livestock products.

The same state had the biggest production expenses, too. California farms ran up a total of \$2.7 billion for 1964; Iowa, \$2.2 billion; Texas, \$1.8 billion.

—from The Farm Index

live in San Francisco, only 30 minutes away by automobile.

The last year, more than 10,000 pheasants were released on the property.

Some of the farming operations have had to be adjusted in order to accommodate the hunters and the pheasants, says Fred Dickson, but otherwise the hunting enterprise has created few problems. "It is better in many ways than

having hunters breaking down fences, accidentally starting fires, and creating other forms of havoc under the unorganized form of hunting in the past," he comments.

The Dicksons report that other farmers, especially those near metropolitan centers, are becoming interested in similar operations.

Mike Sutsos, professional hunter and dog trainer, is in charge of the hunting enterprise on the Dickson farm.

#### First-year FFA'er Skyrockets to Top

Dan Lund, Lodi Future Farmer, entered agriculture for the first time last year, as a junior, when he moved to Lodi.

He went out for the Dairy cattle judging team. He had never judged before.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to give reasons in a judging contest. Dan had trouble with his reasons. But he worked hard.

He worked at placing and giving reasons so hard that in three months he caught up with the other team members of three years' standing. At the end of the year, he was pushing for top place.

Are you a Dan Lund? Maybe you are a beginner. Maybe you can make the team.

Frank Gonzalves  
Lodi Chapter Reporter

#### Galt High Offers Ten Vo-Ag Classes

This year Galt High School is offering ten vocational agriculture classes in three areas—agricultural science, ag mechanics and ag skills.

The department has grown from 40 enrollees in 1961 to over 100 in 1966. Nine of these students are girls. Since 1961, Galt has received the Master Chapter award three times.

The enlarged program has necessitated the addition of a new instructor. Assisting the head of the department, Mr. Jack Scott, will be Mr. Neil Cook. Mr. Cook is a graduate of Chico State College and the University of California at Davis.



Newly elected officers of the California Association of the Future Farmers of America for 1966-67 are pictured here with Don Wilson, State FFA Advisor (left) in front of the national emblem. Standing next to Wilson are Don Silncei, vice president, of Petaluma; Joe Tremovic, secretary, of Dos Palos; Steve DeBrum, president, of Hanford; Paul Kresge, president, of Big Valley at Beiber; Bob Spiller, reporter, of Cleveland High School at Northridge; and Bob Rutherford, treasurer, of Oakdale.

### "Galt High Offers Ten Vo-Ag Classes"

From 100 members in 1966, Galt FFA has grown to 585 members and well over ten vocational education classes 60-years later. Visit page six to discover what makes Galt FFA this edition's Featured Chapter.

### "California Top Cash Crops" 1966

"California sells the most farm products - worth \$3.6 billion - per year, topping Iowa..."

- The Farm Index 1966

### Today's Value

"In 2015 California's farms and ranches received approximately \$47 billion for their output."

- California Department of Food and Agriculture

### Did you know?

California's agricultural abundance includes more than 400 commodities. Over a third of the country's vegetables and two-thirds of fruits and nuts are grown in California. •

# National FFA Convention & Expo Results

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



**MARKETING PLAN** ..... **ATWATER FFA**  
Erika Matola, Juan Hernandez, and Amanda Skidmore



**AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FORUM** ..... **GALT FFA**  
Eliseo Diaz, Madeline Franke, Jose Juarez, Isaac Martinez, Saul Ortiz, and Carlos Torres



**AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS** ..... **BEAR RIVER FFA**  
Alex Nelson, Caleb Marsh, Jared Kilgore, and Justin Kilgore

## NATIONAL FFA AGRISCIENCE FAIR FINALISTS

**Kaitlin Ramus and Sophie Weisman of Lodi FFA**  
Animal Systems Division Three  
Gold Medal Finalist, 5th place

**Kaitlyn McFarlan and Francesca Perrotta of Exeter FFA**  
Animal Systems Division Three  
Gold Medal Finalist, 5th place

**Atticus Humphrey of Sanger FFA**  
Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems Division Two  
Silver Medal Finalist, 11th place

**Christina Graber and Chrissy Martinez of Merrill F West FFA**  
Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems Division Four  
Silver Medal Finalist, 9th place

**McKenna Feaster of Elk Grove FFA**  
Food Products and Processing Systems Division One  
Silver Medal Finalist, 8th place

**Mason Sanfilippo and Larry Satter of Elk Grove FFA**  
Food Products and Processing Systems Division Four  
Silver Medal Finalist, 11th place

**Sarah Grizzle of Holville FFA**  
Plant Systems Division One  
Silver Medal Finalist, 11th place

**Andrew Dias of Central Valley FFA**  
Plant Systems Division Two  
Silver Medal Finalist, 7th place

**Delaney Sarantopoulos and Kylie Applemun of Elk Grove FFA**  
Plant Systems Division Three  
Gold Medal Finalist, 2nd place

**Kaylee Rumbaugh and Elijah Ewing of Exeter FFA**  
Plant Systems Division Four  
Silver Medal Finalist, 14th place

**Taylor Hutchison of Elk Grove FFA**  
Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division One  
Silver Medal Finalist, 8th place

**Daniel Peden of Turlock FFA**  
Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division Two  
Gold Medal Finalist, 5th place

**Logan Sigmon and Sarah Sigmon of Elk Grove FFA**  
Power, Structural and Technical Systems Division Four  
Gold Medal Finalist, 7th place

**Alexandria Anderson of Escalon FFA**  
Social Systems Division Two  
Gold Medal Finalist, 5th place

## NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD

Exeter FFA was named the 2016 National Model of Innovation Chapter Award winner in community development.

The nation's top ten three-star chapters in the community development division competed for the award.

In addition to multiple two and one star chapters across the state, Galt FFA and Norco FFA were the two other Three Star Chapters for 2016 National Chapter award by National FFA Organization.

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**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE . . . . . O'NEALS-MINARETS FFA**  
David Broyles, Christian Low, Shyann Mattes, Sienna Pillsbury, Teresa Spencer, and Michael Warnert



**EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
.....ANDREW SKIDMORE  
ATWATER FFA

## NATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY FINALISTS

**Dustin Suttles of El Capitan FFA**  
Agricultural Mechanics  
Design & Fabrication -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

**Amanda Morrison of Pine Valley  
- Mountain Empire FFA**  
Agricultural Mechanics  
Repair & Maintenance -  
Entrepreneurship

**Jose Rios of Santa Maria FFA**  
Agricultural Mechanics Design  
& Fabrication - Placement

**Kenneth Watkins of Linden FFA**  
Agricultural Sales -  
Entrepreneurship

**Halley Lauchland of Lodi FFA**  
Agriscience Research - Plant  
Systems

**Kendall McBride of Ferndale FFA**  
Forest Management and  
Products - Entrepreneurship/  
Placement

**Mark Cavallero of Madera FFA**  
Fruit Production -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

**Madelyn Vigo of Kingsburg FFA**  
Nursery Operations -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

**Paige Cloyes of Lemoore FFA**  
Small Animal Production and  
Care - Entrepreneurship/  
Placement

**Daysee Magana of Fallbrook FFA**  
Specialty Animal Production -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

**Kailey Lemon of Minarets FFA**  
Wildlife Production  
and Management -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement •

# FFA STREET BEAT



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californiaffa To show our gratitude & respect, California FFA laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier this morning. Shine light onto those who have served you. #LaunchFFA

terrabellamusic Incredible!!! #ForeverBlue

tkvernon What an awesome tribute. This picture is incredible. Great job CA FFA Officers.

renegaderanch @oreomilkshake84 oreomilkshake84 I was there!! @renegaderanch it was amazing

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californiaffa We have arrived in Indy!! National Convention -- here we come! 🇺🇸 #TransformFFA #LaunchFFA chardonay\_is\_cool Having fun

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gvffa We just made it into Indianapolis for the 89th National FFA Convention! Looking forward to a great week of learning, friendships, and tourism! #transformffa #launchffa

cowboypeanut Be safe y'all and remember Cougar Pridelx

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# FEATURED CHAPTER

## Galt FFA

Located 20 miles south of Sacramento and adjacent to the Consumes River Preserve, you will find the small, yet beautiful town of Galt. Galt is home to over 25,000 people and surrounded by agriculture production ranging from dairy products to beef cattle and grain production. As Galt was founded by a group of farmers, it was only natural for agriculture education to thrive in the community. In 1928, Galt FFA was chartered and has become a nationally and state recognized Agriculture Education program that has seen tremendous growth since being founded. With over 60% of the Galt High School student body enrolled in agriculture, 585 members, the agriculture program continues to exceed expectations. All agriculture courses offered emphasize hands-on learning in the Agriscience, Ag Mechanics and Ornamental Horticulture pathways that focus on the development of leadership, college and career skills. Additionally, the Ag Leadership class works with the student leadership group on campus (ASB) and plays an integral part in the planning and facilitation of school-wide rallies and events. Galt FFA believes that by becoming one with the school, it can only help create the culture of family and acceptance of all of our students. We pride ourselves in meeting the needs of our students and have offered several



new courses and opportunities over the past few years. New courses that have been offered this year include Farm to Fork and Agriculture Diesel Technology. Over the past several years, the Galt Agriculture program has experienced many successes and has continued to grow to meet the needs of all students.

This year's theme for Galt FFA is "All In." "All In" represents Galt FFA members' daily attitude. When students walk the halls of the agriculture department they feel acceptance, they feel purpose, they feel success, but most importantly, they feel family. This feeling is evident through the contagious success the members work hard to demonstrate. "Ag Fam" is a common slogan used in Galt FFA, and it is emulated every day through the support and success of Galt FFA. This past November, Galt FFA's State Champion

Ag Issues and Poultry Judging teams traveled to Indiana to compete in their respective contests at the National FFA Convention. Through their hard work and perseverance they were named the National Champion Ag Issues Team (first time for any California team to win this contest) and National Reserve Champion Poultry Judging Team. Additionally, Galt FFA was awarded the Three Star National Chapter Award, an award that only 40 high schools received in the nation this past year. Furthermore, members are offered opportunities to excel in all areas of agriculture education. This is just a small snapshot of the success of the Galt FFA. Our chapter officers and advisors take pride in the success at the local level. From over 200 members attending every monthly meeting to community service of three blood



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drives every year, the spirit of the “Ag Fam” is evident every day. The blood drives represent the selfless attitude of the Galt FFA members as well as their commitment to service in the local community. This can also be found in the local Harvest Day, festivals and parades that Galt FFA members participate in. As Galt FFA continues to provide an agriculture program that offers more opportunities to students to pursue all aspects of agriculture, there has been a focus on increasing the development of Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects for students.

Several cooperative opportunities have been created to assist in the teaching of a variety of agricultural and life skills for the students enrolled in our program. It is very important for every member to have an opportunity to experience all the FFA has to offer. In addition to the two acre school farm that houses over 35 fair projects each year, Galt FFA is implementing a flower and vegetable garden

and small area on campus that will focus on tree and vine production. Galt FFA offers different cooperative SAEs to provide more opportunities to students. These cooperatives include a two acre pumpkin patch that allows members to work with the local elementary school, Oak View. On campus, there is a Poultry and Meat Rabbit Cooperative. These cooperatives employ over 25 FFA members as they care for the chickens, market and deliver the eggs, and feed and care for rabbits. The Boer Goat cooperative includes does that are owned and managed by students in order to develop skills and applied knowledge in animal husbandry. The offspring from these does are raised by Galt FFA students and then exhibited and marketed at the Sacramento County Fair. Through these SAE cooperatives, members are exposed to production agriculture and small business management. Combining these projects of the two-acre pumpkin patch cooperative, the poultry, meat rabbit and boer goat cooperatives provides an ample supply

of “Warrior Grown” agricultural commodities that will be showcased starting this spring with the implementation of a Farmers Market on campus. Highlighting the members’ hard work through farmers markets is just a small way that members contribute to the success of Galt FFA.

**Photo Captions**

*Clockwise, starting on opposite page at top:*

- The Ag Department offers an “Ag Fam” to over 60% of the school’s students.
- 2016 National FFA Reserve Champion Poultry Evaluation Team
- National Convention attendees visiting Notre Dame
- WLE participants from Galt FFA
- Galt FFA Chapter Officers at COLC
- All bundled up for the Christmas Parade
- National Convention attendees visiting Churchill Downs
- National Champion Agricultural Issues team! The first California team in the 22 year history of this contest to win. •





## California FFA was truly transformed by the 89th National FFA Convention and Expo...

Record numbers of California FFA members embarked on the journey to Indianapolis to be exposed to new leadership skills, compete for awards, and learn from FFA members from all over the nation. We were humbled and proud to have some of the highest scoring teams and several Career Development Event, Agriscience, Proficiency, and Public Speaking champions. Three hundred and eighteen dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate individuals claimed the highest award given by the FFA, the American FFA Degree. Some of the California delegates and FFA members traveled to Washington, D.C. where we were fortunate enough to witness and participate in the laying of the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery and even ventured out into the National Mall. Along with other sightseeing we were fortunate to have been able to tour the United States

Holocaust Memorial Museum and pay our respects. Since National Convention and the Washington, D.C. trip we have been preparing and hosting MFE and ALA leadership conferences as well as prepping for State Conference. We are beyond excited and lucky to have had the opportunity to meet just some of the amazing members of the California FFA. The 89th California FFA State Leadership Conference will push beyond boundaries and send you on an adventure to find your potential, as we are "Limitless." We hope to see you there!

*Andrew, Lauren, Amanda, Samuel, Conner, and Jace •*



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# Chapter Scoops



## DELTA CHARTER FFA A Helping Hand

Delta Charter FFA in Tracy is a relatively new chapter. Established in 2015, the chapter has really stepped up their game. Students of Delta Charter High School and our FFA program partake in our monthly community service activities. Since August, students have participated in six community service activities, including everything from raking leaves, cleaning our campuses, and even writing letters to our troops overseas. Delta Charter FFA really believes in helping everyone in our community, for they have given us so much. Our first semester of agricultural education was a success and we look forward to the next one!

## MCFARLAND FFA 5k Turkey Trot

Of all the events the McFarland FFA Chapter hosts, one of our favorites is our annual 5K Turkey Trot held at McFarland High School. This year was our second year hosting this event with the help of our local Cross Country team. Participants ran three miles, going through the city of McFarland. We had over 20 runners participate in this event, the youngest being six years old and the oldest being eighty three years old. The winners of each division received a free Thanksgiving Turkey, our chapter awarded 13 turkeys in total. It is definitely one of our favorite events that we as a community come together for.



## Your Chapter FFA

### Tell us your chapter's scoop! Here's how...

- 1) Submit a 100-150 word article about your chapter's recent activity.
  - a. Please do not include members or advisors names within the article.
  - b. The article should be about an interesting and/or unique FFA activity. This is an opportunity to showcase new and innovative chapter activities.
- 2) Attach a GREAT quality digital photo.
  - a. Photos should be in color and help further explain the submitted article.
  - b. Photos must include members with appropriate clothing and behavior.
  - c. Photos must be sent as individual jpeg files.

3) Email the above information to [news@californiaffa.org](mailto: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 California FFA News revised submission deadlines.

Revised  
submission  
deadlines

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## NEVADA UNION FFA Spirit of Giving

Submitted by Emma Lawless

During the holiday season, Nevada Union FFA is in the spirit of giving. Every December, Nevada County (the county in which Nevada Union High School is located) collects cans of food to be donated to the community Donation Day Parade that goes through downtown Grass Valley on December 14th. Nevada Union FFA has collected and brought the most cans almost every year of the Donation Day Parade and by far the most cans collected within the High School. The 2016 Donation Day was the 133rd Annual Donation Day that Nevada County has put together, and Nevada Union FFA was excited to participate and donate once again.



## BUENA PARK FFA Scary Farm

Submitted by Brian Velazquez

Buena Park FFA's Fundraising and Community Service Committee hosted the annual "Scary Farm" event which took place on October 25th and 26th. The event was open to all students and the community. The committee turned the barns into a large haunted maze and had other activities and games for people to play. Participants could play games such as pin the boo on the ghost, witch pitch, mini tractor races, face painting, and many more! The haunted maze was the main event of the evening and we had the largest attendance in

years. Students and community members enjoyed the experience and had a great time. The money that was collected went back to the ag department to help pay for FFA activities and events for the spring semester.

## ESCONDIDO FFA The Life of a Livestock Intern

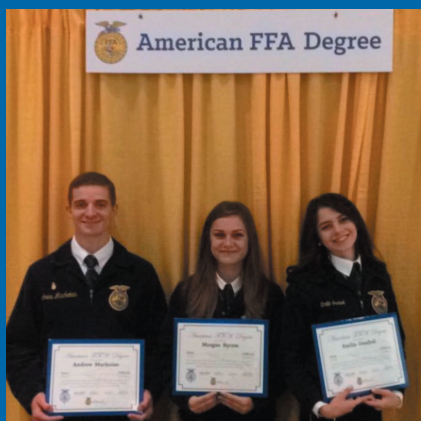
By Tori Pedersen

Having 22 ewes, one ram, two goats, and two sows has created the need to hire interns at the Escondido High School farm. The applicants are students in the Escondido FFA department who would like to learn more about the livestock aspect of agriculture and are interviewed personally by the FFA advisor. The five interns feed the animals, give medication, clean the facilities, and help run the breeding program at the school farm. Some of the most difficult and stressful times of the year are breeding season and fair season because the interns are on call every minute of every day in case of an emergency. As an intern, the selected students receive the opportunity to learn more about agriculture, livestock, and veterinary practices, which can be helpful in discovering different career opportunities in agriculture. While on the job, interns learn valuable life lessons such as time management, responsibility, organization, and teamwork. All members are encouraged to apply for an internship as long as they are determined, hardworking, and have a love for animals.



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Cameo Miller, Apple Valley FFA  
 Whitney Whitaker, Atascadero FFA  
 Corinne Sherman, Atwater-Buhach Colony FFA  
 Holly Hockett, Auburn-Placer FFA  
 Jennifer Fisk, Auburn-Placer FFA  
 Angelica Aldana, Bakersfield FFA  
 Kristyn Smith, Bakersfield-Frontier FFA  
 Ashley Holden, Bakersfield-Frontier FFA  
 Hannah Grace, Bakersfield-Independence FFA  
 Conner Schooler, Bakersfield-Independence FFA  
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 Dominick Dicerto, Clovis FFA  
**Emilie Gambriel, Clovis FFA** (pictured below)  
**Andrew Machoian, Clovis FFA** (pictured below)  
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 Branden Woodring, Colusa FFA  
 Zoe Strachan-Payne, Davis FFA  
 Jocelyn Pobsi, Delano FFA  
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 Jillian Raycraft, Dixon FFA  
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 Breeann Sturges, Exeter FFA  
 Isaac Varela, Fallbrook FFA  
 Jordan Janikowski, Fallbrook FFA  
 Macie Wokal, Fillmore FFA  
 Breeanna Berrington, Fillmore FFA

# California's American Degree Recipients

The American FFA Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs). Less than 1% of FFA members receive the degree, making it one of the organization's highest honors.

Timothy Klittich, Fillmore FFA  
 Salvador Lopez, Fillmore FFA  
 Yadira Aguilar, Firebaugh FFA  
 Jason Allen, Firebaugh FFA  
 Eddie Cardiel, Firebaugh FFA  
 Jonathon Crank, Firebaugh FFA  
 Elias Fernandez, Firebaugh FFA  
 Armando Paredes, Firebaugh FFA  
 Alfredo Rodriguez, Firebaugh FFA  
 Marcos Rojas, Firebaugh FFA  
 Holland Snyder, Firebaugh FFA  
 Emily Eakins, Forestville FFA  
 Amanda Raffety, Forestville FFA  
 Kayleen Kemp, Fortuna FFA  
 Anthony Gonzalez, Fresno-Central FFA  
 Brandi R. Gourley, Fresno-Central FFA  
 Shannon Muzio, Fresno-Central FFA  
 Sean Pimentel, Fresno-Central FFA

Christian Rubio, Fresno-Central FFA  
 Jimmy Ward, Fresno-Central FFA  
 Austin Welch, Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA  
 Michaela Vindel, Golden Valley FFA  
 Audrianna Farmer, Golden Valley FFA  
 Vanessa Arroyo, Gonzales FFA  
 Lucio Bahena, Gonzales FFA  
 Juan Guerrero, Gonzales FFA  
 Luis Morales, Gonzales- FFA  
 Hugo Rico, Gonzales FFA  
 Alma Elena Rodriguez, Gonzales FFA  
 Miguel De Jesus Rodriguez, Gonzales FFA  
 Raquel Ruelas, Gonzales FFA  
 Ivan Zarate, Gonzales FFA  
 Shane Green, Grass Valley-Bear River FFA  
 Griffith Peterson, Grass Valley-Bear River FFA  
 Rachel Randall, Grass Valley-Bear River FFA  
 Zharen Alcaide-Terpstra, Gregori FFA  
 Elisabeth Regusci, Gregori FFA  
 Elise Regusci, Gregori FFA  
 Jacob Van Klavern, Gregori FFA  
 Marc Abdallah, Gustine FFA  
 Tony Lopes, Gustine FFA  
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 Benjamin Beck, Hanford FFA  
 Matthew Carrera, Hanford FFA  
 Joseph Gingles, Hanford FFA  
 Madilyn Koelewyn, Hanford FFA  
 Lauren Pepe, Hanford FFA  
 Jacob Pimentel, Hanford FFA  
 Natalie Starich, Hanford FFA  
 Jesus Vazquez, Hanford FFA  
**Anthony Klisura, Healdsburg FFA**  
 (pictured on page 13, upper left)  
 Kelsey Clark, Heritage FFA

Katie Holmquist, Heritage FFA  
 Rainey Reedy, Heritage FFA  
 Cassidy Steenbock, Heritage FFA  
 Bailee Nelson, Hollister FFA  
 Shaelynn Kutz, Hollister-San Benito Jt. FFA  
 Katherine White, Hollister-San Benito FFA  
 Jackson Calbreath, Hughson FFA  
 Cheyenne Dejarnett, Hughson FFA  
 Jeffrey Gaylord, Hughson FFA  
 Kristen Voss, Hughson FFA  
 Daniela Abatti, Imperial FFA  
 Hannah Billows, Jackson-Argonaut FFA  
 Brooke Van Olden, Johansen FFA  
 Bonnie Maccallister, Kelseyville FFA  
 Rachel Hart, King City FFA  
 Brooke Taylor, King City FFA  
 Kiana Almaguer, King City FFA  
 Saul Eflen Armenta, King City FFA

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Cristian Howard Camarena, King City FFA  
Lauren Rena Davis, King City FFA  
Miriam Pacheco, King City FFA  
Lesly Rodriguez, King City FFA  
Ashley Abrahamson, Kingsburg FFA  
Derek Aslan, Kingsburg FFA  
Ty Bamford, Kingsburg FFA  
Eli Grant, Kingsburg FFA  
Cole Hansen, Kingsburg FFA  
Konnor Henslee, Kingsburg FFA  
Alex Jackson, Kingsburg FFA  
Chad Mehta, Kingsburg FFA  
Cody Nash, Kingsburg FFA  
Sal Urueta, Kingsburg FFA  
Jordan Whitehead, Kingsburg FFA  
Kendall Woods, Kingsburg FFA  
Bonel Lizaraga, Lakeside-El Capitan FFA  
Brock Roland, Lakeside-El Capitan FFA  
Robert Fryhling, Lakeside-El Capitan FFA  
Patrick Golden, Lakeside-El Capitan FFA  
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Each year, at the National FFA Convention & Expo, those who have made outstanding contributions to the National FFA Organization are awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree.



Honorary American Degree recipients from California include (pictured from left to right) Ms. Julie Beechinor, Bakersfield-Frontier FFA (San Joaquin Region), Mr. Jake Dunn, Petaluma FFA (North Coast Region), Mr. Troy Van Bavel, Lucerne Valley FFA (Southern Region), Mr. Josiah Mayfield, Sacramento, CA, and Ms. Bonnie Magill, Marysville FFA (Superior Region). Not pictured: Ms. Nikki Maddux, Tracy FFA (Central Region), Ms. Linda Todd, Morro Bay FFA (South Coast Region), Mr. Luke Larson, Holtville FFA (Southern Region), and Ms. Angela Mayfield, Plymouth, CA.

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## **SOLEDAD FFA** **Mini Greenhand Leadership Camp**

*Submitted by Anissa Lopez-Chavez*

On September 16th and 17th, Soledad FFA hosted its first mini greenhand leadership camp. The event kicked off with a quick ice breaker and beginning session of workshops, each focusing on different leadership and FFA skills. As the day progressed and dinner was finished, the officers started a bonfire and the members sang songs. When night turned pitch dark, everyone headed into their rooms to either watch a movie or sit around and tell scary stories until everyone fell asleep. As morning arrived, the students packed up, collected breakfast, and ran to the second session of workshops. After that, the Greenhands joined together for a round of dodgeball and to eat their lunches. Directly after, the students left, but we could hear them talking about how much fun they had. We hope to continue this tradition as it was a great experience for all.



## **NEWMAN FFA** **Spreading Holiday Cheer**

*Submitted by Maria Martinez*

The Newman FFA Chapter takes pride in our involvement within the community. For our monthly meeting we decided to create decorations to be hung up at the local convalescent home to brighten up the facility. Students created crafts, such as plate turkeys and leaf chain banners with encouraging words written on the leaves. The day after the meeting we took our officers, as well as members from the community service and fundraising committees, to hang up the decorations and interact with the residents of the convalescent home. This was a great experience for the chapter and we hope to find additional new ways to interact with our supportive city!



## **FIREBAUGH FFA** **The Jump of a Lifetime**

On November 10th, Firebaugh FFA took 68 students to their first ever Skywalk activity. Firebaugh FFA reserved Skywalk for the whole night: six hours of jump time! If students didn't want to jump, there were movies playing in the lobby, as well as several areas to sleep. Throughout the night, many stopped jumping and went to rest or eat snacks. At 1:00 am the Skywalk staff had a grand idea to perform the popular mannequin challenge, which you can see on Skywalk's sports Instagram. As the night went on members held a dodgeball tournament, where many participated and one team remained undefeated for five games, receiving five one-hour jump time vouchers for Skywalk (one voucher for each player). It was such a great and fun experience bonding with the FFA members, that many students want it to be a yearly activity. Thus ending another fabulous event hosted by Firebaugh FFA. •

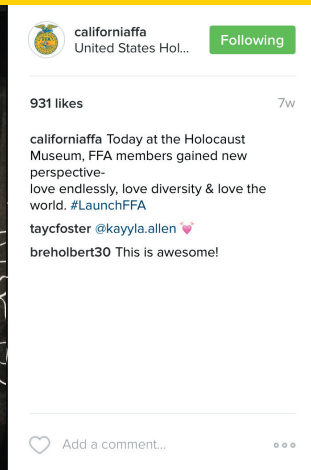
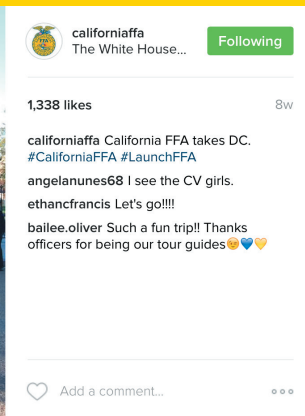
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