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Future Farmers of America
FOUNDATION, INC.

2014 Annual Report

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Former FFA member (Cookeville High School) and State FFA Treasurer Rhedona Rose sits down with 2014-2015 State FFA Sentinel Shelby Day.



Allie Ellis and Coty Vannoy sit and discuss inspiration and growth in the FFA.

FOUNDATION STAFF



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Intern



The 86th State FFA Convention held on March 24-27, 2014 in Gatlinburg was a huge success. Total attendance exceeded 3,400 students, advisors, parents, and guests. A record 44 exhibitors from agribusiness, agricultural organizations, universities, government, and fundraising ventures set up displays at the vendor/trade show. A record 54 Agriscience exhibits were also displayed.



The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. charter was granted by the Tennessee Secretary of State on December 1, 1983. It is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of sixteen members with seven serving as ex-officio members and nine elected members.

The FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.



I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so - for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote the best interests of students and those involved in agricultural education/FFA in Tennessee in order to enhance opportunities that will enable every FFA member to reach their maximum potential as productive citizens.



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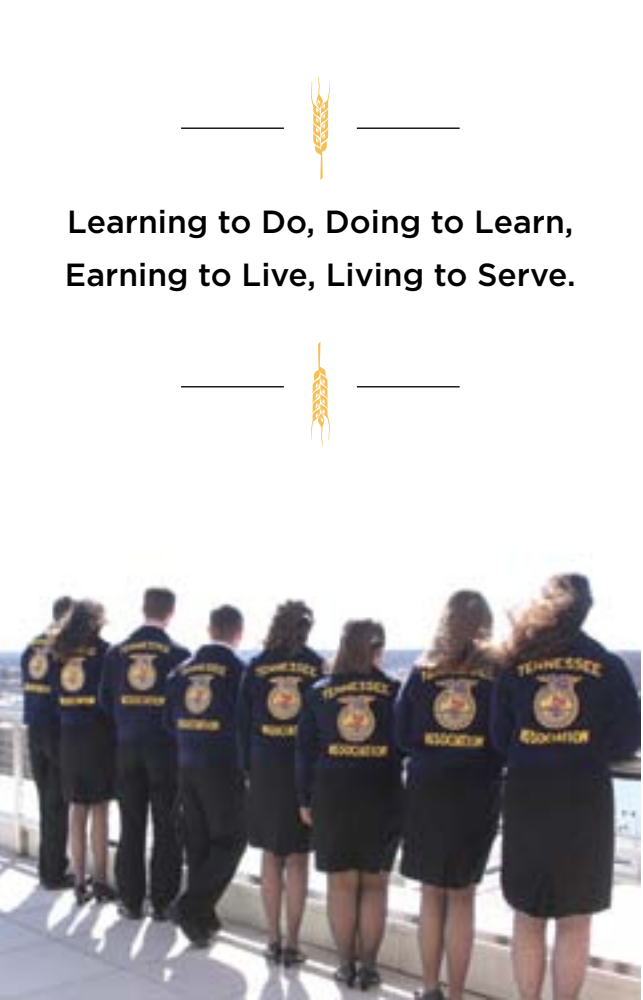
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Special thanks to Tennessee Tech University for providing office space to the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- To allow alumni, supporters and businesses to have a positive impact on the success of the FFA by providing financial support to the FFA through monetary and in-kind contributions.
- To create an endowment fund that will perpetuate funds necessary for the operation of the Tennessee FFA Association.
- To obtain funds for the General Fund that will allow the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. to operate in a positive financial environment.
- To obtain sponsors for individual FFA events and award programs that will fully fund these programs in each region and state level.
- To receive memorials that will allow individuals to contribute in the memory of loved ones and to allow individuals to designate a portion of their estate to the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.
- To ensure that Camp Clements remains an important part of the FFA program in Tennessee and to ensure that a permanent location for the history of the Tennessee FFA be built and maintained at Camp Clements.



LEADERSHIP



FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Some 13,000 FFA members in Tennessee are led by eight students elected by the delegates at the State FFA Convention.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Ben Byler, Chairman
Professor Emeritus
TN Tech University
Cookeville, TN

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Putnam Co. Farm Bureau
Cookeville, TN

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The Farmers Bank
Portland, TN

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F&M Bank
Springfield, TN

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LaVergne, TN

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Cookeville, TN

Jerry Johnson
West TN VP, TAAE
Burlison, TN

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TN FFA Association,
State President
Mt. Juliet, TN

Brett Butler
East TN VP, TAAE
Jonesborough, TN

Tom Womack
TN Department of
Agriculture
Nashville, TN

Chelsea Rose, Executive Director
TN FFA Foundation, Inc.
Cookeville, TN

Shannon Turner, Assistant
TN FFA Foundation, Inc.
Cookeville, TN

SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Lee Todd, Chairman
(Retired) Executive Director
Southern Ginners Association
Germantown, TN

Waymon Hickman, Sr.
Senior Chairman
First Farmers & Merchants Bank
Columbia, TN

Bart Krisle
Chief Executive Officer
Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative
LaVergne, TN

David Lynn
Senior Vice President - Financial Services Farm
Credit Mid-America
Louisville, KY

Steve Miller
Vice Chairman
SouthEast Bank & Trust
Athens, TN

The Honorable Ron Ramsey
Lieutenant Governor & Speaker of the House
State of Tennessee
Nashville, TN

Sonny Scoggins
Chief Executive Officer
Tennessee Farmers Insurance Companies
Columbia, TN

Sammy Stuard, Jr.
President & Chief Executive Officer
F&M Bank
Clarksville, TN

Lacy Upchurch
President
Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
Columbia, TN



The Sponsoring Committee is a volunteer, stakeholder support group appointed by the Foundation board chairman. These influential leaders meet at least annually to discuss Foundation partnerships.

Chairman's Report



It is a privilege to serve as chairman for this storied Foundation. As a former agricultural educator and retired teacher educator, I have been involved with FFA for many years. Being elected as chairman of the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. in July of last year was perhaps one of the greatest honors I have received throughout my involvement with FFA.

Of course, with that honor comes great responsibility. My fellow board members and I have the responsibility of maintaining a more than 30-year tradition of supporting Tennessee FFA members. I am confident that with your support, we are up to the task. In fact, we recently added a member to our already outstanding Sponsoring Committee who will help the Foundation by bringing his experience and contacts to the table.

The Honorable Ron Ramsey agreed to join the Foundation Sponsoring Committee in June of 2014. Ramsey serves as Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Tennessee Senate. He and his wife Cindy farm in Blountville, TN. Together, they operate Ron Ramsey and Associates, a real estate and auction company. Lieutenant Governor Ramsey is a staunch FFA advocate; he has stood up for FFA when it mattered most. Amid tight budget constraints, Ramsey has insisted that FFA and 4-H continue to receive grants from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. We look forward to his guidance in building the FFA program.

The Sponsoring Committee and Foundation Board are each working to achieve a brighter future for the Foundation, as well as the FFA program in general. One of our top initiatives for the past 9 months has been the creation of regional staff support for agricultural education and FFA.

Past chairman John Rose cast a vision for our board in his 2013 Chairman's Report:

"Much of the motivating power of the agricultural education and FFA program is derived from the coordinated competition that occurs through participation in FFA activities above the local level... Our state must step up and put in place an appropriate regional and state staff to conduct the program. We must work together to advocate for this action. The future of agricultural education and FFA in Tennessee hangs in the balance." - John Rose, Immediate Past Foundation Board Chairman

Following John's leadership, our board has taken up the mantle on the issue of regional staff and we have made it our top focus. We are grateful for the formal support of the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Educators, the Tennessee FFA Alumni Council and the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.

Together, we are working on a solution that will equip our state to serve the growing potential of our members.

Finally, as I begin my service to the Foundation as a volunteer leader I am pleased to introduce our new Executive Director. Chelsea Rose (formerly Chelsea Doss) accepted the position and began her work March 24, 2014. She is a past member of the Eagleville FFA Chapter where she served as President, went on to become Tennessee FFA State President and later, National FFA Vice President. Described in one word, Chelsea is driven.

Chelsea is pursuing the task of building our Foundation with gusto and creativity. She has focused her first year on building support for regional agricultural education and FFA staff, increasing sponsor commitments, and broadening the impact of the Foundation by actively engaging in social media, publishing press releases highlighting student achievement, and communicating with volunteers and supporters regularly.

The Foundation is headed upward. We are growing every month and it is thanks to you—our donors. I encourage you to continue supporting FFA monetarily and by volunteering locally. Collaboratively, we will provide every FFA member with the chance to explore their potential as young leaders through agricultural education.

Sincerely,
Ben L. Byler, Ed.D.



John Rose is recognized by incoming Chairman Ben Byler during the July 9, 2014 meeting of the board.

Executive Director's Report



In 2003, I became an FFA member as a freshman at Eagleville High School. It was fortuitous that for my first-ever FFA activity I should become the Treasurer of the FFA Ceremonies team. Of course, the Treasurer "strives to build up our financial standing through savings and investments." Twelve years later, I find myself pursuing that same mission as the caretaker and fundraiser for the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc.

As I learned throughout my membership in FFA, and appreciate even more fully now, financial security and stakeholder support is key to a successful FFA program. Since 1983, FFA Alumni and supporters have worked to build the Foundation into an essential cornerstone of the modern FFA program. We give scholarships, awards and recognition to thousands of students and, thus, make a positive difference in their lives.

This Annual Report is themed Leader to Leader. Our students are leaders in the blue corduroy who are poised to become leaders in their homes, businesses and communities. They begin as leaders of their fellow students and transform into leaders who shape the industry of agriculture and even influence the trajectory of our state and nation.

In this year's Annual Report, you will read about the goals of current FFA members and meet their role models who were once members themselves. You will learn the power of FFA in impacting lives far beyond the classroom.

In keeping with that theme, I thought it fitting that I dedicate my first Executive Director Report to my first FFA role model.

Bruce Haley was my FFA advisor at Eagleville High School. Mr. Haley is likely the most competitive person I have ever met. In fact, I credit him with my own obsession for success. I recall preparing for the soil judging competition as a student and being reminded daily of the number of decades it had been since Eagleville lost the district competition. If the verbal reminders were not enough, some 50 plaques wound their way around the classroom as a steady symbol of the legacy we were responsible for continuing.



I learned that while achieving success as an individual is good, we have a responsibility to represent more than just ourselves. Rather, in FFA and in life we should constantly remember that we are a representation of our families, our communities and our faith.

Most importantly, Mr. Haley taught me that "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail." The older I get, the more I realize just how essential it was to prepare for every FFA competition and event. I strongly believe that teaching students the importance of practice, thoughtfulness and seeking out feedback are among the top values instilled in FFA members. Nearly every FFA success story begins with an inspiring tale of relentless preparation.

Our Foundation is preparing for student success. We are preparing students for college by equipping them with scholarships. The Foundation is preparing students for career success by connecting employers with our bright and capable students. And, finally, our Foundation is preparing leaders by shining the spotlight on student achievement and recognizing students in ways that will forever influence their confidence and drive for success.

As you read this publication and see the many people and organizations who are preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders, challenge yourself by considering how you can support FFA and how you can grow that support over time.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Rose



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Financials

For the year ended June 30, 2014 (Audited)

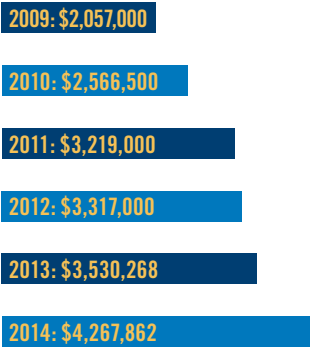
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPECIAL FUNDS

| Fund Name | Balance As of June 30, 2014 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| State Grant Fund | \$2,650,910.33 |
| Ag Tag Fund | \$124,265.57 |
| Ag Tag Program Endowment | \$206,444.58 |
| Ned R. McWherter Endowment | \$86,524.52 |
| Kenneth K.Mitchell Leadership Fund | \$77,973.98 |
| Kenneth K. Mitchell Scholarship | \$63,387.46 |
| William Coley Scholarship | \$35,824.64 |
| Dr. David Hamilton Scholarship | \$2,010.74 |
| Waymon Hickman Scholarship | \$2,281.64 |
| Fred Laine Scholarship | \$15,654.62 |
| Harold Lineberry Scholarship | \$21,559.59 |
| Romie Niesler Scholarship | \$17,097.99 |
| Tommy Pettigrew Scholarship | \$13,765.02 |
| Paul Oliver Memorial Scholarship | \$19,504.97 |
| Lancaster Family Scholarship | \$5,677.01 |
| Boyd Trew Memorial Scholarship | \$565.00 |
| Ted Turner Scholarship | \$7,641.18 |
| James Byrd Scholarship | \$40.00 |
| FarmHouse Scholarship | \$590.00 |
| Institutional Wholesale Company Scholarship | \$7,705.89 |
| Camp Clements Fund | \$56,186.94 |
| Bray Scholarship | \$11,671.39 |
| Collegiate FFA Fund | \$1,434.18 |
| Historical Preservation Fund | (\$9,931.70) |
| West TN FFA Awards Fund | \$11,980.14 |
| Denton George Brown Memorial Scholarship | \$7,523.18 |
| Tractor Supply Company Dollars for Scholars Fund | \$1,800.86 |
| Henry Williams Memorial Scholarship | \$6,052.45 |
| Henry Williams Family Scholarship | \$4,338.95 |
| TAAE Scholarship | \$5,171.56 |
| Herman Woody Memorial Scholarship | \$500.00 |
| Total: | \$3,456,152.68 |

Foundation Financial Advisor:
Joe Comer
Pinnacle Asset Management,
Brentwood, TN

The Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. secures financial resources for recognizing FFA member achievements, developing student leaders and supporting the future of agricultural education. We accomplish this through our donors and sponsors who support 49 proficiency award programs, 25 career development events, five star categories, 40 college scholarships and several other events, activities and programs at the regional, state, national, and international levels. Other major investments in our youth include leadership training sessions, Goodwill Tour by the state officer team, three regional awards banquets, state convention, and enhancement of classroom curricula.

FOUNDATION NET ASSET GROWTH



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

| REVENUE | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Government Grants | 305,000 | 28.8% |
| Contributions | 175,335 | 16.5% |
| Capital Gains | 82,653 | 7.8% |
| Realized Gain on Investments | 93,462 | 8.8% |
| Unrealized Gain on Investments | 298,859 | 28.2% |
| Interest/Dividend Income | 66,704 | 6.3% |
| Rebate Programs | 18,676 | 1.8% |
| Special Events/Other Income | 20,007 | 1.9% |
| | \$1,060,696 | 100% |

| EXPENSES | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Programs & Projects | 80,201 | 24.8% |
| Administrative & General Office | 96,303 | 29.8% |
| Scholarships, Awards & Recognition | 50,586 | 15.6% |
| Tennessee Awards Programs | 53,385 | 16.5% |
| Special Events | 18,331 | 5.7% |
| Investment Expenses | 24,797 | 7.7% |
| | \$323,603 | 100% |

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Change in Net Assets | 737,093 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 3,530,268 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | 500 |
| Net Assets End of Year | \$4,267,862 |



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| ASSETS | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash | 272,522 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 515 |
| Total Current Assets | 273,036 |
| Investments | 4,291,425 |
| Total Assets | 4,564,461 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---------------------|---------|
| FFA Alumni Funds | 294,662 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 1,937 |
| Total Liabilities | 296,599 |

| NET ASSETS | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Unrestricted | 811,709 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 3,456,153 |
| Total Net Assets | 4,267,862 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$4,564,461 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|



Leader to Leader

Shelby Day is one of FFA's shining stars who is aiming to follow in the footsteps of past FFA State Officer Rhedona Rose.

Story & Photos By: Melissa Bratton

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." This quote by Harriet Tubman epitomizes what the Tennessee FFA Association is all about and what the Tennessee FFA Foundation helps to achieve through its existence.

The goal of the FFA is to equip students with the drive, determination and yes, dreams, to not only set their world on fire, but to start a blaze around the state and nation to make people sit up and take notice. Life is just beginning for those students when they graduate from high school and college and in this year's FFA Foundation report we are highlighting those who have achieved their dreams and those who look up to them as role models.

Former FFA member (Cookeville High School) and State FFA Treasurer Rhedona Rose is the Executive Vice President for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation and her life-long support of the FFA stems from her love and belief in what the blue and gold stands for.

"Tennessee FFA is strong today thanks to the support and commitment of former FFA members. If FFA is to continue to be strong, it is key that current FFA members carry that torch," Rose said.

Her FFA experiences in high school and as a state officer taught her teamwork and communications skills she still uses today. Rose encourages current members to take advantage of the wealth of knowledge their agriculture teachers have to offer.

"My agriculture teacher was my role model, along with a couple of senior members in our chapter. As I became more involved, I looked toward a couple of state FFA officers and the state advisor. I have been fortunate to have many role models through the various stages of my life," Rose said. "I

would encourage members to step up and grab as many opportunities to participate and be involved as possible. FFA experiences can prepare you for many careers and open many doors."



One such student who has taken advantage of all the FFA has to offer thus far is 2014-2015 State FFA Sentinel Shelby Day, who places Rose as her role model.

"As a senior at Oakland High School I had the chance to job shadow Ms. Rose. When I first arrived in Nashville she briefed me on what the day would entail, which was full of meetings and sitting in on legislative committees. Although overwhelmed at first, I quickly realized how calm Ms. Rose was, as well as how respected she was by all legislators. It was that day that I knew I wanted to one day pursue a career in public policy and inspire others the way she did me," Shelby said.

Shelby's experiences in the FFA have helped mold her into the person she is today, as well as giving her the foundation of who she will become in the future.

"FFA has not only given me the opportunity to network with others within the organization, but it has helped develop me into someone who is confident and aware of the agriculture industry. Had it not been for my time within FFA, I would never have made it this far much less dreamed of one day working in this industry. As a lobbyist, one must remain confident in all situations, as well as be comfortable enough to meet with legislators who serve our state. FFA equipped me with those skills and other essential life skills such as giving proper handshakes and establishing eye contact even when I may be intimidated," Shelby said.



Just as Shelby looks up to Rose and dreams of one day being an agricultural lobbyist, as an FFA member, Rose had a dream as well, "As an FFA member, I dreamed of being the agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at my home high school. My long-term dream was to eventually work with Murray Miles, who served for many years as the director of communications at the Tennessee Farm Bureau," said Rose.

As Rose began her career in the Tennessee Farm Bureau and began carrying out roles in Agriculture in the Classroom, she found her niche with lobbying for the organization and dedicated her life to furthering the voice of the farmer in Tennessee. But she never forgot where she came from or what gave her the dream that got her where she is today.

"The communication skills and ability to work as part of a team I gained in the FFA are used daily in my career. As a former FFA member, I have a responsibility to promote the FFA program among business leaders. Setting a positive example of lifelong support of the FFA is a key," said Rose.

Her example has not gone unnoticed, and Shelby is merely one of the many students Rose has impacted in her life.

"Although she holds such an influential position within Tennessee politics, she is still human. She remains humble in all situations and is the first one to put the spotlight on someone else. I have seen this through her work on Capitol Hill, as well as in the community in which she works," Shelby shared. "If there is one thing Ms. Rose has taught me it is to always network. After all, she had to work her way

up to where she is now and she tells me she owes a lot of that success to meeting others and stepping outside of her comfort zone. During the day I spent with her, she definitely pushed me to meet new people; that one experience changed me for the better."

Rose's last piece of advice to current members is to always read throughout your life, there will always be something else to learn she says, "Reading books throughout your career will be important. There are lots of good books, but two easy reads with strong messages are "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss and "Who Moved My Cheese" by Spencer Johnson."

Shelby aptly stated that having a role model is key to ensuring future success, "By identifying a role model we can be inspired to pursue fruitful, productive careers and also learn life lessons from those who were once in our shoes. This only makes taking the journey into a career easier by having someone there to lend a helping hand when needed."

As Walt Disney made it his life-long goal to let children's dreams come true, the Tennessee FFA Association and FFA Foundation's goal is to help enrich the lives of all students in the Tennessee FFA by giving them the tools and role models necessary for success in life after the FFA. As Walt said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." The FFA gives members and former members the courage to pursue their dreams and reach them - and in doing so paint a future full of blue and gold stars!

Awards

STATE STAR AWARDS Presented 2013 - 2014 School Year

| Member | Chapter | Award | Sponsor |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Reed Hester | Dyer County | Star Farmer | Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation |
| Arianne Stearns | Brighton | Star In Agribusiness | Farm Bureau Insurance of Tennessee |
| Megan Aiosa | Paris | Star In Agricultural Placement | Farm Bureau Health Plans |
| Cory Wright | Munford | Star In Agriscience | Farm Bureau Health Plans |
| Juliana White | McEwen | Star Greenhand | Tennessee FFA Alumni Association |
| | | | |
| Stephen McBride | Coffee County | National Officer Candidate | |



Stephen McBride (left) was selected as Tennessee FFA’s 2014 National Officer Candidate. A member of the Coffee County FFA chapter, Stephen served as FFA State President in 2012 - 2013.

Originally from Beech Grove, Tennessee, and an agricultural business major at the University of Tennessee at Martin, McBride is active in Leaders in Residence, University Scholars and Baptist College Ministry. His parents are Mark and Carol McBride.

STATE AGRISCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

National Finalist

Division I

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| Animal Systems | Hailey Rose Viars | Loudon |
| Environmental Services/ Natural Resources Systems | Caitlin Jewel | Loudon |
| Food Products and Processing Systems | Brett Hatch | Glenclyff |
| Plant Systems | Ahmon Watkins | Oakland |
| Power, Structural and Technical Systems | Nik Agee | DeKalb County |
| Social Systems | Ashley Martinez-Nunez | Glenclyff |

Division II

| | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Animal Systems | Corey Wright | Munford |
| Environmental Services/ Natural Resources Systems | Cody Moore | David Crockett |
| Food Products and Processing Systems | Leah Steele | Creekwood |
| Plant Systems | Britney Kellum | Covington |
| Social Systems | Andrew Swafford | Bledsoe |

Division III

| | | |
|--|--|--------------|
| Animal Systems | Lindsey Parsley and Yolana Tenpenny | Oakland |
| Environmental Services/ Natural Resources Systems | Grant Lamberth and Blaine Birk | White House |
| Food Products and Processing Systems | Manuel Gusman and Esau Zunta | Glenclyff |
| Plant Systems | Nicholas York and Zachary Hull | Clarkrange |
| Power, Structural and Technical Systems | Brad Clark and Joshua Flatt | Cookeville |
| Social Systems | Abby Creasman and Bailey Roseberry | Meigs County |

Division IV

| | | |
|--|---|----------------|
| Animal Systems | Kaelyn Baird and Tylor Grauherr | Lebanon |
| Environmental Services/ Natural Resources Systems | Natalie DeLaTorre and Tanisha Walker | Clarkrange |
| Food Products and Processing Systems | Isiah Bernas and Kerrie Ann Pope | Wilson Central |
| Plant Systems | Drew Johnson and Jacob Barber | South Side |
| Power, Structural and Technical Systems | Colt Birchfield and Josh Taylor | Daniel Boone |
| Social Systems | Kara Lewis and Shelby Drain | Daniel Boone |



THREE STAR
NATIONAL CHAPTER
WINNERS

Bradley Central
Brighton
Cascade
Clinton
Covington
Dyersburg
Hendersonville
Horace Maynard
Mt. Juliet
Munford
Oakland
Paris
Portland
Riverdale
Riverside
Shelbyville
Station Camp
Watertown
Whites Creek
Wilson Central

100% MEMBERSHIP

Anderson County
Bedford County
Beech
Benton County
Brighton
Dyersburg
East Robertson
Gallatin
Halls
Hendersonville
Loudon
Meigs County
McMinn County
Moore County
Paris
Portland
Riverside
Scotts Hill
Springfield
Station Camp
Watertown
West Carroll
White House
Wilson Central

Bedford County
Benton County
Cascade
Cloudland
Covington
Creek Wood
Dyersburg
East Roberston
Erwin
Fayetteville City
Franklin County
Gallatin
Gibson County
Giles County
Gordonsville
Halls
Hendersonville
Hermitage
Howenwald
Jo Byrns
Kingston
Liberty
Loudon
Macon County
McGavok
Milan
Montgomery Central
Morristown East
Ripley
Smith County
Smyrna
South Doyle
Stone Memorial
White House Heritage
Wilson Central

NATIONAL CHAPTER
AWARD MODELS
OF INNOVATION
FINALISTS

Chapter Development
Finalists: Bradley Central

Community Development
Finalists: Whites Creek

10% CHAPTER
MEMBER INCREASE

THE AGRICULTURAL
PROFICIENCY AWARDS honor
FFA members who, through their Supervised
Agricultural Experience projects, have developed
specialized skills they can apply toward their
future careers.

Students can compete for awards in 49
areas covering everything from Agricultural
Communications to Wildlife Management.
Each award area has two categories,
placement and entrepreneurship.

Placement proficiency awards are given to
those whose SAEs are related to employment,
apprenticeships or internships at an agribusiness
or agriculture-related organization.

Entrepreneurship proficiency awards are given to
those whose SAEs are related to ownership of an
agribusiness or agricultural organization.

Proficiency awards are given at the regional, state
and national levels.

(E) Entrepreneurship
(P) Placement



COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
CHALLENGE

- 1st Portland FFA
Teacher: Terry Shartzter
- 2nd Station Camp FFA
Teacher: Laura Campbell Purtle
- 3rd Dyersburg FFA

| Proficiency Award Areas | 2014 Winner | Chapter | Sponsor |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| Agricultural Communications – E/P | Elena Smith | Munford | Ned R. McWherter Charitable Foundation |
| Agricultural Education – E/P | Amy Morgan | Cookeville | Tennessee Council of Cooperatives |
| Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication – E/P | Dylan Carnell | Munford | Tate Ornamental |
| Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems – E/P | Gared Colvin | Halls | Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association |
| Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – E | Courtney Oliver | Westview | Kodiak MFG., Inc. |
| Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – P | Clay Jernigan | Cookeville | Stowers Machinery Corp. |
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| Agricultural Sales – P | Hannah Snyder | McMinn County | First State Bank |
| Agricultural Services – E/P | Caitlyn Gitchell | Ripley | CSX Transportation |
| Agriscience Animal Systems Research | McKenzie Manning | Munford | Tennessee Dept. of Ag, Ag Tag Funds |
| Agriscience Integrated Systems Research | Andrew Swafford | Bledsoe | The Anderson’s Inc. |
| Agriscience Plant Systems Research | Tina Sullivan | Bledsoe | Learning Labs/Applied Technologies |
| Beef Production – E | Samantha Reese | Cornersville | Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association |
| Beef Production – P | Jim Young | Paris | Tennessee Beef Council |
| Dairy Production – E | Ashton Thompson | Paris | Mayfield Dairies/Purity Dairies |
| Dairy Production – P | Josh Legg | Chuckey-Doak | Purity Dairies/Mayfield Dairies |
| Diversified Agricultural Production – E/P | Olivia Jones | Cookeville | Tennessee Farmers Cooperative |
| Diversified Crop Production – E | Logan Meeks | Halls | The Anderson’s Inc. |
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| Environmental Science & Natural Resources – E/P | Jessie Pyland | Munford | Tennessee Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers |
| Equine Science – E | Courtney Barrett | Woodbury | TN Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Land O’Lakes Purina Feed |
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| Name | Chapter | 2014 Scholarship | Award |
|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------|
| Derek Anderson | Coffee County | John Deere/Tri Green Equipment | \$ 2,000 |
| Katelyn Boyett | Eagleville | Built Ford Tough/ Ford of Murfreesboro | \$ 1,000 |
| Allison Brown | Anderson County | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
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| Shelly Pate | Obion County Central | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Melinda Perkins | Paris | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Justin Pinkston | West Greene | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Bailey Porter | Carthage | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Breanne Schroeder | Chuckey-Doak | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Tina Sullivan | Bledsoe | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Victoria Utsman | Daniel Boone | John Deere/Meade Tractor - Greeneville | \$ 2,000 |
| Jordynne Walker | Stone | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Chelsea Wattenbarger | Stone | Kodiak | \$ 1,000 |
| Tiaira Webster | Carthage | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Carly Whipple | Obion County Central | Built Ford Tough/ Ford of Union City | \$ 1,000 |
| Cheyenne Williams | Scotts Hill | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |
| Jacob Wilson | Anderson County | Kodiak | \$ 1,000 |
| Daniel Woodruff | Wilson Central | Tractor Supply-Growing Scholars | \$ 1,000 |



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Presented 2013 - 2014 School Year

| Name | Chapter | University | Scholarship |
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| Aaron Walls | Cookeville | Tennessee Technological University | Institutional Wholesale Company |
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| Jeffrey Rogers | Munford | University of Tennessee - Martin | Harold D. Lineberry Memorial |
| Katelyn Butcher | Munford | Tennessee Technological University | Harold D. Lineberry Memorial |
| Kelsey Lumpkin | Munford | University of Tennessee - Knoxville | Farm Credit Mid-America |
| Kevin Robertson | East Robertson | University of Tennessee - Martin | Waymon Hickman |
| Kristy Piper | Gallatin | University of Tennessee - Martin | Henry G. Williams Memorial |
| Mary Driver | Obion County | University of Tennessee - Martin | Harold D. Lineberry Memorial |
| Nicholas Baker | Baxter | University of Tennessee - Knoxville | UTK FarmHouse |
| Payton Hendershott | Munford FFA | University of Tennessee - Martin | Farm Credit Mid-America |
| Rachel Fulcher | Scotts Hill | University of Tennessee - Martin | Kenneth K. Mitchell Alumni |
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Regional banquets were held in the spring to present awards and recognize winners of Proficiency Awards, Career Development Events and Star Programs.

The West Tennessee Regional Banquet was held at the Jackson Civic Center on April 23 with almost 600 attending. The East Tennessee Banquet was held in Knoxville on April 18 with approximately 225 in attendance. The Middle Tennessee Banquet was held in Murfreesboro on April 16 with 380 attending.

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The Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation hosted a candidate forum on the campus of Tennessee Tech University, which featured Senator Lamar Alexander and challenger Gordon Ball. Members of the Cookeville, Baxter, and Woodbury FFA chapters attended.

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| Agricultural Issues Forum | Wilson Central | Helena Chemical Company |
| Agricultural Technology & Mechanics | Gleason | Agricenter International |
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| Creed Speaking | Juliana White-McEwen | Tennessee FFA Alumni Association |
| Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management | Jefferson County | Dairy Farmers of America |
| Dairy Cattle Handling | Ashton Thompson-Paris | Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. |
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| Extemporaneous Public Speaking | Madison Shultz-East Robertson | Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation |
| Farm Business Management | Shelbyville | Farm Credit Mid-America |
| FFA Ceremonies | Munford | Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division |
| Floriculture | Portland | Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. |
| Forestry | Cumberland Gap | Tennessee FFA Alumni Association |
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| Prepared Public Speaking | Catherine Moore-Dyersburg | Honor of Horace Colvett & Sam Sparkes |
| Veterinary Science | Anderson County | Zoetis |



AG TAGS - The Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s Ag Tag donates \$55,000 annually of its sales to the Tennessee FFA. By purchasing an Ag Tag you are supporting the young men and women of Tennessee and their agricultural programs. For more information about Ag Tags contact your local county clerk’s office or go to www.picktnproducts.org/support_ag.html. The cost of an Ag Tag is only \$35 plus your normal tag fees. Proudly display your Ag Tag and support Tennessee Agriculture.



Student Becomes the Teacher

Story By: Melissa Bratton
Photos By: Chelsea Rose



E.E. Cummings once wrote, “It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.” The Tennessee FFA Association is in the business of producing young leaders who have the courage to dream big and are given the skills to take those dreams and make them a reality. Once those students graduate from high school and college they enter a world where the abilities they honed within the FFA begin to shine.

Former FFA member (Beech High School) and 2003-2004 FFA Middle Tennessee State Vice President Allie Ellis is now Tennessee’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) Specialist for FFA and Agriculture Education and she credits her experiences within the FFA with giving her the skills needed to be successful in her job.

“Communication skills were key as an FFA member, and the abilities I developed through public speaking, parliamentary procedure and teamwork equipped me for my career and made me a better person overall. Those skills are also relatable to any job field a person goes into,” Ellis said. She says even though she originally dreamed of being an elementary school teacher, she soon discovered her true passion lied within the heart of the FFA Association and serving those same teachers she once looked up to.

“My mom, Jill Shrum, was and still is my role model. She started teaching agriculture classes when I was in the first grade, and she was one of the first female agriculture teachers in our state. I knew I wanted to be a strong female influence for others like she was for so many,” Ellis said.

Although Ellis may not realize the impact she has on FFA members, current East Tennessee Vice President Coty Vannoy sure does.

“I admire a lot of things about Mrs. Ellis, but the one thing I admire the most is her willingness to help anyone. She is always there to talk or help in any possible way. When I began my state officer year I really did not know what her job consisted of, but throughout this year I have seen her wear many different hats in FFA; including being a role model to state officers, helping advisors and supporting Tennessee FFA. I have learned that in the job she has, you have to be flexible because each day is different,” Vannoy said.

Because of his exposure to the FFA and to Ellis in her FFA role, Coty’s dream is now to become an FFA CTE specialist in his future, “Had I not been in the FFA my career path would be very different. Before FFA, I had the dream of being a military policeman in the United States Army, but now my dream job would be to work in the capacity of CTE Specialist for FFA. This job would give me the opportunity to make sure that future FFA members have the opportunity for the same experiences I did.”

Growing up within the organization, Ellis recognized the opportunity she had to embrace the blue and gold leadership organization for all it was worth, and pass on

that knowledge and love of agriculture to those who came after her. Her one piece of advice to current FFA members is simple – “Network,” she says. “You never know if the FFA member, sponsor or judge you meet at an event may end up as your coworker or boss, and the friends you make now may be friends for life.”



To follow up on that advice, she recommends FFA members read *The Tipping Point* by Malcom Gladwell, “It talks about how little things can make a big difference. It’s a good read to make you realize that even as you start your professional career, you can make an impact.”

Coty agrees with Ellis’ advice, saying the FFA has given him the ability to not only lead, but learn how to follow as well. “FFA has taught me a lot, as it does every student. The most important thing it has taught me is to live your life to the fullest and be prepared for curve balls to be thrown your way. It is the students who can adapt to change quickly that do well, and FFA has taught me how to handle those curve balls,” Coty said.

As for being a role model for others, Ellis put it simply – “Once you put on the blue corduroy, you will always be associated with our organization. It is important in our FFA family to help to continue to develop our members and give back to the experience that helped you. I want to show them (the members) the importance of hard work and a good attitude. With those two things, our members could accomplish so much!”

If you are an FFA Alumni, you have been in both of these roles – as a member, looking up to others already established in their careers and dreaming of being like them one day; and now as an alumni, looking back on ways to assist the organization you love and that helped shape you into the professional you are today. So the next time you think of the blue corduroy and gold emblem, think about who your role model was and ask how you can help today’s young people achieve their dreams.

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| 11 | Florida Farm Bureau Marketing Division |
| 7 | Helena Chemical Company |
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| 10 | Hillshire Brands |
| 1 | Humphreys Farmers Cooperative |
| 4 | Lancaster, Joe |
| 3 | Land O' Lakes, Inc. |
| 7 | Lubing Systems |
| 1 | McWherter Monument Commission |
| 27 | Mitchell, Kenneth* |
| 5 | Purity Dairies, LLC |
| 6 | Rick French - Diversified Fundraisers |
| 11 | Tennessee Beef Industry Council |
| 11 | Tennessee Cattleman's Association |
| 8 | TN Nursery & Landscape Association |
| 13 | Tennessee Poultry Association |
| 1 | The Anderson's Inc. |
| 14 | The Farmers Bank |
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| 1 | Valley Farmers Cooperative |
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| 16 | Wilson County Soil Conservation District |

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| 1 | 1980-81 State Officers |
| 4 | 1986-87 State Officers |
| 11 | Akridge, Mike |
| 2 | Anderson, Eddie |
| 9 | Barbour, Jim |
| 5 | Barker, Flavius |
| 12 | Barnett, Ralph |
| 2 | Baskette, John |
| 19 | Beavers, Thomas |
| 6 | Bell, Jerry |
| 4 | Bird, Allen* & Janice |
| 10 | Blankenship, Mike |
| 1 | Blue & Gold Livestock Exhibitors |
| 1 | Bob Parks Realty |
| 8 | Boreing, David |
| 6 | Boreing, John David & Rachel |
| 11 | Bradley, Emory |
| 14 | Brannon, Tony |
| 11 | Brooks, Gregory |
| 11 | Burniston, Harvey |

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| 1 | Bush Brothers |
| 11 | Butler, Jimmy |
| 6 | Carmack, Cindy |
| 2 | Carroll Farmers Cooperative |
| 3 | Chester County FFA |
| 6 | Chowning, Robert & Margaret |
| 12 | Chowning, Tim |
| 3 | Chuckey-Doak FFA |
| 1 | Claiborne Farmers Cooperative |
| 10 | Cloar, Jim |
| 1 | Cloar, John |
| 3 | Colvett, Fred & Marie* |
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| 19 | Cooper, Jerry |
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| 4 | Covington FFA |
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| 5 | Dyersburg FFA |
| 4 | East Robertson FFA |
| 9 | Edgington, Terry |
| 1 | First Citizen's Bank |
| 1 | First Farmers & Merchants Bank |
| 4 | First Tennessee Bank |
| 5 | Florida Indian River Groves, Inc. |
| 13 | Fowler, Keith & Linda |
| 7 | Fugate, Bob |
| 12 | Gass, Steven & Patty |
| 1 | Ghoman, Abimar (G&G Consulting) |
| 4 | Gibson, Larry |
| 7 | Gibson, Steven |
| 4 | Glover, Vernon |
| 8 | Gregory, John & Laurie |
| 5 | Hamby, Jaye |
| 6 | Hendrix, Tracy |
| 1 | Hennesy, Thomas* |
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| 4 | Hoeschst Celanese Fund |
| 4 | Holliman, Randy |
| 13 | Houston, John |
| 2 | Houston, Rhey |
| 3 | International Paper Company |
| 3 | Johnson County FFA |
| 8 | Johnson, Ann |
| 1 | Journal Communications |
| 7 | Keiser, W.B. |
| 16 | Kiesling, LeeRoy |
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| 4 | Krisle, Bart |
| 4 | Kroger Company |
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| 9 | Laine, Dorothy |
| 5 | Lannom, Bob & Brenda |
| 4 | Lewis, Jeff |
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| 3 | Lexington FFA Chapter |
| 3 | Ligon, Jim & Gail |
| 2 | Loftis, Jimmie & Linda |
| 9 | Mayfield, Scotty |
| 5 | McCluskey, W.D. |
| 8 | McCuiston, Bart |
| 2 | McCulloch, Jere |
| 3 | McDonald, George |
| 8 | Meadows, Robert |
| 2 | Meigs County FFA Alumni |


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| 1 | Miller, Rector |
| 11 | Mires, Monty |
| 6 | Mitchell, Edith |
| 2 | Monsanto |
| 3 | Moore, Ben |
| 7 | Moore, Jim |
| 2 | Moore, Joe & Ann |
| 6 | Moore, Joe & Ann |
| 3 | Mosley, Chaney |
| 12 | Moss, Hale |
| 4 | Munford FFA Alumni |
| 2 | Munford High School FFA |
| 10 | Nash, Andy & Emi |
| 1 | Nashville Area Agricultural Club |
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| 3 | Oliver, John |
| 6 | Pedigo, Joe |
| 4 | Polk County FFA |
| 4 | Reed, Bill |
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| 3 | Rogers, Mac & Jana |
| 9 | Ross, Richard & Matt |
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| 1 | Saum, David & Inez |
| 11 | Shartzter, Terry & Marie |
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| 5 | Simmons, Howard* |
| 4 | Smedley, Thomas |
| 10 | Smith, Dan |
| 21 | Smith, Stephen |
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| 4 | Spann, Ray |
| 2 | Sullivan East High School FFA |
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| 2 | Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council |
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| 3 | Tosh, Jimmy |
| 6 | Trew, Boyd* & Jane |
| 3 | Turner and Son's Nursery |
| 1 | Turner, Marty |
| 10 | Turner, Ted & Carolyn |
| 5 | Upchurch, Lacy |
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| 3 | University of Tennessee - ALEC |
| 1 | Weaver, Monte |
| 2 | Weaver, Roy |
| 3 | West Greene FFA |
| 2 | White, P.H. |
| 2 | Williams, Lafayette |
| 2 | Willoughby, Charles |
| 3 | Wilson Central FFA |
| 8 | Wilson, Tony* |
| 6 | Winchester, Katie |
| 9 | Womack, Tom & Chrystal |
| 15 | Wood, Jerry |
| 8 | Zeh, Ronnie |
| 1 | Zoetis |

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| Criswell , Bubba | 3 | Hammond, Tom & Missy | 1 | Meadows, Roger | 4 |
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| Dyer, Kelle | 3 | Hicks, Martha & Hilman | 1 | Morgan, Jay | 8 |
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| Farlow, Rebecca | 2 | Holmberg, Kim | 4 | Moss, William | 1 |
| Farrow, Kevin & Krista | 4 | Holt, Justin & Tisha | 4 | Munsey, Steven | 3 |
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| Nave, Lou | 1 | Rozeboom, Kyle & Gretchen | 2 | Warfield, Philip | 1 |
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| Newsom, Bill | 7 | Safely, Jess* | 1 | Watts, Barry | 2 |
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| Page, Irma | 6 | Sanders, Matt | 1 | Wells, Jimmy | 2 |
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| Pierce, Jonathan | 14 | Shivers, Tim | 2 | Young, Joe | 1 |
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| Rice, Elizabeth | 1 | Thompson, Lewis | 1 | | |
| Rice, Sara | 1 | Tritt, Edwin | 1 | | |
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| Loftis, Jimmie and Linda | 9 |
| Meadows, Robert | 8 |
| Meadows, Stena | 7 |
| Saum, David & Inez | 1 |
| Smith,Stephen | 22 |

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Mitch Baker Elected National FFA Secretary

During the 86th National FFA Convention and Expo in Louisville, Mitch Baker of the Baxter FFA chapter was elected National FFA Secretary. Mitch's election marked only the third time Tennessee has had a National Secretary and he became the twelfth National Officer elected from the Volunteer State.

“Being elected to National Office was a dream come true,” says Baker. “Serving as National Secretary afforded me the opportunity to serve and spend time with some of the most talented and dynamic people I've ever met. It was also an opportunity to show the rest of the country my Tennessee pride and what being from Tennessee FFA is about.”

Baker represented more than 600,000 FFA members during his year of service. The six National Officers take a year away from college to travel nationally and internationally promoting agricultural education and FFA. While traveling, Mitch visited 35 states and travelled as far as Japan as an ambassador for the organization.

A most memorable experience for Mitch was his time spent in Puerto Rico during National FFA Week. “Instead of working as hard as they play, they work as hard as they dance,” described Baker. “Before meetings, after meetings, young, old, even the advisors would dance with us.”

The year was quite an experience for a young, small-town Tennessean. When asked what advice he would give to FFA members who aspire to become National Officers Baker said, “Never dismiss the idea of being a National Officer. If you're like me, you probably saw a National Officer early in your FFA career and thought you wanted to be one, too. Unfortunately lots of people never follow their goals to success. You have that potential, and though it may seem daunting, you absolutely can serve as a National Officer one day.”

Each year Tennessee selects one candidate from among its membership to run for a National Office. That candidate is put through a gauntlet of interviews and scenarios designed to identify the six students fit for the task. Despite the stress of the process Mitch says, “Serving as a National Officer changed my outlook on growth and commitment to continuous improvement.”

Mitch's advisor is Steve York of Upperman High School. His parents are Phillip and Chris Baker of Cookeville. Phillip is Vice Chairman of the Tennessee FFA Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and served as Tennessee State FFA Secretary in 1986-87. Mitch has two younger siblings, Nick and Abbey, who are also active FFA members.

In the future, Baker plans to pursue a degree in Agricultural Communications from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and become more involved in the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, as well as his local church.



“There's no way I could have accomplished my goal without the help and encouragement from members, advisors and FFA supporters across the state,” says Baker. “Thank you, Tennessee FFA.”



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