

21 Pa. FFA'ers receive American Degrees

KANSAS CITY, MO. — Twenty-one members of the Future Farmers of America from Pennsylvania were awarded the American Farmer Degree, the highest in FFA, at the 54th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. last week. More than 20,000 blue-jacketed

FFA members, parents and guests attended the Stars Over America Pageant at which 779 young agriculturists received the American Degree.

Receiving the coveted golden key and certificate, the American Farmers represent the finest of the nearly half-million FFA members in 8,313 chapters across the nation. The achievement also represents some six or seven years of work through chapter and state programs to reach the highest degree level.

Following the ceremony, the members heard an address by

farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson.

The American Farmer program is sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by J.I. Case, Federal Land Banks, the Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Pioneer Hi-Bred International and Production Credit Associations.

Heading the Commonwealth contingent of American Farmers was David Wenger, of Myerstown and the ELCO Chapter, who was a finalist in the Star Agribusinessman of America competition. Wenger earlier had been named Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman.

Other Pennsylvania recipients of the American Degree:

Robert F. Bachman, R1, Washington Boro, Manor Chapter, Penn Manor High School.

Dale L. Balmer, R2, Manheim, Manheim Chapter, Manheim Central High School.

Candy Barker-Cooney, R1, Ulysses, Headwaters Chapter, Northern Potter High School.

Glyn Richard Boone, R1, New Alexandria, Derry Chapter, Derry Area High School.

Ed Breckbill, R1, Oxford, Oxford Chapter, Oxford Area High School.

Bryan J. Burkholder, R1, Annville, Little Dutchmen Chapter, Annville-Cleona High School.

Daniel E. Cummins, R2, Claysville, McGuffey Chapter, McGuffey Jr.-Sr. High School.

Samuel L. Dayhoff, Gettysburg, Battlefield Chapter, Gettysburg Area High School.

Leon S. Dell, R2, Martinsburg, Central Cove Chapter, Central High School.

Jay Wilbur Gainer, R4, Manheim, Manheim Chapter, Manheim Central High School.

Curtis L. Glazier, R1, McConnellsburg, McConnellsburg Chapter, McConnellsburg High School.

Daniel P. Hershberger, R4, Quarryville, Solanco Chapter, Solanco High School.

Alan D. Hostetter, R2, Annville, Little Dutchmen Chapter, Annville-Cleona High School.



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Lane Keen Jr.



David Wenger, left, of Myerstown, receives his American Farmer Degree from Mark Herndon, National President of the Future Farmers of America at national convention in Kansas City, Mo.



Martin C. Moyer



Paul C. Shelmire III

Barry Wilmer Hostetter, R1, Oxford, Oxford Chapter, Oxford Area High School.

Lane S. Keen Jr., R1, Glenmoore, Owen J. Roberts Chapter, Owen J. Roberts High School.

John M. Kolesar Jr., R2, Wysox, Northeast Chapter, Northeast Bradford High School.

Martin C. Moyer, R1, Womelsdorf, Tulpehocken Chapter, Tulpehocken Area High School.

Gary N. Olson, R2, Marion Center, Marion Center Chapter, Marion Center High School.

Paul C. Shelmire III, Quakertown, Upper Bucks Technical Center, Quakertown Community High School.

Doug Elwood Walter, R2, Lewisburg, Mifflinburg Chapter, Mifflinburg Area High School.

FFA cites Kirk at convention

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Thomas Kirk, of R1, Honey Brook, graduate of the FFA program at Twin Valley High School, was named a National Proficiency Award winner in Agricultural Processing at the Future Farmers of America convention last week.

Previously an Eastern Region winner, Kirk topped other regional competitors at the convention.

Kirk participated in a co-op program in which he worked in the

family meat cutting operation. As a part of the program, he gained experience in making retail cuts of meat, mixing patties and grinding meat.

He also fills custom freezer orders, processing, cutting, wrapping and freezing according to individual customer specifications.

His future plans call for becoming a partner in the family operation.



Thomas Kirk, of R1, Honey Brook, receives congratulations from Jim McDougall, director, Cattle Feed Programs, Nutrena Feed Division of Cargill, Inc., for national placing in Ag Processing Proficiency Award Program.