

# Over 20,000 FFA'ers Will Attend National Convention

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — More than 20,000 young people who believe there is a future in agriculture will meet in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 13 to 15 at the National Future Farmers of America Convention.

These vocational agriculture students will challenge themselves and recognize the FFA's highest young achievers in many areas of agriculture at the world's largest annual youth convention.

This 59th annual national convention will feature an address from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng, motivational speaker Bob Moawad, and Bruce Jenner, Olympic decathlon champion.

Other highlights for FFA members coming from every state include the naming of the top FFA members and programs in 29 proficiency award areas, in prepared and extemporaneous speaking and in 10 national FFA contests.

Friday afternoon the American Farmer degree — the highest degree earned by FFA members — will be awarded to 735 recipients representing the top 3 percent of FFA membership.

FFA members from Pennsylvania receiving American Farmer degrees are: John Haldeman, Annville; Edwin Hostetter, Annville; Laurie Duran, Bulger; Jeffery Kennedy, Butler; James Foertsch, Butler; Gail Lehman, Elizabethtown; David Feidt, Elizabethtown; Jay Andrus, Granville Summit; Todd Miller, Hamburg; Michael Pflieger, Hopeland; Stephen Haagen, Howard; David Rice, Jr., Kempton; H. Stephen Main, Jr., Lancaster; Deborah Palmer, Little Marsh; Lyle Sherman, Mansfield; Donald Carter, McDonald; Timothy Wetzell, Middleburg; Scott Troutman, Mohrsville; Brandon Weary, Newville; Esther Shelatree-Borchert, Parker; C. Andrew Hess, Robesonia; and Mervin Keagy Washington Boro.

Two Delaware FFA'ers, Dean Stotler, Clayton, and James Masten, Smyrna, will also receive American Farmer Degrees.

American Farmer Degree recipients from Maryland are: Larry Johnson, Damascus; Brian Glass, Emmitsburg; William Allen III, Jefferson; Sarah Osborn, Keymar; Mark Harman, Sabillasville; Dennis Long,

Thurmont; Laura Albaugh, Walkersville; and Richard Eaves, Woodsboro.

New Jersey American Farmers are: Wayne Beal, Jr., Bridgeton; Kenneth Ingalls, Cream Ridge; Ross Mills, Princeton; and Patricia Wentzell, Woodstown.

New York students receiving the American Farmer Degree are: William Eastman, Ellisburg; Marie Erway-Ackley, Genesee, Pa.; Edward O'Brian, Lisbon; Wayne Wratten, Madison; Lee Morrison, Ogdensburg; David Senn, Randolph; David Kilmar, Walton; and Calvin Brown, Waterloo.

Top chapter programs in safety, community development and overall activities will also be recognized.

Thursday evening at the convention, the Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman Over America — the top two FFA members with production and agribusiness programs — will be honored.

"The Convention is an exciting culmination of the year's achievements by FFA members and chapters from every state, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands," said Rick

Malir, national FFA president from Wilson, Kan. "These three days are a highlight of the organization as we recognize ourselves nationally as students in the agricultural industry."

Six student national FFA officers elected at the 1985 convention will conduct the sessions and activities of the week.

The convention will use the national FFA theme, "FFA...Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture" to stress the many areas of science, business and communications taught and practiced through FFA and

vocational agriculture.

"There's no doubt agriculture is facing some major challenges today," said national FFA advisor Larry Case. "But if you're looking for the future of this industry, it's right here at the National FFA Convention. These young people represent the new generation of leadership that will propel American agriculture into the 21st century."

The National FFA Alumni Convention and The National Agricultural Career Show are scheduled in conjunction with the convention.

## N.J. FFA'ers To Attend Convention

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ — The New Jersey FFA will be represented at the 59th National FFA Convention Nov. 13 to 15th in Kansas City, Mo., with delegates, judging contest participants, a band member, and enthusiastic members.

This year's delegates are Dennis Symons, N.J. FFA state president, of Allentown, and Maryann Vogt, N.J. FFA state secretary, of Medford. They will be involved in

the business sessions of the convention.

FFA is an organization of students preparing for careers in the agricultural industry. Activities and award programs complement instruction in vocational agriculture/agribusiness by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in the classroom.

## 1986 National Convention Highlight Schedule

### Wednesday, November 12

- 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. FFA Alumni Convention—H. Roe Bartle
- 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
- 2:00 p.m. Delegate Business Session—Municipal Auditorium
- 5:30 p.m. FFA Alumni Banquet—H. Roe Bartle
- 7:30 p.m. Vespers Program—Municipal Auditorium

### Thursday, November 13

- 7:00 a.m. Livestock Contest—American Royal/KC Stockyards
- 7:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Floriculture Contest (Part I)—Swope Park
- 7:45 a.m. Forestry Contest (Part I)—H. Roe Bartle
- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
- 8:00 a.m. Farm Business Management Contest—Hyatt Regency
- 8:00 a.m. Nursery/Landscape Contest (Part I)—H. Roe Bartle
- 8:30 a.m. Dairy Foods Contest—Hyatt Regency
- 9:00 a.m. Convention Opening Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - Special Audio-visual Presentation
  - Convention Kick-off Speaker
  - National Chapter Safety Awards
- 11:00 a.m. Forestry Contest (Part II)—Swope Park
- 12:00 Noon Dairy Contest—American Royal Arena
- 12:00 Noon Proficiency Awards (29) Luncheon—Vista (judging follows)
- 12:00 Noon Star Luncheon—Kansas City Club (judging follows)
- 12:00 Noon Agricultural Mechanics Contest—Fort Osage Vo-Tech School
- 12:30 p.m. Educational Tours—Kansas City Area
- 1:00 p.m. Meats Contest—Safeway Distribution Center
- 1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshop Conducted by the FFA Alumni—H. Roe Bartle
- 1:30 p.m. Nursery/Landscape Contest (Part II)—Swope Park
- 2:00 p.m. Second Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - Guest Speaker
  - National FFA Chapter Awards
  - Distinguished Service Citations
  - National Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest
  - Delegate Business Session
- 2:30 p.m. Floriculture Contest (Part II)—H. Roe Bartle
- 3:00 p.m. Leadership Workshop conducted by the FFA Alumni—H. Roe Bartle
- 6:00 p.m. National FFA Talent Show—Municipal Auditorium
- 8:00 p.m. Third Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium

- National FFA Foundation Sponsor Recognition
- Stars Over America Pageant

### Friday, November 14

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. National Agricultural Career Show—H. Roe Bartle
- 8:30 a.m. Poultry Contest—Hyatt Regency
- 9:00 a.m. Fourth Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - Honorary American Farmer Degrees
  - VIP Awards
  - BOAC Awards
  - Guest Speaker, Bob Moawad
- 11:00 a.m. Leadership Workshop conducted by the FFA Alumni—H. Roe Bartle
- 11:45 a.m. American Farmer Luncheon—H. Roe Bartle
- 1:00 a.m. Leadership Workshop conducted by the FFA Alumni—H. Roe Bartle
- 2:00 p.m. Fifth Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - Guest Speaker, Honorable Richard E. Lyng, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
  - American Farmer Degrees
  - Alumni Recognition
- 3:00 a.m. Leadership Workshop conducted by the FFA Alumni—H. Roe Bartle
- 5:00 p.m. National Leadership Dinner for Chapter and State FFA Officers—H. Roe Bartle
- 7:00 p.m. National FFA Band and Chorus Concert—Municipal Auditorium
- 8:00 p.m. Sixth Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - National Proficiency Awards (29) Pageant
  - National Prepared Public Speaking Contest

### Saturday, November 15

- 7:00 a.m. National Contests Award Breakfasts
- 9:00 a.m. Seventh Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - International Activities
  - Guest Speaker, Bruce Jenner, Olympic Gold Medalist
  - Announcement of Judging Contest Winners
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Convention Session—Municipal Auditorium
  - Guest Speaker
  - Retiring Address, National FFA President
  - Election and Installation of the 1986-87 National FFA Officers