

State FFA Awards Keystone To 217 Recipients

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — FFA members across the state will meet at the Forum Building on Thursday, January 16 at 12:30 p.m. during Farm Show Week for the 63rd annual Mid-Winter Convention.

At that time, many will receive the coveted Keystone Farmer Degree — the highest state award bestowed upon high school FFA members out of approximately 73 chapters across the state. Regional Star Agribusinessmen and Star Farmers will also be recognized at the convention, in addition to this year's Proficiency Award winners.

Building Our American Community (BOAC) awards will also be presented. At the convention, parents with three or more children who have received the Keystone Farmer Degree will be honored.

Once again, *Lancaster Farming* congratulates this year's winners, and hopes their chosen work experience, project, committee, and community involvement programs will benefit them in their chosen careers.

A brief biographical sketch of this year's Keystone Farmer Degree recipients follows.

Gary Anderson II

For Gary Anderson's FFA project, he planted and managed 10 acres of alfalfa and cropped the 650-acre family farm. Gary was chairperson of the Blue Mountain FFA Frog Hollow BOAC, which placed third nationally in competition.



Gary, the son of Gary and Faye Anderson, Friedensburg, Schuylkill Co., was chapter chaplain, vice president, and serves as president. He has been honored with the Star Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees. Future plans include a career in agriculture.

John Alleman

In-shop work experience for John Alleman included the construction of farm buildings. Other FFA projects for John, of the Shippensburg FFA, include hay wagon and calf hutch building, and he has served on the banquet committee from 1989-1991.



John, the son of Donald and Mary Alleman, Shippensburg, has been an FFA member for four years. He has served as

secretary, vice president, and president of his chapter. He has been honored with the Ag Mechanics and Ag Scholar awards. A Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin area FFA officer, John was honored as the Shippensburg Area High School Student of the Week in 1990 and received the Fundraising Salesmanship Award in 1990 and 1991. Future plans include a study of engineering in the Navy.

James R. Allen

Beef and dairy production comprised the FFA activities of four-year FFA veteran James R. Allen, of the Oxford FFA. The son of James and Carlene Allen, Nottingham, Chester Co., James has served as chapter president for two years, one year as chaplain, and one as county chaplain. James has also served as county vice president and has been involved on the livestock judging team and finance committee. He has also received the Greenhand and Chapter degrees.



Edward James Ammon

Experience may prove the best teacher for this future ag education instructor, who served FFA on many levels. Edward James Ammon, a three-year FFA veteran, has served as H.G. Parkinson FFA Chapter as president and vice president and has been involved in a wide array of projects — including swine finishing and on-farm occupational experience.



The son of Paulette R. and Edward C. Ammon, McDonald, Washington Co., Edward has worked on various FFA activities, including leadership, earnings and savings, supervised occupational agricultural experience, scholarship, and public relations. Contests he has placed in include land use and management, dairy judging, livestock judging, agronomy, tractor driving, dairy foods, meats judging, ag-business management, wildlife, creed, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure. He also participated in the state record book contest, placing in swine finishing, beef growing (gold), on-farm work experience (gold), layer replacements, poultry meats-roasters, and swine finishing (gold). He received an honorable mention in the Up With Agriculture writing

contest and received the Washington Co. Farm Credit Award in 1990 and 1991.

Edward has also received the Greenhand, Chapter, and County awards, in addition to Star Greenhand. Other honors include Star Chapter, Public Speaking Proficiency, Diversified Livestock Proficiency, Poultry Production Proficiency, S.O.A.E. Proficiency, Extemporaneous Public Speaking Proficiency, and Prepared Public Speaking Proficiency. He has won gold awards at the state public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests, and a silver in the agronomy contest. State and national activities include the Made For Excellence program, Washington Conference Program, National FFA Convention, Mid-Winter FFA Convention, FFA Week, Fall Leadership Conference, and John Moats National Leadership Conference.

Greg Anderson

A four-year member of the Blackhawk FFA, Greg Anderson has been involved in a variety of livestock judging projects, including the state and area livestock judging team and state meats judging team. Greg has also served on the agronomy judging team. Chapter president for two years, Greg has received the Blue-Gold Award for Chapter Leadership in 1990, the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, and Beef Proficiency awards. Greg is the son of George and Beverly Anderson, Darlington, Beaver Co.



Joel Andrew

Dairy herd improvement projects formed the core of most of the FFA activities of Joel Andrew of the Linesville FFA. The son of James and Linda Andrew, Espyville, Crawford Co., Joel has been involved in a dairy herd project in 1989, dairy heifer projects in 1990 and 1991, and corn and oats project in 1991. He was a member of the chapter's BOAC activity in 1990.



Joel's FFA achievements include serving as chapter secretary, chaplain, and he has received several awards, including Greenhand, Chapter Farm, and County Farmer. Future plans include obtaining a two-year associate degree.

Ernest Auman

Future plans for Ernest Auman, a four-year member of Penns Valley FFA, include to continue farming and start a dairy herd. Ernest has been involved in beef breeding, dairy heifer, and field corn FFA activities in his chapter. Ernest was also the division chairman for the earnings and savings committee. The son of Bonnie and Steve Auman, Coburn, Centre Co., Ernest has served as secretary and treasurer of his chapter, and has received the Greenhand, Star Greenhand, and Chapter honors.



Ricki Bashore, Jr.

Dairy herd projects form the backbone of Ricki Bashore's FFA projects at Northern Lebanon. Ricki has worked on various dairy calf, heifer, and herd projects, including field corn, alfalfa, silage, soybeans, and dairy beef growing projects. Ricki has also been awarded the Greenhand, Chapter, County, and Star Farmer honors, and has served as county parliamentarian, assistant sentinel, and as an alternate on the Parliamentary Procedure Team. Future projects include working in Oklahoma on a combine crew during the summer, and work on the parent's dairy farm and to "someday have my own."



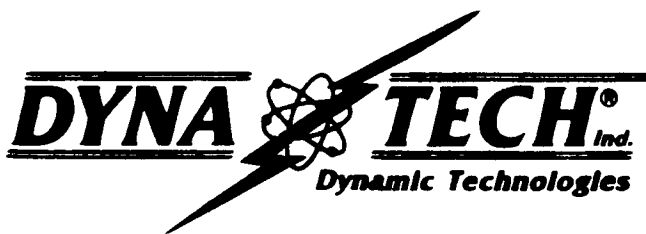
Jason Bennett

Three-year Columbia Montour AVTS FFA member Jason Bennett has served on various chapter committees, including citrus sales, banquet, and financial. Jason, who served as chapter secretary, has been honored with the Greenhand, Chapter, and Keystone Awards. He also traveled to Massachusetts for the Big E competition, and is currently working on co-op at J.L. Dillon's Wholesale Greenhouses.



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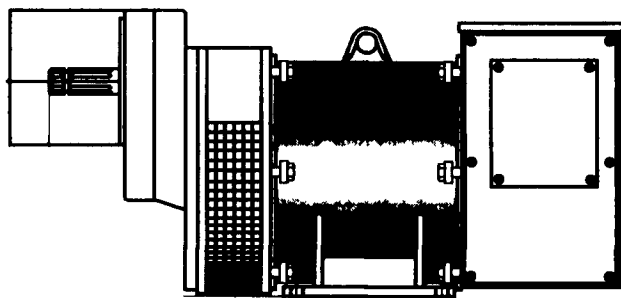
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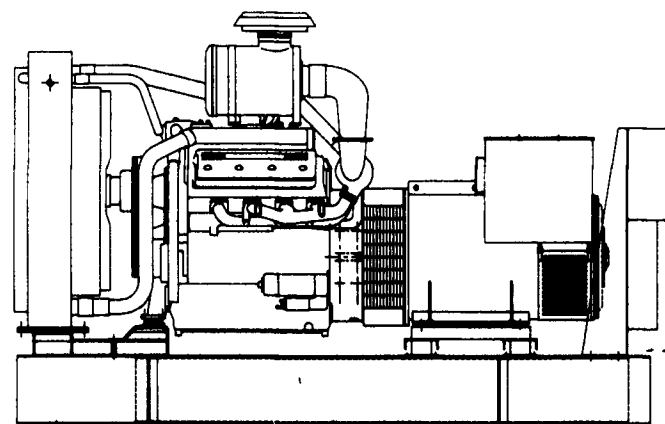
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