

FFA Convention Builds Leadership For America

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — true to its chosen theme, the 66th National FFA Convention celebrated "Leadership for America." The Municipal Auditorium served as the hub of activities Nov. 11-13, when FFA members from across the country flocked to Kansas City to experience the world's largest annual student gathering and enhance their leadership skills. A record 31,583 members, teachers,

and guests attended the convention.

During the opening reflections program, singer Lee Greenwood inspired the crowd with his words and music, including his hit song, "God Bless the USA." During other sessions, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy and Senator Larry Craig addressed the audience and former FFA member John Thompson, survivor of a ser-

ious farm accident, spoke on the importance of farm safety.

FFA members participated in the multitude of convention activities including competing in contests, receiving awards, attending leadership workshops, and honoring sponsors who make possible the extensive offering of FFA programs. The Honorary American FFA Degree, Distinguished Service Award, and VIP citations

were awarded to businesses and individuals who support the organization. The American FFA Degree was conferred upon 1,276 members.

In transacting the official business of the organization, delegates voted against a proposal for regional realignment of states, and they moved to revoke the charter of the District of Columbia FFA Association. The delegates also suggested a review of the policy

allowing nomination of national officers from the floor as well as the establishment of a new agricultural communications contest.

Other distinguished speakers included Miss America Kimberly Clarice Aiken, CNN reporter John Holliman, cowboy poet Baxter Black, and former national FFA officer Coby Shorter.

Five former members were installed as FFA Achievers for out-

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1993 National FFA Winners

STATE	CITY	AWARD OR HONOR	NAME
TX	Nemo	NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS	Curtis C. Childers
MO	Maysville	National President	Andrew McCrea
IL	Nokomis	National Secretary	Raquel Lacey
NY	Greenville	National Central Region Vice President	Liam Brody
AR	Pineville	National Eastern Region Vice President	Steven Mitchell
AZ	Mesa	National Southern Region Vice President	Tyler Grandt
SD	St. Lawrence	American Star Farmer	Daniel Keck
MO	Asbury	American Star in Agribusiness	Jeffrey Cole
TX	Creston	National BOAC Chapter RJR Nabisco Foundation, Inc. The chapter initiated "Project Earth Alert" to promote the care and conservation of the earth's natural resources. Monies to support their work came from a school dance, a raffle and a grant of \$4,000 to plant 118 trees on school property.	Creston FFA Chapter
MI	Mapleton	BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism RJR Nabisco Foundation, Inc. Boucher was involved in operating a teen leadership camp.	Scott Boucher
CA	Merced	Prepared Public Speaking Winner FMC Foundation Speech: El Cielo Esta Cayendo	Amy LaSalle
TX	Katy	Extemporaneous Speaking Winner American Farm Bureau Federation Speech: The Role of Secondary Agriculture Programs in Developing an Awareness of International Agriculture Relations	Neely Young
ID	Bruneau	Computers in Agriculture National Winner	Lee Merrick
IA	Arlington	Computers in Agriculture Runner-Up Foundation General Fund	Shiloh Jennings
NY	Adams	Agriscience Student of the Year	Julie Berry
MO	Maysville	Agriscience Student Runner-Up The Agricultural Group of Monsanto Company	Jill McCrea
AZ	Phoenix	Agriscience Teacher of the Year Ford Motor Company Fund and PCS Sales	Christy Mecey-Smith
MO	Troy	Parliamentary Procedure Contest National Winner	Troy FFA Chapter
WA	Ritzville	Parliamentary Procedure Contest Runner-Up Ciba and the United Soybean Board	Ritzville FFA Chapter
WA	Walla Walla	Marketing Plan Project Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company	Walla Walla FFA Chapter
OK	Jay	Horse Judging Contest (Pilot)	Jay FFA Chapter
OK	Jay		Jacob Tanner, Jay FFA Chapter

NATIONAL FFA CONTEST WINNERS

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS
Firestone Ag Tire Division and
Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund

1\	Manor	Team	Manor FFA Chapter
1\	Manor	Individual	Brad Dieringer, Manor FFA Chapter

AGRICULTURAL SALES
Asgrow Seed Company

NV	Wells	Team	Wells FFA Chapter
NV	Wells	Individual	Jennifer Griswold, Wells FFA Chapter

DAIRY
Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated
Babson Bros. Co./SURGE

(b) (1)	Individual	Clover Leaf FFA Chapter
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DAIRY FOODS
Mid-America Dairymen, Inc
National Dairy Promotion and Research Board
Patz Sales, Inc

MO	Urbana	Team	Skyline H1A Chapter
MO	Urbana	Individual	Jaxon Driskill, Skyline H1A Chapter

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

WIN	LeRoy	Team	LeRoy-Ostrander FFA Chapter
WIN	LeRoy	Individual	James Sutherland, LeRoy-Ostrander FFA Chapter

FLORICULTURE
American Floral Endowment
Geo J. Ball, Inc
Grace Sierra
Sun Company

YN	Lakefield	Team	Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield FFA Chapter
YN	Lakefield	Individual	Anne Hartman Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield FFA Chapter

FORESTRY
Champion International Corporation
51111 Inc.

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LIVESTOCK
Purina Mills, Inc.

15	Council Grove	Team	Council Grove H A Chapter
16	Council Grove	Individual	Spencer Schrader, Council Grove H A Chapter

<u>STATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>AWARD OR HONOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>
		MEATS TECHNOLOGY & EVALUATION Excel Corporation Hormel Foods Company Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation	
CA	Hanford & Clovis	Team	Hanford & Clovis FFA Chapters
CA	Hanford	Individual	Lino Mendes, Hanford FFA Chapter
		NURSERY/LANDSCAPE American Association of Nurserymen The CIIPCO®/Specialty Products Group of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company Kubota Tractor Corporation	
NC	Bear Creek	Team:	Chatham Central FFA Chapter
NC	Bear Creek	Individual.	Eugene Kidd, Chatham Central FFA Chapter
		POULTRY American Proteins, Inc., Sanofi Animal Health, Inc. Tyson Foods, Inc.	
AR	Springdale	Team	Springdale FFA Chapter
AR	Springdale	Individual	Brian Lloyd

1993 NATIONAL FFA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS

STATE	CITY	AWARD AREA	NAME
GA	Newborn	<u>AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION</u> National Food & Energy Council; Incorporated and National FFA Foundation General Fund	Jason Howard
MN	Spring Valley	<u>AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS</u> Case IH	Kyle Merkel
PA	Linesville	<u>AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING</u> Ag Processing Inc.; Archer Daniels Midland Company and Supersweet Feed (AGP, L.P.)	Mark Korman
WI	Montello	<u>AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE</u> CHEVY TRUCKS; Zeneca Ag Products; Northrup King Company and Vigortone Ag Products, Inc.	Craig Daniels
TN	Arthur	<u>BEEF PRODUCTION</u> Nasco Division/Nasco International, Incorporated and Pitman-Moore, Inc.	Robert L. Pearman
IN	Middletown	<u>CEREAL GRAIN</u> Kellogg Company and Unocal 76	Justin Day
MN	Battle Lake	<u>DAIRY PRODUCTION</u> Alfa Laval Agn Inc.; American Breeders Service and Manna Pro Corporation	Dennis Fronning
OH	Cardington	<u>DIVERSIFIED CROP PRODUCTION</u> Cargill	Stephanie Gompf
NE	Newman Grove	<u>DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION</u> Livestock Marketing Association and Wayne Feed Division/Continental Grain Company	Barry A. Benson
IN	Wokottville	<u>FEED GRAIN PRODUCTION</u> Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	Glenn R. Noll
NC	Dunn	<u>FIBER CROP PRODUCTION</u> Sandoz Agro, Inc.	Cale Lee
TN	Church Hill	<u>FLORICULTURE</u> American Floral Endowment; The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch; Professional Plant Growers Association and The Lerio Corporation	Donald S. Hutson
WI	Reedsburg	<u>FORAGE PRODUCTION</u> Gehl Company and Northrup King Company	Joe Speich
AL	Lineville	<u>FOREST MANAGEMENT</u> Homelite Division of Textron Incorporated; Stone Container Corporation and The National FFA Foundation General Fund	Wesley McCollum
WI	Montello	<u>FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION</u> Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Incorporated	Paul McDowell
WI	Reedsburg	<u>HOME AND/OR FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT</u> The National FFA Foundation General Fund	Ryan K. Engel
KS	Alta Vista	<u>HORSE</u> Equicare Division of Zeecon Corporation and Justin Boot Company	Tyson J. Buchman
IN	Waynetown	<u>NURSERY OPERATIONS</u> Chrysler Corporation - Dodge Trucks and Merck AgVet Division	Cherise Vance
IN	Burlington	<u>OIL CROP PRODUCTION</u> Chicago Board of Trade and FMC Foundation	Eric L. Miller
KY	Hickman	<u>OUTDOOR RECREATION</u> Chevy Trucks, O F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc. and Schrade Cutlery	Amy H. Major
IA	Charlotte	<u>PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION</u> DEKALB Genetics Corporation and Pitman-Moore, Inc.	Kasey G. Kash
IA	Manson	<u>POULTRY PRODUCTION</u> Red Brand Fence/Made by Keystone Steel & Wire Company, Chore-Time Equipment Division of CTB Incorporated, Hudson Foods, Inc. and Scherme Plough Animal Health	David S. Molne