

# FFA To Present Keystone Degrees To 204

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## Heather Dougherty

Heather Dougherty, Birdsboro, and Twin Valley FFA member wants to attend Penn State and then plan a career as a veterinarian. In 1990-1991, Heather participated in a wide array of livestock judging and FFA leadership training programs, placing third in the county Greenhand contest. In 1991-1992, Heather received a first place in plant science for a mini-exhibit at the Reading Fair, and participated in dairy judging at the Kutztown Fair. At that time, she was awarded a Star Greenhand. Also, she participated in Delaware Valley Collegiate FFA tours, and received a first place award in the Berks County record book contest. In 1992-1993, Heather participated in FFA dairy judging at the Allentown Fair, where she received a first place record book. She received a third place award at Reading Fair dairy judging, and the Public Speaking Foundation Award. Also, she received first place in the Berks County record book contest. In 1993, she received the Agricultural Processing Proficiency Award and the Soil and Water Management Proficiency Award, and was a member of the first place team on the Berks County Envirothon.

## Meranda Jayne Dum

Meranda Jayne Dum said she plans to attend Penn State in the fall this year to major in dairy science. Meranda, 18, daughter of Thomas and Shayne S. Dum, Landisburg, Perry County, is a four-year West Perry FFA member. She served as chapter historian, parliamentarian, and president. In addition, Meranda served on the citrus and calendar committees, and her supervised ag experience project was a dairy herd. She has also garnered other awards, including a gold in the state record book contest, the chapter ag production proficiency award, and was second individual and second place team at the 1993 FFA Activities Week. She placed first as individual and second place at the Penn State FFA Invitational in 1992. Meranda has received the Greenhand, Chapter, and Area degrees.

## Chris Dupstadt

Chris Dupstadt, 17, Central City resident and three-year Somerset County AVTS member plans to become a lumber grader. Chris served as chapter treasurer for two years, and also as vice president. Chris served on the citrus fruit, BOAC, county contest, demonstration, scholarship, and other project committees, and participated in many other FFA-related activities. Chris has received the Greenhand and Chapter degrees, and has received a silver award in the Penn State forestry contest.

## Dan Dygert

Dan Dygert, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dygert, Linesville, Crawford County, is a five-year member of the Linesville FFA. Dan has served as treasurer of his chapter. He has participated in a variety of roundups, including dairy, land, poultry, wildlife, and livestock judging, and has received the Star Crop Farmer Award at the Crawford County Fair, in addition to the Star Horti-

culturalist Award. Dan has received the Greenhand, Star Greenhand, County Farmer, and Chapter degrees.

## Raymond Dymond

Son of Maryann and Raymond Dymond, Sr., Elverston, Chester County, Raymond has served as chapter secretary and Twin Valley FFA sentinel. The four-year FFA member has served as Christmas tree recycling chairman and chairman of the Hay Creek Petting Zoo. Raymond has participated in the state wildlife contest. Also, he has received the Agriculture Processing Foundation Award, Poultry Production Foundation Award, Wildlife Conservation Foundation Award, and received the Chapter and Greenhand degrees. Raymond plans to become a state game commission officer.

## Daryl J. Ebersole

Four-year Mifflinburg FFA member Daryl J. Ebersole said he plans to attend college and pursue a career in farming or in an agriculture-related industry. Daryl, 17, son of David and Mary Jane Ebersole, Millmont, Union County, has served as chapter vice president, chapter treasurer, and SUN Area FFA vice president. He has also served on the conservation, banquet, recreation, and executive committees. Projects include swine finishing, broiler production, home improvement, and on-farm work experience. Contests include chapter land judging and forestry and Beaver Fair forestry skills. Daryl received a gold in the state farm management contest and a first in the SUN Area FFA agronomy contest. He has received the Greenhand, Chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

## Barry England, Jr.

Williamsburg FFA member Barry England has served as chapter sentinel for three years. The 17-year-old son of Dr. Barry and Mrs. Diane England, Williamsburg, Blair County, Daryl's SAE has included on-farm work experience. He has participated in various programs and projects, including FFA Summer Convention, recreation, county Envirothon, and Food for America program. He has received the Greenhand and Chapter degrees and an FFA Honor Roll Award.

## Scott Engle

Three-year Bellwood Antis FFA member Scott Engle has served as chapter chaplain and secretary. Scott, 17, son of Ed and Carole Engle, Tyrone, Blair County, has served on the recreation and leadership committees. In addition, Scott has received a bronze land judging award and the Greenhand and Chapter degrees.

## Steven Erb

Attending Pennsylvania State College of Technology for electrical occupations is the future plan of four-year West Snyder FFA member Steven Erb. Steven, 17, son of Orvis and Violet Erb, Beavertown, Snyder County, has served as chapter chaplain and treasurer. In addition, ag experience projects include sheep and swine breeding and finishing. Steven has served on the recreation,

chicken barbeque, and citrus sales committees. Also, Steven has received a third place in the area livestock judging contest and a bronze in the state ag mechanics contest. He has received a swine proficiency award and received the Greenhand, Chapter, and Area degrees.

## Amy M. Espenshade

With plans to open and operate her own greenhouse business, Amy M. Espenshade has served the FFA community in a wide variety of projects, including Sugar Land Express (a project to give less fortunate children in the community a better Christmas). Amy, 17, daughter of Harvey and Susan Espenshade, Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, has served as chapter reporter, secretary, vice president, and president. She has worked on the school's Bear Creek Farm, a farm and wildlife area developed by the students, and has participated in FFA holiday sales, including fruit, meats, poinsettias, and wreaths. Amy has also helped to recruit eighth graders into the school's FFA program. She received a first place in the state in ag sales and participated in the state and national meat judging competition. She received the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees.

## Wade Esbenshade

A major in agricultural science at Penn State or Delaware Valley College forms the plans of four-year Grassland FFA member Wade Esbenshade. Wade, 18, son of Wilmer and Janice Esbenshade, New Holland, has served as chapter chaplain, vice president, and president, and as county vice president. He has served as chairman of the executive committee and on various other committees, including scholarship; earnings, savings, and investments; supervised agricultural experience; community service; public relations; and alumni relations. Also, Wade has worked on a wildlife conservation project in Snyder County and on a production project with rainbow trout. He has worked on a local dairy farm and attended various conferences, including the Washington Leadership, Made For Excellence, State Legislative Leadership, and Eastern Regional Leadership. Wade has received a second in the prepared public speaking contest, a first in the parliamentary procedure contest, a gold medal in the state aquatics contest, and a gold in the state record book contest. He received the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, and Star County degrees, and various specialty animal production, public speaking, poultry, and wildlife management proficiency awards.

## Matthew Ferster

Upper Dauphin Area FFA member Matthew Ferster has served as chapter historian, secretary, and vice president, in addition to Cumberland-Dauphin-Perry (CDP) Area FFA secretary. Matthew, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferster, Lykens, Dauphin County, has served on various committees, including Upper Dauphin Area FFA and Adult Farmer Toy Show and FFA banquet. He has received a silver and bronze in state land judging, a bronze in the state record book contest, and first place in county tractor driving. He has received the Greenhand, Chapter, and CDP Area degrees, and plans to continue working at the Elizabethtown Agway.

## Brian L. Fick

Oley Valley FFA member Brian Fick has served as chapter sentinel and serves as chapter reporter. Brian, 17, son of Leroy and Cynthia Fick, Reading, Berks County, has also served on various committees, including Food For America and citrus. He has a first place award in the state agronomy contest, and has experience in swine breeding and finishing, home garden, beef finishing, and hay production. He has received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer degrees. Brian's future plans include swine breeding and landscape and turf grass management.

## Heather Fidler

Heather Fidler, four-year McGuffey FFA member, plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit College and major in physical therapy. Heather, 17, daughter of Richard and Mary Fidler, West Alexander, Washington County, has served as chapter reporter, chapter vice president, and county secretary. She has experience in breeding sheep and beef, and in market hogs. In addition, Heather has served on a variety of committees, including the earnings and savings, county banquet, chapter banquet, fruit sales, recreation, and Greenhand. Also, Heather has received top fruit sales recognition for two years and a gold medal in meat judging. She has received the Greenhand, Star Greenhand, Chapter, County, and Star Chapter Farmer recognition.

## James F. Findley

"After graduation, I plan to go back to the family farm and become a partner, as well as continue my dairy, swine, and beef enterprises," noted four-year Manor FFA member James F. Findley. James, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Findley, Holtwood, Lancaster County, also intends to run for state FFA office. He has served as chapter vice president. Work experience included Findley's Dairy Farm for two years, and raising dairy animals, in addition to swine breeding and finishing and beef finishing operation. James has served on various committees, including banquet, fruit ticket, food, theme party, yearbook, lock-in, scrapbook, fair, raffle ticket, home show, fruit sale, and pie sale. He has received various awards, including swine and dairy proficiency, dairy products contest (first in county, fourth in state, and ninth in the nation), and the Greenhand Chapter, and Star Red Rose in ag production. He also received the Eastern Region Star in ag production.

## Joel Lynn Fox

Attending York Technical Institute and majoring in heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration form the plans of three-year Grassland FFA member Joel Lynn Fox, 17. Joel's parents are Warren and Arlene Fox, Ephrata, Lancaster County. Joel has served as chapter second chaplain, first chaplain, and first BOAC chairperson. Joel has also served on various committees, including greenhouse and fit trail. Joel's SAE project has been work for a local lawn care service. Joel has received the Greenhand and Chapter degrees, in addition to a bronze award in the state aquatics contest.

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