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KEYSTONE AWARD WINNERS

197 FFA'ers To Receive Keystone Degree At Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Blue and Gold invasion is about to hit the Farm Show!

The Pennsylvania FFA Association is holding its 66th annual Mid-Winter Convention on Monday, Jan. 9 in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex.

One hundred and ninety-seven Pennsylvania FFA members will be waiting anxiously to receive their Keystone degrees. The Keystone is the highest FFA degree the state can bestow upon its members. The selection of the state stars and recognition of chapters for their outstanding programs in safety and community service are among the convention highlights.

The convention is open to the public. The Pennsylvania FFA consists of 7,300 members who are studying agricultural education. The FFA mission statement states that the FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

To honor those receiving the Keystone degree, *Lancaster Farming* presents the following biographies of candidates who are scheduled to receive the honor. We recognize the endeavors and achievements of the FFA members from the more than 73 chapters that make up the state FFA. *Lancaster Farming* wishes success to those receiving the Keystone.

Thomas R. Ackley
Plans for the immediate future for Thomas R. Ackley call for enlistment in the U.S. Navy. The three-year Cowanesque FFA chapter member has held several positions, including chapter sentinel and president. Thomas, 17, son of Michael R. Ackley and Lisa L. Meachem, Westfield, Tioga County, has participated in many FFA activities, including state livestock judging, parliamentary procedure team, the Elkland Leadership Conference, and the state Legislative Leadership Conference. Thomas has been awarded the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, and has also garnered awards for state record book (bronze), county record book (third), and various fair awards.



Shane Albert

Four-year Gifford Pinchot FFA member Shane Albert has served on various positions in his chapter, including citrus committee from 1991-1994, calendar sales from 1991-1994, and flower bulb sales from 1991-1994. Shane, 18, son of Daniel and Jeanette Albert, York, has received the Greenhand and Chapter Farmer degrees.



views his chapter as sentinel. Donald has worked on various on-farm work experience projects, including swine finishing. He has also participated in various committees, including conduct of meetings and water testing, cooperation, fruit sales, and float. Donald has been awarded the Greenhand, Chapter, and Red Rose degrees, and has been honored with various awards, including first in state land judging and proficiency in land judging.

Tonya Anthony

Tonya Anthony, four-year Marion Center FFA member, intends to enroll in college after she is graduated from Marion Center High School. Tonya, 17, daughter of Edward and Karen Anthony, Rochester Mills, Indiana County, has served as chapter secretary and serves as chapter president. She has received the



Donald Ammerman

A career in diesel mechanics comprises the future plans of four-year Solanco FFA member Donald Ammerman. Donald, 17, son of Richard and Vicky Wiggins, Quarryville, Lancaster County, ser-



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