

# 210 FFA Keystone Recipients Help Build The Future

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She placed second in the state horticulture contest, and was named the outstanding chapter farmer. She has her Greenhand and Chapter degrees. Her goal is to attend college and then move West, and then start up a day-care business.

### Zachary Jack Russell

Zachary Jack Russell, 18, son of Nancy Foust of Coudersport, is a four-year member of the Spud Grower FFA Chapter, and a member of its Fruit Sales and Donkey Basketball committees. His FFA projects include water quality testing, and timber stand improvement. He has won awards for land judging and earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees. He said he intends to pursue acceptance into the United States military and then pursue a four-year college degree.



### Nikki Ryder

Nikki Ryder, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryder of St. Thomas, is a four-year member of the Conococheague/James Buchanan FFA Chapter. She is currently the chapter parliamentarian and county vice president, having served as chapter sentinel and county FFA president during the past year. She also served as chapter reporter during the 1995-96 term. Her committee involvements include work with the chapter Leadership, Community Service, Public Relations, and Scholarship committees. FFA project work includes raising dairy heifers and doing greenhouse production.



She competed in farm business management competitions at the Big Eastern Exposition, and earned her Greenhand and Chapter degrees and received a Star Chapter award. She said she intends to pursue agronomic studies at a four-year college.

### Leah Sarro

Leah Sarro, 17, daughter of Pat and Paul Sarro of Philadelphia, has been a four-year member of the Philadelphia FFA Chapter at W.B. Saul High School, where she is continuing into her second year as chapter reporter. A member of its Floriculture Club and Junior Prom Committee, she has been involved with the Helping Hands projects and the Yearbook. She was a winner in a Soroptimist Club contest, and received her Greenhand and Chapter degrees. Her goal is to become a news reporter.



### Keith Sauder

Keith Sauder, 18, son of Linda and Randy Sauder of East Earl, has served as the reporter for the Grassland FFA Chapter for the past year, and second reporting secretary for the year prior. Active in the chapter's Alumni, and Public Relations committees, he served as chairman for its SAE and Public Relations committees. His FFA projects include working at Kings Tables, with wildlife, home improvement, and pleasure horse. He has won awards for horse proficiency, ag business proficiency, and agricultural mechanics proficiency. He was also a member of the second place state poultry judging team, the third place poultry team at Eastern States competitions, and was named Star Red Rose (county) Agribusinessman. He competed in horse judging and forestry judging at regional level contests, and also attended a Made for Excellence Confer-

ence. He earned Greenhand, Chapter and Red Rose degrees. While the majority of FFA Keystone Degree recipients said they enjoyed the relationships they developed and the people they met through participation in FFA events and activities, Keith said he found the travel aspect of some of it very enjoyable. "I enjoy going on trips the most. I was never in Massachusetts until my sophomore year with our poultry team. I also went to Kansas City during my junior year," he said. "In the future I plan to take trips west to the Rockies as well as continue working with wood, whether it be where I am now, or employed in some other location."

### Brock Saylor

Brock Saylor, 17, son of Robert and Beverly Saylor of Winfield, has served as student advisor and treasurer for the Selinsgrove FFA Chapter. He has been involved in the FFA chapter's Corn Club, Banquet, Scholarship, and Cider committees, and his projects have included raising dairy beef, field corn, and finishing swine. He won a bronze award at the state level for land judging, and a gold medal in the state FFA ag mechanics contest. He has earned Greenhand, Chapter and Area degrees, and said he would like to farm full time, and do mechanic work on the side. FFA has given him a chance to travel and meet people.



### Heather Schaeztle

Heather Schaeztle, 18, daughter of Alan and Joan Schaeztle of Womelsdorf, is currently parliamentarian for the Conrad Weiser FFA Chapter, having served as sentinel for the past year, and reporter the year prior. She is a mem-



ber of the chapter's Executive, Elm Tree, and Recreation committees. Her supervised agricultural experience (SAE) projects involved agricultural and environmental experiments and research. She placed first in the state for conservation public speaking. She also earned Greenhand and Chapter degrees. She said her plans are to pursue a degree from Penn State University leading into an environmental career.

### Harry Schussler

Harry Schussler, 18, son of Harry and Lois Schussler, of Philadelphia, is president of the Philadelphia FFA Chapter's Horse Club, and his projects have been working as a student farmer at the Equine Center. He has earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees, and won awards in horse judging and at the Northwestern Horse Show. He said he enjoys the competitions offered through FFA and he intends to pursue large animal studies at Delaware Valley College after high school.

### Adrienne Sheaffer

Adrienne Sheaffer, 17, daughter of Lynn and Elaine Sheaffer of Mechanicsburg, is the current treasurer of the Cumberland Valley FFA Chapter, and has served as its reporter during the past year. A member of the chapter's Executive, Finance, Banquet, and FFA Activities Week committees, she has earned her Greenhand, Chapter and CDP Area degrees. She lists her projects as strawberry production, beef finishing, beef raising, and home improvement. She has won proficiency awards in agricultural communications, small fruit production, home improvement and beef production. She said she intends to pursue a college degree in business administration.



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