

210 FFA Keystone Recipients Help Build The Future

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Tracy Schultz

Tracy Schultz, 18, daughter of Gary and Julie Schultz, of Myersdale, has been a member of the Somerset AVTS FFA Chapter for three years and a member of its Sweetheart, Dues, BOAC and Scrapbook committees. Her projects have been with flower arranging, and she place third in a Sweetheart contest. She earned her Greenhand and Chapter degrees, and said that she really enjoys the activities made



available through the FFA organization. She said her main priority after high school is to get a job.

Cory Simo

Cory Simo, 17, son of Jim and Theresa Simo of Lancaster is the current student advisor for the Grassland FFA, having served as its president during the past year, and its reporter, the year prior. He has been active with the chapters Scholarship, Leadership, and Ag Awareness committees, and his projects



involved beef finishing, goat production, and work experience. He earned Greenhand, Chapter and Red Rose degrees, and received a Star Chapter Award, a gold award in a state poultry judging contest, and a gold award for land judging activities. He said that joining and participating through the FFA really shows that, "Whatever you put into it, you will receive back." He said he intends to pursue a four-year large animal science degree at Delaware Valley College.

Jeff Slawson

Jeff Slawson, 17, son of Thomas and Marilyn Slawson of Genesee, is currently the student advisor at the Headwaters FFA Chapter, of which he's been a member for five years. He has been a member of the

chapter's Citrus, Safety, Donkey Basketball, and Program of Work committees. He lists his projects as on-farm work, and work at Fox Hill Farms in Ulysses. He has won awards in aquaculture proficiency, in a forestry contest, and as a member of their soil judging team. He earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees. He said he is hoping to earn a baseball scholarship, and plans to pursue additional education to qualify for operating heavy equipment, or if a scholarship become available, then perhaps seek a teaching degree. He said that being in FFA was enjoyable and gave him the opportunity to work with computers and in a shop. "It was everything that I enjoyed," he said. He also said he enjoy other FFA and associated events.

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