

210 FFA Keystone Recipients Help Build The Future

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Shayna Sweigart

Shayna Sweigart, 18, daughter of Don and Michele Sweigart of Stevens, has been a four-year member of the Cloister FFA Chapter. She has been on several of the chapter's committees, she said, including serving this year on its Economic Committee. Her projects include an SAE project of owning a Western Quarterhorse mare. She has won awards for horse judging, and earned Greenhand and Red Rose degrees. She said she plans to work as a floral designer and pursue education in other areas of horticulture. She also plans to own horses.



Karl Swimley

Karl Swimley, 19, son of Pam and Tim Swimley of Westfield, is Tioga County FFA president this year, and is the student advisor for his Cowanesque FFA Chapter. He has served as chairman of the chapter's Membership Committee, and as co-chair of its Citrus Sales Committee. His project is on-farm work experience, and in awards, he won a first in the state for land judging, ninth for forestry knowledge and received area and regional star awards for ag sales and service. He also proficiency awards for both soil and water management and outdoor recreation. His plan is to pursue collegiate forestry studies.



Scott Tharp

Scott Tharp, 17, son of Walter and Violet Tharp of Mount Pleasant Mills, has served as assistant chaplain of the Middleburg FFA Chapter during his four years as a member. He has also served on its Leadership Committee. He didn't list his FFA projects, and said he received no awards. He plans to work in construction after high school.

Katy Troester

Katy Troester, 17, daughter of Glenn and Nancy Troester of Mifflinburg, is the SUN Area FFA treasurer, and last year served as treasurer for her Mifflinburg FFA Chapter. She has been chairman of the chapter Supplies Committee, and has served on its Food For America, Greenhand, and Banquet committees. Her projects include raising rabbits, market lambs, doing on-farm and off-farm work experience, raising and training a dog, and a home garden project. She has won awards in sheep proficiency, the SUNA Area and state SAE record keeping, showed the grand champion sheep at the West End Fair, and won awards for fitting and showing sheep. With Greenhand and Chapter degrees, she said she would like to attend Northwestern College in Ohio for agriculture equipment mechanics. She attended a national FFA convention.



Sandra Urbanick

Sandra Urbanick, 17, daughter of Joe and Norma Urbanick of Conneautville, is the chaplain for the Linesville FFA Chapter. She has been involved in the chapter's Leadership, Support Group, and Ag Awareness committees, and has been a member for three years. She said her project is beef finishing, and she has been named a Crawford County star beef farmer, and was a champion FFA fitter and showman. She said she wants to continue working and growing with her beef finishing enterprise.



Mary Varner

Mary Varner, 17, daughter of Glenn and Bonnie Ocker of St. Thomas, is Franklin County FFA president, as well as vice president of the Conococheague FFA Chapter. She has also served as

chapter and county secretaries. She has been chairman of the chapter's Public Relations, SAE, and Leadership committees. She has been a member of its Cooperative Committee. Her projects include raising dairy calves and work experience on the dairy farm. She has won various awards in dairy judging and showing, and she was first place at the All-American Invitational in ag sales and service, and received awards for public speaking. She also was named Star Chapter Agribusinessman, and received Greenhand and Chapter degrees. Her plan is to pursue further education and a degree in elementary education.

Carleen Vorisek

Carleen Michelle Vorisek, 17, daughter of Charles and Catherine Vorisek, is currently president of the Linesville FFA Chapter, having served as its vice president and secretary, respectively, during the past two years. She is a member of the chapter's Cider and Banquet committees, and her projects include beekeeping, swine finishing, gardening, and poultry. She has won awards in for state proficiencies and for a national cooperative award. She has her Greenhand degree. Her plan is to pursue marketing and sales studies at a college.

Brandan Wagner

Brandan Wagner, 18, son of Rodger and Dorothy Wagner, of Oley, is a four-year member of the Oley Valley FFA Chapter and has served in past years as its assistant treasurer, president, and treasurer. He has also served on its Leadership, Community Service, and Fund Raising committees. His projects are working with dairy cows and dairy calves, and work experience. He has won a proficiency award in dairy cattle production, a state bronze medal for dairy foods, state gold for dairy showmanship, and a state silver award for tractor driving. He competed in regional agronomy contests, was second place in an area extemporaneous speaking contest, and was fourth in Berks County FFA for interviewing skills. He has his Greenhand and Chapter degrees, and plans to continue dairy farming and attend a trade school for diesel technology.

Jeremy Walters

Jeremy Walters, 18, son of Harold and Patricia Walters of Berlin, is the Somerset County FFA vice president, and president of the Brothersvalley FFA Chapter. He has also served as chapter reporter and treasurer. He is involved with the chapter's Seed Sales and Banquet committees among other activities. His projects include mechanical improvements, working on a Farnall Super MD, and maple sugar production. He has won awards for agri-entrepreneurship, state award for public speaking, and has earned his Greenhand and Chapter degrees. His plan is to become a heavy equipment and farm machinery mechanic.



David Warihay

David Warihay, 17, son of Bob and Barb Warihay of Conestoga, has been a member of the Manor FFA Chapter for four years and has served on its Fruit Sales, Petting Zoo, and Radio Activity committees. His projects include work experience and raising hogs. He showed a reserve grand champion hog and won an award in nursery landscaping. The recipient of a Greenhand and Chapter and country degrees, he was also named a Star Red Rose winner. He plans to work in the family business after high school.



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