

FFA Convention Makes Connection Between Education, Future

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more double majoring in agronomy and agriculture business.

Dougherty, the daughter of David and Gwendolyn Dougherty, is a member of the Whiteland FFA Chapter. Her adviser is Hartley Crover. Dougherty's SAE is a production cow/calf operation. A sophomore at Purdue University, she is majoring in agricultural education.

Armbruster is the son of Robert and Melva Armbruster. He is a member of the South Barber FFA Chapter where his adviser is Fred Gillig. A diversified livestock operation makes up Armbruster's SAE. A junior at Kansas State University, Armbruster is majoring in agricultural economics.

Buxton's parents are Robert and Beverly Buxton. She is a member of River View FFA Chapter, where her advisers are Robert and James Rich. Buxton's diverse SAE includes sheep, beef cattle, and soybeans. She attends The Ohio State University, where she is a sophomore majoring in agricultural engineering.

Santiago is the son of Ana Gonzalez. He is a member of the Piedra Gorda FFA Chapter where his adviser is Luis Cardona. Santiago's SAE consists of diversified livestock production, agricultural communications experience, and fruit and vegetable production. He is a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is majoring in agricultural education.

Garner's parents are John and Janet Garner. He is a member of the Hanford FFA Chapter where his advisers are Leonard DeRuijter, Susan Moran, Jim Lunstad, Mike Higham, Dennis Mann, Richard King, and Pam Brem. Agricultural work experience placement and a market sheep operation make up Garner's SAE. He attends California Polytechnic State University where he is a freshman majoring in agricultural education.

During their year of service, the national officers each will travel more than 100,000 miles making hundreds of appearances on behalf of the FFA. The national officers represent members to official in government, business, education, and agriculture. As they travel during the year, they meet with members on the local, state, and national levels.

Organization's Top Awards Go To Iowa, Wisconsin

The National FFA Organization announced the winners of its two most prestigious awards, the American Star Farmer and the American Star in Agribusiness, during the 71st National FFA Convention.

The 1998 American Star Farmer is Charles Pearce, 21, from Walworth, Wis., and the 1998 American Star in Agribusiness is Andrew Tygrett, 21, from Atalissa, Iowa.

These awards recognize students who have established profitable agricultural enterprises or agribusiness programs, demonstrated outstanding management skills, earned the American FFA Degree—the organization's highest level of accomplishment—and met other agricultural education and leadership requirements.

Each winner will receive \$1,000 from the National FFA Foundation Executive Sponsor Program, in addition to the \$1,000 they received as a finalist. Each of the eight star finalists will also take an agricultural tour of Costa Rica in the summer of 1999.

Distinguished Service Citations

The Distinguished Service Citation was presented at the 71st National FFA Convention to eight companies and organizations that provide outstanding service and opportunities to the National FFA Organization.

ZENECA Ag Products Group of Wilmington, Del.; Kansas State University Meats Facility of Manhattan, Kan.; Fort Osage Vocational Technical School of Independence, Mo.; Missouri Department of Conservation of Blue Springs, Mo.; University of Missouri at Columbia of Columbia, Mo.; Kansas City Marriott Downtown of Kansas City, Mo.; Kansas City Hyatt of Kansas City, Mo.; and the Stewart-Peterson Advisory Group of West Bend, Wis., received this honor.

The Distinguished Service Citation is given to companies and organizations that have shown exemplary support to FFA and agricultural education.

VIP Citations Presented

Individuals who have provided exemplary service to the National FFA Organization received VIP Citations at the 71st National FFA Convention.

Those receiving the VIP Citation were Dr. Terry Dockerty of Chicago, Ill.; Allan R. Johnson of Carol Stream, Ill.; Wayne Beck of Johnston, Iowa; Dean L. Byerly of Calmar, Iowa; John E. Shirley of Manhattan, Kan.; Joe Farrell of Hill City, Kan.; David E. Schafer of Manhattan, Kan.; Delmer L. Dalton of Lexington, Ky.; Larry Lackamp of Blue Springs, Mo.; and Al Benz of Raytown, Mo.

Also receiving the VIP Citation were Denise DeJulio of Kansas City, Mo.; Henry Kupfer of Kansas City, Mo.; Phil McFall of St. Joseph, Mo.; Dr. Richard Linhardt of Columbia, Mo.; Andrew Klapis of Raytown, Mo.; Ed Czerwien of St. Joseph, Mo.; John E. Cooper of Ozark, Mo.; Bob Nash of Kansas City, Mo.; Paulette Orth of Kansas City, Mo.; Dick Sneddon of Gladstone, Mo.; James Taylor of Kansas City, Mo.; Carl Hubbell, Jim Hutchinson and Shelia Pannell of Kansas City, Mo.; Earl and Mary Lee Wineinger of Marion, Mo.; Dale Lightfoot of Kansas City, Mo.; Bob Jorgensen of Omaha, Neb.; Dr. James P. Key of Stillwater, Okla.; Dr. Richard R. Stinson of University Park, Pa.; Dr. Bill R. Long of Nacogdoches, Texas; and James Ash of Alma, W.Va.

The VIP Citation is given to those individuals who have shown outstanding efforts in supporting and providing service to FFA and agricultural education.

National FFA Organization Gives Award For Diversity

The National FFA Organization presented the H.O. Sargent Award at the 71st National FFA Convention, recognizing a student who has achieved and promoted diversity in agricultural education and the FFA. Barrett Keene, from

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1998 National FFA Winners

STATE	CITY	AWARD OR HONOR	NAME
NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS			
		National President	Lisa Ahrens
		National Secretary	Abby Dougherty
		National Central Region Vice President	Andy Armbruster
		National Eastern Region Vice President	Emily Buxton
		National Southern Region Vice President	Jose' Santiago
		National Western Region Vice President	James Garner
IA	Osage	American Star Farmer	Charles D. Pearce
IN	Greenwood	American Star in Agribusiness	Andrew Tygrett
KS	Kiowa	Agriscience Student of the Year	Christie Flechsenhar
OH	Warsaw	Agriscience Student Runner-Up	Chris Black
PR	Camuy		
CA	Hanford		
WI	Walworth	Agriscience Teacher of the Year	Lisa Konkel
IA	Atalissa	Ford Motor Company Fund and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc	
MI	Cascade		
CA	Bakersfield		
National Chapter Models of Innovation Awards			
		Cargill and the National FFA Foundation General Fund	
		Student Development	Bowling Green FFA Chapter
		Chapter Development	Spencer FFA Chapter
		Community Development	Creston FFA Chapter
Career Development Event Winners			
Agricultural Issues			
		Elanco Animal Health, A Division of Eli Lilly and Company Team	Ritzville FFA Chapter
WA	Ritzville		
Agricultural Mechanics			
		Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund, and Firestone Ag Tire Division Team	Cascade FFA Chapter
MI	Cascade		Todd Byrne
MT	Cascade	Individual	Cascade FFA Chapter
Agricultural Sales			
		Asgrow Seed Company Team	Troy FFA Chapter
MO	Troy		Desiree Cordas
WA	Sumner	Individual	Sumner FFA Chapter
Dairy Cattle Selection			
		Associated Milk Producers, Incorporated, and Babson Bros. Co./SURGF Team	Edgewood-Colesburg FFA Chapter
IA	Edgewood		Ryan Griffin
MN	Stewartville	Individual	Stewartville FFA Chapter
Dairy Foods			
		Dairy Farmers of America, Inc., Dairy Management, Inc., and Patz Sales, Inc. Team	Hanford FFA Chapter
CA	Hanford		Travis Ferreira
CA	Hanford	Individual	Hanford FFA Chapter
FL	Plant City	Extemporaneous Speaking Winner	Barrett Keene
		American Farm Bureau Federation	Plant City Sr. FFA Chapter
Farm Business Management			
		John Deere Team	Centre FFA Chapter
KS	Lost Springs		Natalie Noble
OR	Vale	Individual	Vale FFA Chapter
Floriculture			
		American Floral Endowment, Ball Horticultural Company, The Solaris Group, Witco Corporation, and Scholarships by Sun Company Team	Chatham FFA Chapter
NC	Bear Creek		Jeremy Hart
NC	Bear Creek	Individual	Chatham FFA Chapter
Food Science and Technology			
		Kellogg Company Team	Junction City FFA Chapter
OR	Junction City		Mary Goodrich
TX	Houston	Individual	Clear Lake FFA Chapter
Forestry			
		Champion International Corporation, Schrade Cutlery, and Union Camp Corporation Team	Pocahontas County FFA Chapter
WV	Dunmore		Nathaniel Clutter
WV	Dunmore	Individual	Pocahontas County FFA Chapter
Horse Selection			
		Chrysler Corporation Fund-Dodge Trucks, and Manna Pro Corporation, "The Calf Manna" Company Team	Queen Anne's County FFA Chapter
MD	Centreville		Michelle Durham
MD	Centreville	Individual	Queen Anne's County FFA Chapter
Livestock Selection			
		Purina Mills, Inc. Team	Council Grove FFA Chapter
KS	Council Grove		Cody Sankey
KS	Council Grove	Individual	Council Grove FFA Chapter
Marketing Plan Project			
		Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company Team	Philip FFA Chapter
SD	Philip		
Meats Evaluation and Technology			
		Excel Corporation, Hormel Foods Corporation, and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation Team	La Verma FFA Chapter
TX	La Verma		Eric Doege
TX	La Verma	Individual	La Verma FFA Chapter
Nursery/Landscape			
		Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company, Kubota Tractor Corporation, Valent U.S.A. Corp., Environmental Industries, and American Nursery and Landscape Association Team	Eastern Randolph FFA Chapter
NC	Ramseur		Angie McCormick
MN	Okabena	Individual	Southwest Star Concept FFA Chapter
Parliamentary Procedure			
		Novartis Crop Protection, Inc. Team	Bear River FFA Chapter
CA	Grass Valley		
Poultry			
		American Proteins, Inc., and Tyson Foods, Inc. Team	Springdale FFA Chapter
AR	Springdale		Carol Spruill
GA	Jefferson	Individual	Jackson County FFA Chapter
Prepared Public Speaking Winner			
		FMC Corporation, Agricultural Products Division	Lauri Vaughn
TX	Lubbock		Lubbock Cooper FFA Chapter