

# FFA Convention Makes Connection Between Education, Future

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Plant City, Fla., was named the recipient of the H.O. Sargent Award for FFA members. He received \$500 and a plaque.

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Keene has been an active member of the FFA for five years. His involvement in the promotion of diversity began because he had three relatives who were mentally handicapped and he wanted to show other people their positive attitudes. He established a club at his school called "Buddies in Growing," or "B.I.G.," which teams special needs students with regular education students for school activities. The trainable mentally handicapped (TMH) students have increased chapter membership and proudly wear their FFA jackets at various activities.

"Having the TMH students present at our meetings give our chapter the opportunity to learn about positive attitudes from them," Keene said. "These students are without a doubt the most enthusiastic members present."

"Barrett has always made my students feel welcome and accepted in class, when he sees them in the halls, at lunch or at FFA meetings," said Sandy Denham, TMH teacher at Plant City High School. "He has been instrumental in my students' successes."

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award is open to all people, both FFA members and nonmembers, and is sponsored by Merial, Ltd., as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. Applications are available through the National FFA Organization.

### Award For Diversity

The National FFA Organization presented the H.O. Sargent Award at the 71st National FFA Convention to recognize citizens who have achieved and promoted diversity in agricultural education and the FFA. Gary E. Moore, Raleigh, N.C., North Carolina State University; Theresa Watson, Walkersville, Md., Walkersville High School; and W.G. Parker, Muskogee, Okla. retired educators for agricultural programs, are the recipients of this year's award.

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Following is a list of awards from the national convention.

STATE	CITY	AWARD AREA	NAME
CA	Del Ray	Diversified Livestock Production - Entrepreneurship Continental Grain Company/Cattle Feeding Division, Pork Division, and Animal Nutrition Division; and National FFA General Fund	Laura Anne Baker
NE	Clarkson	Diversified Livestock Production - Placement Continental Grain Company/Cattle Feeding Division, Pork Division, and Animal Nutrition Division, Allflex USA Inc., and United Soybean Board	Craig Richard Belina
WI	Marshfield	Emerging Agricultural Technology Caterpillar, Inc	Megan Mary Schaefer
MI	Cascade	Environmental Science IMC Global, Inc., and Carolina Biological Supply Company	Christie Lee Flechsenhar
CA	Auburn	Equine Science Purina Mills, Inc., American Paint Horse Association, and Red Brand Non-Climb Horse Fence - Made by Keystone Steel & Wire Company	Jake R. Parnell
IL	Red Bud	Feed Grain Production - Entrepreneurship Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc	Tim McDermott
WI	Randolph	Feed Grain Production - Placement Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc	Douglas L. Jung
IN	Gates	Fiber Crop Production Griffin Corporation, Cotton Grower, and National FFA Foundation General Fund	Kristen Beth Moore
IL	Lake Placid	Floriculture American Floral Endowment, The Kroger Company; Valent U.S.A. Corp., and Greenhouse Grower	Jesse Sapp
OH	Jeffersonville	Food Science and Technology General Mills Foundation, Meyocks & Priebe Advertising, Inc., and Seneca Foods Corporation	Beth Ann Detty
OK	Chickasha	Forage Production Gehl Company, and Novartis Seeds, Inc	Shane Stephens
STATE	CITY	AWARD AREA	NAME
AL	Lineville	Forest Management Chrysler Corporation Fund - Dodge Trucks, John Deere Consumer Products, and Stone Container Corporation	Nathan Larcus Dewberry
WI	Janesville	Fruit and/or Vegetable Production Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc	Joseph Thomas Skelly
WI	New Auburn	Home and/or Community Development Carhart, Inc	Zech L. Gorham
MO	Owensville	Landscape Management Reiman Publications	Johnathan Richard Hesemann
OH	Botkins	Nursery Operations Chrysler Corporation Fund - Dodge Trucks, and Novartis Crop Protection, Inc	Sara M. Schlueter
KS	Neodesha	Oil Crop Production - Entrepreneurship Novartis Seeds, Inc.; and United Soybean Board	Justin Newland
KY	Taylorsville	Oil Crop Production - Placement AgrEvo, Asgrow Seed Company, and National FFA Foundation General Fund	Ryan Dale Bivens
CA	Caliente	Outdoor Recreation CHEVY TRUCKS, O F Mossberg and Sons, Inc.; and Schrade Cutlery	Sarah Elizabeth Rankin
IA	Manson	Poultry Production Chore-Time Equipment Division of CTB, Inc., Degussa, Schering-Plough Animal Health, and United Soybean Board	Brad R. Moine
NV	Elko	Sheep Production Wrangler Division of V F Corporation, Resistol Hats, and The National FFA Foundation General Fund	Katie Dawn Klem
OH	Wellington	Small Animal Care Novartis Animal Health U.S., Inc	Jennifer April Jameyson
IN	LaFontaine	Soil and Water Management American Cyanamid Company, Global Agricultural Products	Gail Joseph Phipps

### 1998 National FFA Proficiency Award Winners

STATE	CITY	AWARD AREA	NAME
TX	Kress	Agricultural Communications R R Donnelley & Sons Company, and Farm Progress Companies, Inc	Jeremy Derrington
CA	Ripon	Agricultural Mechanical Technical Systems-Entrepreneurship CARQUEST Corporation, and Chrysler Corporation Fund-Dodge Trucks	Joshua Lee Weaver
IA	Red Oak	Agricultural Mechanics/Technical Systems - Placement Case Corporation	Nathan A. Johnson
MO	Truxton	Agricultural Processing Ag Processing, Inc /Consolidated Nutrition LC, and Archer Daniels Midland Company	Jared R. Flinn
OH	Ashville	Agricultural Sales and/or Service Case Corporation, CHEVY TRUCKS, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, and Vigortone Ag Products	Barton Curtis Fannin
KS	Chanute	Beef Production - Entrepreneurship Nasco Division/Nasco International, Inc., and Schering-Plough Animal Health	Sara Renee Thorsell
CA	Weldon	Beef Production - Placement Cactus Feeders, Inc., Fort Dodge Animal Health, Evergreen Mills, Inc., and Kent Feeds, Inc	Eric Hafenfeld
KS	Abilene	Cereal Grain Production CENEX FOUNDATION	Jason Matthew Stoffer
WI	Waupaca	Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship ABS Global, Inc., Alfa Laval Agri, Inc., and Manna Pro Corporation "The Calf Manna" Company"	Paul J. Eisentraut
WI	Marshfield	Dairy Production - Placement Protiva, a Unit of Monsanto Company	Josh David Sabo
MN	Cottonwood	Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship Cargill	Hector Marcel Mathys
CO	New Raymer	Diversified Crop Production - Placement National Crop Insurance Services, AgrEvo, and "Rain and Hail" - The Crop Insurance Leader	Justin E. Mertens

