

# Convention Allows Keystone FFA Recipients To 'Make The Connection' With Future

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vice president. He has served on several committees, including BOAC, officer calendar, and educational demonstration. Projects include improvement, on-farm employment, and off-farm employment. He has received a chapter scholarship honor and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Rebecca I. Day

"I really begin to understand what I am learning by the hands-on activities we do in class," wrote three-year Grassland FFA member Rebecca Day.



"I also really enjoy the contests, field trips, and leadership conferences where I get to meet new people and get to know my own chapter better. The skills I have learned through the FFA are skills I will take with me all throughout my life."

Rebecca, 18, is the daughter of Clifford and Anna Day, New Holland. She plans a one-year mission project and to enroll in college to major in elementary education.

Rebecca has served as chapter historian and is treasurer. She has also served on the cooperation, financial, and human resources committees. In addition, Rebecca has completed projects in lamb finishing and off-farm work experience.

Rebecca has garnered several awards, including top citrus salesperson, sheep proficiency, ag sales and services proficiency, a scholarship award, the Star Greenhand, and Star Chapter. She also received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jason Deardorff

"I like all the people I meet and all the things we do," wrote four-year Dover FFA member Jason Deardorff. He enjoys the FFA conferences, activities, and convention.



Jason, 17, is the son of Wayne and Bonnie Deardorff, East Berlin. The Dover FFA member has served as chapter student adviser and chapter president. In addition, Jason has served on the following committees: citrus sale, calendar sale, pig roast, and auction. He has entered the York Fair under a wide range of entries, picking up first place in oats, corn, hay, barley, and wheat. He has entered various feed and grain production and state livestock judging contests and received the Star Chapter Farmer.

Jason, who earned the Greenhand, chapter, and White Rose degrees, plans to

study computer technology programming and repair. He also said he would help his dad on the farm when he could.

Jaimey DeHaven

Future plans for Jaimey DeHaven, four-year Twin Valley FFA member, are to "get married in August, go to college for hotel management, and roll in the dough!"



Jaimey says she enjoys the conferences FFA conducts. "To see that many kinds (under control) working together, making new friends on their own, and actually maturing in front of you is amazing," she wrote.

Jaimey, 17, is the daughter of Daniel and Zena De Haven, Honey Brook. She has served as junior adviser since 1996. In addition, Jaimey has served on several committees, including recreation as chairperson and on Food For America. She has completed cat and off-farm work experience and received several awards, including proficiency in small animal production, outdoor recreation, and a bronze medal in the state project book contest.

She has received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Mandy Decker

Three-year Somerset County FFA member Mandy Decker wrote "there are a lot of great things about the FFA. It's really hard to list a few very specific things. The most enjoyable thing about the FFA is all the terrific people you can meet. I also enjoy all the places you can go to and the contests. I enjoy being around new people and learning new things."



She wrote, "There's always something new to experience at an FFA event. I have learned more through being an FFA member than anything else."

Mandy, 17, is the daughter of Robert and Susan Decker, Meyersdale. Mandy noted that after graduation from high school, she plans to attend a four-year college to major in equine science.

She has served as chapter student adviser and president. She has also served as county FFA secretary and FFA reporter. In addition, Mandy has served on several committees, including FFA Sweetheart, BOAC, and the fall-spring trip. She completed directed laboratory experience projects and received several awards, including the state landscape management proficiency award. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Erin L. Domer

Each year that Erin Domer put together the scrapbook for Central Columbia FFA, the chapter won first place, she noted.



Erin, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Domer, Orangeville. She noted that by doing the scrapbook, "I got a better feel for agriculture and our chapter."

She wrote, "FFA has so much to offer. I

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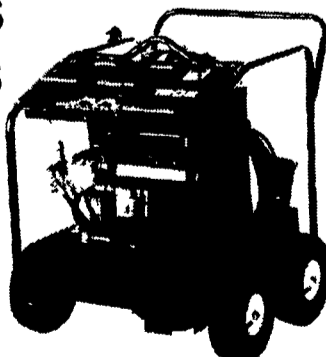
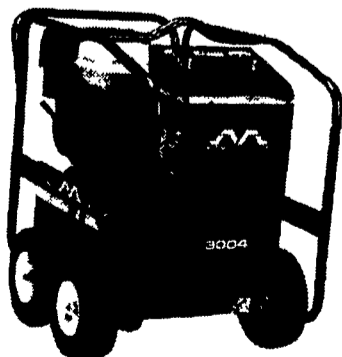
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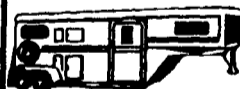
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