

FFA Members Glimpse the 'Edge' Of Achievement At Convention

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— Hundreds of FFA members, family, and friends witnessed what state FFA chaplain Daniel P. Kreider called a "perfect blend of agriculture and education" Monday night at the Farm Show.

Kreider welcomed 222 Keystone degree recipients, family, and friends to the Farm Show during opening ceremonies of the 70th Annual Pennsylvania FFA Mid-Winter Convention.

At the convention, Dr. Ferman B. Moody, Pennsylvania state director of vocational and technical education, spoke about his involvement in NFA and FFA for more than 50 years. He addressed the theme of the Mid-Winter Convention, "On the Edge . . . of Achievement," noting how FFA membership can provide opportunity to travel to the "edge of your dreams, to explore the unknown, to make a successful career for yourself and your family," he said.

"You are on the edge of the possible, of achieving your dreams."

Samuel Hayes Jr., state secretary of agriculture, reminded FFA members that their involvement in FFA allows them to position for the years ahead. Hayes noted this was the last time this century that FFA'ers would gather for the mid-winter convention.

The state FFA honored Hayes with the Honorary Service Award, given to an individual who has donated years of outstanding service to the Pennsylvania FFA.

FFA members, according to Hayes, are "well-schooled, well trained, and given the tools in hand to achieve success."

U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R), on the Senate Committee for Agriculture, spoke about the wonderfully supportive parents witnessing the convention and friends cheering them on "as dedicated to your success as you are to your success," he said. The families were gathered at the Large Arena Monday evening "to participate in it."

Chapters, students, and friends were honored at the convention for their support of state FFA.

State stars were presented. Win-

ning the state star in ag production was William Leib, Cumberland Valley FFA, who will be traveling to Eastern States. The state star in ag sales and service was Tyler Swanson, Manor FFA, who also will be traveling to Eastern States. Winning specialized state star in agriculture was Janelle Hoover, Cloister FFA. And winning the state star in horticulture was Tanya Weaver, Grassland FFA.

Chad Kramer, Conrad Weiser FFA, won the Agri-Science Award.

Chapter safety awards were also presented. Receiving the first place award was Brothersvalley FFA. Second went to West Snyder FFA, and third to Lenape FFA. Fourth place went to Manor FFA.

The state officer team presented special awards for contests for Pennsylvania FFA members. Winners were Jessica Hyland, Derry FFA and Maria Trego, West Snyder FFA.

Gold award winners for outstanding FFA chapters were presented. They included a first place to the West Snyder FFA as being a model of innovation chapter at the national level. A second place award went to Twin Valley FFA and third to Lenape AVTS. Other chapters honored with gold included Brothersvalley, Conococheague, Cowanesque, Grassland, Manheim, Manor, and Selinsgrove.

Chapters receiving silver awards were Cedar Crest, Cloister, Greenwood, Hans Herr, Redbank, and Spud Growers. Bronze award winners included Bellwood-Antis, Central Columbia, Cumberland Valley, Little Lions, Shippensburg, Solanco, and Tyrone Area.

The state FFA presented a special award to parents who have already received the Honorary Keystone Degree and who are still devoting their time to help their children earn the Keystone Degree. The award was presented to Michael and Jo Ann Duran, H.G. Parkinson FFA, with children, Keith, '84; Laurie, '84; Greg, '87; and Joel, '99.


Parents who were honored with the Keystone degree were profiled in the Jan. 8 1999 issue of *Lancaster Farming*.



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Parents were honored at the state FFA Mid-Winter Convention Monday evening at the Farm Show Complex.



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Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania.

Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your

- crop.
- Corn, No.2y — 2.36 bu., 4.22 cwt.
- Wheat, No. 2 — 2.63 bu., 4.40 cwt.
- Barley, No. 3 — 1.56 bu., 3.34 cwt.
- Oats, No. 2 — 1.41 bu., 4.38 cwt.
- Soybeans, No. 1 — 5.16 bu., 8.62 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 68.43 ton, 3.42 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 116.50 ton, 5.83 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 114.25 ton, 5.71 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 105.00 ton, 5.25 cwt.

District and County Meetings

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State College, PA - Pennsylvania DHIA has a few District meetings for the new year, so please check the listing for your area and try to attend the meeting closest to you. Please note that

District 4 has been rescheduled. The Annual meeting will be held in February. Get in involved with your local DHIA and attend a meeting.

1999 District Meeting Schedule

District	Date	Place	Counties
* 2	January 19	Plaza Hotel, Pepper Tree Restaurant (formerly Kings Court) New Stanton, PA	Butler, Armstrong, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Westmoreland, Beaver, Fayette, Indiana
3	January 18	St Mary's Country Club, St. Marys, PA	Potter, Elk, Cameron, Jefferson, Clearfield, Centre, Clinton, McKean, west central New York
7	January 22	Edgewood Family Restaurant, Troy, PA	Tioga, Bradford, east-central New York
9	January 27	Blue Mountain Dinner, Shartlesville, PA	Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe, Northampton, Lehigh, Berks
10	January 26	Gap Diner, Gap, PA	Bucks, York, Lancaster, Chester, Montgomery
*11	January 21	Mt View Diner, Clifford, PA	Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Pike eastern New York, New Jersey
4	February 4 (Rescheduled)	Arena Restaurant, Bedford, PA	Somerset, Blair, Cambria, Bedford

- Elections for State Director to be held.

PA DHIA 1998-99 County Annual Banquets

Date	County	Place & Time
January 13	Wayne	Bethany Methodist Church Hall, 12:30pm
January 16	Dauphin	County Buffet on R 22
January 20	Cambria	Grange Hall, New German
January 28	Chester	Yoder's Restaurant, 9:30am
February 2	Washington	West Alexandria Presb. Church, (tentative date)
February 2	Erie	