

258 Keystone Degree Recipients Mark FFA's 72nd Year With 'Signature Of Success'

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FFA jacket that person is your friend. The FFA has made me a better person and I'll never forget this part of my life."

Erin, 17, is the daughter of Robert and Sharon Baumgardner Jr., Dillsburg. She has served as chapter parliamentarian, secretary, and as York County president.

Erin served on various committees, including pig roast, banquet, sub sale, Dorney Park and fruit sale, and completed farm experience and animal production projects.

Erin has received several awards, including a second place in the 1998 York farm dairy judging, a bronze in the state record book, and dairy proficiency honors. She also received the Greenhand, chapter, and White Rose degrees.

Cherie Beam



Four-year Twin Valley FFA member Cherie Beam plans to attend college, major in English and minor in journalism or communications, and "get a job in the writing/publishing fields."

Cherie, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beam, Morgantown. She wrote that she enjoys the people of FFA. "All of the people I've met through FFA have had a positive impact on my life."

Cherie has served on various committees, including fruit and bulb sale, FFA breakfast, pet therapy, Food for America, flower sale, and others. She competed in various project book contests. Cherie completed projects in aquariums and lawn mowing.

Jason R. Beggs

Seventeen-year-old Jason R. Beggs enjoys the activities and projects FFA has to offer. Jason, 17, is the son of Cynthia L. Dunmeyer and Curtis A. Beggs.

Jason, two year-Somerset FFA member, has served as chapter sentinel and on the basketball banquet. He has completed various poultry and livestock projects.

Jason plans to begin an apprenticeship in Latrobe for heavy equipment. He has received his chapter and Greenhand honors.

Courtney Marie Benner

FFA, according to Courtney Marie Benner, "has taught me all of my leadership abilities," she wrote. "Everything that I have learned I know that I will use in my future."

Courtney, 18, is the daughter of Carson and Lori Benner, Lewisburg. The four-year Mifflinburg FFA member has served as chapter secretary and president.

Courtney has served on various committees, including national conference and leadership workshops. She has served on the cider, livestock, summer tour, membership, livestock, and nomination. She completed projects in beef, swine, and work experience.

Courtney has received a gold in agronomy, was second in the SAE contest, and received a silver in agronomy. She has received the Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area FFA degrees. Courtney plans to attend Susquehanna University to be an elementary education teacher.

Melanie L. Bicksler



Tulpehocken FFA member Melanie L. Bicksler plans to "stay in the dairy field," she wrote.

About FFA, "I enjoy going to the different activities that the FFA gives you and meeting new people," noted Melanie.

The 17-year-old daughter of Floyd and Linda Bicksler has served as chapter historian and reporter and is chapter secretary. She has also served on the scholarship, community service, and public relations committees and completed projects in dairy production and employment.

Melanie has received the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, dairy proficiency, and high sales awards and garnered the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jackie Bleacher



Four-year Manor FFA member Jackie Bleacher has served as chapter corresponding secretary and is chapter secretary.

Jackie, 17-year-old daughter of Jay and Jane Bleacher, Lancaster, plans to continue working on her family's farm, which involves swine and crop production, in addition to custom farm work.

Jackie noted that she enjoys FFA "because it provides me with a great learning experience, which will be useful for my future plans." Jackie has served on various committees, including banquet and yearbook. Projects include work experience and swine production. She received a leadership award and swine proficiency honor, in addition to her Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Jill Bowers

Four-year Selinsgrove FFA member Jill Bowers enjoys the leadership opportunities FFA offers, "because they prepare you for your future."

Jill, 17, is the daughter of Gary and Cindy Bowers, Selinsgrove. Jill plans to attend college to major in meteorology.

Jill has served as assistant sentinel and is chapter reporter. She has also served on various committees, including recreation, scholarship, exhibit, and leadership. She has completed a pet SAE project and received a public speaking proficiency honor. Jill has received her Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

Ryan Bowlby

Ryan Bowlby noted he learned a lot of "hands-on things" as a two-year Somerset FFA member.

Ryan, 18, is the son of Bob and Jeanne Bowlby, Somerset. He served as assistant student adviser and on the executive committee.

Ryan has completed work experience projects and received his Greenhand and chapter degrees. He plans to attend technical school to study landscaping.

Lisa Boyer



Lisa Boyer, 17, daughter of Richard and Salley Boyer, Lebanon, plans to join the Army and travel or go to college, she noted.

Lisa wrote that she enjoys FFA membership because she is able "to meet new

people each time you leave on an activity." She also enjoys "having the opportunity to build a team and work within that

team to get things done."

Lisa, four-year Northern Lebanon FFA member, has served on various committees, including earnings, sales, and investments. She completed projects in rabbit production, pleasure horse, and on- and off-farm work experience. She received her Greenhand, county, and chapter degrees.

Crystal N. Bozliniski

Future plans for six-year Mohawk FFA member Crystal Bozliniski include becoming a nurse.

Crystal, 19-year-old daughter of Philip and Cindy Bozliniski, Wampum, enjoys the leadership skills "we use in FFA," she wrote. "Also it gives you a chance to get up and talk in front of people."

Crystal has served as chapter reporter and secretary. She has served on the chapter program of activities committee. She has completed various projects, including dairy herd, comprised of between 20-25 head of Holsteins, Jerseys, and Ayrshires. She received various awards, including a regional in prepared public speaking, All-American Junior Calf Ayrshire, and received the Greenhand and chapter honors.

Chad M. Bream



Three-year Big Spring FFA member Chad M. Bream plans to "work hard and make money to be able to own my own small farm."

Chad, 18, is the son of Lynn and Joan Bream, Shippensburg.

He has served on various committees, including tractor driving and banquet. He is chapter sentinel.

Chad completed several projects, including beef growing, finishing, and small engine repair. He has received a record book honor and the Greenhand, chapter, and area FFA degrees.

Chad enjoys being able to speak with other FFA members "all over the United States."

Crystal Brodzina



Four-year Tyrone Area FFA member Crystal Brodzina noted she enjoys "working with different kinds of people you meet, because you get to learn what other FFA members do in their chapters."

Crystal, 17, is the daughter of Susan and Thomas Brodzina, Warriors Mark. Although her future plans are "undecided," she has served as chapter reporter and vice president and is president. She also served on various committees, including banquet, donkey basketball, fruit sales, scholarship, leadership, and chair of the public relations.

Crystal completed work experience projects and received a fruit sales award. She also received the Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer honors.

Joshua Broucher

Two-year Somerset FFA member Joshua Broucher plans to "work and go to college and get a job working down south on a NASCAR team," he wrote.

Joshua, 18, son of James and Amy Jo Stout, Somerset, enjoys FFA because "we learn a lot of fun and interesting things," he noted. "It's a great experience and I recommend it for everyone."

Joshua has completed off-farm projects and received the assistant secretary and Greenhand honors.

Kevin Brown



Kevin Brown, four-year Big Spring FFA member, plans to go to a technical school or college and "then get a good job." He wrote: "I enjoy everything because it gives me leadership skills and people skills."

Kevin, 20, is the son of Dana and Kathy Brown, Carlisle. Kevin served as newsletter editor and was calendar chairman. He has served on the calendar, BOAC, tractor driving, and banquet committees, and completed projects in fruit orchard and landscaping. He has received the Greenhand, chapter, and area FFA honors.

Kyle Burdette



Six-year Conococheague FFA member Kyle Burdette noted he enjoys meeting people. "Friendships will last a lifetime and FFA offers you that ability," he wrote.

Kyle, 17, is the son of James and Nina Burdette, Mercersburg.

He plans to attend a four-year college to major in ag business or management.

Kyle, who as served as chapter sentinel and county vice president, is county president. He has served on various committees, including citrus and community services. He completed a dairy judging project and received various awards, including serving on the state winning team in dairy judging, the winning team in ag sales, national gold medal team in dairy judging, and won a national bronze in sales. He received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer honors.

Shawna M. Carbaugh

"I enjoy being able to work as a team to accomplish goals set by all members," wrote three-year New Oxford FFA member Shawna M. Carbaugh.

Shawna, 18, daughter of Thomas and Barbara Carbaugh, plans to attend York Technical Institute for accounting and "work for a large agricultural corporation."

Shawna, chapter secretary her senior year, has been involved with the membership and community service committees. She has completed work experience projects. In addition, Shawna has received several awards, including the Larry Feeser Memorial Award, public speaking awards with two years of her membership in FFA, and the Star Greenhand.

She has achieved her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jessica Catherman



Four-year West Snyder FFA member Jessica Catherman enjoys the "challenge and commitment you learn from being a member" of FFA, she noted.

Jessica, 17, is the daughter of Sue and Steve Catherman, Middleburg. Jessica plans to attend Penn State to major in animal science.

In addition, Jessica has held various offices in FFA, including her current position of chapter and SUN Area FFA student adviser. She has also served as chapter assistant treasurer and assistant secretary.

Jessica has served on various committees, including public relations, co-chair of the citrus, and on the banquet committee. She completed SAE projects in on-

