

# 258 Keystone Degree Recipients

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and off-farm employment. She received the Greenhand, chapter, and SUN area degrees.

### Melissa Kay Charles



Melissa Kay Charles wrote that she enjoys the "hands-on learning that FFA offers. It gives you the opportunity to experience firsthand how a farm really works, and what all goes into a farm."

Melissa, 18, is the daughter of Mark and Janice Charles, Washington Boro. Melissa plans to work on a farm full-time and eventually own her own farm.

Melissa has served on various committees at Manor FFA, including petting zoo, horse show, fruit sale, and wood cutting. She received the 1998 Leadership Awards and the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

### Bradley J. Cober Jr.

Bradley J. Cober Jr., 18-year-old son of Brad and Ann Cober, Somerset, noted he enjoys the activities and projects FFA has to offer.

Bradley, two-year Somerset FFA member, indicated his future plans are to "run heavy equipment." He served as chapter secretary and on the basketball and banquet committees.

In addition, Bradley has received a land judging award and completed projects in calf hutches and chicken coops. He received his Greenhand and chapter honors.

### Adam Lee Coleman



Four-year Brothers-valley FFA member Adam Lee Coleman enjoys FFA membership. "It gives me the chance to work with many people who have the same interests as I do," he wrote. "I also like the opportunities it gives you that will help you in the future. It also gives you the chance to meet many new people."

Adam, 17, is the son of Phillip and LeeAnn Coleman, Berlin. After graduation, Adam noted he plans to expand his herd of registered Brown Swiss and milk about 60 of them. "I also plan to someday purchase my own farm."

Adam has served as chaplain, third vice president, and is chapter president. In addition, he has completed projects in dairy calves and heifers with the Brown Swiss herd. He received his Greenhand and chapter honors.

### Colt Cooney



Seventeen-year-old Colt Cooney pointed to one positive aspect of FFA membership: it's made him less nervous and anxious to speak to people. Membership helps him meet new people and "overcoming the obstacles, such as nervous-anxiety of public speaking," he wrote.

Colt, son of Ron and Candy Cooney, Ulysses, plans to attend welding school, Alfred State University. He has served the Headwaters FFA at Northern Potter as vice president and president. In addition,

Colt has served on several committees, including program of work, dairy judging, and citrus.

Colt has received several awards, including a silver in the state record book contest. He received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Nathan Copenhaver



Eighteen-year-old Nathan Copenhaver noted that FFA membership "allows you to get to know people better."

Nathan, son of Neil and Mary Copenhaver, Ephrata, is a four-year member of Cloister FFA. He plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College to be an automotive technician.

Nathan has served on the citizenship and leadership committees. In addition, he completed projects through off-farm work experience. Nathan received an ag mechanical proficiency award in addition to his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

### Heather R. Crowl



Red Lion Area FFA member Heather Crowl wrote that she enjoys "meeting new people with similar interests and traveling to different schools for contests."

She plans to attend college for dairy and animal science and "own a small farm." Heather, 18, is the daughter of Ellis and Joyce Crowl, Airville. She has served as chapter sentinel, chapter secretary, chapter president, and

county vice president.

In addition, Heather has served on several committees, including the banquet, Halloween, parade float, and slideshow. She completed four years of a dairy herd project, one year of a dairy beef, and a year of a field corn project.

Heather received dairy foundation and scholarship awards, in addition to her Greenhand, chapter, and White Rose degrees.

### Derek Daly

Grassland FFA member Derek Daly noted that the FFA "has been a great experience for me. It has given me a chance to share and challenged my interests and knowledge with others."

Derek, 18, is the son of Martin and Karen Daly, Narvon. He plans to go to college and major in wildlife and fisheries, pursuing a career in that area.

Derek is chapter chaplain. In addition, he has served on the public relations, environmental, and economic committees. He has completed wildlife conservation and on-farm work experience projects.

In addition, Derek has received a first place for his county Envirothon team membership, a second in state wildlife, a fourth in state poultry, and completed forestry and aquatics competition. He has received his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.



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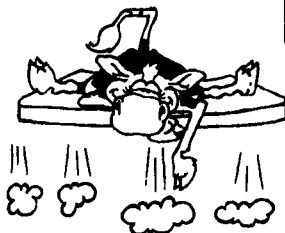
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