

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

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Allan Richard Herr Jr.



"FFA teaches you life skills to use in the future," noted four-year Manor FFA member Allan Richard Herr. "FFA teaches leadership and responsibility. I enjoy the teachers in our program and I think they are the best in the state."

Allan, 17, is the son of Allan and Amelia Herr, Millersville. He plans to attend a two-year school to pursue studies in agriculture.

Allan has served as chapter sentinel and is chapter executive vice president. In addition, he has served on various committees, including fruit sale, seedling sale, pie sale, poultry team, and meats team.

Allan has also completed a wide array of projects, including sweet corn, market hogs, field corn, soybeans, hay, tobacco, and watermelons. He received several awards, including grand champion showmanship, crop production, and swine production.

Allan has received several honors, including Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, Star Red Rose, and Eastern Region Star.

Michael Hess



Four-year Manor FFA member Michael Hess, son of Clair and Alice Hess, Holtwood, noted that the different activities members do are key to enjoying FFA.

"You can learn a lot from them," he wrote. "I liked being on the team for a contest and going to different places — for example, Kansas City and Louisville."

Michael, 17, plans to become a mechanic and work on tractors and other farm equipment. He has served on several committees, including fruit sale, petting zoo, and banquet.

Michael has picked up several awards, including the chain market lamb honor and won a trip to Kansas City in the poultry judging contest. He also completed projects in market lambs, sweet corn, and work experience.

Michael has received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Olivia Hess



"FFA has taught me a lot," wrote four-year Spud Growers FFA member Olivia Hess. "I enjoy the competitions and getting to meet new people. You'll carry all the skills you learn throughout all you do."

Olivia, 17, daughter of Brenda and Stan Hess, Coudersport, plans to attend Thiel or Edinboro College to major in elementary education.

Olivia has served as chapter chaplain and is vice president. In addition, she has served on various committees, including FFA Week, banquet, and Spring Fling.

Olivia has completed occupational experience work off farm. Additionally, she has received awards for creed, agriculture communications, and horticulture. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Cristen Hetrick

Cristen Hetrick, four-year Marion Center FFA member, wrote that she enjoys "going to all the conventions, meeting new people and learning new things, and

exploring new contests."

Cristen, 17, Smicksburg, is the daughter of Randall Hetrick and Cynthia Chambers. Cristen plans to attend a two- or four-year college to major in ornamental horticulture.

Cristen has served as chapter secretary, reporter, and is president. In addition, she has served on the following committees: fall banquet, spring banquet, Ag Awareness and Safety Day, National FFA Week, and Food For America.

She completed projects in market swine and market and carcass lambs. She received the Star Horticulture Award and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Gwen Heyler



Going on trips, according to Cowanesque FFA member Gwen Heyler, allows FFA members to meet people and "see different parts of the country."

Gwen, 17, daughter of Daniel and Constance Heyler, Westfield, plans to attend Penn State to major in ag business management.

Gwen has served in various capacities at Cowanesque FFA, including secretary and is vice president. She also served on the fair exhibit, citrus sales, scrapbook, leadership, and public relations committees.

She completed projects in geranium production and work experience. She received the chapter scholarship, Star Chapter Farmer, and a first place in state land judging honors.

Gwen received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Mike Hiatt

Four-year Bellwood-Antis FFA member Mike Hiatt plans to further his education by attending a trade school.

Mike, 17, son of Vicki Hiatt, Altoona, is chapter adviser. He also has served on several committees, including earnings and savings, community service, alumni relations, conduct of meetings, and public relations.

In addition, Mike has completed work experience off farm, horticulture, and home improvement projects. He has received record book awards and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Lori Hockenberry



Lori Hockenberry noted she enjoys "being part of a group and having fun as a chapter."

Lori, four-year Manheim FFA member, is the daughter of Pamela Noll, Manheim. Lori plans to become a riding instructor.

Lori has completed projects in horse production and employment. She was the 1999 Manheim Farm Show queen. In addition, she received her Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Shannon Holtzinger

Four-year Bermudian FFA member Shannon Holtzinger enjoys the leadership opportunities and showing animals that FFA membership has to offer.

Shannon, 17, is the daughter of Kevin and Karen Holtzinger, East Berlin. Shannon's future plans are undecided, but she has been thinking about a career in ag journalism.

Shannon has served in various capacities in her chapter, including historian and is vice president. She has served on the banquet committee.

In addition, Shannon has completed

various projects, including on-farm work, dairy herd, sheep finishing, and sheep breeding. She has received several awards, including entrepreneurship, south central regional dairy proficiency, and others. She received her Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Joshua D. Hoover

Somerset County FFA member Joshua D. Hoover garnered several good things from membership in the largest youth organization in the world. One was learning from his experience.

FFA has taught him about "building things," he wrote. "I learn to do things on my own and learn from my mistakes to do better the next time."

Joshua, 17, Somerset, is the son of Randy L. Hoover and Regina O. Garrett. Joshua plans to be a computer engineer and designer.

Joshua has served on the sports committee and completed projects in farm equipment, tool racks, hay wagons, and welding. He received a landscaping honor in addition to his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jamie Horning



FFA has taught me a lot," wrote four-year Cloister FFA member Jamie Horning. "It has helped me in life. I've learned skills such as management and public speaking."

With her involvement in Lancaster County as the alternate dairy princess, Jamie noted she learned a lot of other skills, too. Through FFA, she has had a lot of fun, met a lot of people, and become friends with many.

Jamie wrote that she will "never regret being involved with the FFA."

Jamie, 18, is the daughter of Paul and Shirley Horning, Stevens. Jamie has served as junior vice president and historian. In addition, she has completed projects in capons, dairy production, and with a hardware store. She received awards in dairy food and creed. She received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Jeremy S. Horst



Four-year Grassland FFA member Jeremy S. Horst enjoys the opportunity of leadership development that FFA offers. He plans to pursue a career in agriculture and possibly become part of a mission activity.

Jeremy, 17, is the son of Wilmer and Naomi Horst, New Holland. He has served as second vice president of membership development, student adviser, and is vice president of chapter operations.

Jeremy has served on several committees, including membership development, ag awareness, and chapter operations. He has completed work experience projects on the Horst dairy farm and in goat finishing and breeding. He received a diversified livestock proficiency honor, in addition to his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Doyle Hostetter



What does Doyle Hostetter enjoy most about FFA?

"The activities," he wrote, "meeting people and the challenge of keeping records. The way FFA trains you for the future."

Doyle, 17, is the son of Calvin and

Eileen Hostetter, Dover. The four-year Dover FFA member plans to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology for studies in diesel mechanics and use the experience on the family farm.

Doyle served as chapter chaplain and president and is vice president. He completed three years of on-farm experience on the family farm. He received milk proficiency awards and an academic achievement honor.

In addition, Doyle received the Greenhand, chapter, and White Rose degrees.

F. Louise Huber



Four-year Grassland FFA member F. Louise Huber noted that she enjoys all the "hands-on experiences we do" in FFA. She lists the strength of FFA as the leadership qualities it teaches.

Louise, 18, is the daughter of Ivan and Fern Huber, East Earl. Louise plans to continue working at Huber's as office assistant, and "maybe eventually taking over the business when my parents retire," she wrote.

Louise is student adviser and has served on the recruitment and citizenship committees. In addition, she has completed work experience off-farm at Yoder's Country Market and Huber's Dump Truck Service, and on-farm at Greater Vision Farms.

Louise has received a proficiency award for swine production, a gold medal at states for land judging, first in the county for the interview contest, and a gold and silver at the state record book contest. She has received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Kirk Hudacky

FFA has many activities to do, of which Kirk Hudacky is happy about.

Kirk, 18, is the son of Charlotte Hudacky, Cranesville. Kirk, four-year Albion FFA member, plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

Kirk has served as chapter chaplain, historian, and is sentinel. He also served on the Albion Fair set-up committee.

He completed projects in employment and home improvement. In addition, he received an employment award and the Greenhand and chapter farmer honors.

Jessica Hyland



Four-year Derry FFA member Jessica Hyland noted the strengths of FFA:

"You learn more about yourself," she wrote. "You test your strengths and weaknesses. You learn leadership and other skills that help you throughout your whole life. You meet people from other schools. You form strong bonds with friends. I got a chance to do something I love to do — work with animals. FFA has helped me to overcome my fears, to speak in public. I earned my way to states for conservation public speaking. That is something I thought I could never do."

Jessica, 17, New Alexandria, is the daughter of Deborah Gorman and William Hyland. The Derry FFA member plans to attend college to study agriculture education.

Jessica has served as chaplain and is vice president. She served on the recreation, field trip, fund raising, and supervised occupational experience committees. Jessica completed projects in swine, lamb, and goat finishing, and received the Star Greenhand and a gold and two silver medals in the state record book contest. She also received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

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