

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

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with horticulture. I don't believe you ever stop learning. It's great!"

Sheri, 18, is the daughter of Don and Deb Kibbe, Harrison Valley.

Sheri has served as chapter sentinel and is secretary. In addition, she has served on the fair, citrus sales, and community relations committees.

In addition, Sheri has completed projects in rabbit, beef, dairy, wildlife, and employment. She received proficiency awards and participated in an area speech contest. She also received several honors, including the Star Chapter Business, Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

Irvin Kimmel

Irvin Kimmel, 18, is the son of Irvin and Donna Kimmel, Somerset.

Irvin, three-year Somerset FFA member, has served as chapter chaplain.

Jason Lee Knotts



"I enjoy attending the leadership training conferences because I learn to meet new people," wrote four-year Meyersdale FFA member Jason Lee Knotts. "I learn more about leadership skills that will be beneficial throughout my life."

Jason, who also enjoys the many skill and public speaking contests that FFA has to offer, plans to run for state FFA office. He then plans to attend Ohio State University to major in beef production and management.

Jason, 18, is the son of Donald Jr. and Annetts Knotts, Hyndman. He has served as assistant parliamentarian and second vice president, and is chapter vice president. He has served as Somerset County sentinel and is county president.

In addition, Jason has served on various committees, including judging skills, demonstration, citrus sale, sports activities, public speaking, apple butter sale, and fair activities. He completed beef finishing projects.

Jason has received several awards, including Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, Star Beef Production, and a gold in the state record book. He received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jeremy Kready



What does Jeremy Kready enjoy most about FFA? One word: "activities," he noted.

Jeremy, 17, is the son of Gerry and Melva Kready, Manheim. The four-year Manheim FFA member plans to race Motorcycle and work at a motorcycle shop.

Jeremy has off-farm work experience at Lancaster Honda. He received the high citrus salesmanship award from 1996-1999. He has received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Mark Kuhns

Four-year Mifflinburg FFA member Mark Kuhns wrote that he enjoys the "different activities the FFA has to offer. They really help you to prepare for the future."

Mark, 17, is the son of Ruth and Larry Klingler, Millmont. Mark plans to obtain a job in the field of diesel technology or ag mechanics after high school.

Mark has served as chairman of the dues committee. In addition, he completed on-farm work experience and was a member of the points, chicken barbecue, and summer tour committees. He placed second in ag mechanics at the Big E and third at Penn State Activities Week.

In addition, Mark has completed work at Lar-Lou Dairy Farms. He received his Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

Renee Lampman

The whole experience of "meeting new people, traveling to different places, and overcoming many new challenges and obstacles" comprise the reasons Renee Lampman enjoys FFA membership, she wrote. "It helped me to become a better speaker and build on my personality."

Renee, 17, is the daughter of John and Claudia Lampman, Linesville. Renee plans to attend Penn State to major in agriculture science.

Renee has served as Linesville FFA treasurer, secretary, and is president. In addition, she has served on various committees, including leadership, scholarship, and ag awareness.

Renee has completed several projects, including dairy goats, home garden, corn, and farmhand. She received the Star Dairy Goat Farmer, Star Horticulturist, Star Crop Farmer, Star Greenhand, and Star Chapter Farmer. She also received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Rachel Lancaster



Future plans for Twin Valley FFA member Rachel Lancaster include computer graphic design or computer programming.

Rachel, 17, daughter of Randy and Bonnie Lancaster, Honey Brook, enjoys the different activities FFA has to offer.

Rachel has completed work experience projects and work with pets. She has served on the citrus sale, Food For America, Tel Hei, Longwood Gardens day trip, and other committees. In addition, she participated in various county FFA contests, including mini-exhibits. She received a bronze, silver, and gold at the state record book contest.

Kimberly J. Landis



Four-year Hans Herr FFA member Kimberly J. Landis noted she enjoys "all of the leadership activities that are available" through FFA, she noted. She has participated in public speaking contests, "and being an officer has helped me develop skills that will benefit me in my future jobs."

Kimberly plans to enter a college in Pennsylvania for veterinary technician and equine studies after taking a year to work at home "with our goat" and then train "my 2-year-old gelding," she indicated.

Kimberly has served as chapter second vice president and is chapter vice president and county secretary. She has served on the recruitment committee and completed projects in dairy and pygmy goat production.

She received a first place individual award in dairy foods at the state level, a second place team level honor, and third place for team membership at the national level. Kimberly received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Kristie Lane

FFA membership allows students the chance to visit with "new people and the excitement of career development events," wrote four-year Headwaters FFA member Kristie Lane.

Kristie, 17, is the daughter of Rodney and Cindy Lane, Harrison Valley. Kristie plans to receive an animal science degree

from Alfred University and return to the family farm.

Kristie has served as chapter sentinel. She also served on several committees, including citrus, national convention, and program of work. She completed a beef finishing project.

Kristie has received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Colleen LeCompte



The part of FFA membership that four-year W.B. Saul FFA member Colleen LeCompte enjoys most is "meeting new people," she wrote. "I enjoy this because you get to see different cultures and styles while learning at the same time."

Colleen, 17, is the daughter of Ann and Vincent LeCompte, Philadelphia. Colleen plans to attend Penn State to become a veterinarian.

Colleen has served as ninth grade secretary, 10th grade president, vice president, and is chapter president. She has served as chairperson of the budget committee and chair of upcoming events.

Colleen has completed a small animal caretaker project. She received an Outstanding Achievement Award in small animal technology in addition to the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Michael Livingston

Four-year Conrad Weiser FFA member Michael Livingston plans to pursue a career in microbiology, "eventually earning a doctorate degree," he wrote.

Michael, 17, is the son of Mark and Diane Livingston, Wernersville.

Michael has served as chapter historian and sentinel and is vice president. In addition, he has served as chairman of the recreation committee and chairs the Adopt-A-Highway and leadership committees. He has also served on the banquet set-up and bulb sale committees.

Michael has completed an SAE in microbiology. He participated in various junior, senior, and creed speaking events, earning a first for the chapter and county in the junior prepared contest in 1997 and a first in chapter and county in the senior prepared contest in 1998-1999.

Angela M. Lloyd

"I enjoy meeting FFA members from different chapters, because it's nice to recognize people at different contests I participate in," noted four-year Marion Center FFA member Angela M. Lloyd.

Angela, 18, is the daughter of Harold and Gladys Lloyd, Smicksburg. Angela plans to attend a college or university and major in landscape contracting or landscape design.

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

She completed a market swine project and received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer honors. She received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Carl Longenberger



Carl Longenberger noted he enjoys meeting and interacting with people through FFA.

Carl, 17, is the son of Harvey Jr. and Stella Longenberger, Berwick. Carl plans to attend Penn State to study agroecosystems.

Carl, four-year Central Columbia FFA member, has served as chapter chaplain and vice president. He is president of the chapter.

In addition, Carl has served on the citrus sales, ag safety, and beef jerky sales committees. He has completed ag employment projects and received several awards, including chapter scholarship, chapter leadership, and a Service Star Tools For Tomorrow honor. Carl has received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Cassie Rena Lowans



Traveling across the area, noted four-year Conococheague FFA member Cassie Rena Lowans, and meeting new people make FFA enjoyable.

Cassie, 18, is the daughter of Kathy Beatty, Mercersburg. Cassie plans to attend college to study

agricultural education.

Cassie has served as chapter chaplain and county vice president. She is chapter parliamentarian and county president.

In addition, Cassie has served on the community service and leadership committees. She completed a beef finishing project. She received a bronze award in the ag sales team at nationals at a silver for her project book. She received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Benjamin W. Lyons

Meeting many new people and competing in the activities are favorite things to do as an FFA member, noted four-year West Perry FFA member Benjamin W. Lyons.

Benjamin, 17, is the son of William and Crista Lyons, Loysville. Benjamin plans to take over the family dairy farm.

Benjamin has served as chapter sentinel and vice president, and is chapter president. Additionally, he has served on the banquet, summer trip, and middle school committees.

Benjamin has completed projects in dairy heifers, dairy herd, alfalfa, wheat, and corn. He has also received a number of awards, including proficiency awards, a bronze and gold in the state record book contest, and the Star Chapter Farmer honor. He received the Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

Curtis D. MacBeth



Curtis D. MacBeth, 17, is the son of Donald and Diane MacBeth, Biglerville.

The four-year Apple City FFA member has served as treasurer and is vice president. He has served as a member of several committees and completed fundraising

projects.

Curtis has received various awards in horticulture, ag mechanics, landscaping, tractor driving, Star Greenhand, and Star Chapter Farmer. He received his Greenhand, chapter, and Apple degree.

Craig Main



"The thing I enjoy most about FFA," wrote four-year West Greene FFA member Craig Main, "is that the FFA has developed my public speaking skills. I was really shy, but now it doesn't bother me to meet new people or to talk in front of large groups."

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