

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

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Craig, 18, is the son of Garry and Debra Main, Pine Bank. Craig plans to attend college and major in engineering.

Craig has served as chapter sentinel and is president. He also served on several committees, including banquet, citrus, and food trailer. He completed projects in horse production, pleasure horse, and wildlife.

Craig has received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Sam Marks

Career development events, or CDEs, are critical to many FFA members. They "prepare you for the future," wrote four-year Selinsgrove FFA member Sam Marks.

Sam, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marks, Middleburg, has "farming" in his plans.

Sam has served as chapter secretary. Additionally, he has been a member of several committees, including citrus sales, small animal, and recreation. He completed beagle dogs, beef finishing, and on-farm work experience projects.

Sam has received a forest proficiency award. He also received his Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

Amanda Martin



Chapter and county president Amanda Martin, Cedar Crest FFA member, plans to attend a two-year college to major in dairy and animal science, and then "return to the family farm," she wrote.

Amanda, 17, is the

daughter of Eugene and Kathleen Martin, Lebanon.

Amanda has also served as Cedar Crest vice president, county secretary, and chapter sentinel. She picked up several awards through the years, including first in the county speech contest, first in the county and region for floral design, first in the county in dairy judging, and scholarship awards from 1997-1999.

She has participated on the following committees: earnings and savings, healthy lifestyles, leadership, ag career skills, and recruitment. She received the Lisa M. Houser Memorial Award, participated in the National Institute of Cooperative Education (NICE) and Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) conferences. She received a top bologna sellers award in 1997 and 1999 and the top citrus sellers award in 1998. She received the Star Greenhand in 1997 and has received the

Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Brandon Martin

Three-year Cloister FFA member Brandon Martin enjoys going to FFA conventions "because they are fun," he wrote.

Brandon, 17, Ephrata, is the son of Cindy Grote and Ray Martin. Brandon plans to be a mechanic.

Brandon has served on several Cloister FFA committees, including human resources, SAE, and leadership. He completed several projects, including raising show chicken, restoring a 1981 Camaro, wildlife, and animal judging. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Gary Martin



Plans for Gary Martin, four-year Grassland FFA member, include "a career with livestock," he noted.

Gary, 18, is the son of Clarence and Marilyn Martin, New Holland.

Gary has served as second year historian and sentinel. In addition, he has been a member of the following committees: cooperation, ag career skills, healthy lifestyles, support group, and financial. He has work experience on two dairy farms, the Shady Maple grocery store, Conestoga Pole Building, and on-farm experience raising market hogs.

Gary has received a bronze medal in poultry judging and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jason Andrew Martin



Jason Andrew Martin noted that he enjoys the "hands-on" approach to learning a "wide variety of skills that I am interested in. The career development activities are a great way to further develop the skills that you are interested in, and you believe have

the potential to help you in a future career. My involvement in the dairy cattle evaluation team will help me in my future as a dairy farmer as well as the information about cooperatives I learned through the PCC Summer Institute."

Jason, 17, is the son of John and Joann Martin, Pequea. He plans to work with his father on the family dairy and crop farm, get married, and "eventually buy the farm when he retires," Jason wrote.

Jason, four-year Manor FFA member, is chapter reporter. He has served on several committees, including petting zoo, banquet, and public relations. He completed projects in steers, heifers, capons, and work experience on the family dairy.

Jason also received several awards, including beef and dairy proficiency, state dairy judging, chain heifer, and chain capon. He also received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Linford Martin



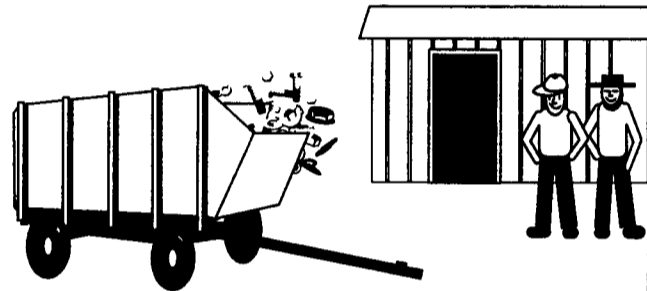
FFA "prepares me for a job," noted two year Manheim FFA member Linford Martin.

Linford, 18, son of Mary Martin, Manheim, plans to "continue farming," he noted.

Linford has served as chapter vice president. He also was employed on M&M Poultry Farm and received the Star Greenhand and chapter honors.

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