

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

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Earl, plans to receive a degree as a licensed nurse. She works as a nursing assistant and anticipates attending a two-year nursing school. After being certified, she noted, she hopes to get married.

Jenelle has served as second vice president of chapter operations. In addition, she has served on several committees, including SAE, leadership cooperation, and support group.

She completed various projects, including beef growing, home garden, work experience at Zerbe Sister's Nursing (as a dietary aide), and at Fairmont Homes (as a nursing assistant). She received a beef production proficiency honor and the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

## Kyle Miller

Four-year Headwaters FFA member Kyle Miller noted his enjoyment at being part of a national organization, "because of the sense of belonging to a group," he wrote.

Kyle, 17, Harrison Valley, is the son of Rodney Miller and Melissa Lehman. Kyle plans to attend college for computer science and engineering.

Kyle has served as chapter chaplain and vice president. He has served on the program of work, safety, donkey basketball, and flower bulb committees.

In addition, Kyle has completed on-farm work projects and received a variety of awards, including the Star Greenhand in Ag Business, work proficiency, and state creed speaking. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Shawn Douglas Miller

Employed at Ridge Point Dairy Farm and who is a senior at Juniata Mifflin Vo-Tech School, Shawn Douglas Miller is Big Valley FFA president.

Shawn is the son of Jody and Doug Miller, McVeytown. He completed an SAE project in swine finishing. In addition, Shawn has received awards at the local and state level for tractor driving and record books.

Shawn wants to work for the Pennsylvania Game Commission as a conservation officer after he is graduated from college. He has earned his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## John Milliard



John Milliard, four-year Coudersport FFA member, enjoys the experience and "leadership skills" evident in FFA.

John, 17, son of Ann and Don Milliard, Coudersport, plans to attend Penn State for environmental science.

John has been student adviser from 1997-1999. In addition, he has served on the fruit sales, banquet, and bird seed sales committees. He completed landscaping turf management projects and with Wendling Creek Farms. He received a Star Greenhand in Agribusiness and Star Chapter Agribusiness honors and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Aaron Morin



Four-year Twin Valley FFA member Aaron Morin enjoys the "competition in environmental areas," he wrote, that FFA has to offer.

Aaron, 18, son of Gregory and Lorraine Morin, Honey Brook, plans a career in computer programming.

Aaron has completed work experience projects. In addition, he has served on the

following committees: Tel-Hai pet therapy, third grade tour, Food For America, Farm Show, banquet, citrus sales, and others. He received a third place award in the regional forestry contest and was on an Eastern States Exposition trip to Springfield, Mass. for a forestry CDE.

## Craig Moshier

"What I enjoy most about FFA is the wide variety of experiences that the FFA offers to its members," wrote Craig Moshier, four-year Spud Growers FFA member. "I also enjoy working with others and the opportunity to help other people."

Craig, 17, son of John and JoAnn Moshier, Coudersport, plans to attend a four-year college to major in secondary education.

Craig has served on various committees, including program of activities and FFA banquet. He completed projects in occupational experience and strawberry production and received a Star Chapter Farmer award and Star Greenhand honor.

He also received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Matthew Moyer



FFA is enjoyable for the "activities we do," noted four-year Northern Lebanon FFA member Matthew Moyer. "It's fun going to the Farm Show and unloading fruit for the fundraiser."

Matthew, 17, son of Ken and Kim Moyer, Jonestown, plans to attend a technical school for diesel mechanics.

Matthew has served as chapter assistant sentinel. In addition, he has served on the safety committee.

Matthew completed projects in market hogs, sweet corn, and rabbit production. He received a specialty crop honor and a first place gold award for sweet corn.

He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Brian Mull

Brian Mull, four-year Solanco FFA member, noted he enjoys "learning about agriculture and being involved in various FFA activities," he wrote. "This will help prepare me for the future."

Brian, 18, son of Scott and Sheila Mull, plans to become a dairy farmer.

Brian has served as chapter sentinel and vice president and is president. In addition, he has served on the environmental and leadership committees.

Brian has completed several projects, including dairy herd, swine finishing, tobacco, and sheep finishing. He won a first place award in the state as a member of the dairy cattle judging team and a first as a member of the All-American dairy judging team. He also received his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

## Laura Nafziger



"It's hard to find a better way to learn (leadership skills) than by hands-on projects with friends," something the FFA offers, noted four-year Hans Herr member Laura Nafziger.

Laura, 17, daughter of Jim and Sarah Nafziger, Parkesburg, has production horticulture as part of her plans.

Laura has served as second secretary and secretary. In addition, Laura has served on various committees, including public relations as chair, environment and economy, and as chair of the recruitment committee.

Laura completed SAE project books

from 1996-1999, received a bronze award in the county in 1996 and a gold in the state in 1998. She also received a second place for competition in the state dairy foods contest and third at nationals.

Laura received the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

## Adam Nissley



Why FFA?

"I enjoy the experiences we get and all the different activities we participate in," noted four-year Manor FFA member Adam Nissley.

Adam, 17, son of Dave and Lucy Nissley, Lancaster, plans to "pursue a job in agriculture."

Adam has served as chapter sentinel and treasurer. He is chapter president.

Adam has served on the fruit sale committee. In addition, he has completed work experience, fair hogs, and sweet corn projects. He received a leadership award and a record keeping honor. He also received the Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, Red Rose, and is honored with the Keystone Eastern Region Star Agribusiness.

## Jason Nissley



Jason Nissley, 17, son of Melvin and Marilyn Nissley, Middletown, enjoys the "competitions and contests of the FFA," he wrote. "I particularly liked the ag mechanics contest, which has taught me many skills that I use now and will use in the future."

Jason plans to do some voluntary service work and then begin a woodworking career.

The four-year Hans Herr FFA member has served on the environmental committee. In addition, he completed project experience as a dairy employee, on poultry, and on a crop farm. He won first place at states in ag mechanics and a gold at the national ag mechanics contest.

In addition, Jason received his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

## Audrey A. Nissly



According to Audrey A. Nissly, "I enjoy being in FFA because it teaches me the leadership skills I can use in everyday life," she wrote. "I also enjoy serving the school, chapter, and community through FFA."

Audrey, 18, daughter of Michael and Nancy Nissly, Washington Boro, plans to attend college and major in dairy science. "Following college," she wrote, "I may return to the family dairy to help in the management."

Audrey has served as parliamentarian and secretary. She is vice president of the Manor FFA chapter.

Audrey has served on the banquet, FFA scrapbook, and FFA yearbook committees. She has completed projects in beef production, work experience, and capons.

She received a leadership award, beef proficiency, youth encouragement, and public speaking honors, in addition to the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

## Jason Oakes

"Most of the things we do (in FFA) are hands-on," noted four-year Albion FFA member Jason Oakes.

Jason, 18, son of Byron and Susan Oakes, West Springfield, plans to attend technical school.

Jason has served on the Greenhand com-

mittee. In addition, he completed employment and home improvement projects.

Jason received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Sandy Opdyke



"What I have learned most about the FFA," wrote four-year West Snyder FFA member Sandy Opdyke, "is the leadership skills I have acquired over the past years. It has helped me to talk comfortably in front of a group of people."

Sandy, 18, daughter of Charles and Ann Opdyke, McClure, plans to attend Penn State to major in dairy and animal science.

Sandy has served as chapter assistant secretary and secretary. She is SUN Area FFA officer.

Sandy has served as chair of the PALS committee and on the citrus, Food For America, recreation, and Conservation Day committees. She completed an SAE project in dairy herd.

Sandy won a blue ribbon in the SUN Area project book CDE, a bronze at the state record book CDE, a red ribbon at the SUN Area dairy judging CDE, and a chapter proficiency award. She received her Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

## John M. Paris

Four-year Albion FFA member John M. Paris enjoys the "different kind of activities we do."

John, 18, son of Joylene and Tim Paris, Albion, plans to enroll in college to study art.

John has served as chapter sentinel and treasurer and is president. In addition, he has served on the bowling, football field, banquet, FFA Week, and pig roast committees.

John has completed projects in employment, improvement, and production. He received awards in employment improvement production from 1996-1999, in strawberry picking, beef finishing, pig roast, and the Star Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Phillip W. Petenbrink



"FFA gives me the opportunity to associate with others with similar interests and to compete in contests where I can improve my skills," wrote four-year Meyersdale FFA member Phillip W. Petenbrink.

Phillip, 17, son of Wayne and Amy Petenbrink, Garrett, plans to help his father and grandfather manage "our family farm, where we milk 220 cows and farm approximately 1,200 acres."

Phillip has served as chapter historian and is secretary. In addition, he has served on the fair booth and calendar ad sales committees.

He has completed dairy projects. Also, Phillip has received a first place in the county in dairy judging, a first for tractor driving, and a dairy production award. He received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

## Kristen Pfeifer



Kristen Pfeifer, 17, daughter of Bernadette Pfeifer, Derry, enjoys the learning aspects and "the different people that you meet," she wrote, "because FFA teaches you more about yourself and the ability to cooperate with others."

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