

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

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**Pamela Jane Ribblet**



FFA leadership conferences and fairs are "great experiences" for FFA members, noted four-year Derry FFA member Pamela Jane Ribblet. "I meet people from all over the state who turn out to be friends for life."

Pamela, 17, daughter of Harry E. Ribblet Jr. and Jane Ann (Waldron) Ribblet, plans to run for state FFA office and attend school for agriculture education.

Pamela, who served as chapter reporter and is secretary, has also served on several committees, including community service, recreation, and SAE. She completed projects with beef, swine, lamb, and goats.

Pamela received the Westmoreland Farm Credit Record Book Award and High Sales Award. She received her Greenhand, Star Greenhand, and chapter honors.

**Michelle E. Risser**



"I enjoy the endless opportunities the FFA has to offer," noted three-year Northern Lebanon FFA member Michelle E. Risser. She enjoys the state and national conventions. "I acquired many leadership skills. Another thing I love

are the places we go and the people we meet."

Michelle, 17, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Risser, Lebanon, plans to attend Penn State to major in forest technology. "Eventually I want to work for the National Park Service," she wrote.

Michelle served as chapter chaplain, assistant chaplain, and is chapter secretary and county treasurer. In addition, she served as chair of the leadership and scholarship committees.

Michelle has completed market sheep and off-farm work experience. She received several awards, including the market sheep proficiency, a gold for talent at the summer conference, and a gold as a member of the first place team for parliamentary procedure.

She also received her Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

**Roger Ritter**



Although plans for Roger Ritter, Apple City FFA member, are undecided, Roger noted, he has completed various SAE projects.

Roger, 18, is the son of Lee and Doris Ritter, Aspers.

He has received his Greenhand, chapter, and Apple degrees.

**Jeff Robbins**



What Jeff Robbins enjoys most about FFA is the "50 field trips annually," he noted.

Jeff, 18, is the son of Randy and JoAnne Robbins, Bloomsburg. Jeff, four-year Central Columbia FFA member, plans to join the Marines after graduation.

Jeff has served as chapter sentinel and is parliamentarian. In addition, he has served on the Bloomsburg Fair and the Ag in the Classroom committees.

He completed projects in ag employment, received the chapter leadership

award, and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

**Joe Rolinski**

Joe Rolinski enjoys FFA because you learn "about things you like," he wrote. Joe, 18, son of Cindy and Clay Rolinski, Stevens, is unsure about his plans.

Joe, four-year Cloister FFA member, was public relations chair for two years. He raised pheasants for his SAE project and received a proficiency award for raising game birds. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

**Travis Russell**



Assistant officer of the Central Cove FFA, Travis Russell plans to attend Penn State Altoona to study ag business.

Travis, who enjoys the community service projects in FFA, has served on several committees, including cooperation, executive, and fruit. He is the son of Chuck and Kaye Russell, Roaring Spring.

Travis was part of various activities and won several awards in Food For America, state activities week (land judging), state legislative leadership conference, and received various project book awards. He was involved in Farm Safety Day, freshman scholarship award, received a second place in county land judging, and participated in the national convention.

Travis completed off-farm work at Mellott's Greenhouse and completed a capon production project.

**Jeremy Sarver**

Getting to know the other members of FFA — that's what four-year Greenwood FFA member Jeremy Sarver enjoys most about membership.

Jeremy, 18, son of Larry and Marie Sarver, Millerstown, plans to attend college in the field of wildlife management.

Jeremy has served on the fruit sale committee. In addition, he has completed employment projects on the home farm. He received the Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

**Amanda R. Sauder**



Amanda R. Sauder makes it clear why she enjoys FFA:

"I enjoy going places, such as the Washington Leadership Conference, state conferences, SLLC, and Kentucky," she wrote. "I enjoy meeting people from other chapters, and I like participating in our chapter activities, especially our officer retreats."

Amanda, 18, daughter of Randall and Linda Sauder, East Earl, plans to play field hockey in college or enroll in a business school.

The four-year Grassland FFA member has served as ninth grade chairperson, secretary, vice president, and is chapter historian. In addition, she has served as chair of the environmental committee and chair of both the student division and leadership cooperation.

Amanda has completed projects in pleasure horse and two years of work experience at the East Earl Goodwill Store. She received several awards, including Star Greenhand, Star Chapter, and equine proficiency. She also received her Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

**Justin Sauder**



Justin Sauder, four-year Grassland FFA member, noted that he enjoys the time "we spend on dairy-related issues and mechanical subjects," he wrote. "I also enjoy the contests and conferences that we attend."

Justin, 17, son of Bruce and Wanda Sauder, East Earl, plans to become a diesel mechanic or a dairy farmer.

Justin has served as ninth grade secretary, second chaplain, and second sentinel. He also participated in several events, including dairy judging, the PCC at Shippensburg University, the county leadership conference, county trap shoot, and tractor driving contest.

Justin has served on the healthy lifestyles committee and completed work experience on the Harry Becker farm and on the Weaver Homestead farm. He received a dairy proficiency award and the Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

**Jessica L. Schmidt**

Jessica L. Schmidt wrote, "Through the FFA I have met a lot of friends and influential people. I have learned a lot of information which will be useful in the future."

Jessica, 17, daughter of Peter and Laurie Schmidt, Drumore, noted that she enjoys "working with people and teaching younger kids about the FFA and informing the public about my FFA project."

A four-year Solanco FFA member, Jessica plans to attend college to major in ag business/animal science.

Jessica has served as chapter secretary and vice president. She served on several committees, including recruitment, scholarship, financial, and citizenship.

In addition, Jessica has completed a wide variety of projects, including lamb finishing, sheep breeding, beef breeding, and swine finishing. She served as a member of the first-place Pennsylvania FFA livestock judging team and student of the year in agriculture. She also won several proficiency awards in diversified livestock, swine, a silver in the state record book contest, and a gold in the record book contest.

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

**Andrew Seymore**



Future plans for four-year Bermudian Springs FFA member Andrew Seymore include furthering his education in automotive technology.

Andrew, 17, son of Lois and Wayne Seymore, York Springs, noted that through FFA, he enjoys meeting people, leadership activities, and "helping other people."

Andrew has served as chapter treasurer and is president. Additionally, he has served on several committees, including banquet, social, fundraiser, and dance. He completed two years of a beef production project and one year of on-farm work experience.

Andrew has received a beef proficiency award and the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

**Justin Shaw**



Four-year Bellwood Antis FFA member Justin Shaw enjoys "the opportunities that you have to look forward to and all the rewards you can win and the people you can meet," he wrote, as an FFA member.

Justin, 18, son of Dennis and Arlene Shaw, Tyrone, plans to receive "American Degree, stay in work force."

Justin, chapter vice president, has served on a variety of committees, including cooperation, state and national activities, alumni relations, recreation, community service, and earnings and savings. He completed home improvement and work experience projects.

Justin received three golds and one silver in the state record keeping contest, and other awards. He received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

**Deanna T. Shindel**

Deanna T. Shindel, four-year Northern Lebanon FFA member, recalls the leadership abilities she's acquired as an FFA'er. Throughout those years, "I've become a much more social and outgoing person, willing to try new things."

Deanna, 18, daughter of Randy and Denise Brightbill, Annville, plans to run for state FFA office and attend paramedic school.

Deanna has served as chapter secretary and president since 1998. She has served on the recreation and earnings, savings, and investments committees and was chair of the public relations committee. She completed projects in pleasure horse, rabbit production, and work experience.

Deanna, who received the Star Chapter Farmer in 1997-1999, received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

**Jason Shirk**



Four-year Cedar Crest FFA member Jason Shirk plans to attend a two-year school with an "undecided" major.

Jason, 18, son of Thomas and Dawn Arnold, Lebanon, has served as chapter assistant secretary

and treasurer. He is chapter vice president and county reporter.

Jason has received a variety of achievement honors, including a first place in the state record book contest in 1998, a first in the state livestock judging contest in 1998, on the first-place small gas engines team in 1999, and the first place trivia quiz team at the Lebanon-Dauphin Co-op Day in 1997.

Jason has served on many committees, including supervised farming (chair), leadership, finance/economics (chair), SAE (chair), and ag career skills. SAE projects include swine production, Arnold's Hog Farm, and Mark C. Hershey Farms, Inc.

He received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

**Erica Jean Shollenberger**



What Erica Jean Shollenberger enjoys most about FFA is "mingling with others and meeting new people, because they usually become friends," she wrote.

Erica, 17, daughter of Arlan and Corinna Shollenberger, Womelsdorf, plans to attend Penn State Berks Campus for ag business.

Erica is Tulpehocken FFA historian. In

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