

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

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addition, she has served on the alumni relations, recreation, and leadership committees. She completed projects in dairy, sheep, and job occupation.

In addition, Erica has received several awards, including chapter scholarship pin, dairy proficiency, diversified livestock proficiency, and a first place in dairy judging competition. She also received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Jonathan L. Shue



Friendships "last a lifetime" in FFA, noted four-year Hans Herr FFA member Jonathan L. Shue. And FFA includes "classes that will help our future."

Jonathan, 17, son of Ronald and Lois Shue, York, plans to work after high school.

Jonathan has served as chapter student adviser. In addition, he has served as chair of the citizenship committee and is on the ag awareness committee.

In addition, Jonathan has completed projects in crops (fruits and vegetable production) and received proficiency awards from 1996-1999. He received a silver for record book. He won an award for junior dairy management.

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

### Kara Shumaker



"I have really enjoyed my past four years in the FFA because I have learned more about myself," wrote four-year West Greene FFA member Kara Shumaker. "I have found out that I am able to work at a steady pace, meet new people, travel to new places, and push myself past the expected limits."

Kara, 18, daughter of Buck and Jean Shumaker, Rogersville, plans to attend Kansas State University and major in elementary education. After college, she noted, she would like to relocate to her home area and start work.

Kara has served as chapter Greenhand vice president, secretary, and is chapter vice president. In addition, she has served on the banquet, Farm Show, and citrus sale committees. She completed her SAE project in market lamb finishing and completed an agribusiness enterprise.

Kara has received the Star Agribusiness, junior public speaking, sheep showmanship, and sheep production honors. She received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Niccole Simes

"The many different things that we do," Niccole Simes noted, comprise her love of FFA.

Niccole, 17, daughter of Joseph and Victoria Simes, East Springfield, plans to "go to college and get a good education," she wrote. Niccole is a four-year Albion FFA member.

Niccole has served on several committees, including FFA Week, Farm Show, citrus, banquet, and bowling. In addition, she completed projects in wildlife, home improvement, and in small animal care.

Niccole received a high citrus sale award and an achievement award in specialty animal care. She also received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Kristen Sinniger



There are two major reasons why Kristen Sinniger enjoys FFA so much: meeting new people from other schools, she noted, and the fun "because there are many fun activities to go to."

Kristen, 18, daughter of Rodney Sinniger, Manheim, and four-year Manheim FFA member, is chapter reporter. She has been employed on Balmer Brothers Dairy and received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Melissa Smethers



"Relationships in the FFA are what mean the most to me," wrote four-year Bermudian Springs FFA member Melissa Smethers. "Friendships with advisers and peers have helped make me a better person."

Melissa, 18, daughter of Dave and Gail Smethers, East Berlin, plans to finish two years at Ricks College and transfer to obtain a dental hygiene degree. She plans a career as a dental hygienist and to become a wife and mother.

Melissa has served as chapter chaplain. In addition, she was a member of the banquet decorations and social committees.

She completed an SAE at the East Berlin Pharmacy. She received an award for home and farmstead improvement and the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

### Benjamin Smith

Four-year Chestnut Ridge FFA member Benjamin Smith enjoys the "focus on individual and team leadership," he wrote. "In life, if you can't do the job individually you can always ask for help, and that is what FFA stresses."

Benjamin, 17, son of Allen and Gwendolyn Smith, Bedford, plans to join the U.S. Air Force.

The four-year Chestnut Ridge FFA member has served as chapter sentinel and is student adviser. Additionally, he has served on the student development-SAE and chapter development-recruitment committees.

Benjamin has completed projects in gamebird/pheasants and received the Star Chapter degree, and gold and silver honors in the state record book. He has received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Jeremy Smith



"The thing I most enjoy about FFA is the challenge it offers its members," according to four-year Spud Growers FFA member Jeremy Smith.

Jeremy, 17, son of Devonna Smith, Coudersport, plans to attend a four-year college majoring in geoscience.

Jeremy has served on a variety of committees, including program of activities, citrus sale, spring fling, FFA banquet, PALS, donkey basketball, Farm City, and conservation camp. He completed projects on a Christmas tree farm and maintenance.

Jeremy has received a foundation award, safety award, forestry award, and off-farm placement honors. He has also received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Jason Snyder

"I like FFA because of all the nice people, and because of the speaking skills that I have acquired," noted four-year Greenwood FFA member Jason Snyder.

Jason, 17, son of Chester M. Snyder Jr., Millerstown, plans to work for a couple of years after high school and "then start up my own dairy farm and milk," he wrote.

Jason has served as chapter secretary and president. In addition, he served as chair of the fruit sale and chair of the poinsettia sale. He completed employment on dairy farm, dairy heifer, and market goat projects.

In addition, Jason received a first place award for table top display. He received his Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

### William Stahl

FFA allows members to "build projects," noted four-year Somerset FFA member William Stahl.

William, 17, son of David and Trish Stahl, Somerset, plans to become a farmer.

William has served on the landscape committee. He completed a haywagon project. In addition, he received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

### Jason Stark



Four-year Manor FFA member Jason Stark enjoys the teachers and the "hands-on experience," he wrote. "FFA is a great organization that teaches you about life and about your community."

Jason, 18, Holtwood, is the son of Ray Stark and Heleh Dearolf. Jason plans to be involved in agriculture in some way.

Jason has served on various committees, including Make-A-Wish, Willow Valley petting zoo, and fruit sales. In addition, he exhibited market hogs for three years at the Lampeter Fair.

Jason received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

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