

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

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Brent Swift

Brent Swift, four-year Albion FFA member, enjoys the "wide variety of activities we do," he wrote.

Brent, 18, son of Dennis and Dorothy Swift, Albion, plans to "get a job," he noted.

Brent has completed projects in beef production and employment. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Curtis E. Swineford

Curtis E. Swineford enjoys "all of the different contests and learning about the different fields of agriculture," he wrote. "I also enjoy meeting the different people that make up our great organization."

Curtis, 17, son of Ricky and Renee Swineford, Middleburg, plans to attend Penn State to major in agriculture engineering.

Curtis, four-year Middleburg FFA member, has served as chapter chaplain, chapter vice president, and is chapter president and SUN Area student adviser. He was involved in a wide range of committees, including executive committee co-chair, executive committee chair, leadership committee chair, community service committee, alumni relations committee co-chair, and conduct of meetings committee chair.

Curtis received several awards, including 1997 parliamentary procedure (state, regional, area, and local), the state record book contest (gold and bronze awards), livestock judging at Penn State, dairy judging, and the Washington Leadership Conference. He received the Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area degrees.

Erin Leslie Templin

Future plans for three-year Cedar Crest FFA member Erin Leslie Templin include nursing school.

Erin, 18, Lebanon, daughter of Mary Jo Smith and John Templin, has served as chapter sentinel. She also served on a variety of committees, including healthy lifestyles, support group, citizenship, environmental, and scholarship.

Erin received several awards, including a parliamentary procedure in the state contest, conservation public speaking regional contest, and dairy judging. She attended the SLLC and PCC in 1999.

Erin completed her SAE at Tractor Supply Company from 1997-1999 and at Country Path Holsteins in 1999. She received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Joseph Tice

Joseph Tice, four-year Northern Lebanon FFA member, noted he enjoys "all the judging opportunities and all the skills that I have obtained."

Joseph, 17, son of Thomas and Debra Tice, Lebanon, plans to attend Penn State for a two-year degree in ag business and "return to farming."

Joseph has completed various projects, including sheep, beef, and swine production, and on-farm work experience. He received awards as part of the Pennsylvania livestock judging team in 1999 and project book awards.

Joseph has received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Tiffany Tinsley



The 17-year-old daughter of Randy and Debbie Tinsley, Tiffany noted she enjoys several aspects of FFA membership. They include "the people, the activities, and the animals," she wrote. "Since I've joined FFA, I have met more people than ever. I have been involved in most of our chapter's activities, such as contests. I also got a chance to show different kinds of animals."

Tiffany, four-year Derry FFA member, plans to attend Penn State to major in animal science.

She has served as chapter vice president and is chapter president. In addition, Tiffany has served on the community service and cooperation committees.

Tiffany completed projects on goats, lambs, hogs, and steers. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

David Trece

Derry FFA member David Trece noted that he enjoys "all of the activities and leadership skills I have learned through the four years of the FFA," he wrote.

David, 17, son of David and Christine Trece, Bradenville, plans to attend Penn State or Delaware Valley College in the fall of 2000.

David has served as chapter treasurer and is president. He has also served on the Westmoreland County Fair committee and on the Ag In the Classroom committee.

David completed several projects, including goat production, practicum skills, and poinsettia production. He received awards in record book, for a nursery-landscape contest, and in public speaking.

David received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Heather R. Umble



FFA leadership experience "gives you skills for the rest of your life," wrote three-year Hans Herr FFA member Heather Umble.

Heather, 18, daughter of Vernon and Lois Umble, Christiansburg, plans to work a year and then "maybe go to college."

Heather has served on a variety of committees, including human resources and recruitment. She worked on a dairy farm and in a shoe store and grocery.

Heather placed second as a member of the state dairy foods team and received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Shawn Walk

The FFA "has some of the best activities in our school," noted four-year Bellwood Antis FFA member Shawn Walk.

Shawn, 17, son of Gerald and Margie Walk, Bellwood, plans to attend a trade school.

Shawn has served on a variety of committees, including community service, earnings and savings (chair), and conduct of meetings. He completed an array of projects, including home improvement, mechanics, and employment on-farm.

In addition, Shawn has received area and county project awards and the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Kelly Anne Wallace



Twin Valley FFA member Kelly Anne Wallace plans to attend a four-year college to study pre-vet.

Kelly, 18, Mohn-ton, daughter of Kathleen Brill and Stephen Wallace, has served as chapter junior secretary. In addition, she has served on a variety of committees, including ag barbecue, Hay Creek petting zoo, Food For America, Tel Hai pet therapy, aquatics contest, Ag Day breakfast, and others.

Kelly won a bronze, silver, and gold for her state project book. She received an outdoor recreation award and completed work experience and pet projects. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Jessica Walter



The 17-year-old daughter of Roger Walter, McClure, Jessica Walter enjoys attending leadership conferences "because they are fun, and you get to meet new people while gaining valuable leadership skills," she wrote.

Jessica, four-year West Snyder FFA member, plans to attend college to major in criminal justice.

Jessica served as chapter assistant sentinel and FFA chaplain. She is chapter vice president of student development, West Snyder president, and SUN Area officer. She also served as chair of the ice cream concession committee, co-chair of the citrus committee, and on the chicken barbecue committee.

Jessica completed off-farm employment and home vegetable garden projects. She received a blue ribbon in the SUN Area project book CDE and a gold medal in the state record book. She served as state FFA delegate and on state FFA chorus.

Jessica received the Greenhand, chapter, and SUN Area FFA degrees.

Ben Wanyo

What Ben Wanyo, four-year Northern Lebanon FFA member enjoys most about FFA, is the "opportunity to participate in the many public speaking contests," he noted.

Ben, 17, son of Michael and Deborah Wanyo, Jonestown, plans to attend college and major in agriculture.

Ben has served as chapter assistant reporter and is treasurer. Additionally, he has served on the earnings, savings, and investments committee.

Ben has completed rabbit production and work experience. He received several honors, including the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards, and the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Justin Lyn Weaver



Four-year Hans Herr FFA member Justin Lyn Weaver plans to start his own construction business.

Justin, 18, son of Jeff and Louann Weaver, Mount Joy, noted the "good friends" FFA allows you to make. Justin is chapter historian.

Justin served on several committees, including the planning committee for ag awareness, SAE, and is chair of ag awareness. He completed projects on dairy cows while working for his father on the farm and for a construction business.

Justin received several honors, including Star Greenhand, a proficiency award, and a bronze for the SAE record book. He also received his Greenhand, chapter, and Red Rose degrees.

Mandy Weaver

"I like being able to go to conferences and contests, and to meet and make friends from all over the state and country," wrote four-year Upper Dauphin FFA member Mandy Weaver.

Mandy, 17, daughter of Stanley and Debra Weaver, Elizabethtown, plans to "major in business."

Mandy has served as student adviser and historian. She is chapter president and area secretary.

Mandy has won several honors, including Star Greenhand, state agrisales contest, and the county proficiency award in ag business. She also received her Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

Rebecca M. Weaver

FFA "teaches you how to take care of animals and it's fun to do," wrote four-year Marion Center FFA member Rebecca Weaver. She noted her enjoyment over raising goats.

Rebecca, 18, daughter of Dennis and Arlene Weaver, Marion Center, plans to be a farmer when she is graduated from high school.

Rebecca is chapter chaplain. She has served on the Food For America and the fall and spring banquet committees. In addition, she completed goat projects. She received her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

William C. Weaver



What four-year Tyrone Area FFA member William C. Weaver enjoys most about FFA is "developing leadership skills," he wrote. "And the people."

William, 18, son of Jim and Sharon Weaver, Pa. Furnace, noted that he would "like to own my own farm some day," in addition to graduating from college and obtaining a job in an ag-related business.

William has served as chapter reporter and is vice president. In addition, he has served on several committees, including state national activities and conduct of meetings. He completed work experience projects and received a leadership honor. He received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Patrick Webb



Five-year Tyrone Area FFA member Patrick Webb noted his enjoyment of the FFA activities.

Patrick, 19, son of Linda Webb, Tyrone, plans to own a farm someday.

Patrick has served on the anniversary and lawn beautification committees. He completed work experience and production projects and received the Gina Gesaner Award. He also received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.



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