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

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Andrew Weyand

The 18-year-old son of Ray and Michele Weyand, Friedens, Andrew Weyand noted that he enjoys "working with my hands," and FFA offers just that: hands-on experience.

Andrew plans to go to college.

The three-year Somerset FFA member

The three-year Somerset FFA member has completed projects in tractors, haywagons, and stacking lumber.

Jenniser Marie Whitman



"The thing I enjoy most about FFA is the family atmosphere," wrote four-year Cumberland FFA member Jennifer Marie Whitman. "We are all like a big family, no matter where you go or who you meet. Also, the FFA has taught

me a lot. It has made me a better person by teaching me responsibility and how to keep my priorities straight."

Jennifer, 17, daughter of Paula and Michael Whitman, Carlisle, noted that the "FFA has given me opportunities that no other organization could have offered. I have the opportunity to travel and see great places and meet great people. I can learn leadership and career development as well as earn a scholarship. The FFA is a world of open doors."

Jennifer plans to "graduate high school and go as far in the FFA as my ability will take me," she wrote. Afterward, she wants to join a branch of the military and further her education. Jennifer hopes to have a steady job which will "help support my family and myself."

Jennifer has served as Cumberland Valley FFA sentinel and is vice president. In addition, she has served on a variety of committees, including fruit sale, ham and cheese sandwich, BOAC, parliamentary procedure, tractor driving, Ag Olympics, banquet, and membership. As officer, Jennifer is actively involved with all the committees. "I try to help where it is needed and encourage others to help also," she noted.

Jennifer wrote that in 1999, she and a group of other members were involved in the National Chapter Award Committee and applied for the award. "We did very well and this year, at National FFA Convention, we received our National Chapter Award on stage."

Jennifer has completed several SAE projects, including beef finishing in her sophomore year, beef and sheep finishing her junior year, and sheep, swine, and goat

Choice of

Front or Rear

finishing in her senior year. She received a Star Greenhand A ward and was a regional proficiency winner in beef production in 1998. She also received many chapter proficiency awards in 1998, such as beef production and extemporaneous speaking. In 1999 Jennifer received chapter proficiency awards in nursery operations, conservation public speaking, sheep production, outdoor recreation, and beef production.

Jennifer received her Greenhand, chapter, and area degrees.

Kelly Wilson



The best part of FFA, wrote four-year W.B. Saul FFA member Kelly Wilson, are the conferences. "They're enjoyable, educational, and sociable, all at the same time," she wrote.

Kelly, 17, daughter of James and Margar-

et Wilson, Philadelphia, plans to major in horticulture at Penn State or Temple University.

Kelly has served as chapter freshman sentinel and 10th, 11th, and 12th grade vice president. She also completed projects in landscape, nursery, and floriculture.

Kelly was an intern at the Morris Arboretum and at Longwood Gardens. She received the Star Greenhand and the state Star in Horticulture, eastern region. She also received the Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Donald E. Wirt Jr.

Four-year United FFA member Donald E. Wirt Jr. enjoys the different activities that FFA offers.

Donald, 17, son of Donald and Karen Wirt, Homer City, plans to attend ITT Tech in Monroeville for computer-aided drafting and design technology.

Donald has served as chapter treasurer. In addition, he has served on several committees, including Adopt-A-Stream, pheasant, tree planting, and Food For America.

Donald completed several projects in home improvement and agricultural

employment. He received dairy and home improvement proficiency honors. He also received his Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Baron G. Wolf



Conneaut Valley
FFA member Baron
G. Wolf enjoys the
"leadership and
growth" FFA teaches.
"I will use those
skills the rest of my
life," he wrote.

Baron, 19, son of Donald and Connie Wolf, Albion, plans to attend college and major in biology

Baron has served as chapter president and is vice president. In addition, he served on the FFA Week and banquet committees.

Baron has completed several projects in Food For America, pleasure horse, and swine finishing. He received the Star Pleasure Horse Farmer honor and the Star Greenhand Award. He also received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Alan Wolf



Alan Wolf, Conneaut Valley FFA member, noted that he enjoys "working with animals and the outdoor environment," something FFA allows members to do. He also enjoys working with family and friends and, he wrote,

"learning lots of interesting things."
Alan, 19, son of Don and Connie Wolf,
Albion, plans to attend college.

Alan has served as chapter treasurer from 1997-1999. He also served on the FFA Week committee.

In addition, Alan has completed projects in fruit sales and swine finishing. He received the county Star Swine Farmer honor and received the Greenhand, chapter, and county degrees.

Amanda Yeager

Seventeen-year-old Amanda Yeager, four-year Conrad Weiser FFA member, plans to attend Penn State to major in wild-life and fisheries sciences with a minor in agricultural communications. She plans a career in environmental journalism.

Amanda, 17, is the daughter of Glen A. and Janice L. Yeager, Wernersville. Amanda has served as reporter, vice president, and is president. She also received various honors, including Chapter Star Farmer, Star Agribusinessman, Star Greenhand, and honors in state conservation public speaking and a bronze in the state wildlife contest.

Amanda has served on various committees, including Adopt-A-Highway, poinsettia sale, CDE preparation, leadership, citrus sale, alumni relations, scholarship, and community service.

Jackie Yoder



Four-year Central Columbia FFA member Jackie Yoder enjoys "meeting new people through trips and conferences," she noted.

Jackie, 17, daughter of Phil and Cheryl Yoder, Nescopeck, plans to attend Penn

State to major in ag business management.

Jackie is student adviser. She participated in various committees, including citrus sales, Bloomsburg Fair, and ag safety.

She completed projects in ag employment and earned her Greenhand and chapter degrees.

Kendal Yoder



FFA membership
"teaches me leadership skills and helps
develop my interests
in agriculture," wrote
four-year Grassland
FFA member Kendal
Yoder.

Kendal, 18, son of Glenn and Kirsten Yoder, Terre Hill, (Turn to Page 38)

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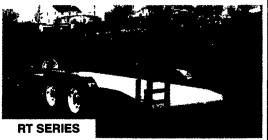
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