



This group won state medals in the State Agricultural Record Book Contest. Seated from left, Luke Lorson for his brother, Justin Lorson; Morgan Dickey, David Bittner, and Adam Coleman. Standing: Nathan Croner, Dusten Weigle, Matt Webreck, and Lance Bittner.

## Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Salutes Top Achievers

**GAY BROWNLEE**  
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**BERLIN** (Somerset Co.)—About 245 persons at the 61st Annual Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Banquet saluted Dennis Hay, when he was named the 45th honorary member of the chapter.

In 1971 Hay was graduated from Berlin-Brothersvalley High School where he had been both vice president and president of the local FFA, and later—1974—received the American Farmer Degree.

Hay and wife, Cheryl are parents of Jeremy and Jared, who are also active in FFA. Hay operates High Manor Farms and actively supports the Berlin Young Farmers Chapter, which led to his recognition as the Region V Outstanding Young Farmer in 1994 by the Pennsylvania Young Farmer Association.

When the FFA members begin the spring project of a portable greenhouse, Hay, a school board member donates a wagon to use for spring bedding plants.

Guest speaker Sarrah Biddle, State FFA secretary, in her address, spoke about a parallel between FFA members and the



Adam Coleman, Berlin-Brothersvalley FFA Chapter president, honors Dennis Hay, the 45th Honorary Member who is joined by Cheryl Hay, his wife.

high-soaring and inspiring eagle.

"Soar with your strengths and talents and then maximize them," she said, encouragingly.

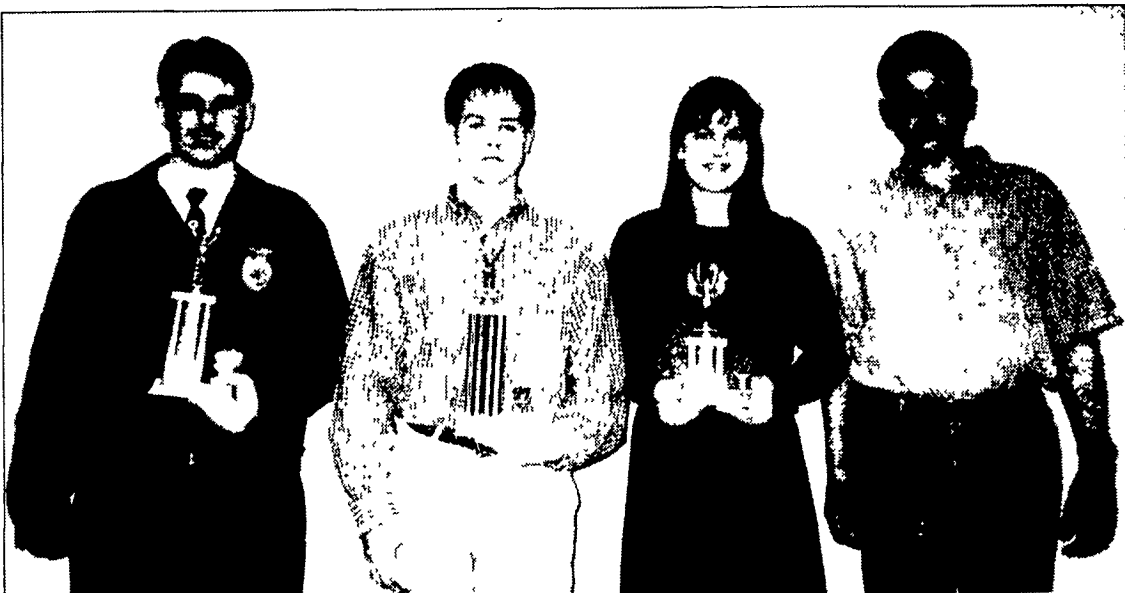
"Wherever blue corduroy is involved, awesome things will happen," she said.

Adam Coleman was the recipient of a new award called "Character Counts," which is based on trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, citizenship

and fairness, exhibited by the chapter president.

Award winners in the State Agricultural Record Book Contest included David Bittner, Dairy Calves and Heifers, and Diversified Forages; Justin Lorson, On-Farm Employment; Matt Webreck, and On-Farm Employment; Morgan Dickey, Off-Farm Employment; Nathan Croner.

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Winners in the One-Acre Corn Growing Contest are, from left, Nathan Croner, second; Jared Hillegass, first; Stephanie Athey, third and Luke Horning, fourth.

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