## **222 Keystone Recipients To 'Discover The Power' At This Year's Mid-Winter Convention**

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) -While national FFA moves toward its 75th anniversary, state FFA is busy preparing for its annual Mid-Winter Convention, scheduled at the Farm Show Complex Monday, Jan. 8.

Two hundred and twenty-two Pennsylvania FFA members will receive the cherished Keystone FFA Degree at the Pennsylvania Mid-Winter Convention, set for the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex at 4:30 p.m.

Hundreds of family, friends, and agri-industry supporters will be on hand at the festivities to congratulate the winners of the state's highest degree.

The 2001 national convention theme symbolizes the organization's mission, to "discover the power" they all share as FFA members.

The state FFA honors less than 10 percent of its members with the Keystone Degree. There are certain requirements each FFA member must meet to receive it. Only seniors and graduates are eligible. They must have shown leadership ability, must have earned from their own efforts in farming or from supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs, and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$1,000 or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time.

Out of the 222 recipients of this year's Keystone Degree, four state stars out of the regional stars will be chosen in their respective area. Selection of state stars is based upon their SAE program. Programs must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope with records to prove such accomplishments.

The four stars include production agriculture; ag sales, service, and mechanics: horticulture; and specialized agriculture, including forestry, natural resources, and nontraditional agriculture.

The gala event is free and open to the public.

Lancaster Farming showcases the work of chapters throughout the year. Members put in long hours and work hard to ensure the success of their individual organizations. By sharing their special talents, they reap the benefits that FFA membership has to offer. We congratulate members on the fine work they do throughout the year and wish them success in their chosen careers.

Julie Abel My Chapter: Marion Center. How Old I Am: 17. Parents' Names: Joyce Abel. Where I Live: Creekside. These Are My Favorite Activities: Showing at fair, working with animals, babysitting, and spending time with family.

My Favorite Experience In FFA: Exhibiting my animals at the county fair. What I Hope To Accomplish In The

Future: College, veterinarian, marry. Things I Most Enjoy About Being An FFA Member: Being around students that enjoy the same things I do.

**Travis Adam** 



**Parents' Names:** Terry and Frances

Fredericksburg. The Offices I've

(2000).

Fishing, hunting, sports with friends, going out with friends, livestock judging.

Committee Memberships I've En-joyed: Ag recruitment committee, ag awareness, and banquet committee.

What I Hope To Accomplish In The

**Things I Most Enjoy About Being An** FFA Member: Everything, the communication (skills learned, meeting people and having fun).

**Kyle Anderson** 

My Chapter: United FFA. How Old I Am: 17.

Parents' Names: Constance J. Ondo

and Keith J. Anderson.

Where I Live: Brush Valley.

The Offices I've Held: President.

These Are My Favorite Activities: Hunting and fishing.

Committee Memberships I've Enjoyed: Adopt-a-Stream, Food for America.

My Favorite Experience In FFA: Adopt-a-Stream.

What I Hope To Accomplish In The Future: Just to be happy.

The Career I'd Most Like To Have: International business.

Things I Most Enjoy About Being An FFA Member: Getting outside and helping the environment.

Susan A. Barron My Chapter: Somerset FFA.

How Old I Am: 18. Parents' Names: Donald and Debra

Barron.

Where I Live: Somerset. The Offices I've Held: Secretary.

These Are My Favorite Activities: Fruit sales, contests and trips to Farm Show

Committee Memberships I've Enjoyed: State and national activities committee.

My Favorite Experience In FFA: Going on trips for contest.

What I Hope To Accomplish In The Future: Getting into college.

The Career I'd Most Like To Have: Dental hygienist.

Things I Most Enjoy About Being An FFA Member: Being with friends and working on activities together.

**Kimberly Barker** 



How Old I Am: 17. Parents' Names:

Headwaters.

My Chapter:

**Roger and Jeanette** Barker. Where I Live:

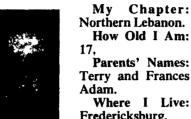
Ulysses. The Offices I've

Held: None. These Are My Favorite Activities:

Driving the Dodge and spending time with friends and family and massages. Committee Memberships I've Enjoyed: Ag week.

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Where I Live:

Held: Chapter vice

president (1999); County sentinel (1999); Chapter and county president

These Are My Favorite Activities:

My Favorite Experience In FFA: Going places in the state and nation and meeting new people.

Future: Attend college for agriculture, then have a farm and start a family.

Future: Having a small larm cattle and swine.

The Career I'd Most Like To Have: Child psychologist or vet.

Things I Most Enjoy About Being An FFA Member: Working with other people, working with my animals, FFA advisers.

Stacey Agnew My Chapter: Conneaut Valley. How Old I Am: 18. Parents' Names: Diane Mook. Where I Live: Crawford. The Offices I've Held: Secretary 1996-2000; President 2000-2001. FFA Committee Memberships: Fruit committee, petting zoo, Envirothon. Projects: Dairy herd, swine finishing, Awards: Crawford County Dairy Princess (1999).

Degrees: Greenhand, Chapter, County.

What I Hope To Accomplish In The

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