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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER • 4-6 Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC)-Bakersfield **10** GLC-Lakeside **10-11** GLC-Fresno **11** GLC-Calipatria **12-13** GLC-Menifee **18-20** GLC-Lemoore **24-27** GLC-Salinas

OCTOBER • 1-2 GLC-Redding **1-4** GLC-Lodi **28-31** National FFA Convention Delegate Trip **30-NOV 2** National FFA Convention & Expo

NOVEMBER • 2-5 National State Educational Tour of Washington, D.C. **9** State Cotton Judging Contest

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SAVE THE DATE

**THIS SCHOOL YEAR
CALIFORNIA FFA HAS A
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

for you!

Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC)

What: Introduction to Agricultural Education, Career Success
Who: Freshmen

When: One-Day Conferences in Aug., Sept. and Oct.

Introduces students to the benefits and opportunities in Agricultural Education, including SAE and FFA. This conference is the "hook-line-and-sinker" to get students to buy into Agricultural Education throughout their four years in high school.

Made for Excellence Conference (MFE)

What: ME: Student Development, Personal Growth
Who: Sophomores

When: Two-Day Conferences held in January and February

Personal development starts with the individual. Self-discovery of talents, strengths, interests and personal character are emphasized as the individual is channeled to discover their passion in life. This conference focuses on "Student Development and ME: one's personal skills and development of the ability to be successful."

Advanced Leadership Academy (ALA)

What: WE: Chapter Development, Personal Growth
Who: Juniors

When: Two-Day Conferences held in January and February

Once leaders are comfortable with their own self and self-purpose, they can discover how to work with others and establish a goal. The process for analyzing program needs and planning a project or event is the focus of this conference as students discover how to be teams of innovative leaders in their chapter. This conference about "WE: the individual leader, their relationships with others and how to establish common vision."

Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE)

What: SERVE: Community Development, Personal Growth
Who: Seniors

When: Four-Day Conference held in March

Students step into the role of one of California's State legislators, are assigned a specific California district and spend four days in Sacramento. SLE is all about the role of government, agricultural policy and advocacy. This conference focuses on "Community Development and SERVE: the ability to grow and develop others and serve your community."

Saluting California's Champions

State FFA Winners

- Star Advisor Award
Dane White, Galt FFA
- Star Administrator Award
Kristin McKenna, Madera FFA
- Star Counselor Award
Rosa Campos, Le Grand FFA
- Star Supporting Staff Award
Darlene Demmers, Firebaugh FFA
- National Chapter
San Luis Obispo FFA
- Program of Activities
Holtville FFA
- State Winning Website
St. Helena FFA •

Scholarship Recipients

- Almond Board of CA
Mason Justice, Etna FFA
Cameron Kemper, Dixon FFA
Melinda Lowe, Orland FFA
Alexis Lupton, Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA
Nicole Moitozo, Gustine FFA
Maico Ortiz, Galt FFA
Ashley Porter, Livermore FFA
Shelby Stillman, Merced-Golden Valley FFA
Kayla Zalesny, Nipomo FFA
- Alpha Gamma Rho
David Lopez, Holtville FFA
- Blue Corduroy Classic
Malia Arpon, Fullerton- Sunny Hills FFA
- Byron J. McMahon
Lindsay Mendonca, Tulare FFA
- Dean McNeilly Memorial
Gilberto Ortega, Madera FFA
- Dorothy McMillan Memorial
Savanna Souza, Hollister San Benito FFA
- Jaimie Lynne Pettey Memorial
Kylie Farmer, Chowchilla FFA
Josh Heupel, Merced-Golden Valley FFA
Sierra Shoemaker, Selma FFA
- Jerry L. Biggs
Alyssa Humphreys, Golden Valley FFA
- Jerry T. Davis
Bobby Marchy, Turlock FFA
- Mabel Jacks
Michelle Borges, Hughson FFA
Olivia Hanna, Etna FFA
Baileigh Ruiz, Pioneer Valley FFA

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Speaking Champions



STAR Recipients



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FEATURED CHAPTER

McArthur FFA

Nestled at an elevation of 3,200 feet and approximately 100 miles southeast of the southern Oregon border lies McArthur, California. As you travel through town you will notice no stop lights or fast food establishments. What you will notice are breathtaking views of agriculture set in a beautiful landscape of green mountains, winding rivers and probably several friendly waves from passing locals in a feed truck or tractor. The sunsets are calming, and the smell of growing peppermint, alfalfa or wild rice, with the sound of sprinklers irrigating strawberry mother plants consumes the valley. Located in McArthur, is Fall River Junior/Senior High School. The student body of 240, with grades seventh through 12, is located in a community of about 1,350 very supportive residents. The McArthur Chapter, 0149 nationally

chartered and 045 chartered in California, has 140 students. The chapter has two full-time agriculture advisors offering instruction covering agriculture science, animal science, agriculture mechanics, woodshop/construction, agriculture business, floral, agriculture communications, and leadership. In support of the program are two shops, a greenhouse, a farm facility, 11-acres of farming ground with a tractor, and a strong support cast of community members. Local ranchers, farmers, business people, health care based, construction, trucking, forestry, fire fighting and utility

based employees make up the bulk of the economy with a few in recreational type entities. The picture is painted, and it is easy to understand why so many who initially can't wait to graduate and head out of town, quickly realize that what they left behind is that little slice of Heaven so many seek.

The school as a whole has had a long-standing tradition of engaging its students in sports, the arts, academics, and community based programs which aid students in becoming well-rounded, organized and prepared to step out into the real world. Whether it be directly into employment, college or some other certificated program, rest assured that they are ready for their next chapter in life to begin. The FFA program prides itself on being a big part of that development through the utilization of the Three-Ring Model and

The school as a whole has a long-standing tradition of engaging its students...

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Photo Captions (starting opposite page, upper left, rotating clockwise): The winning "Pen of Three Market Hogs," proudly presented by McArthur FFA Chapter at the Inter-Mountain Fair; the advanced ag leadership class along with 2018-2019 California State officers Kyler and Orrin during the state officer visit at Burney Falls; McArthur FFA ready to

start Lil' Aggies Day which took place May 2019; 2017-2018 McArthur FFA officer team welcoming California FFA officers Luke and Hunter for the state officer visit; the 1st annual "Candy Chuck," was hosted this year on Halloween. Many local kids came dressed up in their Halloween costumes and enjoyed the bucket loads of candy donated by FFA

members; McArthur FFA members who attended the 2019 State Conference in Anaheim, CA; Lil' Aggies Day where kids from Fall River Elementary School got insight on the agricultural world; and the officer team at COLC (Chapter Officer Leadership Conference), August 2018.

strengthening students especially in the areas of leadership and communications skills. A strong work ethic in conjunction with speaking teams, CDE teams, and leadership positions provides the students many opportunities for skill development. The chapter has students with leadership positions at the regional and in a few cases the state level, with two former state officers in recent years. In addition, without strong administrative support our chapter's success would not be possible. In the past, the chapter has had several counselors and administrators recognized for their support. In 2018, our principal was recognized as Star Administrator for the State of California.

SAEs which include the traditional livestock projects, ag mechanics, woodshop, flower borders, ranch work, hay enterprises, wildlife, forestry-based, and landscape-based receive phenomenal support from the community throughout the year. The end of summer is capstoned with the start of the Inter-mountain Fair, the best little country fair in the state.

The close connection the chapter has with the community offers a platform for student-based programs that serve as educational opportunities such as "Lil' Aggies Day." The advanced leadership class is involved in a FFA newspaper project, which circulates with the local paper, and all proceeds

generated finance the class's agriculture industry tour. Recently, the floral design class has taken on many school and community based projects. Furthermore, the mechanical and construction classes have been involved in modernization and reconstruction of community facilities.

In conclusion, if your future travels take you close to the northeastern corner of California, be sure to stop in the school's parking lot, take in the views, and relish in the fact that a place like "a slice of Heaven," really does exist. •





With the conclusion of the State FFA Leadership Conference comes another energetic and passionate team of newly elected officers! California FFA News caught up with the 2019-2020 State Officers to learn a little bit more about these leaders inside the corduroy.

Share your most memorable FFA experience.

CARLYN My most memorable FFA experience was being able to facilitate Greenhand Leadership Conferences this year.

REAGAN Having the opportunity to meet the members whom my brother and I donated FFA jackets after the Carr Fire.

LINDSEY As a junior, I won the State Agriscience-Plant Systems Proficiency. That led to my career goal today.

KAYLA Celebrating the special needs students at my high school by honoring them with membership into our FFA program at our winter banquet.

MIRIAM My most memorable FFA experience was a surprise thank you video from my fellow chapter members before my junior year banquet.

DAVID My most memorable FFA experience would have to be serving as part of the state nominating committee.

What advice would you give a freshman entering FFA?

CARLYN It's important to realize that this organization has something for everyone. All you have to do ask for the chance!

REAGAN Get involved in any way you can; if you have a passion, pursue it. When it's all over, rather than looking back and asking, "What if?" look back and say, "Remember that."

LINDSEY The FFA Organization is full of opportunity for those who are interested in becoming the next generation of agricultural leaders. In all you do, reach out of your comfort zone with an open mind, and be present.

KAYLA My advice would be to cherish every single moment, and take advantage of every opportunity you can, because four years really do fly by.

MIRIAM Whether you see yourself as the sports kid, shy kid or extroverted kid, there is a place for you in this organization. Your unique qualities and experiences are valuable, and this organization will only broaden your horizons.

DAVID Take advantage of this experience. The best things happen when we step out of our comfort zone.

**State FFA President
CARLYN MARSH**

Birth day:
August 17th

Home Chapter:
Arbuckle-Pierce
FFA

SAE: Ag Council
of California

CDE/LDE: Agricultural Sales



**State FFA Vice President
REAGAN DAHLE**

Birth day:
February 8th

Home Chapter:
Bieber-Big Valley
FFA

SAE: Grain
Production
Placement

CDE/LDE: Parliamentary Procedure



**State FFA Secretary
LINDSEY SWALL**

Birth day:
January 18th

Home Chapter:
Tulare FFA

SAEs: Sheep
Production,
Agriscience-Plant
Systems, and
Agricultural Education

CDE/LDEs: Creed Speaking, Job
Interview, Citrus Judging, & Land Judging



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What are you looking forward most this year of service?

CARLYN I am so excited to see students make connections between leadership and agriculture, realizing that the two feed off each other as opposed to competing for a following.

REAGAN Traveling the state and seeing the depth of California agriculture along with meeting and developing relationships with agriculturalists across the state.

LINDSEY I am excited to spend the next year learning more about the members of our association, and California agriculture! I look forward to sharing the passion for agriculture my family's farm has instilled in me, and experiencing the impact of the FFA Organization

KAYLA I'm looking most forward to the close connections and interactions I get to have and make with industry leaders, stakeholders, advisors, and most importantly members. With only a short year of service in mind, I will cherish the relationships that I build for a lifetime.

MIRIAM I am looking forward to meeting all of you and learning what makes you, YOU! Being from the city, I am also excited to delve deeper into different areas of the agricultural industry and relay what I have learned.

DAVID What I'm most excited for would have to be meeting individuals from different backgrounds. The reason being, to see how diverse each of our members are and understand what makes each of them unique and drawn towards this organization.

Favorite quote

CARLYN

"A leader's greatest obligation is to make possible an environment in which people can aspire to change the world."
~ Carli Fiorina

REAGAN

"You don't need everyone to love you, just a few good people."
~ The Greatest Showman

LINDSEY

"Do not dig up in doubt what you've planted in faith."

KAYLA

"Leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others statewide."

MIRIAM

"One of the greatest regrets in life is being what others would want you to be, rather than being yourself."
~ Shannon L. Alder

DAVID

"I would if I could. You can, so please do."
~ Emmanuel Lucero

What is your career goal?

CARLYN I would like to work in some form of research looking at food insecurity and varying levels of socioeconomic backgrounds, perhaps in conjunction with food banks.

REAGAN Agricultural Lobbyist

LINDSEY I just finished my first year at Fresno State as a Plant Science-Plant Health major in the Smittcamp Honors college, with the goal of becoming an ornamental horticulturist.

KAYLA I will be attending Purdue University and majoring in agriculture business with a minor in policy to become an agricultural lobbyist.

MIRIAM I plan to attend Chico State and work my way towards becoming an Agricultural Education teacher.

DAVID Studying Agriculture Communications at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, in hopes of becoming an agricultural lobbyist.

Favorite "tech-free" way to pass time.

CARLYN I am taking flying lessons in Davis to get my pilot's license and I also enjoy reading books on leadership and rural America.

REAGAN Sleeping and writing down my dreams as stories.

LINDSEY I have always been creative and love to pass the time by baking decorated sugar cookies, playing tennis and doing photography.

KAYLA I love to go horseback riding on my horse Scooter with my mom.

MIRIAM I love traveling to mountainous, open-air places.

DAVID Sports and spending time with family. •

**State FFA Treasurer
KAYLA ZALESNY**

Birthday:
June 27th

Home Chapter:
Nipomo FFA

SAEs:
Environmental Science and Natural Resource Management, Small Animal Production, and Sheep Production

CDE/LDEs: Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Milk Quality & Dairy Foods Judging, and Citrus Judging



**State FFA Reporter
MIRIAM ALVARADO**

Birthday:
May 20th

Home Chapter:
Lancaster-Antelope Valley FFA

SAEs: Diversified Livestock and Hydroponic Lettuce Greenhouse Management

CDE/LDEs: Creed Speaking, Impromptu Public Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking



**State FFA Sentinel
DAVID LOPEZ**

Birthday:
April 20th

Home Chapter:
Hotville FFA

SAEs: Swine Production and Agriscience Research

CDE/LDEs: Impromptu Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Best Informed Greenhand, Vegetable Judging, and Pest Control Management





**AET / Farm Record Book High Team
Firebaugh FFA**



**Agricultural Mechanics High Team
Hilmar FFA**



**Agricultural Welding High Team
Templeton FFA**



**AET / Farm Record Book High Individual
Dominick Kelly, Firebaugh FFA**



**Agricultural Mechanics High Individual
Anthony Cortez, Clovis FFA**



**Agricultural Welding High Individual
Nathan Charnley, Templeton FFA**



**Agricultural Communications High Team
San Luis Obispo FFA**



**Agricultural Pest Control High Team
Escalon FFA**



**Agronomy High Team
Tulelake FFA**



**Agricultural Communications High Individual
Camille Rowland, San Luis Obispo FFA**



**Agricultural Pest Control High Individual
Danny Bava, Escalon FFA**



**Agronomy High Individual
Sophie Plass, Tulelake FFA**



**Agricultural Issues Forum High Team
Galt FFA**



**Agricultural Sales High Team
Golden Valley FFA**



**Best Informed Greenhand High Team
Elk Grove FFA**

Proficiency Winners

Agricultural Communications

Ariel Scholten, Sebastopol FFA

Agricultural Education

Yesenia Tellez, Buena Park FFA

Agricultural Mechanics: Design & Fabrication

Josh Heupel, Merced-Golden Valley FFA

Agricultural Mechanics: Repair & Maintenance,
Entrepreneurship

Cody Parker, Merced FFA

Agricultural Mechanics: Repair & Maintenance,
Placement

Victor Becerra, Livingston FFA

Agricultural Processing

Austin Aschwanen, Turlock Christian FFA

Agricultural Sales, Entrepreneurship

Preston Pauls, Immanuel FFA

Agricultural Sales, Placement

Kiley Andersen, Sebastopol FFA

Agricultural Services

Darren Borba, Gustine FFA

Agriscience Research: Animal Systems

Riley D'Arcy, Marysville FFA

Agriscience Research: Integrated Systems

Atticus Humphrey, Sanger FFA

Agriscience Research: Plant Systems

Mackenzie Camacho, O'Neals-Minarets FFA

Beef Production, Entrepreneurship

Bailey Morrell, Willows FFA

Beef Production, Placement

Emily Wise, Bakersfield Christian FFA

Dairy Production, Entrepreneurship

Billy Marchy, Turlock FFA

Dairy Production, Placement

Jacob Lepori, Sebastopol-Analy FFA

Diversified Ag Production

John Mark VanderPoel, Tulare FFA

Diversified Crop Production, Entrepreneurship

Cole Marchy, Turlock FFA

Diversified Crop Production, Placement

Ty Cota, Gridley FFA

Diversified Horticulture Production

Savannah Downs, Bakersfield Christian FFA

Diversified Livestock Production

Hannah Mancebo, Chowchilla FFA

Environmental Sciences & Natural Resources

Liesl Wolf Heinemann, St. Helena FFA

Equine Science, Entrepreneurship

Colby Perry, Tollhouse-Sierra FFA

Equine Science, Placement

Madison Muschetto, Jackson-Argonaut FFA

Food Science & Technology

Samantha Rios, Clovis FFA

Forage Crop Production

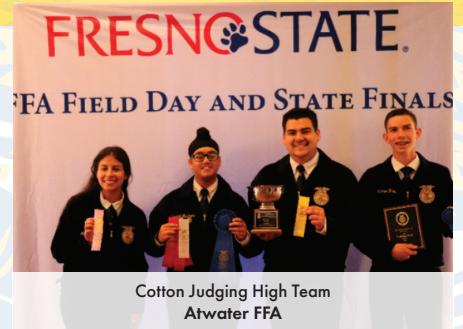
Cole Dexheimer, El Capitan FFA

Forest Management

Nick Duft, Nipomo FFA



Best Informed Greenhand High Individual
Samantha Albiani, Elk Grove FFA



Cotton Judging High Team
Atwater FFA



Citrus Judging High Team
Tulare FFA



Cotton Judging High Individual
Michael Bray, Atwater FFA



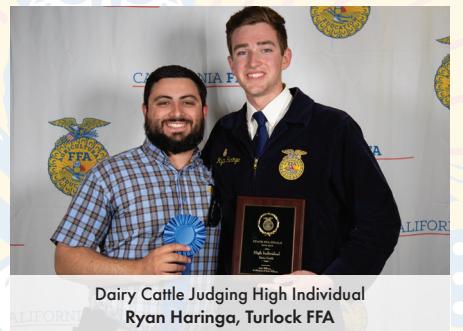
Citrus Judging High Individual
Edith Guijon, Woodlake FFA



Dairy Cattle Judging High Team
Hilmar FFA



Computer Applications High Team
Bakersfield-North FFA



Dairy Cattle Judging High Individual
Ryan Haringa, Turlock FFA



Computer Applications High Individual
Ian Hanson, Bakersfield-North FFA



Environmental and Natural Resources High Team
Reedley Middle College FFA

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Farm Business Management High Team
Elk Grove FFA



Floriculture High Individual
Citalli Mendez, Santa Maria FFA



Fruit Tree Judging High Team
Fullerton-Sunny Hills FFA



Farm Business Management High Individual
Delaney Sarantopulos, Elk Grove FFA



Food Science and Technology High Team
Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA



Fruit Tree Judging High Individual
Ashlee Pike, Delta Charter FFA



Farm Power and Machinery High Team
Merced-Golden Valley FFA



Food Science and Technology High Individual
Jacquelyn Duran, Galt-Liberty Ranch FFA



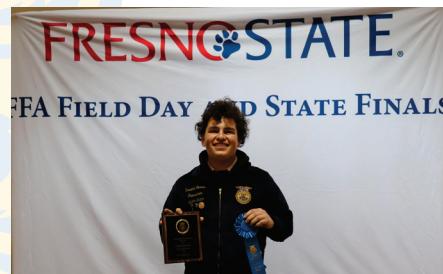
Fruit Tree Pruning High Team
St. Maria-Righetti FFA



Farm Power and Machinery High Individual
Peter Bliss, Merced-Golden Valley FFA



Forestry High Team
Trinity FFA



Fruit Tree Pruning High Individual
Oswaldo Garcia, Madera FFA



Floriculture High Team
Lassen FFA



Forestry High Individual
T.C. Drury, Red Bluff FFA



Grapevine Judging High Team
St. Helena FFA



Grapevine Judging High Individual
Liesl Wolf Heinemann, St. Helena FFA



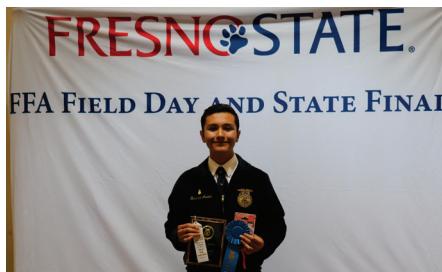
Livestock Judging High Team
O'Neal-Minarets FFA



Grapevine Pruning High Team
St. Helena FFA



Livestock Judging High Individual
Michael Rezendes, O'Neal-Minarets FFA



Grapevine Pruning High Individual
Gerardo Avalos, Turlock FFA



Marketing (Co-ops) High Team
Oakdale FFA



Meats Evaluation and Technology High Team
Clovis FFA



Light Horse Judging High Team
Lodi FFA



Marketing (Co-ops) High Individual
McKenna Phillips, Central Valley Christian FFA



Meats Evaluation and Technology High Individual
Faith Gatley, Clovis FFA



Light Horse Judging High Individual
Madison Eiler, Santa Maria FFA



Marketing Plan High Team
Atwater FFA



Milk Quality and Dairy Foods High Team
Santa Maria FFA

Scholarship Recipients

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- My Job Depends on Ag
- McKenna Feaster, Elk Grove FFA
- Sujhey Rosas, Mountain Empire FFA
- Past State Officer
- Katelyn Diniz, Bakersfield-Frontier FFA
- Tanner Hoekstra, Ripon Christian FFA
- Paul Freitas Memorial
- Kaitlynn Linderholm, O'Neals-Minarets FFA
- Universal Technical Institute
- Daniel Perez-Garcia, Butte Valley FFA
- Willey Family
- Danielle Arosteguy, Elk Grove FFA
- Grace Verdegaal, Oakdale FFA
- Zenith Insurance Company
- Sarah Grizzle, Holtville FFA
- Hannah Mancebo, Chowchilla FFA
- Drew Vogt, Immanuel FFA
- Elisabeth Watkins, Modesto-Central Catholic FFA •

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Chapter Scoops



BRAWLEY FFA **South Coast Research Center Tour**

Submitted by Luz Velarde Rios

Members of the Brawley FFA chapter are given many opportunities to grow out of their roots. This year during State Convention, members were given the chance to tour South Coast Research Center; located on 200 acres of deep of alluvial fan soil. Learning about over 150 varieties of citrus on the facility. The intent of this educational tour is to help kids learn more on what other cities are able to grow. As well as emphasizing how something some little like a citrus, goes through a big process just to make it over to your table. Not only was it all about education, but members were able to have lots of fun. There was lots of great taste testing and a fun time picking fruit. Also including the super fun tractor ride over the facility. Brawley FFA members sure did enjoy the time!



MENIFEE-HERITAGE FFA **Elementary School Visit**

Submitted by Olivia Figueroa

As a chapter, Menifee-Heritage, constantly strives to become involved within our community. Our members and officers do everything we can to reach out to those who want to learn more about agriculture and to help out our community in any way that we can. We invite elementary school students to visit our farm to have the opportunity to learn about livestock animals, we go to middle schools talking about our Agriculture program and classes available to them as high school students, and we go to our local schools to install planter beds for the students to learn more about agriculture and the skills of growing plants. We helped install planter beds at the Clearwater Elementary School in Perris last year and had the opportunity to do it again at Val Verde Elementary school. Installing the planter beds gives the students the chance to have a hands-on experience. They have the opportunity to learn not only how to install the planter beds, but they learn how to plant crops and care for them. Having a small garden for the elementary students gives them an early start to learning about agriculture and horticulture.



FIREBAUGH FFA **Sectional Meeting in Firebaugh**

This year the Firebaugh FFA Chapter had the opportunity of hosting the West Fresno Madera FFA Sectional meeting. This meeting was focused on the election of the 2019-2020 Sectional Officers. This year Firebaugh FFA had two candidates running for office: Amanda Cuen for Historian and Aiden Rodriguez for Sentinel. Each candidate was slated against another member of the West Fresno Madera FFA Section; they were asked a series of two questions and had one minute to give a response. Both Aiden and Amanda gave great responses to different agricultural topics. Unfortunately, Aiden did not make the 2019-2020 officer team, but he put forth his best effort. Amanda, on the other hand, is your newly elected 2019-2020 West Fresno Madera FFA Sectional Historian.

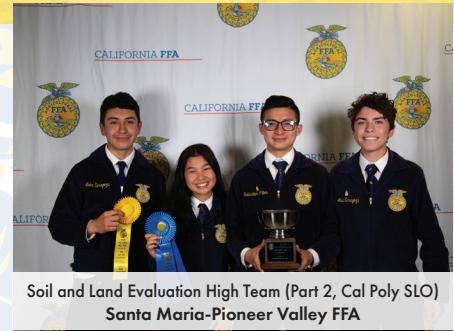
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Milk Quality and Dairy Foods High Individual
Natalie Frontella, Atwater FFA



Poultry Judging High Team
Santa Maria FFA



Soil and Land Evaluation High Team (Part 2, Cal Poly SLO)
Santa Maria-Pioneer Valley FFA



Nursery/Landscape High Team
Clovis FFA



Poultry Judging High Individual
Jonah Beals, Hughson FFA



Vegetable Crop Judging High Team
Los Molinos FFA



Nursery/Landscape High Individual
Seraphina Bedoyan, Clovis FFA



Small Engines High Team
Modesto-Beyer FFA



Vegetable Crop Judging High Individual
Yahir Langarica, Los Molinos FFA



Parliamentary Procedure-Advanced
O'Neals-Minarets FFA



Small Engines High Individual
Michael Pascal, Modesto-Beyer FFA



Veterinary Science High Team
San Luis Obispo FFA



Parliamentary Procedure-Novice
O'Neals-Minarets FFA



Soil and Land Evaluation High Team (Part 1, Fresno)
Santa Maria-Pioneer Valley FFA



Veterinary Science High Individual
Sydney Cusick, San Luis Obispo FFA

HUGHSON FFA Elementary School Agriculture Day

Submitted by Anthony Agueda

Hughson is an agriculture community, and we provide our students with firsthand knowledge about our community culture and heritage at our annual agriculture day. For 26 years, Hughson FFA members have set up interactive booths at the elementary school for this event. Some include beekeeping, dairy, transplanting, horticulture, small engines, poultry, small animals, and more. We give the students opportunities to learn about the agriculture industry directly, while they try on beekeeping uniforms, feed newborn dairy calves, make personal flower arrangements, learn how to start engines, sit on tractors, and more. Every year we receive many positive remarks due to our efforts, and we enjoy seeing several local agricultural businesses in attendance as well. The beauty of this event is that it is different every year, because of our members' varying interests in agriculture!



MADERA FFA Project Linus Partnership

Submitted by Merary Hernandez

Madera FFA recently partnered with the Fresno Chapter of the Linus Project to create blankets. The members sold donation cards in the community and were able to raise money to purchase materials to make blankets that will be given to homeless and children in need in the area. Members chose patterns and handmade 24 blankets one afternoon after school. The Linus Project delivers blankets to hospitals, shelters, social service agencies or anywhere that a child might be in need of comfort. The blankets made by Madera FFA will be given to children in the Madera and Fresno areas.



IMPERIAL FFA 78th Annual Year-End Banquet

Submitted by Kennedy Pechtl

The Imperial FFA Chapter held its 78th annual end of the year awards banquet. The event was attended by over 300 guests made up of proud parents, Boosters, school staff, and the FFA members themselves. A large portion of the evening consisted of recognizing our Chapter's achievements as well as our members' accomplishments. This past year 70 students attended SLC, 25 went to GLC, 8 made it to MFE, 6 arrived at ALA, 1 experienced SLE, and 18 enthusiastic students attended State. 2018-2019 served to be a great year for our Chapter, but it would not have been possible without the continuous support we receive from our Boosters, community members, and parents.

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PITMAN FFA

School Garden & Vineyard

Submitted by Hector Flores

At the beginning of the school year Pitman FFA was lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to manage the Pitman High School garden and vineyard. Throughout the year, our members visited the garden and vineyard and helped plant new crops to be harvested. Our members worked hard, and tirelessly to get the best out of this experience! Members of our chapter had the chance to prune the grapevines, which would later be turned into wine, and be used as thank you gifts for our supportive community members. This opened the eyes to many members because it gave them a sense of appreciation towards the agriculture industry and everything it has to offer! Pitman FFA members definitely got to live by the lines of the FFA motto "Learning to do, Doing to learn."



GUSTINE FFA

Point Awards Trip to AT&T Park

Submitted by Nicholas Alamo

Every Year the Gustine FFA Program grants twenty of its members the chance to attend a San Francisco Giants game. The decision to pick who goes on the trip is based on a point system that gives said points to those who participate the most in the program's activities. This past week, Gustine FFA attended a Giants game against the Atlanta Braves, and even though the Braves won, the members still appreciated the lengths the advisors went through to get the kids to have a good time. This trip isn't only a chance to admire the effort of the kids, but it's also to acknowledge the hard work of the advisors inside and outside of school.

Your Chapter FFA

We want to hear from your chapter!

1) Submit a 100-150 word article about a recent activity.

- a. Please do not include members' or advisors' names within the article.
- b. The article should be about an interesting/unique type of FFA activity. This is an opportunity to showcase new and innovative chapter activities.

2) Attach a GREAT quality digital photo of the activity.

- a. Photos should be in color and help further explain the submitted article.
- b. Photos must be sent as individual jpeg files.

3) Email the above information to news@californiaffa.org.

The subject of the email must include your chapter's name. In the email, please include the author of the chapter scoop and title of the article.

4) Please reference page two for submission deadlines

Proficiency Winners

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Goat Production

Joshua Albrecht, CORE Butte FFA

Grain Production, Placement

Ethan Harlan, Woodland FFA

Home and/or Community Development

Mackinna Henley, Patterson FFA

Landscape Management

Danny Joya, Madera FFA

Nursery Operations

Ashley Mobley, La Habra FFA

Outdoor Recreation

Dylan Shea, Mountain Empire FFA

Pomology Production

Rylee Neese, Central Valley Christian FFA

Poultry Production

Fiona Affronti, Healdsburg FFA

Sheep Production

Linzee DeGraff, Marysville FFA

Small Animal Production & Care

Emilly Hambly, Healdsburg FFA

Special Animal Production

Bailey Alexander, Foothill Palo-Cedro FFA

Special Crop Production

Sebastian Pinon, Santa Maria Pioneer Valley FFA

Swine Production, Entrepreneurship

Olivia Valdez, Clovis FFA

Swine Production, Placement

Alyssa Donich, Ripon FFA

Turf Grass Management

Kyra Wright, Atwater FFA

Vegetable Crop Production

Alexys Bautista, St. Helena FFA

Veterinary Science

Maleah Ramos, Sacramento-Sheldon FFA

Viticulture Production

Garett Cook, Foothill-Palo Cedro FFA

Wildlife Production

Taylor Williams, Chico FFA •

Agriscience Fair Champions



Advance Agriscience Fair Team
Exeter FFA



Novice Agriscience Fair Team
Elk Grove FFA



Discovery Agriscience Fair Team
Bear River FFA



Advance Agriscience Fair Individual
Grace Jardon & Mayalina Puerner, Exeter FFA



Novice Agriscience Fair Individual
Samantha Albani, Elk Grove FFA



Discovery Agriscience Fair Individual
Blake Coleman, Lakeside Middle FFA

STREET BEAT

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elizabethpantoja_ • BELIEVE • This past week I was able to attend the 91st California State FFA Leadership Conference, and I could not be more grateful for my experience.



nikkirose68 I believe in the future of agriculture... So incredibly grateful for this organization. The California FFA State convention was so amazing! I will always remember the lessons I have learned in this organization. FFA has taught me to put others before myself and be a servant leader! FFA will always have a place in my heart!



atwaterffa This week at the State FFA Leadership Convention, we celebrated student success, developed new leadership skills, and just had a blast!

