

NEWS RELEASE



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Florida FFA Selects Proficiency Award Finalists

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida FFA is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2014 Agricultural Proficiency Award program. Nearly 300 applicants from throughout Florida submitted applications for recognition within this program. The Agricultural Proficiency Award program rewards FFA members at the local, state and national levels for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. These supervised programs are planned, practical activities that are conducted outside of class time that help students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills learned inside the classroom in a real world environment. These programs can include entrepreneurship, placement, or research and experimentation.

The winners will be announced on stage during the 5th (A-E) and 6th (F-Z) General Sessions of the 86th Florida FFA State Convention to be held June 30 – July 4, 2014 at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando. The finalists and their advisor should report to the holding room thirty minutes prior to the session in which they are to be recognized.

The 134 Proficiency Award finalists, in alphabetical order by chapter are:

Proficiency Award Area	Chapter	Student Name (First)	Student Name (Last)
Agricultural Communications	Kathleen SR	Lexi	Sanchez
Agricultural Communications	Lake Butler SR	Savannah	Woodall
Agricultural Communications	Oakleaf	William	Donaghy
Agricultural Communications	Strawberry Crest	Adrian	Dyer
Agricultural Education	Brooksville SR	Delaney	Ahrens
Agricultural Education	Kathleen SR	Morgan	Carlton
Agricultural Education	Strawberry Crest	Adrian	Dyer
Agricultural Education	University (Volusia)	Abby	Marion
Agricultural Mechanics - Design & Fabrication	Branford	Brianna	Lanier
Agricultural Mechanics - Design & Fabrication	Coral Reef SR	Kylan	Becker

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Agricultural Mechanics - Design & Fabrication	South Lake Sr	Matthew	Staples
Agricultural Mechanics - Repair & Maintenance	Altha SR	Jacob	O'Bryan
Agricultural Mechanics - Repair & Maintenance	Branford	JT	Byrd
Agricultural Mechanics - Repair & Maintenance	Lake Placid SR	Laine	Daum
Agricultural Processing	Creekside MS	Emily	Williams
Agricultural Processing	Ft. White SR	Austin	Mattox
Agricultural Processing	Lake Butler SR	James	Ash
Agricultural Processing	Taylor SR	Dalton	Creel
Agricultural Sales	Altha SR	Hunter	Baggett
Agricultural Sales	Bradford SR	Corey	Robinson
Agricultural Sales	Branford	Jerrica	Byrd
Agricultural Sales	Lafayette SR	Audra	Shiver
Agricultural Services	Branford	Christopher	Young
Agricultural Services	Coral Reef JR	Stacey	Rubi
Agriscience Research	Blountstown	James	Leonard
Agriscience Research	Bradford MS	Emily	Acevedo
Agriscience Research	Lake Butler SR	Holly	Tucker
Agriscience Research	University (Volusia)	Abby	Marion
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Bronson	Landon	Smith
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Chiefland SR	Harold	Tillis
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Dixie SR	Shelbi	McCall
Beef Production - Entrepreneurship	Kathleen SR	Taeler	Dupre
Beef Production - Placement	Branford	Jonathan	Gaylard
Beef Production - Placement	Lake Butler SR	Case	Emerson
Beef Production - Placement	Strawberry Crest	Anna	Conrad
Beef Production - Placement	Suwannee SR	Caleb	Land
Dairy Production	Branford	Tania	Henderson
Dairy Production	Eisenhower MS	Aaron	Dunn
Dairy Production	Riverview HS	Mark	Hamilton
Dairy Production	Suwannee SR	Ryan	Brantley
Diversified Agricultural Production	Branford	Taylor	Randell
Diversified Agricultural Production	Brooksville SR	Colson	Cannon
Diversified Agricultural Production	Branford	Arica	Land
Diversified Agricultural Production	Taylor SR	Brendan	Register
Diversified Crop Production	Branford	Taylor	Randell
Diversified Crop Production	Hardee SR	Kole	Roberston
Diversified Crop Production	Suwannee SR	Seth	Adams
Diversified Horticulture	Branford	Katie	White
Diversified Horticulture	Brooksville SR	Colson	Cannon
Diversified Horticulture	Leesburg SR	Hunter	LoRusso
Diversified Horticulture	Leesburg SR	Loren	Spillane
Diversified Livestock Production	Baker County SR	Clayton	Lyons
Diversified Livestock Production	Dixie SR	Shelbi	McCall
Diversified Livestock Production	Kathleen SR	Taeler	Dupre

Diversified Livestock Production	South Sumter SR	Matthew	Hall
Emerging Agricultural Technology	Branford	Christopher	Young
Emerging Agricultural Technology	Brooksville SR	Delaney	Ahrens
Emerging Agricultural Technology	Ferguson SR	Daniela	Leon
Environmental Science & Natural Res. Mgmt.	Dixie SR	Shelbi	McCall
Environmental Science & Natural Res. Mgmt.	East Bay SR	Alexander	Scott
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Chiefland SR	Whitney	Mills
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Frostproof MS	Moriah	McCullers
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Kathleen SR	Ashley	Meredith
Equine Science - Entrepreneurship	Lakewood Ranch SR	Shannon	Kehoe
Equine Science - Placement	Branford	Katie	Lloyd
Equine Science - Placement	South Lake Sr	Codi	Shifflett
Equine Science - Placement	Suwannee SR	Brandi	Taylor
Equine Science - Placement	Suwannee SR	Shelly	Williams
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Branford	Allison	Randell
Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production	Suwannee SR	Seth	Adams
Food Science & Technology	Lake Butler SR	Case	Emerson
Forage Production	Branford	Jordan	Gaylard
Forage Production	Branford	Taylor	Randell
Forest Management & Products	Chiefland SR	Whitney	Mills
Forest Management & Products	Lafayette SR	Myles	Byrd
Forest Management & Products	Lafayette SR	Mason	Byrd
Forest Management & Products	South Lake JR	Kyle	Garner
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production	Branford	Arica	Land
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production	Chiefland SR	Harold	Tillis
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production	Suwannee SR	Seth	Adams
Fruit and/or Vegetable Production	Suwannee SR	Brandi	Taylor
Goat Production	Bradford MS	Emily	Acevedo
Goat Production	Grand Ridge	Haley	Dime
Goat Production	South Lake Sr	Heather	LeBlanc
Goat Production	Varela (Felix) SR	Mary	Roy
Home and/or Community Development	Deltona SR	RoxAnna	Prior
Home and/or Community Development	Suwannee SR	Caleb	Land
Home and/or Community Development	Taylor SR	Brendan	Register
Home and/or Community Development	University (Volusia)	Abby	Marion
Landscape Mangement	Durant	Alex	Fernndez
Landscape Mangement	Leesburg SR	Hunter	LoRusso
Landscape Mangement	Leesburg SR	Jeremy	Odom
Landscape Mangement	Suwannee SR	Jonathon	Haney
Nursery Operations	George Jenkins	Austin	Cleary
Nursery Operations	Lake Butler SR	Case	Emerson
Nursery Operations	South Sumter SR	William	Jameson
Nursery Operations	Trenton SR	Matthew	George
Outdoor Recreation	Blountstown	James	Leonard
Outdoor Recreation	Branford	Christopher	Young
Outdoor Recreation	Lake Placid SR	Dalton	Shelton

Outdoor Recreation	Oakleaf	William	Donaghy
Poultry Production	Bronson	Justin	Johnson
Poultry Production	Chiefland SR	Whitney	Mills
Poultry Production	Suwannee SR	Trevor	Ross
Poultry Production	Trenton SR	Erin	Jones
Sheep Production	Durant	Cassidy	Hasting
Sheep Production	Frostproof SR	Jonathan	Wells
Sheep Production	Frostproof SR	Daniel	Wells
Sheep Production	New Smyrna Beach SR	Brittany	Wolford
Small Animal Production & Care	Branford	Christopher	Young
Small Animal Production & Care	Kathleen SR	Zackary	Zellman
Small Animal Production & Care	Orlando Colonial SR	Anastasia	Sturgis
Small Animal Production & Care	South Lake Sr	Jana	Caracciolo
Specialty Animal Production	Bellevue SR	Sara	Zufelt
Specialty Animal Production	East River	Chelsea	Brooks
Specialty Animal Production	Ft. White SR	Steven	O'Quinn
Specialty Animal Production	Trenton SR	Josh	Harrison
Specialty Crop Production	Branford	Jonathan	Gaylard
Specialty Crop Production	Suwannee SR	Hunter	Deas
Specialty Crop Production	Suwannee SR	Meredith	Lord
Specialty Crop Production	Trenton SR	Erin	Jones
Swine Production	Bradford SR	Hailey	McElhenny
Swine Production	DeLand SR	Brandon	Oliver
Swine Production	Plant City SR	Keylee	Christie
Swine Production	South Sumter SR	Brittani	Grady
Turfgrass Management	Leesburg SR	Jeremy	Odom
Veterinary Science	Ferguson SR	Lillian	Rodicio
Veterinary Science	George Jenkins	Alexandra	Rhodes
Veterinary Science	Lennard	Joy	Bordner
Veterinary Science	New Smyrna Beach SR	Haley	Denney
Wildlife Management	Dixie SR	Shelbi	McCall
Wildlife Management	South Lake JR	Kyle	Garner
Wildlife Management	South Lake Sr	Matthew	Staples
Wildlife Management	Suwannee SR	Leslie Ann	Goolsby

About the Florida FFA State Convention

The annual state convention and expo is truly a week that “absolutely everybody” should experience. For 86 years, FFA members have come together to celebrate the achievements won by the past and present generations of agriculturalists, while continuing to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Honoring the past and present, FFA members, along with advisors, alumni parents and supporters will be inspired to take pride in our industry, serve our communities, and lead our organization into a new era of agriculture.

About the Florida FFA Association

The Florida FFA Association is a premier youth, leadership organization with nearly 17,000 middle and high school student members - as part of over 300 local FFA chapters across the state. FFA members participate in nearly 50 leadership and career development events each year. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

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