

NEWS RELEASE



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Florida FFA Announces Stars of Florida Finalists

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The Florida FFA Association recently selected 19 student members as finalists in the highly coveted “Stars of Florida” award recognition program. This program symbolizes the highest competitive recognition for FFA members and their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program(s) in five different categories. Nearly 300 applicants were considered during the selection process. Each candidate will be interviewed by a team of FFA, industry and Agriculture Education representatives to determine the winner in each area. Each finalist, their family and agriculture instructor(s) will be recognized July 3rd, 2014 at the 86th Florida FFA Convention to be held at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando.

The finalists listed alphabetically by chapter in each category are:

| Name | Chapter | Category |
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| Krista Lyons | Lafayette Middle FFA | State Star Discovery Finalist |
| Jerry Mills III | Williston Middle FFA | State Star Discovery Finalist |
| Lindsey G Wilder | Williston Middle FFA | State Star Discovery Finalist |
| Carlie Vining | Williston Middle FFA | State Star Discovery Finalist |
| Terrah Henderson | Branford FFA | State Star Greenhand Finalist |
| Jacob Burnette | Durant FFA | State Star Greenhand Finalist |
| Cody Austin Clark | Kathleen FFA | State Star Greenhand Finalist |
| Anna Beth Conrad | Strawberry Crest FFA | State Star Greenhand Finalist |
| Christopher Young | Branford FFA | State Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist |
| Audra Shiver | Lafayette FFA | State Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist |
| Seth Adams | Suwannee Sr. FFA | State Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist |
| Mallory Morgan | Suwannee Sr. FFA | State Star in Agricultural Placement Finalist |
| Wesley Beyer | Brooksville Sr. FFA | State Star in Agriscience Finalist |
| Kirsten Walker | Brooksville Sr. FFA | State Star in Agriscience Finalist |
| Abby Marion | University Volusia FFA | State Star in Agriscience Finalist |
| Landon Smith | Bronson FFA | State Star Farmer Finalist |

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| J.R. Trimm | Bronson FFA | State Star Farmer Finalist |
| Harold Tillis | Chiefland FFA | State Star Farmer Finalist |
| Shelby Hill | Lake Placid Sr. FFA | State Star Farmer Finalist |

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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The FFA Mission

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