

99th New York FFA State Convention



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BUFFALO, NY
MAY 2-4, 2024

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NY FFA CARES...

Convention 2024 Guidelines

1. I will act and speak in a way that is **respectful of everyone**, not only FFA members attending the conference, but also the speakers, facilitators, our hosts, and anyone we encounter.
2. I will respect every individual's culture, values, and experiences. I will **embrace the opportunity to meet new people and learn new cultures and experiences to help me grow as a future leader.**
3. I will **welcome every individual's contribution** to advancing our communities and the industry of agriculture.
4. I will **cultivate an environment** that allows every individual to recognize and explore their differences.
5. I will be **kind and empathetic** to fellow FFA members. We never know what someone else is experiencing or where they are coming from with their perspectives.
6. I will remember that FFA events are designed to **bring us together in leadership.** Divisive or disrespectful actions only work to impede our progress as growing leaders.
7. I will embrace that **all FFA events are designed for all participants** to learn about building connections, seizing opportunities in FFA, setting goals for themselves, defining personal success, and developing their own brand of leadership.
8. I will **demonstrate that I am ready to grow** in leadership and career development and discover more about themselves and others.

Tips for Success

1. As a public event, there is an implied acceptance of the use of your image in social and traditional media promotion related to the convention.
2. All activities have listed start times. Competitors, award winners or those with featured roles onstage should be in place 15 minutes prior to competition or 30 minutes before sessions to guarantee participation and recognition.
3. Cell phone use is prohibited in competitions of all kinds and may result in disqualification. During sessions, workshops and tours, participants should avoid using phones in order to participate fully and show respect to presenters.
4. During sessions, chapters are encouraged to support all New York FFA members in positive, inclusive ways. Be mindful of how your celebration may impact another attendee's experience.

Convention Maps

- **CONVENTION CENTER:**

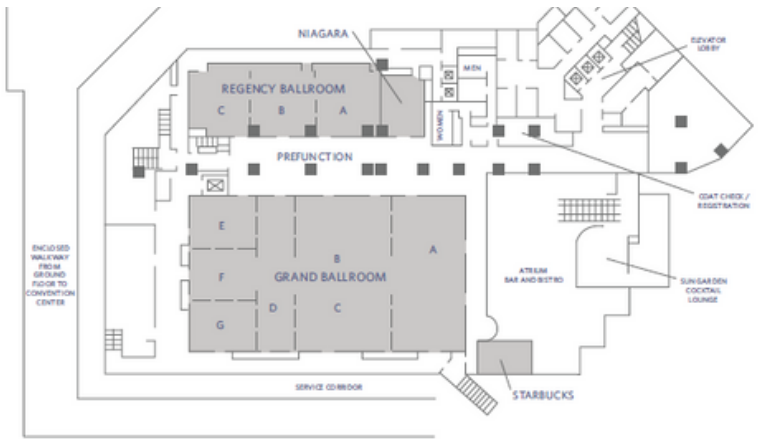
- Registration
- Workshops
- Tour Departure
- Expo & Exhibits
- Meals (2 locations!)
- Delegate committees
- District Meetings
 - (4, 5, 9 & 10)
- Limited CDEs (Floriculture, Food Science, Forestry, Jr. Tool ID, Quiz Bowl)

- **HYATT**

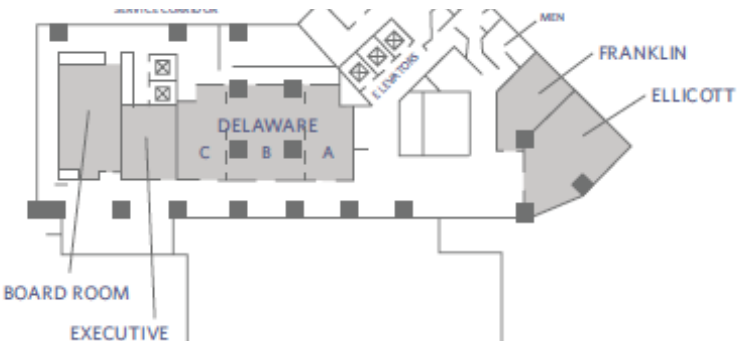
- Most CDEs/LDEs
- District Meetings (1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8)
- Blue & Gold Reception

HYATT REGENCY:

MEZZANINE/WALKWAY LEVEL



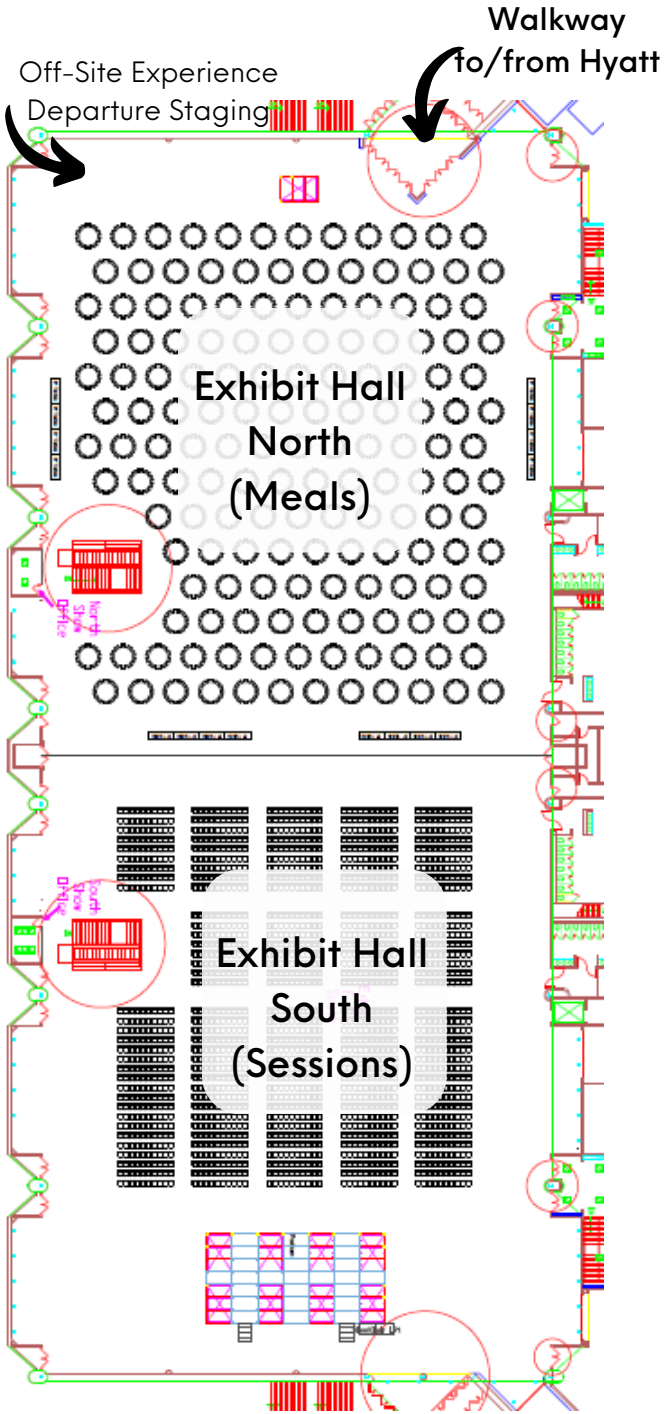
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Convention Maps

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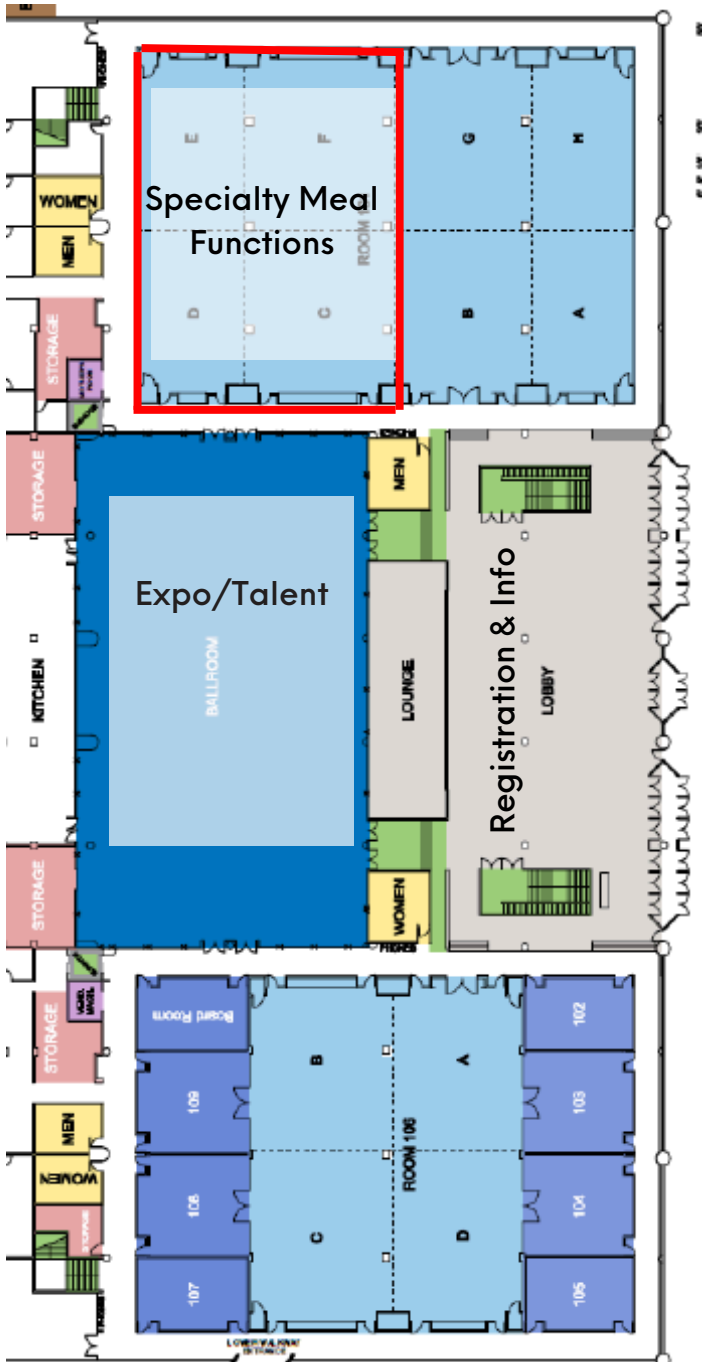
SECOND FLOOR - HYATT WALKWAY, GENERAL MEAL SPACE & CONVENTION SESSIONS



Convention Maps

BUFFALO NIAGARA CONVENTION CENTER:

FIRST FLOOR - WORKSHOPS, SERVICE, TOUR DEPARTURES, EXPO, REGISTRATION, MOST DELEGATE WORK, SPECIALTY MEAL FUNCTIONS & LIMITED CDE'S.



Convention Schedule

Thursday, May 2

11:00 am - Convention registration Opens - Lower Lobby

11:30 - 12:30 pm - Lunch - BNCC Exhibit Hall North

11:30 am - Convention Expo Opens! BNCC Ballroom

1:00 pm - Career and Leadership Development Events

- Ag Issues - Delaware B
- Agriscience Fair - BNCC Ballroom
- Discussion Meet - Grand Ballroom E
- Employment Skills - Hyatt Board Room
- Farm & Agribusiness Management - Hyatt Grand Ballroom E&F
- Food Science & Technology - BNCC 106 C
- Jr Tool ID - BNCC 106D
- Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking - Hyatt Ellicott
- Maple - Hyatt Regency Ballroom B/C
- Parliamentary Procedure - Hyatt Grand Ballroom B
- Sr Extemporaneous Speaking - Hyatt Ellicott
- Sr Prepared Speaking - Hyatt Niagara
- Veterinary Science - Hyatt Grand Ballroom A

1:00 pm - Convention Tours Depart - Exhibit Hall North

- Pre-registration required.
- Details on Engagement Pages

1:00 pm - Convention Service Activity

- Flowers for Buffalo - BNCC 106A&B

1:00 pm - Convention Workshops (see list)

BNCC Marquee Level

1:00 pm - Speed Connection - BNCC 101 CDEF

2:00 pm - Convention Workshops (see list)

- BNCC Marquee Level

2:00 pm - Speed Connection - BNCC 101 CDEF

2:30 pm - FFA Talent Auditions & Performances - BNCC Ballroom

3:00 pm - Convention Workshops (see list)

- BNCC Marquee Level

4:00 pm - Convention Workshops (see list)

- BNCC Marquee Level

5:00 pm - Dinner begins - BNCC Exhibit Hall North

5:15 pm - Expo closes for day

6:15 pm - Session Hall Opens - Pre-Session Begins - Exhibit Hall South

6:30 pm - Award Winners in seats for Session 1 - Exhibit Hall South/Sessions

7:00 pm - Session 1 - Exhibit Hall South

9:15 pm - End-of-Day/T-shirt Pick Up - Lobby

Convention Schedule

Friday, May 3

8:00 am - Delegate Committee Work (See List)

- BNCC 101A, 101CDEF, 101H, 103 & 104

8:00 am - Expo Opens - BNCC Ballroom

8:30 am - Career & Leadership Development Events

- Ag Education - Hyatt Delaware A/B/C
- Ag Sales - Hyatt Grand Ballroom E/F/G
- Aquaculture - Hyatt Grand Ballroom B/C
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings - Hyatt Grand Ballroom A
- Creed Speaking (Jr) - Hyatt Franklin
- Creed Speaking (Sr) - Hyatt Franklin
- Floriculture - BNCC 106 A&B
- Forestry - BNCC 101C
- Marketing Plan - Hyatt Regency Ellicott
- People in Ag (Jr) - Hyatt Niagara
- People in Ag (Sr) - Hyatt Niagara
- Prepared (Jr) - Hyatt Seneca

8:30 am - Convention Tours Depart - Exhibit Hall North

8:30 am - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNCC Marquee Level

9:15 am - Session Hall Opens - Pre-Session Begins - Exhibit Hall South

9:30 am - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNCC Marquee Level

9:30 am - Award winners in seats for Session 2 - Exhibit Hall South

10:00 am - Session 2 - Exhibit Hall South

10:30 am - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNCC Marquee Level

11:15 am - Lunch - Exhibit Hall North/Meals

11:30 am - Delegate Luncheon - BNCC 101 CDEF

12:00 pm - Career & Leadership Development Events

- Quiz Bowl (Jr) - BNCC 106C
- Quiz Bowl (Sr) - BNCC 106D
- Floriculture Finals - BNCC 106 A/B

1:00 pm - Business Session - Exhibit Hall South/Sessions

1:00 pm - Convention Tours Depart - Exhibit Hall North

1:00 pm - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNCC Marquee Level

2:00 pm - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNCC Marquee Level

2:00 pm - Speed Connection - Exhibit Hall North

2:00 pm - Ag Jeopardy/Afternoon Karaoke - BNCC Ballroom

Convention Schedule

Friday, May 3 (continued)

2:30 pm - District Meetings

- District 1 - Hyatt Regency Ballroom A
- District 2 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom A
- District 3 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom E/F/G
- District 4 - BNCC 101H
- District 5 - BNCC 101CDEF
- District 6 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom B/C
- District 7 - Hyatt Regency Ballroom B/C
- District 8 - Hyatt Delaware A/B/C
- District 9 - Exhibit Hall South
- District 10 - BNCC 101A

3:00 pm - Workshops (See List)

- BNCC BNNC Marquee Level

3:00 pm - Speed Connection - Exhibit Hall North

3:00 pm - Ag Jeopardy/Afternoon Karaoke - BNCC Ballroom

3:30 pm - Session Hall Opens - Pre-Session Begins - Exhibit Hall South

3:45 pm - Award winners in seats for Session 3 - Exhibit Hall South

4:15 pm - Session 3 - Exhibit Hall South

6:15 pm - Fun Night (Ticket Required) - Sahlen Field - 1 James D Griffin Plaza, Buffalo.

Saturday, May 4

8:15 am - Speed Connecting - BNCC 106 A&B

8:15 am - Session Hall Opens & Pre-Session Begins - Exhibit Hall South

8:30 am - Award winners in seats for Session 4 - Exhibit Hall South

9:00 am - Session 4 - Exhibit Hall South

9:15 am - Speed Connecting - BNCC 106 A&B

11:00 am - Lunch - Exhibit Hall North

11:00 am - Empire Degree Luncheon - BNCC 101 CDEF

12:00 pm - Session Hall Opens - Exhibit Hall South

12:15 pm - Pre-session activities begin - Exhibit Hall South

12:30 pm - Award winners in seats for Session 5 - Exhibit Hall South

1:00 pm - Session 5



Session Schedules

Session One - Thursday, May 2

Session co-chairs -

Courtney Taibi & Kealy Schilde

6:15 pm - Doors Open

6:30 pm - Award Recipient Seating
Deadline

7:00 pm - Session Begins

- Convention Reflections
- Animal Systems Proficiency Awards
- Student Results & Showcase
 - Sr. Prepared Speaking
- Dairy Breed Award
- FFA Talent!
- Ellie Tarrants Retiring Address
 - **"The Color of Joy."**
- Career & Leadership Development Results
 - Agricultural Issues
 - Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems
 - Employment Skills
 - Extemporaneous Speaking (Jr & Sr)
 - Maple
 - Meats Evaluation & Technology
 - Milk Quality & Products
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Tool Identification (Jr Only)
- Keynote Speaker- Aric Jackson
- FFA Jacket Award



Session Two - Friday, May 3

Session co-chairs -

Kealy Schilde & Ellie Tarrants

9:15 am - Doors Open

9:30 am - Award Recipient Seating
Deadline

10:00 am - Session Begins

- Student Showcase: Agricultural Issues
- Plant Systems Proficiency Awards
- National Officer Remarks
- FFA Talent
- Membership Growth Recognition
- Scholarship Recognition
- Jacob Lucak Retiring Address
 - **"Fight or Flight"**
- CDE/LDE Recognition
 - Discussion Meet
 - Farm & Agribusiness Mgmt
 - Food Science & Technology
 - Veterinary Science



Session Schedules

Business Session - Friday, May 3

Session chair - Ella Underberg

12:45 pm - Delegate Check In

1:00 pm - Call to Order

- Roll Call of Delegates
- Committee Reports
 - Awards & Recognition
 - Evaluation of State & District Officer Opportunities
 - Improving SAE
 - Input on FFA Conferences
 - State Communication Methods
 - Student & Teacher Belonging
- New Business
 - Constitutional Change
 - State Officer Team Election
- Announcements & Adjournment



Session Three- Friday, May 3

Session co-chairs -

Ella Underberg, Jacob Lucak & Eric Heath

3:15 pm - Doors Open (Pre-Session 3:30)

3:45 pm - Award Recipient Seating Deadline

4:15 pm - Session Begins

- Agribusiness Systems Proficiency Awards
- Student Spotlight - Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Chapter Charters
 - FFA Talent
 - Courtney Taibi Retiring Address
 - **"Picture Perfect"**
 - Agriscience Fair Winners
 - Honorary Degrees
 - PSO and other Alumni Celebration
 - CDE/LDE Recognition
 - Ag Education
 - Ag Communications
 - Ag Sales
 - Aquaculture
 - Conduct of Chapter Meetings
 - Creed Speaking (Jr - Sr)
 - Discussion Meet
 - Marketing Plan
 - People in Ag (Jr - Sr)
 - Prepared Speaking (Jr Only)



Session Schedules

Session Four – Saturday, May 4

Session co-chairs – Ella Underberg,
Courtney Taibi & Jacob Lucak

8:15 am – Doors Open

8:30 am – Award Recipient Seating
Deadline

9:00 am – Session Begins

- Power, Structural & Technical and Environmental Systems Proficiency Awards
- SAE Grant Recognition
- Eric Heath Retiring Address
 - **"The Power of People."**
- District President Recognition
- District President Installation
- Public Relations Awards
- Advisor Recognition
- FFA Talent
- Kealy Schilde Retiring Address
 - **"Planting Legacy"**
- Onstage CDE Recognition
 - Floriculture
 - Forestry
 - Any remaining competitive events



Session Five – Saturday, May 4

Session co-chairs –
Eric Heath & Ellie Tarrants

12:00 pm – Doors Open (Pre-Session 12:15)

12:30 pm – Award Recipient Seating
Deadline

1:00 pm – Session Begins

- Student Showcase – Creed Speaking
- National Chapter Award
- Golden Owl Recognition
- Family & Support System Recognition
- FFA Talent Act
- Ella Underberg Retiring Address
 - **"Uncomfortable."**
- National Officer Candidate Recognition
- State Star Recognition
- Talent Act Winners & Encore
- Empire Degree Ceremony
- New Officer Installation
- State Officer Celebration
- Convention Close



Glossary of Recognition

Agriscience Fair: Students work in pairs or as individuals to research agricultural questions. Top projects are recognized in Session 3.

Career & Leadership Development Events: Over 30 leadership and career-based competitions take place at the State Convention. Top three teams and (in many events) top ten individuals earn plaques and medals. 1st place teams or individuals advance to compete at the National FFA Convention! We will see winners recognized in Sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4!

Delegates: Chapter leaders that represent the ideas and best interests of their members spend hours at convention creating plans to make FFA better. You'll hear their suggestions and decisions in the business session.

Empire Degree: This is the highest state degree a member can earn, recognizing students who've earned and invested intelligently over years of agricultural work. We'll celebrate Empire Degree students alphabetically in Session 5.

Honorary Empire Degree: FFA's strongest partners earn this distinguished recognition. Each recipient has served FFA for years - and above the chapter level. Over time, their commitment has made FFA stronger for all of us. Celebrate these honorees in Session 3.

National Chapter Award: This award recognizes FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. Top chapters advance for national evaluation and recognition and will learn results in Session 5.

Nominating Committee: FFA members served throughout the spring to interview and recommend candidates for leadership positions. In 2023, twenty-three student evaluators interviewed forty-five candidates in six unique processes.

Officer Candidates: FFA members interested in serving students on state and district levels will run for 10 district president positions and 6 state officer positions. They'll introduce themselves onstage in Session 2 and new leaders will be elected by delegates throughout Friday afternoon and installed in Session 5.

Proficiency Awards: FFA members build their Supervised Agricultural Experience over several years and compete in 47 award areas. Winners can advance to National competition, too! We will celebrate Proficiency Awards in groups related to career pathways in sessions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Scholarships and Grants: College scholarships and grants for investment in SAEs are earned by application process. Check out students receiving these funds this year as part of Session 2.

State and District Officers: Current State Officers and District Presidents have served in leadership roles for the past year. At convention, they host sessions, give speeches and are found onstage in most every session. Listen for their words of wisdom throughout convention.

Thursday Opportunities

All student engagement locations are in BNCC.

Workshops:

- **1 pm:**
 - Expanding Belonging - BNCC 101A
 - Vision Voyage - National Officer- BNCC 101B
 - Appetizer of Leadership - BNCC 101G
 - The Future of Energy in Agriculture - BNCC 101H
 - Teach Ag! - BNCC 104
- **2 pm**
 - Expanding Belonging - BNCC 101A
 - A'ric Jackson - Dream Achievers!- BNCC 101B
 - Appetizer of Leadership - BNCC 101G
 - The Future of Energy in Agriculture - BNCC 101H
 - Teach Ag! - BNCC 104
- **3 pm**
 - Teamwork Makes the Dream Work - BNCC 101A
 - A'ric Jackson - Dream Achievers! - BNCC 101B
 - Dairy Promotion & Agricultural Advocacy - BNCC 101G
 - Prolific Positive Thinking - BNCC 101H
 - National Agriculture Statistic Service Opportunities - BNCC 104
- **4 pm**
 - Teamwork Makes the Dream Work - BNCC 101A
 - Vision Voyage - National Officer - BNCC 101B
 - Dairy Promotion & Agricultural Advocacy - BNCC 101G
 - Prolific Positive Thinking- BNCC 101H
 - National Agriculture Statistic Service Opportunities - BNCC 104

Day of Service:

- **1 - 5 pm** - Flowers for BuFFAlO (106A&B)
- **1 - 4 pm** - Olmstead Parks (Exhibit Hall North)*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Tift Nature Preserve (Exhibit Hall North)*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Erie County Fairgrounds (Exhibit Hall North)*

Tours: Depart from Exhibit Hall North

- **1:30 - 4:30 pm** - NY Power Authority*
- **1:30 - 4:30 pm** - H.H. Dobbins, Inc.*
- **1:30 - 4:30 pm**- Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc.*
- **1:30 - 4:30 pm** - Buffalo Raceway*
- **1:30 - 4:30 pm** - Silo City*

Connect & Enjoy:

- **1 pm** - Expo opens. Check out exhibits and meet college and career partners. (Ballroom)
- **1 & 2 pm** - Speed Connecting (101 CDEF)
- **2:30 - 4:30 pm** - FFA talent on Ballroom Stage

Opportunities marked with an asterisk require pre-registration and only registered students can participate.

Friday Opportunities

All student engagement locations are in BNCC.

Workshops:

- **8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 am**
 - The Pyramid of Leadership- BNCC 101B
 - Saving the World - BNCC 101G
 - Building Blocks of Leadership - BNCC 106D
 - Don't Wing It w Webber - BNCC 108
- **1:15, 2:15 and 3:15 pm**
 - Blissful Acres Cow Milks Soap - BNCC 101B
 - Teamwork=Communication + Feedback - BNCC 101G
 - Building Blocks of Leadership - BNCC 101H (1:15 only)

Day of Service: Depart from Exhibit Hall North

- **8:30 - 11:30 am** - Olmstead Parks*
- **8:30 - 11:30 am** - Providence Farm Collective*
- **8:30 -11:30 am** - Erie County Parks*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Olmstead Parks*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Erie County Parks*

Tours: Depart from Exhibit Hall North

- **8:30 - 11:30 am** -Niagara Falls Culinary Institute*
- **8:30 - 11:30 am** - Hoover's Dairy*
- **8:30 -11:30 am** - Canisius University*
- **8:30-11:30 am** - SUNY Niagara*
- **8:30-11:30 am** - Lakeside Sod Supply Co., Inc.*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Lactalis American Group*
- **1 - 4 pm** - NY Power Authority*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Kelkenberg Farm*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Amos Zittel & Sons, Inc.*
- **1 - 4 pm** - Crag Burn Golf Club*

Connect & Enjoy:

- **8 - 4 pm** - Expo opens. Check out exhibits and meet college and career partners. (Ballroom)
- **2 & 3 pm** - Speed Connecting (101 CDEF)
- **2 & 3 pm** - FFA Afternoon Karaoke (Ballroom)
- **6:00-9:30 pm** - Fun Night @ the Ballpark (tickets required)*
 - Meals will be served from 6 - 7:30

Opportunities marked with an asterisk (*) require pre-registration and only registered students may participate.



Congratulations 2024 Empire Degree Recipients!

JOHN ALDEN	SIERRA DENISON	ADRYANNA JOSEPH	ALLISON ROGERS
GINGERANDREWS	FAITH DIDDLE	GAGE KAMPNICH	ADAM ROMANCE
SARA ARMISON	TABER DINGMAN	LANDON KAMPNICH	NATHANRUMOVICZ
MADISYN AWILOW	SERENA DROST	ANNA KING	CAYLENE RUSSELL
COLIN AYEN	MIRANDA DUNNING	HANNAH KING	SOPHIA SANTELLA
HAYDEN AYERS	AUBREY ENSELL	MADELYN KING	EMMAJO SCHMIDTMANN
MACKENZIE BACKUS	ALLIE ERHART	AVRIE KOVAL	LILLIE SCHMITZ
TAYLOR BARRACLOUGH	ISABELLA ESPOSITO	MASON KROKOWSKI	JULIANA SCHULZE
KALEN BEARDSLEY	KENDRE EUSON	JAIME KUHN	WILLIAM SCHWERD
ADDISON BEAVER	KAYDENCE EVERITT	CONNOR LAGASSE	PECABO SCOTT
NICHOLAS BENDER	EVELYN FARESE	EMMA LEAVENS	TRINITY SCOTT
CHARLI BENNETT	ANIYAH FINDLAY THOMAS	KEEGAN LONG	JARROD SCROGGS
CHLOE BENTZEN	CARRI FLANNERY	HAILIE LOUNSBURY	MATTHEW SEELMAN
JACK BEYER	LUCAS FLEIG	WILL LUND	LOGAN SHERWOOD
AVA BODNAR	NICHOLAS FOLEY	JUSTICE MACIEJKO	MALLORY SICKLES
SOPHIE BODNAR	CASSANDRA FORREST	DAVID MALESKI	MARIANA SLOCUM
SILAS BOICE	VAN FURMAN	OLIVIA MALESKI	ARIANA SMALL
JILLIAN BREWER	PETRA GAMAGE	MEGAN MARSH	LANDEN SMITH
COLIN BRINK	PILAR GAMAGE	ANNA MAXWELL	ALYSSA ST. MARY
JAMESON BROWNELL	BRENDEN GENEI	LIADAN MCALEESE	SADIE STEWARD
NATALIE BURROWS	DEREK GEORGE	JACOB MCCORMICK	KAYLA STEWART
MASON BUSH	SAMANTHA GILMORE	DAISY MEHAN	LILAH STROUD
JOSEPH CANZONIER	ALISSA GORTON	NOELLE MILHOLLEN	STORM SUTHERLAND
ANDREW CARPENTER	LUKE GRIFFEN	SARAH MOYER	AYDEN SWINGLE
ANGELIA CARPENTER	JASMINE GRIMILA	TABITHA MULHOLLAND	AVA SYLVESTER
AVA CASTINE	KINSEY GROVER	DANIEL MURPHY	EMILY TAVARES
LOGAN CHICHESTER	BRIANA HAASS	DILLEN NARRIGAN	JULIA THOMAS
ALLISON CHUHTA	JOSH HARRINGTON	CARLY NASON	NATASHA THOMAS
AVA CIBOROWSKI	DEIRDRE HASTINGS	BLAKE NEAMON	JOSEPH THOMSEN
NATALIA CIBOROWSKI	RACHELHATCH	KELLY NIEFERGOLD	SADIE THUME
GRACE CLARK	GABRIELLA HEIM	EDEN NOREN	ADAM TRAUTMAN
DEVON CONLEY	TYYETTA HERMAN	SEIRRA OLOFSON	BREANNA UNRUH
RONALD COOK	ETHAN HICKLAND	KASEY PAGELS	ALISON VAUGHAN
TAYLOR COSTA	MARK HOFFMAN	QUINN PENCE	TUCKER VAUGHAN
PHAILYN COUNTRYMAN	HANNAH HOLMES	MYLEIGH PENDLETON	RYAN VEDDER
MARINA COX	OWEN HOOVER	BRIANNA PERVEA	CHRISSEY WACHTER
COLE CUDDEBACK	MEGAN HOWARD	WYATT PHELPS	SOPHIA WAHL
COLLEEN CUNNINGHAM	ETHAN HUDSON	LEXIE PHETTEPLACE	COURTNEY WESTFALL
ANDREW CURTIS SZALACH	MYA IBARRA	HUNTER PITCHER	GIANNA WHITE
JACOB DAHLKE	SIDNEY JACOBS	MELISSA PRATT	HAILEY WILLIAMSON
RYAN DANN	JAYDEN JENNE	MONICA REJMAN	JORDIS WOJCIKOWSKI
KATIE DAUCH	AMELIA JENSON	BRADEN RENNER	SPENCER WRENCH
EDWARD DEMENEZES	HARLIE JONES	MAKSYM RIBBLETT	ISABELLA YETTO
NIVAYAH DEMUTH	RILEY JONES	SOPHIA ROBINSON	SAVONA ZIGRINO

Convention Finalists

JUNIOR CREED SPEAKING

Andrew Hughes
Cobleskill-
Richmondville FFA

Lewis Joslyn IV
Madison FFA

Madelyn Ploetz
Springville FFA

Keegan Clayton
Greenwich FFA

Callie Brown
South Lewis FFA

Lizzy Lilyea
Penn Yan FFA

SENIOR CREED SPEAKING

Samara Castagna
John Bowne FFA

Evelyn Farese
South Lewis FFA

Naomi Yount
Letchworth FFA

Michael Semaska
Greenville FFA

EmmaJo Schmidtman
Mohawk Valley FFA

Kaylea Wagner
Lyons FFA

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

Taylor Barraclough
Schuylerville FFA

Morgan Hodge
Belleville Henderson FFA

Alexandria Howe
C.G. May FFA

Noah Davis
Greenwich FFA

Liadan McAleese
South Lewis FFA

Ginger Andrews
Springville FFA

JUNIOR EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Lucas Nolan
Salem FFA

Maddox Cronk
South Jefferson FFA

Ashley Niefergold
Springville FFA

Addison Stapf
Pine Plains FFA

Donovan Oxford
Lowville FFA

Logan Bell
Prattsburgh FFA

SENIOR EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Anna Maxwell
Salem FFA

Kaylee Heroth
Mohawk Valley FFA

Amelia Hintz-Strub
Springville FFA

Noah Davis
Greenwich FFA

Stephanie Bernard
Hamilton FFA

Joshua Kennedy
Royalton Hartland
FFA

JUNIOR PEOPLE IN AGRICULTURE

Franklin Ziehm
Cambridge FFA

Reese Finn
Holland Patent FFA

Levi Wilcox
Letchworth FFA

Zach Somers
Taconic Hills FFA

London Sann
Holland Patent FFA

Harlee Ando
Fillmore FFA

Convention Finalists

SENIOR PEOPLE IN AGRICULTURE

Claire Griffin
Windsor FFA

Colin Ayen
Indian River FFA

Vanessa Grant
Royalton Hartland FFA

Pilar Gamage
Schuylerville FFA

Audrey Larsen
Southern Cayuga FFA

Mackenzie Diamond
Royalton Hartland FFA

JUNIOR PREPARED SPEAKING

Lauren Sloan-Boice
Walton FFA

Miranda Heim
Morrisville Eaton FFA

Chloe Lamb
Oakfield Alabama FFA

William Voorhies
Walton FFA

Olivia Hoppel
Lowville FFA

Katilyn Perl
Letchworth FFA

SENIOR PREPARED SPEAKING

Lily Marshman
Oxford FFA

Natalee Griffiths
Mount Markham FFA

Maggie Winspear
Elba FFA

Hannah King
Schuylerville FFA

Stephanie Bernard
Hamilton FFA

Olivia Shawley
Randolph FFA

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES

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Lowville FFA

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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FFA

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Valley FFA

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South Jefferson FFA

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Delegate Information

All Delegate Activities take place on
Friday, May 3.

Committee Meetings - 8 am

- Student Input on NY FFA Conferences - BNCC 101CDEF
- Evaluation of State & District Officer Opportunities - BNCC 109
- Student Awards & Recognition - BNCC 101H
- Improving SAE - BNCC 103
- Student Opinion on Improving State FFA Communication Methods- BNCC 104
- Student & Teacher Belonging in FFA & Ag Ed - BNCC 101A

Delegate Luncheon - 11:30 am

- Immediately after the conclusion of Session 2
- BNCC 101CDEF
- Delegates AND candidates should attend.

Business Session - 1 pm

- Delegates will be seated with their chapters and by district.
- Delegates should be in seats by 1 pm for role call and must check in and out with their district president if they need to leave for any reason.
- Delegates will be asked to provide name and chapter for all motions and seconds, both verbally and on a slip of paper for accurate minutes.

As part of the delegate process, chapter representatives will vote to consider a constitutional amendment to more specifically describe the adults that must be present as part of the Governing Board Meetings to conduct business. The recommendation from the board is to:

"Amend Article VII, Section B of the Constitution to strike the current language and replace it with "A quorum at any meeting of the Executive Council, District Trustees, Board of Student Officers or the combined Governing Board shall consist of a majority of the members of each relevant group."

This change would require a majority of district trustees AND a majority of overarching executive committee members rather than just a majority of the total number of adults, no matter what roles they fill.

District Meetings - 2:30 pm (or immediately following the conclusion of the Business Session)

- District 1 - Hyatt Regency Ballroom A
- District 2 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom A
- District 3 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom E/F/G
- District 4 - BNCC 101H
- District 5 - BNCC 101CDEF
- District 6 - Hyatt Grand Ballroom B/C
- District 7 - Hyatt Regency Ballroom B/C
- District 8 - Hyatt Delaware A/B/C
- District 9 - South Exhibit Hall (Session Hall)
- District 10 - BNCC 101A

Be sure to check out the FFA Expo Exhibitors!

Alfred State College

BeASurveyor

Clarkson University

Cornell University's College of Agriculture and
Life Science

Cornell University's College of Veterinary
Medicine

Farm Credit East

Kreher Family Farms

Maple Grove Enterprises

Milk for Health

Monroe Tractor

NY Dept of Ag & Markets

NY Farm Bureau

NYS Grange

NYS Turfgrass Association

Oswegatchie

Pee Jay's Fresh Fruit

State Convention Store

SUNY Canton

SUNY Cobleskill

SUNY Delhi

SUNY Morrisville

SUNY Oswego

Teach Ag

US Army

US Customs & Border Patrol

Washington State University

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District 1 Member: _____

District 2 Member: _____

District 3 Member: _____

District 4 Member: _____

District 5 Member: _____

District 6 Member: _____

District 7 Member: _____

District 8 Member: _____

District 9 Member: _____

District 10 Member: _____

A current State Officer: _____

A District President: _____

FFA member from another state: _____

Award Winner: _____

FFA advisor: _____

FFA Expo Exhibitor: _____

Member who owns animals: _____

Member who doesn't live on a farm:

Member born in the same month as you:

College representative: _____

New State Officer: _____

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ON THE ROAD NEXT YEAR TO MAKE THE MOST OF OUR
LEAD UP TO OUR 100TH STATE CONVENTION!!!