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NEW YORK FFA



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PRESIDENT

MOLLY ADAMS

My name is Molly Adams and I will be serving as the 2021-2022 NYS FFA President. I live in Vernon, NY and attended Vernon-Verona-Sherrill high school. I have been a member of FFA for four years and my SAE is in agriculture education. In the fall I will be attending Morrisville State College to study for an Associates degree in Horticulture. I am looking to go into a career either in plant science or agricultural education. In my free time I enjoy playing lots of golf and painting. Throughout the next year I am excited to interact with FFA members and agriculturists across the state!



VICE PRESIDENT

PAIGE WARREN

My name is Paige Warren and I will be serving as this year's New York State FFA Vice President. This will be my second year holding a state officer position. I have been in FFA since 7th grade with an SAE in goat production. I just finished my senior year at Otselic Valley. I will be attending SUNY Morrisville in the fall to finish my associates degree in agricultural business. After Morrisville I plan to further my education at Virginia Tech or Cornell in pursuit of becoming an agricultural educator. I'm excited to spend another year serving this organization. I can't wait to see all of you in person this year!



SECRETARY

ANNA WESTERN

My name is Anna Western and I am serving this year as your State Secretary. I am a member of the Lowville FFA Chapter. My college plans are to attend SUNY Cobleskill for horticulture and I plan on getting my associates degree. After my time at Cobleskill, I plan to transfer to another university to study international Agriculture. I have had a few different SAEs, including poultry production, vegetable production, and agricultural education. I currently have an SAE in horticulture, specifically working with lavender at a local farm.



TREASURER

JULIA UHRINEK

My name is Julia Uhrinek and I am serving this year as your State Treasurer. I am from Alabama, NY and I am currently attending Cornell University with a major in Animal Science and a focus in Pre-Vet studies. Eventually, I want to work for the USDA and focus on agricultural policy at the federal level. I have SAE's in the following areas: Dairy Goat Production, Beef Cattle Production, Swine Production, Rabbit Production, and Dairy Cattle Placement. Outside of FFA I enjoy showing beef cattle and dairy goats. I am involved in the Erie County 4-H program and I am also on the path to become an ADGA licensed judge. I look forward to this year with you all as we work towards getting back to normal!



REPORTER

MAKENNA SEITZ

Hello! My name is Makenna Seitz and I am from the VVS FFA chapter. I am serving as this year's State Reporter. I currently attend SUNY Cobleskill where I study Animal Science and Agricultural Education. With this in mind, my career goal is to become an agricultural educator. I will also be pursuing a Master's degree in Agricultural Education in the future, hopefully at SUNY Oswego. Some of my favorite things to do include spending time with my family, buying too many candles at one time, and going on long drives with loud music. Being at college helped me realize how much I enjoy those three things and I'm very excited to learn all about New York State FFA member's favorite things to do!



SENTINEL

BROOKLIN DRAKE

My name is Brooklin Drake, I am from the Marathon FFA chapter and I have been in FFA for four years. My SAE started in dairy science and is currently in vegetable production. Last fall, I made my own roadside stand and sold pumpkins, gourds, crafts, and mums. Some things I enjoy doing include hiking, planting vegetables, and spending time with my family! This fall, I will be attending SUNY Cobleskill for Agricultural Business Management. I hope to then transfer to Virginia Tech. My overall plan is to become a middle school agricultural teacher.



JULY/AUGUST EVENTS

Makenna Seitz

July has been a busy month for FFA members across New York State! FFA members were able to compete in virtual competitions, show their animals at their county fairs, and others spent their time at Camp Oswegatchie. During summer camp, campers were able to do everything from forming lifelong friendships by the campfire to facing their fears at the high ropes course! Usually, Camp Oswegatchie offers a five day program, while this year students only had three full days to enjoy all of the activities that go on. Another change for campers and staff alike was the amount of students each session- on average, a week of camp sees around 180 students and this summer the sessions were split in half. Connor Daly, an FFA member and long-time camp goer says, "Although being one of the shortest years of camp, it was still fun and definitely the most interesting. This year at camp I met so many new people and have made many new friends." Camp Oswegatchie offers its campers several opportunities, and even though camp looked a little different this year, campers still actively took advantage of the time they spent there.

While some of the State Officers were at Camp Oswegatchie, New York FFA State President, Molly Adams, and Vice President, Paige Warren spent a week in our nation's capital for State Officer Summit. At this conference, state officers learned how to serve as advocates for agriculture and FFA. While in Washington, D.C. Molly and Paige met with Congressman Chris Jacobs and members of Senator Schumer's staff. Molly says, "State Officer Summit was such an amazing and eye opening experience! We were able to meet lots of other state officers, build connections, meet with legislators to discuss key issues in the agriculture industry and learn about how important advocacy is to our organization."

State Officers were also representing the New York Association at Empire Farm Days on August 3rd, 4th, and 5th in Pompey. At this event, the officers were able to speak with the public about the importance of FFA and agriculture programs in schools across the state as well as educate them about agriculture as an industry.

With the last year being so different compared to any other year, this summer is offering New York FFA members a chance to feel a lot more normal- from virtual events to county fairs, the future is looking very promising for all members. There will be even more CDE opportunities for members at Morrisville State College on August 26th! From Tree Identification to Diesel Engine Troubleshooting, there is an event for everybody. There are many individuals and teams moving on to compete in their events in October at National Convention!

Congratulations to:

- Agronomy: Pioneer FFA
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation: Schuylerville FFA
- Dairy Handlers Activity: Morgan H - Unadilla Valley FFA
- Environmental and Natural Resources: Cuba-Rushford FFA
- Horse Evaluation: Schuylerville FFA
- Livestock Evaluation: Cuba-Rushford FFA
- Meats Evaluation: Stockbridge Valley FFA
- Milk Quality and Products: Randolph FFA
- Nursery and Landscape: Warwick Valley FFA
- Poultry Evaluation: Warwick Valley FFA

Another opportunity for members in the upcoming months is to nominate their favorite agriculture teacher for the New York FFA Golden Owl Award! Many FFA members have formed a special bond with their FFA advisors, and this award is the perfect opportunity to showcase how important and impactful they truly are. Teachers, students, and supporters can go to <https://www.nysffa.org/ny-ffa-golden-owl-award> for a list of contest rules, deadlines and other important links. Applications for the Golden Owl Award open on August 1st and close November 1st.

This past month has been a great one for New York State FFA, and there is so much more to get excited for! For additional information about upcoming events, head over to [nysffa.org](https://www.nysffa.org).

August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	EMPIRE FARM DAYS			12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	MORRISVILLE CDE'S		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	

- August 5: National Oyster Day
- August 8: National Frozen Custard Day
- August 10: National S'mores Day
- August 15: World Honeybee Day
- August 19: National Soft Ice Cream Day

Did you know? Soft ice cream was produced in New York, by accident! An ice cream machine broke down and the seller decided to sell the melting ice cream and customers loved it!

Did you know? Only 1 in every 10,000 oysters produce a pearl!

National Frozen Custard Day happens because in 1919 on Coney Island, two men discovered that adding egg yolks to ice cream helped the ice cream stay colder longer.

The creation of the **s'more** is accredited to the Girl Scouts in 1927. However, they were referred to as "Some Mores."

World Honeybee Day began as a national day in 2009 in a proclamation issued by the Secretary of Agriculture.