



Mid-Atlantic FFA Happenings



Meet the 2019-2020 Pennsylvania State FFA Officer Team



Timber Thebes

Timber Thebes, President

Serving as state president, Timber Thebes is the daughter of Chris and Michelle Thebes. Timber joined the West Perry FFA chapter her freshman year because her brother, Talen, told her that she could learn something truly useful from it. As a West Perry Mustang, Timber enjoyed many aspects of high school, but particularly her agricultural classes, art classes, and being a member of the field hockey team. Her future plans are yet to be determined, but she has an interest in hands-on technical careers as well as in military service.



Brandon Bixler

Brandon Bixler, Vice President

Serving as state vice president, Brandon Bixler is the son of Scott and Janelle Bixler. As a member of the Grassland FFA chapter, Brandon joined FFA to work with others while growing his own leadership abilities. During his time in high school, Brandon enjoyed working at his job and attending a variety of sporting events to show his school spirit. He is planning to attend Penn State University as part of their Schreyer Honor College where he looks to gain a degree in agriculture and Extension education and plans on becoming an agricultural science teacher to impact the lives of his students and community.



Killiann George

Killiann George, Treasurer

Serving as state treasurer, Killiann George is the daughter of Christopher and Teri George. Killiann joined the Cumberland Valley FFA chapter to continue showing her market livestock, but she soon realized that FFA would expose her to many new experiences to hone her leadership skills. Throughout high school she enjoyed taking part in an after-school program for elementary students where FFA members would teach them on different sectors of agriculture. Killiann plans on graduating from Penn State University with a degree in agriculture and Extension education with a minor in international agriculture with hopes of one day being a high school agricultural instructor.



Arilyn Oatman

Arilyn Oatman, Sentinel

Serving as state sentinel, Arilyn Oatman is the daughter of Tillie and Scott Oatman. She joined the Manor FFA chapter because she wanted to be a veterinarian and she learned of the many opportunities in FFA. While in high school Oatman enjoyed her array of ag classes along with her extracurricular activities, with one of her favorites being in a dance group. In the future, she plans on attending Penn State pursuing a degree in animal science and international agriculture in order to research animal nutrition.



Michael Riggs

Michael Riggs, Secretary

Serving as state secretary, Michael Riggs is the son of Dawn and Wade Riggs. A proud former Battlefield FFA chapter member, Michael was encouraged to join FFA in his ninth grade year by a state officer at the time, Katie Sharrer, as well as to pursue his love of agriculture. Michael was involved in cross country, track and field, student council, and Mini-Thon during high school. Michael's future plans are to double major in agriculture and Extension education and animal science at either Oklahoma State or Penn State in order to pursue a career in education.



Thomas Strong

Thomas Strong, Reporter

Serving as the state reporter, Thomas Strong is the son of Scott and Amy Strong. Thomas was a member of the Greenwood FFA chapter since seventh grade when he joined listening to the advice of his sister, Sammie, who told him that FFA is fun as well as a great way to learn. Thomas was involved in band, chorus, the spring musical, peer helpers, and Mini-Thon outside of his high school FFA career. Thomas is planning to attend Penn State University to major in agricultural engineering to continue to follow his passion for agriculture.



McKenzie Glass

McKenzie Glass, Chaplain

Serving as state chaplain, McKenzie Glass is the daughter of Vicky and Rick Glass. McKenzie first started in the Meyersdale FFA chapter to show her livestock until she was at least 21 years old. After she joined FFA, she soon realized her true love and passion for agriculture. In the course of her high school career, Glass enjoyed attending a variety of local, county and state FFA events. After serving as a state officer, she plans to attend Potomac State College of West Virginia University with a major in animal science and a minor in ag business.

Welcome the 2019-2020 Delaware FFA State Officers



Timothy Mulderrig

Timothy Mulderrig, President

Serving as state president, Timothy initially joined FFA in the eighth grade because of the encouragement of two of his friends. He hails from the Middletown FFA chapter where he participated in a range of career development event's from extemporaneous speaking to agronomy alongside of playing various instruments, tennis, and swimming. He currently attends the University of Delaware where he is double majoring in plant science and agriculture and natural resources.



Gillian Cannon

Gillian Cannon, Vice President

Serving as state vice president, Gillian learned about FFA from her older brother, where she would tag along with him to their chapter's events. While at Seaford High School, she enjoyed employment skills, flower arranging, being outdoors and playing volleyball. Now, she attends Delaware Technical Community College where she is studying production agriculture.



Abby Edwards

Abby Edwards, Secretary

Serving as state secretary, Abby is a graduate from Lake Forest High School, but her FFA journey began all the way back in the sixth grade. After running for chapter office and attending her first state convention, she knew she wanted to become a state officer. Abby enjoys racing dirt track go-karts, fishing and collecting vinyl records. She will be attending Delaware State University this fall to study agricultural education.



Trey Thompson

Trey Thompson, Treasurer

Serving as state treasurer, Trey was encouraged to join FFA in the seventh grade by his grandmother who heard about the positive impact the organization makes. While at Smyrna High School, he enjoyed parliamentary procedure, riding horses and roller skating. He attends Delaware Technical Community College where he is studying to become a paramedic.



Emily Samick

Emily Samick, Reporter

Serving as state reporter, Emily is a graduate of Middletown High School where she first joined FFA after learning about it from her animal science teacher. She enjoys meats evaluation and technology, volleyball, and visiting her friends at Chick-fil-A. This fall, she will be majoring in pre-veterinary medicine and animal biosciences in the honors program at the University of Delaware.



Jackson Sylvester

Jackson Sylvester, Sentinel

Serving as state sentinel, Jackson first learned about FFA from his dad who also previously served as a state officer. While at Lake Forest High School, he enjoyed working with and showing cows, fishing, and playing cornhole. He will be attending the University of Delaware this fall to obtain an associate of arts degree.

