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# THANK YOU



Members, supporters and friends of the FFA,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be a part of your lives. We often encounter the stereotype that there are too few "good people" left in our world. You have all made me firmly believe that the opposite is true. Thank you for the gifts of love, patience, and purpose!

Sincerely,  
**Matthew Reutlinger**  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania FFA  
State Vice President



I have had the opportunity to come in contact with many people throughout our year, many of which have changed my life. This year has been my time to serve the FFA but it hasn't been all about me. This year has been about all of FFA members that make up this amazing organization, and all of those who work to make a difference in agriculture every day. Remember to always follow your roots and thank those who helped you along the way to have a great harvest. "Always be joyful, never stop praying and be thankful in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18a.

With love,  
**Kerri Wickard**  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania FFA State President



This year has been the most adventuresome of my life. It was a great blessing to meet all of you and I hope that God continues to watch over each and every one of you. I hope that our paths may cross again someday. Each of you has found a place in my heart and hopefully I've found a place in yours.

Thank you for everything,  
**Adam Folk**  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania  
FFA State Northern  
Region Vice President



This year, I am grateful for the chance to meet the multitude of members that our association has. It is great to know that the future of our organization is in the hands of these fine members and I know they will achieve great things. Whether it was seeing them complete different challenges at chapter visits, or recognizing them at banquets for all of their accomplishments, it is great to see the members take such pride in the FFA, and it takes me back to when I was a member. To sum it up in one word "awe-inspiring".

Howard Poole  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania FFA  
State FFA Treasurer



Thank you for an amazing year, I could not have expected a better year of service to some of the most amazing people ever. FFA members are the best; I have met a number of members that I could see as our next national and communities' leaders. With the members as our next leaders I feel that we are in good hands.

Caleb J. Grove  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania  
FFA State Reporter



Pennsylvania FFA and Supporters;

Thank you for a year that will be like no other! Members you have never let me forget when I fall or when I pulled out my dictionary to end the debate about how something was spelled. Supporters thank you for helping us have a great year. The tours and opportunities to learn more about our state was worth every second.

Cassie Gutshall  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania  
FFA State Sentinel



One of my favorite parts of the year was experiencing the humility of the members. It was awesome to meet so many people during chapter visits, then come back to their banquets and see everything they accomplished. I was truly in awe. Pennsylvania FFA members do SO many amazing things that no one knows about. I want to encourage members in Pennsylvania to be proud of everything they do. All of you are seriously awesome, and are capable of more than you could ever realize.

Jillian Gordon  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania FFA  
State Vice President-Eastern Region



No matter what your goals are in life, you can make them happen. If you are like most people you probably have some far out goals, however, if you stick to them you can accomplish them. If you don't believe that, take a step back and look at all the people who had those far out goals and succeeded. No, not the president, or Bill Gates; look closer. Look at your friends, family, or even just an acquaintance. More than likely you know someone who has taken a near impossible chance and succeeded and there is no reason you can't do that too.

Benjamin Shughart  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania  
FFA State Chaplain



My year as a State Officer has been an honor and a privilege since day one. We have had once in a lifetime experiences that I could not be more grateful for. The Pennsylvania FFA members are the most incredible people, in and out of the jacket, and it has been amazing getting to know them this year. Serving in that jacket this past year has changed my life forever. Thank you to every member for making this year so incredible.

Cali Clarke  
2010-2011 Pennsylvania  
FFA State Secretary

# Here's to the Year

The 2010-2011 Pa. FFA Officer Team

We will never forget the memories that we made this past year. It all started when we were elected. From all of the support that the members gave us on the day we were elected, we could all tell it was going to be a great year. That excitement only grew throughout the year as we met more members and supporters.

Many of the members know about the activities we do for the members including Agriculture Co-operation Establishes Success, more commonly known as ACES, State Legislative Leadership Conference, and for the first time, the Fall Leadership Conference. There is always the conventions including Mid-Winter at the Farm Show complex and the Summer Convention held at State College this past week. Then there is always the exciting chapter visits plus a few other

events.

What the members may not know is the events we do to thank FFA supporters and sponsors. We attended numerous industry visits, which were really cool because we got to learn more about different parts of industry. At some of the industry visits, we were able to meet with the staff at USDA, a solar panel electricity installing company, newspaper printing company, a natural gas company including visiting a drilling site, and many more. We helped at Ag Progress Days in Penn State, Pennsylvania Farm Show, Penn-Atlantic Nursery and Trade Show (PANTS) and other fairs and expositions.

Some people would say we had a busy year. But it did not seem as busy because of all the fun we were able to have through learning about different parts of agriculture. Thanks to all of you for making our year so memorable.



The 2010-2011 State officer team right after they were elected at the 2010 Summer Convention.



One of the pictures at the site of one of the community service events done for the first time this year.



At the Big E in Springfield, Mass. with all the members that attended the awards banquet.