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W.B. Saul FFA Member to Conduct Ag Research in India

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — In February 2010, Jenna Moser, W.B. Saul FFA Member, received an offer that presented her with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; she had been offered an internship with the World Food Prize.

The World Food Prize was conceived by 1970 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. This prestigious award has recognized outstanding individuals who have made life-changing contributions to improving the quality, quantity or availability of food throughout the world. In 1990,

John Ruan, Des Moines businessman and philanthropist, took on the sponsorship of The Prize and established the World Food Prize Foundation, located in Des Moines, Iowa.

Each year the World Food Prize selects 16 high school students to receive the Borlaugh-Ruan International Internship. Moser was one of the individuals chosen. The all-expense-paid, eight-week hands-on experience provides youth the



Jenna Moser

opportunity to work with world renowned scientists and policy-makers at leading research centers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Moser will be stationed at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in Chennai, India.

"I hope to gain a better understanding, appreciation and insight into other cultures," Moser said. "I think it's going to be really interesting to see and

live in a completely different environment. I'm a bit nervous that I will only know myself when I get there, but I know this is going to be a life-changing experience."

Before she was chosen for the internship, Moser was planning to run for Pennsylvania State FFA Office in June. She has chosen to defer running for one year in order to go through with the internship. In the Fall, she will continue her education at Penn State, Main Campus studying Agriculture Education with a minor in International Agriculture. In June 2011, Moser plans to stick with her dream in acquiring a Pennsylvania FFA State Office.

Upon return from India, Moser will submit a research report and reflection paper documenting their person experiences and the finds of their research projects. The research project is of her choice. "I never knew how severe the Global Food Crisis and other devastating agriculture issues were. Now, I want to help, especially the farmers."

Moser departs for her internship on June 19, just five days after her high school graduation. She will return August 17, not leaving much time between then and when she will begin classes and Penn State University.

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FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

The State Officers say it every month, but time has really flown by. It's hard to believe that the officer team will be retiring in a month!

This year has been full of education, excitement and FUN! We've been blessed to meet each and every member that we have and be a part of something much greater than ourselves!

For the past month the state officers have been traveling to chapter banquets all over the commonwealth! We've also had the pleasure of planting vegetables and herbs at the Governor's Mansion, planting trees in Chester County in honor of Earth Day and traveling to Philadelphia to promote agriculture.

With State Activities Week in one month, June 15-17, the team is working hard to prepare for the 1,400 FFA members, advisors and



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guests who will flock to Penn State University. It's sure to be a great convention with new delegate issues, more than 30

CDE competitions and the state officer candidate interviews and election. Good luck to all participants.

The Pennsylvania FFA Officer Team would also like to take this time to thank all of the FFA members for making this year unforgettable. Thank you for teaching us what going, "Beyond the Blue," truly means. Always remember to dance to your own drum even if you don't match the rhythm of the rest of the band. God bless.

Editor's note: Samantha Barrick-Poust is the Pa. State FFA Secretary.

Preparing Officer Teams for the Upcoming School Year

DOUBLING GAP, Pa. — On May 6, approximately 90 students from Cumberland-Dauphin-Perry Area FFA hosted a one-day workshop to provide training opportunities for newly-elected FFA Chapter Officers. The day began with the current area officer team getting the group excited with a few lively ice-breakers. The officers then were broken into various workshops according to office where area advisors shared their expertise and shared some tips on how to be successful in their respective officer for the upcoming year.

Next, the crowd was entertained and enlightened by state department of agriculture employee, Eric Cowden. Cowden shared some ideas about impromptu speaking and the importance of teamwork.

Two State FFA Officers were able to bring greetings on behalf of the Pennsylvania FFA Association and have some fun with the members with an energetic activity. Following a delicious lunch, the officer teams reunited to journey through the leadership ropes course, where they truly learned to work as a team. The course is designed to encourage communication and leadership between teammates as they over-



Photo by Krista Pontius, Greenwood FFA Adviser

Members of the 2010-2011 Greenwood Officer Team work together to get all teammates over a vertical wall.

come the difficult obstacles that are put before them. After the course, the 2009-2010 Area Officer Team retired and installed eight new officers for the 2010-2011 school year.

Those students who were elected to serve include: Sarah Kesler, Greenwood FFA (president), Emily Griswold, Greenwood FFA (vice president), Lindsey Curtis,

West Perry FFA (secretary), Lauren Cronister, Big Spring FFA (treasurer), Bryanna Kenno, Upper Dauphin FFA (reporter), Tyler Schaeffer, Cumberland Valley FFA (sentinel), Renee Grove, Shippensburg FFA (chaplain) and Chloe McMillen, West Perry FFA (junior adviser).



Provided by Mrs. Kelly Bier, Shippensburg FFA Adviser
A historic photo of the Shippensburg FFA Chapter.

Celebrating 80 Years of Shippensburg FFA Excellence

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SHIPPENSBURG, Pa. — The Shippensburg FFA Chapter was chartered in 1930. The signature that can be found at the bottom of the charter, still able to be seen in the classroom, is none other than Leslie Applegate himself.

Over the past 80 years, Shippensburg FFA has hit many milestones including receiving a grant for a milk machine and greenhouse in 2005 and creating the Shippens-

burg FFA Alumni in 2006. In addition, the chapter has also decided to make every past agriculture teacher honorary members, if they were not already. This includes Tracey Dahlhaus, Bill Chain and Merril Brofee.

The Shippensburg 80th Anniversary FFA Banquet was held on April 29 and dedicated to the former Shippensburg FFA member, Andy Rill who passed away in March. In his memory, the chapter started the Andrew M. Rill FFA

Memorial FFA Award. The award will go to a senior who will receive a plaque and \$250 in addition to meeting the requirements that have been defined by Rill's family and members of the chapter.

The Pennsylvania FFA Association would like to congratulate the Shippensburg FFA Chapter with their 80 years of excellence. May you continue to grow your program and membership as you continue to teach you the importance of agriculture through FFA!