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Penn Manor Members Surge Forward in the Business World

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LOCK HAVEN, Pa.— On June 22-25 the Mid-Atlantic Alliance of Cooperative Conference, also known as MAAC was held at Lock Haven University. Five students represented Penn Manor High School and the Southeast Cooperative Council at MAAC.

Jessica Bauman, Aaron Breneman, Elizabeth Burkett, Jennifer Drumm, and Aleda Gerlach were selected from the one-day seminar on business education which was held at the Lancaster Campus of the Harrisburg Area Community College. MAAC selected students based on their work at the one-day seminar as well as a portfolio outlining their business experience, an essay, and a written exam.

At MAAC, Bauman, Breneman, Burkett, Drumm, and Gerlach learned marketing skills such as managing their own business and the personal skills necessary for networking. Over the four days at MAAC the students participated in numerous activities such as mini cooperative businesses, where the students developed business and marketing plans,

stage crew, where they prepared for special speakers and events, talent show, where the students presented skits which helps to develop public speaking skills, viewpoint speeches, for which the students had to write short speeches on topics relating to their field of interest, and news team, which presented items of local and national news.

At the end of MAAC, awards were presented to many students. Jennifer Drumm was recognized as the outstanding individual in the talent show and was a member of the first place mini-cooperative team. Aaron Breneman earned a scholarship sponsored by Land O'Lakes to attend the National Institute for Cooperative Education (NICE) which will be held at the University of North Carolina. He will represent Pennsylvania in the Cooperative Ambassador Program at NICE and will be competing for the honor of National Cooperative Ambassador. Aaron also scored the highest on the written test that was given during the conference.

Jess Bauman, Aleda Gerlach, and Elizabeth Burkett were involved in many of the activities as well. Congratulations to all of the MAAC participants.



Listed alphabetically, Jessica Bauman, Aaron Breneman, Elizabeth Burkett, Jennifer Drumm and Aleda Gerlach, represent the Southeast at MAAC.

FROM THE OFFICERS STATION



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Hello everyone! Welcome to a new FFA year! On behalf of the new 2008-2009 officer team we want to congratulate all the participants at Activities Week. There was so much to do in three short days. Proficiency awards, speaking awards, Farm S.A.F.E. awards, retiring state officers, the million dollar campaign recognitions and much more.

Following Activities Week was the Mid-Atlantic Alliance of Cooperative Conference (MAAC), June 22-25. Congratulations to everyone who attended MAAC because that alone took a lot to get to. There are a lot of exciting events coming up for the month of July. July 10-11 the Western Pennsylvania Leadership Conference was held at the Ramada Inn in Washington, Pa. The conference will consist of three different topics: Careers in Agricultural Fields, Opportunities in the FFA, and a Team Building segment. Then just two short days after that conference the PAAE

Summer Institute began. From July 14-17, the conference was at the Twin Valley High School. This conference emphasizes different agricultural curriculums like plant science, animal science, agricultural mechanics, science and technology, and environment and ecology.

After this we move right to the Golf Tournament on July 21-22 sponsored by Monsanto. The Green Expo at the Pennsylvania Farm Show starts on the 21st and goes until the 24th.

It is quite a busy month for FFA members. Good luck at all of your competitions and workshops. Remember that each event you attend is one step closer to your goal. Also, do not forget to tell the state about your chapter's success by submitting articles to be published in the Blue and Gold page! Send your article to Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@state.pa.us.

Recognizing Our Supporters

Lancaster Farming Honored at Pa. FFA Activities

Week

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Many FFA members were recognized for their outstanding achievements last month. The Pennsylvania FFA Association also took time to recognize a few organizations who have given us their outstanding support. One of these organizations was *Lancaster Farming* because they allow the FFA members to tell the rest of the state and the Mid-Atlantic region about their success.

During the 2003-2004 school year, *Lancaster Farming* approached the Pennsylvania FFA Association asking if they could publish a page by the FFA members for the FFA members once a month in their paper. The page was named the Blue and Gold page and every school with an FFA program receives that edition of the *Lancaster Farming*. The Blue and Gold page has been a hit for five years now. On the Pennsylvania FFA Website there is a link to view the Blue and Gold page too. Not only has *Lancaster Farming* allowed the FFA members to have a voice they also sponsor the FFA Foundation Golf Tournaments and the Gearing up for the 21st Century contest at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. *Lancaster Farming* was given a Citation Award to show our



Photo by Suzannah Mellinger

Charlene Shupp Espenshade, center, received her honorary keystone degree at last month's State Activities week. She is pictured with her parents Dale and Judy Shupp. *Lancaster Farming* was also honored with the citation award.

great respect and appreciation for them and all that they do.

Lancaster Farming as an organization has given the FFA members many opportunities that would otherwise be unattainable. But there is one specific person within the organization who works hand in hand with the state officers, Charlene Shupp Espenshade. Espen-

shade was inducted to Honorary Membership at Activities Week for being an outstanding supporter of the FFA and all that it does. She organizes the Blue and Gold page as well as works side by side with the members working on their articles for the paper. *Lancaster Farming* has allowed the FFA organization to reach far and wide showing off



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