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MARYLAND FFA STATE AND AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS AT 92ND STATE CONVENTION

(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND) –July 7, 2020- Maryland FFA Association honored members and supporters for their outstanding achievements during the 92nd annual Maryland FFA State Convention held online June 23-26.

The theme of the convention, “Ignite Maryland FFA” encouraged the audience to ignite their passion toward improving themselves, their chapter and community. This year, several hundred participants tuned in to the Maryland FFA’s YouTube channel to watch convention activities. Degrees were awarded to the following FFA members and supporters:

The State FFA Degree—31 members from 17 chapters. Members have successfully completed 360 hours of agricultural education instruction, productively invested \$1,000 or 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience program and demonstrated leadership abilities and participated in activities above the chapter level.

Region 1: Boonsboro- Helen Leadingham; North Garrett- Alexis House, Raleigh Lowdermilk, Samantha Wilt.

Region 2: Brunswick- Morgan DeFriece; Catoctin- Abigail Kinnaird, Kallan Latham, Ty Lenhart, Sierra Weatherly; Frederick CTC- Molly Harbaugh; Linganore- Taylor Carbaugh, Sarah Curley, Abby Kurupas, Austin Welty; Middletown- Skyler Slimmer; Oakdale- Julia Fluke, Cheyenne Humphrey, Haley Lohmann, Sarah Peitzer; Tuscarora- Zoe Baskerville, Emily Miller; Walkersville- Devon Griffin.

Region 3: Damascus- Faith Anderson; Howard County- Ellie Feaga; Southern- Cassie Bell.

Region 4: Francis Scott Key- Ryan Leister, Elsie McKenzie, Allison Stoner; Manchester Valley- Maddi Riegel, Crystal Stowers; Westminster- Avery Dull.

Region 5: Caroline County- McKayla Kiernan.

The State Star Farmer Award: Raleigh Lowdermilk, North Garrett FFA.

The State Star Agricultural Placement Award: Avery Dull, Westminster FFA.

The Honorary State FFA Degree: Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick, UMES; Mr. Richard O’Hara, Farmers Cooperative, Frederick, Chapter FFA Advisors- Ms. Shelby Althoff, Francis Scott Key High School; and Ms. Brittany Bowman, South Carroll High School.

American FFA Degree—15 members from 9 chapters. The Highest Degree achievable in the National FFA Organization. Brunswick- Jill Allen; Caroline County- Larissa Springer; Catoctin- Tiffany Lenhart; Damascus- Mallory Anderson; Middletown- Hannah Miller; North Garrett- Dakota Bittinger, Luke Canan, Anthony Glotfelty, Ashley Hetz, Abby Kisner, Ally Kisner, Sadie Powell; North Harford- Lynne Thomas; Oakland- Trenton Evans; South Carroll- Rylee McConville.

Honorary American FFA Degree: Mr. Carl Robinette, Soil Scientist/NRCS and Ms. Jodi Callahan, Advisor, Caroline County FFA Chapter

The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation is a 501c3 non-governmental nonprofit established in 1989. Through the Maryland FFA, teacher workshops, scholarships, grants, Mobile Labs and Showcases, and revenues from the Ag Tag license plate sales, the Foundation pursues its mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in everyone’s lives. The Maryland FFA Association’s staff team is partially funded through a \$40,000 federal Perkins grant facilitated by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Maryland FFA Association has 2,500 members in 54 chapters throughout the State.

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