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MARYLAND FFA STATE AND AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS AT 93RD STATE CONVENTION

(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND) -June 24, 2021- Maryland FFA Association honored members and supporter for their outstanding achievements during the 93rd Maryland FFA State Convention held online June 22-25.

The theme of the convention, “BE... Maryland FFA” encouraged the audience to Be true to yourself, Be involved, and Be determined. This year, several hundred participants tuned into the Maryland FFA’s YouTube channel to watch convention activities. Degrees were awarded to the following FFA members and supporters:

The State FFA Degree--- 20 members from 12 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 above the chapter level.

Region 1: Boonsboro- Elizabeth Anderon; Clear Spring- Tanner Harshman, Katelyn Toms; North Garrett- Madilynn Magruder, Logan Mason; Oakland- Emma Rush, Brooklyn Tasker, Renee Winegardner.

Region 2: Catoctin- Danny Janc, Cadin Valentine; Linganore- Katelynn Iager; Oakdale- Breanna Hadley, Hannah Puryear; Walkersville- Haley Dinterman, Grace Stambaugh.

Region 3: Southern- Justin Tice.

Region 4: Westminster- Samantha Finazzo, Abigail Wimmer.

Region 5: Cecil County School of Technology- Jayci Mitchell.

The State Star Farmer Award: Madilynn Magruder, North Garrett FFA.

The State Star Agricultural Placement Award: Abigail Wimmer, Westminster FFA.

The Honorary State FFA Degree: Mr. Buddy Bowling, USDA- NRCS; Diane Geary, Chairman, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board; Kitty Gialanella, A Personal Touch Photography; Karen Nicklas, Executive Director, The Great Frederick Fair and Chairman, Maryland FFA Association Board of Directors. FFA Advisors of State Officers: Dr. Stacy Eckles-Southern, Mrs. Quinn Cashell Martin-Boonsboro, Mrs. Elizabeth Comstock-Boonsboro, and Mr. Dane Grossnickle.

American FFA Degree—9 members from 6 chapters. The Highest Degree achievable in the National FFA Organization. Boonsboro- Helen Leadingham; Catoctin- Robert Hahn, Hannah Hartness; Francis Scott Key- Ryan Leister, Elsie McKenzie, Sierra Wean; North Garrett- Samantha Wilt; Southern- Cassie Bell; Westminster- Avery Dull.

Honorary American FFA Degree: Mr. Mark Adkins, former chapter advisor, MD FFA Executive Secretary, State FFA CDE/LDE Superintendent and judge for many events; Mrs. Terry Adkins, also a former Maryland agricultural educator and FFA Advisor, State FFA CDE/LDE Superintendent and judge.

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 daily lives. The Maryland FFA Association’s staff team is partially funded through a \$50,000 federal Perkins Grant facilitated by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Maryland FFA Association has 2,000 members in 42 Chapters throughout the State. For more information, visit www.mdffa.org or contact Naomi Knight at nknight@maefonline.com