



Proceedings

93rd Maryland FFA State Convention

June 22-25, 2021

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(Left to right) Elsie McKenzie, Morgan DeFriece, Kyle Schulze, McKayla Kiernan,
Helen Leadingham, Cassie Bell

2020-2021 Maryland FFA State Officer Team

President	Cassie Bell
Vice President	Helen Leadingham
Secretary	McKayla Kiernan
Treasurer	Kyle Schulze
Reporter	Morgan DeFriece
Sentinel	Elsie McKenzie

Maryland FFA Leadership Team

Executive Director	Mrs. Terrie Shank
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Alumni President	Mr. Joe Linthicum

SESSION 1- June 22, 2021

Hosted by Elsie McKenzie

Welcome to the convention

Cassie Bell

Greetings from the National FFA Advisor

Dr. James Woodard

Gift of Blue Presentation (85 Jackets/30 Chapters)

Mr. Jason Watt

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MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

Ms. Susanne Richards

Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation

Retiring Address: "Be true to you"

Helen Leadingham

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

Ms. Tiara Booker-Dwyer

Maryland State Department of Education

Keynote address: National FFA Secretary

Ms. Anna Mathis

Results from the State Spring Judging Events

Cassie Bell

Morgan DeFriece

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

Sponsored by the Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Jeremy Murray	Oakland
Gold	2nd	Brianna Miller	Southern
Gold	3rd	Ethan Scofield	Southern
Silver	4th	Jacob Bjerknes	Southern
Silver	5th	Nathaniel Churco	Walkersville
Silver	6th	Dalton Perando	Oakland
Bronze	7th	Jeramy Hawk	Winters Mill
Bronze	8th	Morgan Qualls	Oakland
Bronze	9th	Talon Lewis	Oakland
Bronze	10th	Robert Henry	Southern

Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems

Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Southern
2nd	Oakland

Agriscience Fair- Results

1st Place	Gold Medal Winners
Div. 6	Zoey Bradley & Allison Tribeck
Plant Systems	Parkside CTE FFA

Agronomy

Sponsored by Southern States

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Abby Bodmer	Walkersville
Gold	2nd	Megan Fletcher	Walkersville
Gold	3rd	Hailey Ogg	Walkersville
Silver	4th	Abby Dinterman	Walkersville
Silver	5th	Tailynn Friend	Oakland
Silver	6th	Renee Winegardner	Oakland
Bronze	7th	Anthony Reams	Oakland
Bronze	8th	Cody Bolyard	Oakland

Agronomy

Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Walkersville
2nd	Oakland

Farm & Agribusiness Management
Sponsored by the MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Waverly Moffett	Winters Mill
Gold	2nd	Hannah Haines	Winters Mill
Gold	3rd	Corey Cropper	Worcester Tech
Silver	4th	Devin Phillips	Worcester Tech
Silver	5th	Ethan Nock	Worcester Tech

Farm & Agribusiness Management
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Worcester Tech
2nd	Winters Mill

Floriculture
Sponsored by Joe & Cathy Dymek

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Annette Mercado-Williams	Hereford
Gold	2nd	Hannah Zinn	Hereford
Gold	3rd	Litzy Torres	St. Mary's Forrest Center
Silver	4th	Maggie Mathews	Hereford
Silver	5th	KayLeann Brown	Tuscarora
Silver	6th	Madilynn Magruder	North Garrett
Bronze	7th	Exia Stephens	Oakdale
Bronze	8th	Ellie Baker	Frederick CTC
Bronze	9th	Paige Smith	North Garrett
Bronze	10th	Bailey Keller	North Garrett

Floriculture
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Hereford
2nd	St. Mary's Forrest Center

SESSION 2- June 23, 2021

Hosted by McKayla Kiernan

Past State Officer Recognition

Kelcey Trewin

State Officer Advisor Awards Recognition:

State Officers

State Officer	Advisors	FFA Chapter
Cassie Bell	*Dr. Stacy Eckels	Southern
Helen Leadingham	*Elizabeth Comstock *Dane Grossnickle *Quinn Martin	Boonsboro
McKayla Kiernan	Jodi Callahan	Caroline County
Kyle Schulze	Terry Adkins Brittany Bowman	South Carroll
Morgan DeFriece	Michael Harrington	Brunswick
Elsie McKenzie	Shelby Althoff Joe Linthicum Patrick White	Francis Scott Key

***Receiving their Honorary State FFA Degrees**

Retiring Address: "Everything happens for a reason"

Morgan DeFriece

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

Mr. Joe Linthicum

Maryland FFA Alumni

National Chapter Awardees:

Advisors

Boonsboro FFA Chapter

Elizabeth Comstock, Quinn Martin

Parkside FFA Chapter

Erin Burke, Jerry Kelley

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

Mr. Mark Milby

Maryland FFA Foundation

MD FFA State Star Greenhand Awards:

Mr. Jason Watt

Regional Winners

FFA Chapter

1- Kolton Mason

North Garrett

1- Bailey Schmidt

Oakland

4- Madison Hedges-Bailey

North Harford

4- Gracie Ray

South Carroll

4- Richard Dehart

Westminster

*** State Star Greenhand was awarded to Bailey Schmidt, Oakland FFA.**

Retiring Address: "Be Involved"

Kyle Schultz

Results from the State Spring Judging Events

**Cassie Bell
Morgan DeFriece**

**Food Science & Technology
Sponsored by Weller and Associates, Inc.**

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Megan Arnold	Southern
Gold	2nd	Brenna Hadley	Oakdale
Gold	3rd	Katelyn Bullock	Southern
Silver	4th	Gwen Ladd	Oakdale
Silver	5th	Lauren Marshall	Southern
Silver	6th	Justin Tice	Southern
Bronze	7th	Jacob Abate	Oakdale
Bronze	8th	Ava Demyanovich	Winters Mill
Bronze	9th	Diego Reynoso	Oakdale
Bronze	10th	Kayla Cook	Winters Mill

**Food Science & Technology
Team Standings**

Placing	Chapter
1st	Southern
2nd	Oakdale

Meats Evaluation & Technology
Sponsored by the Maryland FFA Foundation

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Alyson Schulze	South Carroll
Gold	2nd	Sophie Phelps	South Carroll
Gold	3rd	Lilah Schmidt	Oakland
Silver	4th	Harley Hayhurst	Oakland
Silver	5th	Miranda Hoffman	South Carroll
Silver	6th	Bailey Schmidt	Oakland
Bronze	7th	Oliver Simon	Calvert
Bronze	8th	Adryan Herron	Calvert
Bronze	9th	Samuel Green	Calvert

Meats Evaluation & Technology
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	South Carroll
2nd	Oakland

Milk Quality & Products
Sponsored by the Frederick County Young Farmers

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Syenna Biser	Catoctin
Gold	2nd	Sierra Flanary	Catoctin
Gold	3rd	Dallas Hassel	Catoctin
Silver	4th	Abigail Christian	Catoctin
Silver	5th	Bethany Miller	Francis Scott Key
Silver	6th	Payton Zepp	Francis Scott Key

Milk Quality & Products
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Catoctin
2nd	Francis Scott Key

Nursery/Landscape

Sponsored by the MD Nursery, Landscape & Greenhouse Association

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Zachary Wyatt	North Harford
Gold	2nd	Breanna Ewing	Cecil County School of Technology
Gold	3rd	Laura Erisman	North Harford
Silver	4th	Maggie Layman	North Harford
Silver	5th	Lauren Ruyter	Cecil County School of Technology
Silver	6th	Kyle Gillis	Cecil County School of Technology
Bronze	7th	Elisabeth Holmes	North Harford
Bronze	8th	Julia Rodriguez	Cecil County School of Technology
Bronze	9th	Heather Leopold	Frederick CTC
Bronze	10th	Langston Chandler	Frederick CTC

Nursery/Landscape

Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	North Harford
2nd	Cecil County School of Technology

Veterinary Science

Sponsored by the Maryland FFA Foundation

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Sierra Mandeville	South Carroll
Gold	2nd	Kamryn Barth	Century
Gold	3rd	Arianna Krach	South Carroll
Silver	4th	Abigail Wimmer	Westminster
Silver	5th	Caroline McDonald	Tuscarora
Silver	6th	Alexa Neuman	Tuscarora
Bronze	7th	Becca Wimmer	Westminster
Bronze	8th	Samantha Finazzo	Westminster
Bronze	9th	Abbygail VanDyck	Winters Mill
Bronze	10th	Aubrey Shank	Boonsboro

Veterinary Science

Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	South Carroll
2nd	Westminster

SESSION 3- June 24, 2021

Hosted by Kyle Schulze

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Mr. Tom Truitt, Jr.

Retiring Address: "Be determined"

McKayla Kiernan

Maryland FFA State Degree Recipients:

Region 1

Elizabeth Anderson

Tanner Harshman

Katelyn Toms

Madilynn Magruder

Logan Mason

Emma Rush

Brooklyn Tasker

Renee Winegardner

FFA Chapter

Boonsboro

Clear Spring

Clear Spring

North Garrett

North Garrett

Oakland

Oakland

Oakland

Region 2

Danny Janc

Cadin Valentine

Katelynn Iager

Brenna Hadley

Hannah Puryear

Haley Dinterman

Grace Stambaugh

Catoctin

Catoctin

Linganore

Oakdale

Oakdale

Walkersville

Walkersville

Region 3

Justin Tice

Southern

Region 4

Samantha Finazzo

Abigail Wimmer

Hannah Haines

Westminster

Westminster

Winters Mill

Region 5

Jayci Mitchell

Cecil County School of Technology

* **State Star Farmer Award was presented to Madilynn Magruder.**

* **State Star Agricultural Placement Award was presented to Abigail Wimmer.**

Maryland FFA Honorary State Degree Recipients:

Advisors

Dr. Stacy Eckels
Mrs. Quinn Cashell Martin
Mrs. Elizabeth Comstock
Mr. Dane Grossnickle

FFA Chapter

Southern
Boonsboro
Boonsboro
Boonsboro

Community Supporters

Buddy Bowling
Diane Geary
Kitty Gialanella
Karen Nicklas

Organization

USDA-NRCS State Outreach Coordinator
Chairman, Maryland Agriculture Fair Board
Owner, "A Personal Touch" Photography
Chairman, Maryland FFA Board of Directors

American FFA Degree Recipients:

Helen Leadingham
Robert Hahn
Hannah Hartness
Ryan Leister
Elsie McKenzie
Sierra Wean
Samanth Wilt
Cassie Bell
Avery Dull

FFA Chapter

Boonsboro
Catoclin
Catoclin
Francis Scott Key
Francis Scott Key
Francis Scott Key
North Garrett
Southern
Westminster

Honorary American FFA Degree Recipient:

Community Supporter

Mark Adkins
Terry Adkins

Organization

Former Chapter Advisor, State Executive Secretary
South Carroll Agri. Educator & Chapter Advisor

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight

Damascus FFA Chapter Endowment Fund

Ms. Lori Mayhew

State FFA Proficiency Award Recipients:

Gold Medals

Elizabeth Anderson

FFA Chapter/Area

Boonsboro
Agricultural Services

Madilynn Magruder

North Garrett
Sheep Production

Abigail Wimmer

Westminster
Veterinary Science

National FFA Sponsored Scholarship:

Member

Lynne Thomas

Chapter/Sponsor/Award

North Harford

America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, \$1,500

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Member

Julia G. Biser

Tanner Harshman

Xavier A. Hawkins

Madilynn R. Magruder

Sierra M. Mandeville

Katelyn E. Toms

FFA Chapter

Tuscarora

Clear Spring

Gwynn Park

North Garrett

South Carroll

Clear Spring

University of Maryland State Officer Scholarship

In Partnership with the Maryland FFA Foundation
\$2,000 awarded to all six current state officers who wish to attend the University of Maryland.

April Brohawn

Program Director, UMCP
College of Agriculture
Natural Resources

Results from the State Single Day Judging Events

Cassie Bell

Morgan DeFriece

Dairy Evaluation

Sponsored by the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Sheridan Chaney	Catoctin
Gold	2nd	Rianna Chaney	Catoctin
Gold	3rd	Cadin Valentine	Catoctin
Silver	4th	Owen Cook	Catoctin

Dairy Evaluation

Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Catoctin

Horse Evaluation
Sponsored by the Maryland FFA Foundation

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Cheyenne Van Echo	Catoctin
Gold	2nd	Brianna Bongard	Middletown
Gold	3rd	Jenna Howell	St. Mary's Forrest Center
Silver	4th	Samantha Lewis	Southern
Silver	5th	Corinn Gregory	Catoctin
Silver	6th	Meg Arnold	Southern
Bronze	7th	Megan Downing	Middletown
Bronze	8th	Carly Ridenour	Catoctin
Bronze	9th	Kayla Clarke	St. Mary's Forrest Center
Bronze	10th	Julie Anne Lynskey	Southern

Horse Evaluation
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Catoctin
2nd	Southern

Livestock Evaluation
Sponsored by the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Samantha Dixon	Howard County
Gold	2nd	Raven Herron	Howard County
Gold	3rd	Caroline Clark	Catoctin
Silver	4th	Lilah Schmidt	Oakland
Silver	5th	Megan Mansfield	Queen Anne's County
Silver	6th	Peytin Hereth	Howard County
Bronze	7th	Madison Miller	Howard County
Bronze	8th	Renee Winegardner	Oakland
Bronze	9th	Logan Mason	North Garrett
Bronze	10th	Kolten Mason	North Garrett

Livestock Evaluation
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Howard County
2nd	Oakland

SESSION 4- June 25, 2021

Hosted by Helen Leadingham

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight
Maryland Agriculture Fair Board

Ms. Diane Geary

Recognition of the State Officer's Family and Supporters with the Honorary State Degree:

Christopher & Valerie Bell	Parents of Cassie Bell
Mark & Jeanette Leadingham	Parents of Helen Leadingham
Kyle & Jessica Tyler	Parents of McKayla Kiernan
Bret & Melissa Schulze	Parents of Kyle Schulze
Cynthia DeFriece	Parent of Morgan DeFriece
Jack DeFriece	Parent of Morgan DeFriece
Jennifer DeFriece	Supporter of Morgan DeFriece
Tom & Nancy McKenzie	Parents of Elsie McKenzie

Retiring Address: "Be resilient"

Elsie McKenzie

Results from the State Convention Team Events

**Cassie Bell
Morgan DeFriece**

Agricultural Sales
Sponsored by the Maryland FFA Foundation

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Caroline Clark	Catoctin
Gold	2nd	Kolton Whetzel	Catoctin
Gold	3rd	Ella Burrier	Catoctin
Silver	4th	Abby Moreland	Catoctin
Silver	5th	Ethan Nock	Worcester Tech
Silver	6th	Devin Phillips	Worcester Tech

Agricultural Sales
Team Standings

Placing	Chapter
1st	Catoctin
2nd	Worcester Tech

Outstanding Service Citations Presentations

Helen Leadingham

Mark & Terry Adkins- For their many years devoted to being outstanding agricultural educators and FFA advisors, volunteers as CDE/LDE Superintendents and Judges.

Roy S. Walls, Jr. - Relentless dedication of 45 years to the Maryland FFA Association and to Maryland Agricultural Education Association. He served as an agricultural educator and FFA advisor, State FFA Executive Secretary and instructor at the UMD Institute of Applied Agriculture, College Park.

David A. Miller – He has served agricultural education in the state of Maryland for 55 years, starting as an agricultural educator, FFA advisor, MD FFA Executive Secretary, to County CTE Director, then Deputy School Superintendent. David currently serves as the Executive Director of High School and Post-Secondary Education for the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation.

Results from the State Convention Individual Events

Cassie Bell

Morgan DeFriece

Creed Speaking

Sponsored by the Maryland FFA Alumni Association

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Madison Toms	Clear Spring
Gold	2nd	Madison Hedges-Bailey	North Harford
Gold	3rd	Gracie Stevens	Linganore
Gold	4th	Bailey Schmidt	Oakland
Silver	5th	Richard Dehart	Westminster
Silver	6th	Krista Rinker	Oakland
Silver	7th	Trevor Raun	Boonsboro
Bronze	8th	Sophie Phelps	South Carroll
Bronze	9th	Mahati Konduri	Linganore
Bronze	10th	Ella Burrier	Catoctin

Junior Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sponsored by the MD Grain Producers Utilization Board

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Emma Michael	Oakland
Gold	2nd	Lauren Friend	Oakland
Gold	3rd	Natalie Canham	Worcester Tech
Gold	4th	Kolten Mason	North Garrett
Silver	5th	Ella Moser	Middletown

Junior Prepared Public Speaking
Sponsored by the MidAtlantic Farm Credit

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Ellie Baker	Frederick CTC
Gold	2nd	Emily Crossley	Queen Anne's County
Gold	3rd	Brandon Boyer	Brunswick
Gold	4th	Taylor Wiles	Boonsboro
Silver	5th	Aubrey Shank	Boonsboro
Silver	6th	Symone Predeoux	Parkside CTE
Silver	7th	Cecilia Uebel	Worcester Tech
Bronze	8th	Nathaniel Sharp	Fairmont Heights
Bronze	9th	Jabari Woodberry	Fairmont Heights

Employment Skills

Sponsored by the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Teagan Flaherty	North Harford
Gold	2nd	Meredith Kasuba	Howard County
Gold	3rd	Mia Mezger	Gwynn Park
Silver	4th	Caroline Boone	Westminster
Silver	5th	Chloe Callan	Middletown
Silver	6th	Sierra Mandeville	South Carroll
Bronze	7th	Katie Velasquez	Fairmont Heights
Bronze	8th	Kelly Blahut	Tuscarora

Senior Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sponsored by the Maryland Farm Bureau

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Alyson Schulze	South Carroll
Gold	2nd	Mariah Klotz	Oakland
Gold	3rd	Elizabeth Anderson	Boonsboro
Gold	4th	Madalyn Rhoades	North Harford
Silver	5th	Logan Mason	North Garrett
Silver	6th	Hannah Haines	Winters Mill
Silver	7th	Samuel Sowers	Middletown

**Senior Prepared Public Speaking
Sponsored by David A. Miller**

Medal	Placing	Member	Chapter
Gold	1st	Lilly Leadingham	Boonsboro
Gold	2nd	Nina Price	Boonsboro
Gold	3rd	Amelia Wilcox	Harford Tech
Gold	4th	Brianna Bongard	Middletown
Silver	5th	Kendall Abruzzese	Catoctin
Silver	6th	Evan Kelly	Brunswick
Silver	7th	Olivia Vandusen	Manchester Valley
Bronze	8th	Ta'quara Green	Gwynn Park
Bronze	9th	Kayla Crigger	Boonsboro
Bronze	10th	Kendra Mills	Washington County Tech

Retiring Address: "Be powerful"

Cassie Bell

MD FFA Sponsor Highlight
Maryland Grain Producers

Ms. Lindsay Thompson

Year in Review Presentation

State Officers

Announcement of the 2021-2022 Maryland FFA State Officer Team:

Member	FFA Chapter	Office
Jayci Mitchell	Cecil Co. Sch of Tech.	President
Elsie McKenzie	Francis Scott Key	Vice President
Samantha Wilt	North Garrett	Secretary

The 93rd Maryland FFA State Convention was adjourned.

Note: A special thank you to all the sponsors for supporting the Virtual State Convention filmed at the Great Frederick Fairgrounds.

- * **Karen Nicklas**, General Manager of the Great Frederick Fairgrounds for hosting the state officer planning meetings and filming day.
- * **David & Carol Hawkins**, Owners and Operators of Hawkins Landscaping for supplying the plants and flowers for the stage.
- * **ELS Staging**, for providing the backdrop and skirting for the stage.
- * **Edwin Remsburg and Lean McBean**, Videographers for Remsburg, Inc. for doing an excellent job in filming and editing the virtual state convention.

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