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### MARYLAND FFA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE GIFT OF BLUE

**(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND)** – April 1, 2023- The Maryland FFA Foundation is pleased to announce their annual recipients of the Gift of Blue Program. This program benefits those deserving and active FFA members in grades 9-11. Each chapter is eligible to request up to three FFA jackets at a cost of \$20/jacket.

This year, 99 students representing 34 chapters received their own FFA jacket and matching tie/scarf in a presentation during a ceremony at the State Spring Judging Event on April 1, 2023 at Westminster High School. The event hosted over 460 members, advisors, parents and volunteers. The Maryland FFA Foundation has sponsored this generous event for the past eight years awarding 747 jackets to deserving members totaling over \$38,000 through their foundation.

#### Region 1

Boonsboro: Maria Mauzy, Skylynn Mentzer, Katlyn Wiles

Boonsboro Middle: Eliot Blanford, Cheyenne Renner, Bentley Rohrer

Clear Spring: Kennedy Baugher, Alivia Burkett Long, Colt Dunn

Smithsburg: Vera Burnett, Savannah De la cruz, Jesse Schlotterbeck

Washington County Tech: Sophia Dominick, Oakley Kendall, Kara Urban

#### Region 2

Brunswick: Weston Grossnickle, Jaida Moody, Atley Shafer

Catoctin: Hayden Hahn, Cadence Lovejoy, Ryleigh Ruch

Frederick: Kaitlyn Baker, Lauren Fulmer, Sofia Sotela

Frederick CTC: Brooke Kellogg, Fabricio Mendoza, Isaias Torres

Linganore: James Codd, Hailey Pleasants

Middletown: Ella Fell, Cecelia Owen, Jack Pillow

Oakdale: Gavin Bellanca, Kaylee Rowland, Darius Williams

Tuscarora: Ella McDonald, Abigail Zimmerman, Rachel Zimmerman

Urbana: Gustave Arndt

Walkersville: Clayton Maticic, Wyatt New, Wyatt Weinrich



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### **Region 3**

Calvert: Ella Gibson, Katelyn Hazel, Angelina Perez

CAT-North: Emjay Manning, D'Naysha Nero, Logan Spranger

Fairmont Heights: Kareem Dyson, Syeed Al Mashrafi, Joseph Williams

Gwynn Park: Justin Fraser, Countess Gordon, Brianna Martinez-Angel

Howard County: Arianna Edinbugh, David Lunsford, Abby Zekarias

Maurice J. McDonough: Elliot McKay, River Padgett, Julie Perriello

Southern: Hayden DiPietro, Sam Moreland, Lexi Painter

### **Region 4**

Century: Joseph Barron, Ava Coleianne, Anna Rodgers

Francis Scott Key: Brandon Angell, Patrick Barber, Blaine Edwards

Harford Tech: Emmalynn Alexis, Abigail Krass, Brayden Pruski

Hereford: Mia Antonis, Joelle Field, Jayden Gover

Liberty: Andrew Casey, Brooke Herndon, Brandon Zahner

Manchester Valley: Courtlyn Burnett, Estella Gover, Eva Van Dommelen

North Harford: Samuel Kleback, Sophia Reinert, Grayson Whaley

South Carroll: Reagan Ertter, Carly Nowell, Levi Phelps

Westminster: Wyatt Frederick, Brie Rexrode, Jake Rubin

Winters Mill: Grace Glennon, Jon Sanchez, Eva Stephan

### **Region 5**

Cecil School of Technology: Jorge Almaguer Escoto, Joel George, Abby Herweck

Worcester Tech: Jack Phillips, Hailey Renshaw, Jakob Thawley



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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 \$60,000 federal Perkins Grant facilitated by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Maryland FFA Association has 2,485 active members in 43 Chapters throughout the State.

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