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

**(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND) –** April 5, 2025- 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, 90 students representing 31 chapters received their own FFA jacket and matching tie/scarf in a presentation during a ceremony at the State Spring Judging Event on April 5, 2025 at Carroll County Career and Technology Center in Westminster, MD. The event hosted over 500 members, advisors, parents and volunteers. The Maryland FFA Foundation has sponsored this generous event for the past ten years awarding 933 jackets to deserving members totaling over $46,750 through their foundation.

**Region 1**

Boonsboro: Sarah Cook, Samantha DeLeo, Aubrey Sigler

Boonsboro Middle: Jaycen Jenkins, Mallory Johnikin, Ashlynn Snodderly

Boyd J. Michael III Tech: Josie Dominick, Bryanna Gay, Kayte Trice

Clear Spring: Sydney Arena, Arianna Cantner, Addison Fitz

Smithsburg: Haley Doyle, Brynn Hurd, Skylar Shaffer

**Region 2**

Brunswick: Katelyn Hargett, Sophia Hargett, Catherine Orndorff

Catoctin: Grady Abruzzese, Jonathan Guldan, Jackson Savage

Frederick: Natalia Gehm, Brayden Manahan, Samantha Thomas

Frederick CTC: Emerson Maland

Linganore: Jesse Garver, Kat Medellin, Liz Van Meter

Middletown: Kerrigan Glotfelty, Joellen Honeycutt, Breanna White

Oakdale: Carys Decker, Emerson Kraft, Ariana Tarlan

Tuscarora: Klayre Richardson, Jacob Wainberg, Jacob Wilcox

Urbana: Pari Desai, Sophia Houston, Meredith Walker

Walkersville: Lena Meletic, Emylee Sheets, Hayden Tennant

**Region 3**

Calvert: Eljah Mason, Lilly Payne, Penelope Pugner

CAT-North: Delyla Dodd, Julz Lechuk, Denise Walker

Damascus: Ashtyn Manoogian, Jenna Sherman, Rachel Sherman

Gwynn Park:, Evelyn Brown, Daniela Umanzor, Kevin Bonilla

Howard County: Brooke LaFountain, Maia Shoots, Summer Yowell

Southern: Clint Dorval, Rylee Hardesty, Claire Ogilvie

**Region 4**

Century: Taylor Flanagan, David Snorgrass-Wells, Claire Superczynski

Francis Scott Key: Ella Fritz, Rowan Kiser, Hailey Putman

Harford Tech: Abbie Brodeur, Rebekah Layton, Olivia Melvern

Manchester Valley: Jadyn Greenwell, Nicholas Kilgore, Steven Long

North Harford: Lucy Heisey, Blakely Jackanicz, Jack Miklos

South Carroll: Maddie Gordon, Austin Hatfield, Brooklyn Valenzia

Westminster: Rysen Doucette, Laura Scott, Jaan Vazquez-Fedele

Winters Mill: Arlin Price, Emily Repp, Anjali Ugalde

**Region 5**

Queen Anne’s County: Joel Escalante, Caroline Gunter, Charles Nickerson

Worcester Tech: Remington Betts, Madison Mitchell



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 2,421 active members in 47 Chapters throughout the State.

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