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Ag and Markets Representative Visits FFA Building



New York state and learn about agriculture. Raquel's role is to determine how policy can have

more about agriculture and grow as a leader for the FFA organization. Raquel spoke about her time spent at Camp Oswegatchie. She told the officers about observing a group going through a low ropes obstacle. "They had their eyes closed when they were going through this course and the instructor was moving things around," she recalled. "At first I thought 'that's so mean!' but I think it's important that kids learn at a young age that unexpected things happen in life." Raquel's excitement to learn more and help the future of agriculture was nothing short of inspiring, and we appreciate her visit to the FFA Building.

The Future is in Agriculture. This is a belief that FFA members across the nation have been spreading since 1928. Raquel Gonzalez, the Director of Policy at the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, visited the FFA building at the New York State Fair on Wednesday and reassured us that our supporters in Albany believe the same. Raquel Gonzalez is fresh out of DC and is excited to be in New York. Her job gives her the opportunity to travel

positive impacts on Agriculture and Markets in the state. While at the fair, Raquel spoke with the State Officers about her background, sharing that she did not grow up on a farm but had a desire to learn more about agriculture at a young age. She was surprised to discover that New York FFA Reporter, Taylor McNamara, shared a similar background. Camille and Taylor explained to Raquel that FFA members are very diverse, and anyone that has a desire to learn

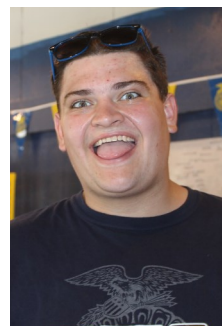
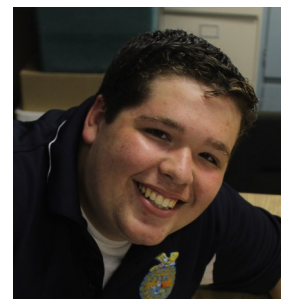
NYS FFA Officers Share Their Thoughts About Fair

The New York FFA Officers have been hard at work, assisting with CDE's, facilitating workshops, and interacting with FFA members and the public. Throughout this past week, we have had experiences that we will remember and cherish our whole lives. We have learned some very important life lessons, all while having fun with some awesome FFA members. Seth Browe was amazed that around 900 members participate in CDE's and Camille Ledoux learned that sometimes things do not go as planned, and you need to be able to adapt to those unexpected situations. Taylor McNamara helps with waivers and vouchers and has an even greater appreciation for those working behind the scenes during CDEs and other FFA

events. Although we all worked very hard, we had the opportunity to get a little wild during the pie throwing. "Whipped cream smells awful up your nose and is really hard to get out of your hair," shares Katherine Killenbeck. "But if it's for a good cause, don't be afraid to take some pie to the face." Every single one of the officers were amazed by the passion, dedication, and hard work put in by the students participating in CDEs, and enjoyed rewarding them with their plaques or ribbons. Seth encourages all members to compete at the fair and broaden their agricultural knowledge with fun and new experiences. A few of the officers wanted to share some words of wisdom. "Always be sincere and polite," Katherine

recalls. "Even though you've answered the same question a million times, this could be the first and only time someone will ever get a response for it, and it may be your only chance to represent yourself." The officers have learned a lot about taking advantage of opportunities while watching members compete in CDE's. Jacob Ax says, "No matter what you do, always put 110% into it because you only get one life. Take every opportunity that you're given!" The officers enjoyed watching students pursue their passions and do what they love. Taylor shares a piece of advice to her fellow members as well. "Do what you love," she says. "Even if it gets so hard you just want to give up, never stop doing what you love."

*"Keep your face
in the sunshine,
and you cannot
see a shadow."*



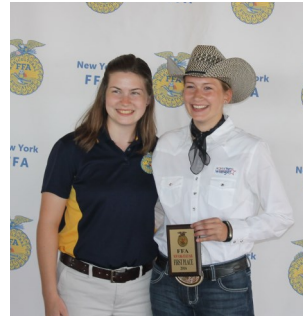
Horse Evaluation Results

Top Ten Individual Placing

1. Maddie Keyes, Royalton-Hartland
2. Hailey Mason, Greenville
3. Emily Carey, Tri-Valley
4. Abbigayle Kubis, Carthage
5. Samantha Ackerly, Tri-Valley
6. Kaylee Tabolt, Lowville
7. Kayla Nichols, South Jefferson
8. Jen McKenna, Tri-Valley (Tie)
8. Katelyn Sellick, Lowville (Tie)
8. Aaron Smith, Greenville (Tie)

Top Nine Team Placing

1. Tri-Valley FFA
2. Royalton-Hartland FFA
3. Lowville FFA
4. Greenville FFA
5. South Jefferson FFA
6. Carthage FFA
7. Spencer Van Etten FFA
8. Southern Cayuga FFA
9. Belleville Henderson FFA



“You can not have a positive life and a negative mind.”

Jr. Horse Evaluation Results

Top Nine Individual Placing

1. Cathy Flores, Tri-Valley
2. Ethan Smith, Stockbridge Valley FFA
3. Morgan Nortz, Lowville FFA
4. Rachel Mennig, Stockbridge Valley FFA
5. Alora Carey, Tri-Valley FFA
6. Alex Smith, Stockbridge Valley FFA

7. Alyssa Enslow, Stockbridge Valley FFA
8. Andrea Decker, Tri-Valley FFA
9. Gail McAndrews, Tri-Valley FFA

Top Three Team Placing

1. Tri-Valley FFA
2. Stockbridge Valley FFA
3. Lowville FFA





New York FFA

Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve



The National FFA Organization is the largest student led youth organization in the country. FFA develops premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education, and provides countless opportunities for its members. FFA members from all over the country are united by their drive to succeed and passion for agriculture.

Display of the Day!

Today's display of the day is extraordinary in many ways. There is something about Tri-Valley's landscape display that sets it apart from all the others in the

FFA building. The beautifully constructed arrangement doubles as a home for a very curious Canadian Black Squirrel! The chapter loves the company, but has a difficult time keeping the display in tip top shape after he visits. Passersby enjoy watching the squirrel run up and down the trees and across the picture frames while admiring Tri-Valley's hard work and



dedication. It is obvious that the students from this chapter put a lot of time into their display, and they should feel very proud of their accomplishments, taking second in show for landscaping. We love having this display in the FFA Building, and so does the Black Squirrel!

