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HIGHLIGHTS 72ND Florida FFA Convention

More than 2,100 FFA members, advisors, parents, and guests attended the 72nd Annual Florida FFA Convention and Leadership Conference at Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort, June 13-16. Over 1,000 awards were presented to students and chapters throughout the state for their outstanding accomplishments in agriculture, agribusiness, leadership and community service. These awards were sponsored by 75 business and industry organizations through the special project program of the Florida FFA Foundation.

Industry/Education partnerships have always been held in high esteem among the FFA community with recognition given annually at the State FFA Convention. The selection process is centered around those organizations that have exhibited great interest in supporting the activities of the FFA above and beyond the local community. The 2000 recipients of the Distinguished Service Citation include: Florida Wildlife Federation, Homes of Merit, Everett Whitehead and Son, R & D Sod Farms, Inc. and Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A.

Many volunteers throughout the state devote much time and effort to the FFA Organization. Although many are recognized on the local level, only a few are presented the coveted Honorary State FFA Degree. This year's recipients of this honor include: Loretta Costin, Carrie Mickey, Susan Kelly, Michele Myers, Kathryn McInnis, Bill Handley, Dr. Matt Baker, Dr. Rick Rudd, Patricia Garner and Robert Raulerson.

Convention highlights included the naming of the State Star Farmer, Myles Langford of the Trenton FFA; State Star in Agribusiness, Ana Perez of the Coral Reef FFA; State Star Greenhand, Lauren Dillard of the Dade City FFA; State Winner in Prepared Speaking, Amanda Thomas of the Lake Butler FFA; State Winner in Extemporaneous Speaking, Erica Der of the J. G. Smith FFA; State Winning Parliamentary Procedure Team, South Sumter FFA and showcased the top agriscience students and programs.

Convention speakers included: Chris Vitelli, National FFA President; Jones Loflin, Motivational Speaker, North Carolina; and Rhett Laubach, Motivational Speaker, Oklahoma.

The Millennium FFA Penny Harvest weigh in was Tuesday, June 13. FFA members and chapters throughout the state checked in over \$22,710.93 in pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. they collected in a fund raising drive to complete construction of a villa at the FFA Leadership Training Center. The Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter won first place honors by raising \$5,219.02.



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Top L: Randy Dowd, Florida Wildlife Federation; Top R: Charles Weeder, Homes of Merit; Bottom L: Reggie Whitehead, Everett Whitehead and Son; Bottom R: Jim Davis, R & D Sod Farms, Inc. Not pictured: Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, PA.

HONORARY STATE FFA DEGREE

Many volunteers throughout the state devote much time and effort to the FFA organization. Although many are recognized on the local level, only a few are presented the coveted Honorary FFA Degree on the state level. Pictured are this year's recipients:



(L to R) Dr. Rick Rudd; John Raulerson accepting for Robert Raulerson; Michele Myers; Carrie Mickey; Kathryn McInnis; Susan Kelly; Pat Garner; Loretta Costen; Ed Osborne, accepting for Matt Baker.

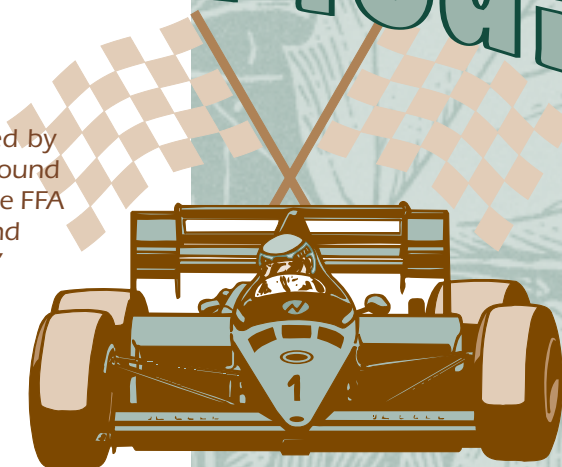


FLORIDA LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

The Winner in You!

This year's annual **Florida Leadership Adventures**, sponsored by Florida FFA Foundation, once again brought FFA members from around the state to enhance their leadership skills. Two hundred twenty-five FFA members participated in one of two sessions, held June 25-28 and July 23-26. The theme of this year's event, "**The Winner in You,**" allowed its participants to grow in all three areas of the FFA mission... premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

The staff director for the 2000 Adventures was Amber Miller of Louisville, AL, the 1997-98 National FFA Vice President; Barrett Keene, Plant City, FL, 1999-2000 Florida FFA President; and Abby Sameck, Interlachen, FL, 1998-1999 Florida Area II Vice President, served as counselors for these premiere conferences.



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FLORIDA OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE

If you enjoy the outdoors, the Florida Outdoor Adventures Conference was designed just for you. This program is designed to enhance the knowledge and performance of individuals, teams and chapters, with the experiences being both exciting and educational.

This year's June 21-24 Florida FFA Outdoor Adventures Youth Conference was a four-day exploration into nature, sporting events, wildlife management, challenge courses, firearm safety, photography, challenge courses, bass seminar and tournament, and leadership development. Over 100 FFA members from throughout Florida participated in the challenging and rewarding "Florida Outdoor Adventures."

The Lakeland Bassmasters are to be commended for providing guides for the tournament and instructors for the bass seminar.



2000 FFA PENNY HARVEST

June 13, 2000 marked the culmination of the 5th Annual "FFA Penny Harvest" sponsored by the Florida FFA Foundation. Sixty-eight FFA Chapters raised a grand total of \$22,710.93, which was dedicated to the FFA Leadership Training Development Fund.

The efforts of the "harvesters" were honored during the State FFA Convention held near Haines City, Florida.

First place honors went to the Okeechobee Brahman chapter by raising \$5,219.02. In second place was the Durant chapter, raising \$1,510.46. Third place honors went to the Lake Gibson Senior chapter, raising \$1,500.00.

All three chapters received a special weekend of lodging and meals for chapter members at the FFA Leadership Training Center. The Okeechobee Brahman chapter also won a Polaris "Trail Boss" ATV for their first place efforts.

In addition, each chapter received a drawing ticket for each \$150.00 raised, for entry in a drawing for special prizes. These prizes included a second Polaris "Trail Boss" ATV, a notebook computer, and an aeroponic growing system.

Support from the business community contributes greatly to the services and opportunities offered to FFA members, many to be future business/industry leaders. We especially thank the following businesses for helping sponsor the 2000 FFA Penny Harvest:

Aquatic Eco-Systems, Inc.

Bank of America

Farm Credit Service of Central Florida

Florida Industrial Scale Company

Frost & Saunders, P.A

Polaris Industries, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

The Department of Agriculture has been a faithful supporter of the FFA through scholarships to six outstanding FFA members. These scholarships are awarded based on SAE and leadership activities listed in the student's state FFA degree applications. These winners were recognized at the 72nd Annual State FFA Convention near Haines City. This year's winners are:

- Adam Chambliss, Malone FFA
- Earl Jones, Trenton FFA
- Patrick LeFils, Pine Ridge FFA
- Lee Ashley Bullard, Frostproof FFA
- Krishna Faw, Seminole Vo-Ed FFA
- Robert Capote, Miami FFA



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- Jarett Tyus, State FFA Vice President



OVER 1200 FFA MEMBERS, ADVISORS AND PARENTS ATTEND SPECIAL LTC SESSION

On Thursday, June 10, the Florida FFA Leadership Training Center hosted over 1200 members, advisors, parents and industry representatives at the special session of the 72nd State FFA Convention, held at nearby Grenelefe Resort. The special session included the "Penny Harvest" Awards, leadership seminars, teacher workshop, entertainment, food and games for everyone. The following chapters set up booths for the morning's activities:

- Heritage M.S. FFA - Shave a Balloon
- Volusia FFA Alumni - Sodas
- Durant FFA - Paint Ball
- Dixie County FFA - Seed Spitting
- Clewiston FFA - Dunking Booth
- Haines City FFA - Cotton Candy / Waters
- LTC Staff - Pontoon Rides
- Lake Region FFA - Greased & Kiss a Pig
- Williston FFA - Greased Pole
- Okeechobee FFA - Bull Roping
- Turner Tech FFA - Belly Buster
- Bradford Tech FFA - Hay Rides
- Chamberlain FFA - Electronic Basketball
- Southeast FFA - Archery
- South Lake FFA - Log Sawing
- Umatilla FFA - Log Rolling
- Mulberry FFA - Gate Tickets
- FFA Association - Workshops



FALL IS FOR CAMPING

Imagine yourself camping on Catfish Creek and you hear the "snorting" of the elusive buck or perhaps the gobble of a wild turkey. The mysterious sounds of the wild are all around you as you prepare the evening meal. The owls are hooting, the wading birds are scurrying to flee the approach of an alligator. All of this surrounds you as you enjoy the fall landscape and the drop of evening temperatures.

You can enjoy canoeing, a hike in the woods, or numerous other recreational activities, such as fishing, volleyball, basketball, soccer or even a dip in the pool.

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History in Review

National FFA Officers From Florida

Name	Office	Year	Chapter/City
Gray Miley	Vice President	1929-1930	Plant City
Jacques Waller	Vice President	1934-1935	Plant City
Lester Poucher	National President	1937-1938	Largo
Doyle Conner	National President	1948-1949	Bradford
Hal Davis	Vice President	1950-1951	Quincy
William Gunter	National President	1954-1955	Live Oak
James Quincey	Vice President	1956-1957	Trenton
Victor Butler	National President	1961-1962	Havana
Robert Hinton	Vice President	1972-1973	Turkey Creek
Jimmy Alvarez	Vice President	1973-1974	Bradford
Danny Shiffer	National Secretary	1976-1977	Orlando
Chris Hardee	Vice President	1977-1978	Chiefland
Chuck Duggar	Vice President	1983-1984	Marianna
Jeff Johnson	National Secretary	1988-1989	Plant City
Todd Hingson	Vice President	1992-1993	Suwannee
Trisha Bailey	Vice President	1994-1995	Plant City
Chris Vitelli	National President	1999-2000	Plant City

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End of Year Giving

Now is the time to begin taking stock of your 2000 financial situation. It is also a popular time of year for making charitable gifts. Many people find that a gift to the FFA can play an important role in reducing their tax bill.

Taxpayers who itemize, or list separately all allowed deductions such as home mortgage interest and medical expenses, may also deduct all gifts of cash and certain other property up to 50 percent of their adjusted gross income.

The most common form of charitable gift is cash. However, gifts of stocks, life insurance policies, real estate, overstocked inventories and many other items of value can ease your tax burden. We trust your thoughts are with FFA when you make the best financial and philanthropic choices for 2000.



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