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CONVENTION ISSUE ...

1990-91 State Officers

# ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

Your State Officers accepting the challenge to lead the Alabama FFA Association are:

#### Marie Rush - President

Marie Rush is a member of the Lineville FFA Chapter. Marie will be a senior at Lineville High School this fall. She has served her chapter as President and Reporter and has been the District Treasurer. She has been a member of the livestock judging team and served on various committees. She has also participated in the M.K. Heath Award and Beef Production Proficiency Award. At Lineville she is involved in many other school activities such as Senior Beta, Scholar's Bowl, majorette, concert band and is Treasurer of the Student Council. She has served as President of the Clay County Jr. Cattlemen's Association and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta.

#### Richard Scott - Vice President

Richard Scott is a member of the R.C. Hatch FFA Chapter and is active on the chapter, district and state levels. He has been active in public speaking and dairy judging. He has served his chapter as President three years. He is also President of the Southwest Central District. He is involved in many other school and community activities and currently serves as President of the 4-H Club and is a member of the Vocational Advisory Council.

#### Stephen Kiser - Secretary

Stephen Kiser is a member of the Spring Garden Chapter and has been active in the FFA for six years. He has served as Reporter for one year and President for three years. He served the Northeast District as Vice President in 1989-90. He has been active in the public speaking and dairy judging contests. He is involved in other school activities having served as Junior Class President, 4-H Club President and is a member of the Beta Club.

#### Michael Reeser - Treasurer

Michael Reeser, member of the Calera FFA Chapter, is the new State Treasurer. At Calera High School, Michael is an active member of the FFA on the county, area and district levels. He has served his chapter as Secretary, Vice President, and President. He has served the West Central District as President. He has been in various contests such as public speaking, small engines, and land judging on the chapter, county and district levels.

#### Joe Baxter - Reporter

Joe Baxter, member of the Fruitdale Chapter, is the State Reporter. Joe is very active in his local FFA Chapter having served as Sentinel, Reporter and District Secretary. He has participated in the public speaking contests on

the chapter, county and district levels. At Fruitdale High School, he was captain of the 1989 football team and the sports editor for the school paper.

#### Rebecca Birdsong - Sentinel

Rebecca Birdsong is a member of the Hartford FFA Chapter. Rebecca has been active in her local chapter having served as Sentinel and Vice President. She has served her district as Secretary and is currently the District President. She has attended the district leadership workshops and was her chapter's delegate to the State Convention. At Geneva County High School, she is secretary of the Student Council and is the head majorette. She is also a member of the Geneva County Jr. Cattlemen's Association.



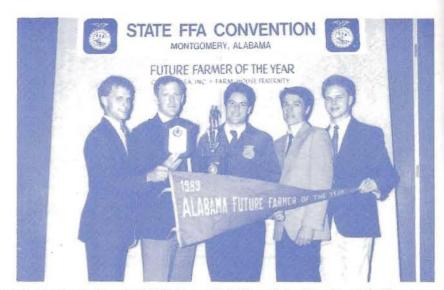
ACCEPTING THEIR CHALLENGE, the State Officers were off to a busy start. They attended the National Leadership Conference in Louisville, Mississippi, in June. Shown during a visit with National Officers are (seated l-r) Southern Regional Vice President Brad Lewis; Rebecca Birdsong, Sentinel, Hartford; Marie Rush, President, Lineville; National President Donnell Brown; (standing) Stephen Kiser, Secretary, Spring Garden; Richard Scott, Vice President, R.C. Hatch; Joe Baxter, Reporter, Fruitdale, and Michael Reeser, Treasurer, Calera.

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## STATE OFFICER TEAM GOALS

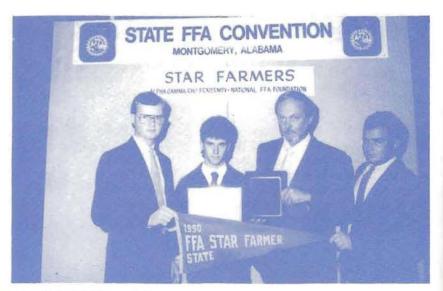
The 1990-91 Alabama FFA Association Team Goals are:

- To have a successful District Officers Workshop
- 2. To have large attendance at the State Convention
- To work toward best, most interesting convention ever
- 4. To have best foundation for members ever
- 5. To spread enthusiasm to members throughout Alabama
- 6. To represent the Association with dignity and character at all times
- 7. To function as a unit (team)
- 8. To meet the needs of all members in Alabama
- 9. To let members know we are available to them
- To have respect and openess with other officers
- 11. To be the best team ever
- 12. To be open for criticism as a team
- 13. To have people look to us with respect.



FUTURE FARMER OF THE YEAR — Al Griffin, of the Lineville FFA Chapter, was named Future Farmer of the Year. Al was honored during the recent State FFA Convention in Montgomery. Al is a senior at Auburn University majoring in Agribusiness Education. In 1988 Al was the Forest Management National Proficiency winner, and in 1989 he was the winner of the National Wildlife Management Proficiency Award. He was a member of the state-winning Forestry Judging Team in 1988. Al manages approximately 500 acres of timber and is the owner of 157 acres of timber. He is in a 50% partnership with his mother in a Brangus beef cattle operation. He raises his own grain to feed his cattle. While at Lineville High School, he was active in many FFA activities. His FFA advisor and agribusiness education teacher was Lamar Dewberry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Griffin of Lineville.

Pictured during the awards ceremony (l-r) Jack Brewer, FarmHouse Fraternity; Peter Ransom, Territory Manager-Reseller, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Birmingham; Griffin; Dewberry, and Jody Brewer, FarmHouse Fraternity. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and Chevron Chemical Company sponsor the \$600 cash award and the trophy is presented by FarmHouse Fraternity.



STATE STAR FARMER — Billy Donavan, of the Mary G. Montgomery FFA Chapter, was named State Star Farmer during the State FFA Convention. Donavan was selected as having the best Supervised Agricultural Experience Program from the 528 State FFA Degrees approved this year. Donavan began his Supervised Agricultural Experience Program doing general nursery work in a local nursery. He has worked his way into a one-third partnership in Twin Oaks Nursery. He has worked more than 3400 hours at the nursery while attending school. Donavan has served his chapter as reporter and president, placed first in the Nursery Operations Proficiency Award and served on various committees. Donavan received a cash award and a chapter banner. Shown with Donavan are (l-r) Ricky Dorman, representing Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, sponsor; Billy, Oscar Green, FFA advisor, and Mike Schinn, Alpha Gamma Rho.

#### DISTRICT OFFICERS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP...



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS attending the FFA Officers Leadership workshop in July were (l-r) Donna Eason, Secretary, Central-Coosa Co.; Jerie Browning, Sentinel, Central-Coosa Co.; Jeff Noles, President, Woodland; Antonio Carlisle, Vice President, Beauregard; Jason Hickey, Reporter, Central-Coosa Co.; Michael Kibble, Treasurer, Lincoln; Wayne Wortham, FFA Advisory Council, Randolph County, and George White, District Advisor.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICERS participating in the Leadership Workshop were (l-r) Brandon Abbott, President, Arab; G.L. Gipson, FFA Advisory Council, Sand Rock; Orenda Fink, Treasurer, Ashville; Pat Guinn, Vice President, Scottsboro; Clara-Leigh Horn, Secretary, Ashville; Chris Young, Sentinel, Jacksonville; Jennifer England, Reporter, Crossville and Lloyd Borden, District Advisor.



SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS participating in the FFA Officers Leadership Workshop were (l-r) Lavord Crook, District Advisor; Dale Crews, Sentinel, West Blocton; Murry Adams, Reporter, West Blocton; Nina Weston, Treasurer, Paramount; David Mines, Vice President, R.C. Hatch; Richard Scott, President, R.C. Hatch and Buddy Vaughn, Secretary, West Blocton.



WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS attending the Leadership Workshop were (1-r) B.J. York, District Advisor; Kenneth French, Sentinel, Hayden; Chris Reeves, Treasurer, Rogers AVC; Michael Reeser, President, Calera; Chris Null, Reporter, McAdory; Larmar Seals, Vice President, McAdory, and Bobby Thomas, FFA Advisory Council, Cullman AVTC.



NORTH DISTRICT OFFICERS attending the FFA Officers Leadership Workshop were (l-r) Waylanda Turrentine, Secretary, Danville; Jeff Glass, Sentinel, Russellville; Jason Greer, Treasurer, Falkville; Brandon Coan, Vice President, Mt. Hope; John Clement, Reporter, Tanner; Raymon Randolph, President, Hatton; Richard Hannah, FFA Advisory Council, Leighton, and Calvin Parmer, District Advisor.



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICERS attending the workshop in Columbiana were (1-r) Allen Watson, Secretary, Pleasant Home; Mike Casey, District Advisor; Barry Sullivan, Reporter, Geneva; Melanie Thomas, Sentinel, G.W. Long; Tony Simmons, Treasurer, Rehobeth; Rebecca Birdsong, President, Hartford; Chris Etheredge, Vice President, Daleville, and Joe Snell, Advisory Council, Ariton.



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICERS participating in the workshop were (1-r seated) Jason Elliott, Secretary, W.S. Neal; Aimee Turner, Vice President, Fruitdale; Kelly Williams, President, Fruitdale; (standing) Daniel Pratt, Sentinel, Robertsdale; Jason Gardner, Reporter, Fruitdale; Marrio Douglas Seals, Treasurer, McIntosh, and Jerome Campbell, District Advisor.



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SPONSOR — Peter Ransom, Territory Manager-Reseller, Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Birmingham, spoke to the District Officers during their recent workshop challenging them to accept their leadership roles. Chevron U.S.A. Inc. is the sponsor of leadership workshops held throughout the state during the summer months.

# 1989-90 STATE CONTEST AND AWARD WINNERS

Contest or Award	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Six	xth
ublic	Brandon Abbott	Daniel Metcaffe	Sally Spratlin	Richard Scott			
peaking	Arab	W. Jefferson	Woodland	R.C. Hatch			
ring Band	Arab	West Point	Opp "Gold"	Lexington			
airy Judging	Houston Co.	Ranburne	Falkville	R.C. Hatch			
vestock Judging	Arab	Holly Pond	Slocomb	W.S. Neal			
and Judging	New Site	Millry	Hillcrest	Valley Head			
uartet	East Lawrence	Arab	South Lamar	Excel			
gricultural	Delaville	Maplesville	Valley Head	Falkville			
echanics (team)	Daleville Monroe Co. AVC	Bibb Co. AVC	Lineville	Central-Coosa			
orestry Judging	Daleville	Ider	Jacksonville	Paramount	Scottsboro		
hapter Contest ursery/Landscape	Daleville	Idei	Jacksonville	raiamount	Scousboro		
ursery/ Landscape idging	J.R. Pittard AVC	Rogersville	Excel	Mt. Hope			
oriculture Judging	Opelika Opelika	Woodland	Madison Co. Tech	Valley Head			
g. Const. &	Орспка	Woodiand	Tallapoosa-	vancy ricad			
faintenance	Haleyville AVC	Winfield AVS	Alex City AVC	Hillcrest			
mall Engines	Tuscaloosa Co. H.S.	Arab	Red Bay	Hatton			
ome and//or	Adam Borden	Rodger Armstrong	Greg White	Tracy Covin			
armstead Improvement	Albertville	Hayden	Lineville	Hillcrest			
iv. Crop	Sammy Scott	Matt Haney	Whitney Oswalt	Jason Elliott			
roduction	Crossville	Tanner "Gold"	Fayette "A"	W.S. Neal			
airy	Jonathan Smith	Jim Racine	Jeff Glass	Clay McMullen			
roduction	Vinemont	Robertsdale	Russellville	Gurley			
Iorse	Jamie Wright	Jason Campbell	Kathy Marschant	Mark Webster			
roficiency	Scottsboro	Ashford	Grand Bay	Hartselle			
eef	Trey Williams	Donald Eason	Jason Bramlett	Marie Rush			
roduction	Arab	Central-Coosa	Falkville	Lineville			
wine	Bart Mathis	Bart Sessions	Michael Stewart	Jason Adair			
roduction	Wicksburg	Grand Bay	Zion Chapel	Hartselle			
oultry	Travis Phillips	Jeff Gray	Joe Wallace	Steve Owens			
roduction	Lineville	Geneva	Arab	Crossville			
lacement in	Scottie Smith	Walter Hudson Grand Bay	Ritchie Haney	David Morris West Blocton			
g. Production	Robertsdale	Joe Wallace	Tanner "Blue" Matt Collins	Mike Tompkins			
gricultural ales/Service	Tracy Scott Abbeville	Arab	Fayette "A"	Russellville			
gricultural	Chris Hawkins	Larry Parker	Glenn Smith	Paul Agerton			
Mechanics	Central-Coosa	Enterprise	Hartselle	Reform			
Agricultural	Shane Cook	Shawn Wesley	Danny Goodwin	Christopher Cribbs			
Electrification	Bibb Graves	Daleville	West Blocton	Lamar AVC			
Agricultural	David Burke						
Processing	Robertsdale						
	Rhonda Hood	Harmie Hubbard	Michael Hargrove	Joseph Knott			
Floriculture	Daleville	Sardis	Clements	Paramount			
Fruit/Vegetable	Stacey Hughes	Shane Bobo	Chad Thompson	Barry Jenkins			
Production	G.W. Long	Attalla	Good Hope	Hayden			
Turf & Landscape	Alan Thomas	Chris Oswalt	Jamie Akin	Cleophus Gaines			
Management	Cullman	Mt. Hope	Hanceville	Paramount			
Vursery	William Donavan	Adam Cromer	Mark Terry	John Bruce			
Operations	Semmes	Lineville	Walker AVC	Tuscaloosa Co. "Blue"			
Forest	Shane Bobo	Johnny Sudduth, Jr.	Jeff Patrick	Rodney Cox			
Management	Attalla	Double Springs	Gordo	Arab			
Vildlife .	Toby Covin	Donna Eason	Cecelia Richardson	John Gladden			
Management	Hillcrest	Central-Coosa	Rogersville	Attalla			
Soil & Water	Donna Eason Central-Coosa	Shane Bryan Falkville	Cecelia Richardson Rogersville	Jay Wagner Ider			
Management	Jason Summerford	Falkville	Aogeisville	Idel			
I.K. Heath Animal  Health Award	Danville						
Future Farmer	Al Griffin						
of the Year	Lineville						
Crime Prev. Awards	Rehobeth	Daleville	Paramount	Ft Payne			
Computers in	John C. Bullock						
Agriculture (state winner)	Hillcrest	1.00					
OAC-	Cherokee Middle	Brookwood	Florala	Goshen Grand	Bay R.C. Hatch	Skyline	South Dale
Gold	Houston Co.	Jacksonville	G.W. Long	Paramount Scottsb			York West End
Forage	Shane Short						
Crop Production	Lineville					,	
heep	Mike Winnett	Richard Nelson	Chad Galloway	Steve Wright			
Production	Hayden	Coffee Springs	Fayette "A"	Hartselle			
Specialty Animal	Donald Eason	Tami Andrews	Mark Puckett	Jon Ingram			
Production	Central-Coosa	Hayden	Sulligent	West Blocton			
Fiber Crop	Matt Haney						
Production	Tanner "Gold"						
	Pat Smith						
Oil Crop Production Agriscience Student	Falkville Michael Silas						