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84th Annual
Alabama FFA
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June 6-8, 2012
Montgomery Renaissance
& Montgomery Performing Arts Center

The 84th Annual Alabama FFA Convention was held June 6, 2012, at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. The opening session began at 2 P.M. on Wednesday, June 2. Miss Elizabeth Wilson, 2010-2011 State FFA President, delivered the invocation. Collie Wells, State FFA Advisor, delivered a challenge to the Members and advisors of the Alabama FFA Association. Douglas Thiessen of the Alabama Ag Credit, Ben Gore of the Alabama Farm Credit, Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh of the Public Service Commission, Philip Cleveland of the Alabama Department of Education, and Shannon Peters Vice President of the Alabama FFA Alumni all brought greetings to the members, advisors, and guests. The 2011-2012 District Officers and the 2012-2013 State Officer Candidates were introduced. Wiley Bailey from Sand Rock was Introduced as Alabama's National Officer Candidate. The Past State Officers Alumni recognized the 2012 Wall of Honor recipients. The Keith Adair Memorial Presentation was also presented. Clay Dyer was the Keynote Speaker for this session.



2011-2012 STATE FFA OFFICER TEAM

Front Row L-R - Megan Saunders, Reporter, Lauren Gray, Vice - President
Back Row L - R - Lydia Urick, Secretary, Justin Miller, Treasurer, Brandon Russell,
Sentinel, Kathryn Ray, President

The Second Session began at 7:30 P.M. on June 6, 2012. The State Star Farmer was named. Kay Ivey, Lieutenant Governor of Alabama gave greetings. Brandon Russell, Alabama FFA State Sentinel, gave his retiring address. Numerous teachers and supporters were recognized by receiving the highest honor the Alabama FFA can bestow upon someone, the Honorary State FFA Degree. Proficiency Awards were given in Agricultural Sales/Service, Dairy Production, Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management, Forest Management, and Fruit and/or Vegetable Production. Megan Saunders, Alabama FFA State Reporter, gave her Retiring Address. Awards were given in the String Band Contest, and the first place team provided entertainment.

June 7, at 8:30 A.M. , marked the opening of the third session. The Crime Prevention awards were distributed recognizing the top chapters in the state that have crime prevention activities included in their program of activities. Chapters which had 100 percent membership were also recognized. Justin Miller, Alabama FFA State Treasurer, gave his retiring address, and the following Career Development Event Awards were given: Ag Construction and Maintenance, Agricultural Mechanics, Creed Speaking, Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Floriculture, Forestry, Horse Evaluation, Land

Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Nursery and Landscape, Parliamentary Procedure, Poultry Evaluation, Prepared Public Speaking, Quiz Bowl, Safe Tractor Driving, and Small Engines. Jason Troendle, National FFA Secretary, gave greetings and the following Proficiency Awards were given: Agricultural Mechanics, Beef Production, Equine Science, and Poultry Production. To close out the session numerous chapters competed for top honors in our quartet competition. On Thursday afternoon, students had an opportunity to attend various workshops by presenters from different supporters on a variety of topics from FFA Alumni to credit scores.

First Place String Band

First Place Parliamentary Procedure
Marbury



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The 4th Session began at 7:30 P.M. on June 7, 2012. Many awards and scholarships were given in this session. The National Chapter Awards, Future Farmer/Agribusinessman Award, Mindy Stringer Memorial Scholarship, Frances Mizell Scholarship, and H.N. Lewis Scholarship were awarded. Jason Troendle, National FFA Secretary, was the Keynote Speaker for the session. Proficiency awards were given in Home and/or Community Development, Landscape

Management, Nursery Operations, Sheep Production, Specialty Animal Production, Swine Production, Turf Grass Management, and Wildlife Management. Specialty Proficiency Awards were also given in Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Processing, Diversified Livestock Production, Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production, Grain Production, and Outdoor Recreation.

Lydia Urick, Alabama FFA State Secretary, gave her retiring address. Awards were given in the Quartet Contest. The first place winning South Lamar Chapter Quartet provided entertainment to close out the session.



The fifth and final session of the 84th Annual Alabama FFA State Convention came to a close at 8:30 A.M. on June 8, 2012. Lauren Gray, Alabama FFA State Vice-President gave her retiring address. The State Officers then honored their advisors. Next, Kathryn Ray, Alabama FFA State President, gave her retiring address. Parents of the State Officers were honored next. The State Officers presented their Year in Review, and the 2012-2013 State Officers were elected. 121 Alabama FFA Members received their State FFA Degrees. The 2012-2013 State FFA Officers were duly installed, and adjourned the 84th Annual Alabama FFA State Convention.

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STATE OFFICERS 2012-2013

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2012-2013 Alabama State FFA Officers
(l-r) Nikki Giba-Sentinel, Cherokee, Luke Knight-Reporter, Wadley, Abby Himburg-Treasurer, Ariton, Lucinda Daughtry-Secretary, Smiths Station, Dawn Turner-Vice-President, Enterprise, Josh Williams-President, Douglas.