

## 16-17 North District Officers



Your 2016/2017 Alabama FFA North District Officer Team

# North District FFA Newsletter

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## State Degree

By Kaitlyn Williams

During the 88th Alabama FFA State Convention I received my State Degree. This was a huge honor for me, and it was an awesome feeling walking across the stage. Getting a state is important. Receiving this honor recognizes all the hard work you put into your SAE. It also recognizes your dedication to the FFA. I highly recommend those who are eligible to apply for their State Degree. It is not a hard process and worth all the time put into it.



# Chapter Challenge

By Jodi Shotts

Around this time last year, I was deciding on whether or not I wanted to run for a north district officer position. It was a big deal to me because it meant stepping out of my comfort zone and being interviewed. I made the decision to run because I knew I needed to get more involved in the FFA and I wanted to explore different opportunities in my last year of high school. I am glad I ran for office because it has been my favorite part of this year, so I want to encourage any chapter member who is considering running.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, official district interviews will be held at Wallace state community college at 10am. This is a time for officer candidates to meet other FFA members from our district and make new friends. Candidates will be asked to write a letter based on a given scenario and later go through an interview process.

My year as a district officer has been full of opportunities and learning experiences everyone should have the chance to experience as well. Talking to a previous district officer, or your chapter advisor will be very helpful as you prepare to run for office.



# National FFA Week

By John Crawford

Blue jackets abounding, excited smiles erupting, local chapters serving, it has got to be that time of the year again - National FFA Week! First celebrated in 1948, and always encompassing George Washington's birthday, FFA week is a time ranging from Saturday to Saturday in which members across the nation participate in countless amounts of leadership activities, numeral loads of service projects, and many, many fun and exciting events within their schools and communities! Whether it be an annual cookout; a Greenhand Degree ceremony; or a community service effort, FFA week promises and holds timeless memories and cherished moments that will always remain within the heart and mind of the FFA member.

I encourage you as a fellow member in this great organization to go all out this week, and even more so, the rest of this year and then some more! Keep the passion ablaze and the fire flamed and always "Transform Purpose to Action!"



# Chapter Presidents' Conference

By Kailee Johnson

On February 3, 2017, Auburn University Agriscience Education hosted the Second Annual Chapter Presidents' Conference (CPC) at Ham-Wilson Livestock Arena at Auburn University. One-hundred Chapter and District Officers attended this conference hosted by the Alabama FFA State Officers, 2012-2013 National FFA Southern Region Vice President Wiley Bailey, and Dr. Barry Bailey, Director of the Alabama FFA Alumni. Also in attendance were many advisors, specialists, and Alumni officers.

The day started with Opening Ceremony and introductions from Wiley Bailey, the state officers, and the district officers present. The members were then divided into groups based on their districts. The district officers explained the process of becoming a district or state officer and told about their involvement in FFA to members. Members were able to ask questions and get to know their district officers.

The state officers divided the members into two groups. One group went with State Vice President Ethan Mobley, State Secretary Ben Castleberry, and State Treasurer Becky Hawkins to their workshop based on "Selling the FFA Brand." The other group went with State President Sierra Goodwin, State Reporter Hannah Black, and State Sentinel Torran Smith to their workshop based on "Communication through our Organization." Later on, the groups swapped places.

After lunch, the members split into three groups to plan a mock National FFA Week. We took suggestions from every member in our groups. We voted on what we wanted our National FFA Week activities and dress up days to be. A representative from each group presented the posters with our mock FFA week written on them.

All-in-all Chapter Presidents' Conference was very beneficial. I enjoyed being able to meet other FFA members and catch up with my friends from other chapters. We learned many things we can take back to better serve our chapters, our districts and our state. If you did not have the opportunity to attend CPC this year, I encourage you to attend next year.



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