

# President's Newsletter

What's up Central District?

I am Trinity Rucker, a senior from the Pleasant Valley FFA Chapter, and I am super excited to serve as your District President for the 2020-2021 school year!

I think we can all agree that this past year has definitely been out of the ordinary. From a global pandemic, our first virtual state convention, and recreating our version of "normal", 2020 has not been like we could've imagined. With schools letting out in March, our platform and outreach as District Officers was restrained. Events, such as District and State Convention, were postponed and held virtually. Chapter visits were either cancelled or held virtually, forcing new ways to reach out to our District's members. Although it has been a very hectic and confusing time for a lot of people, we have all grown in some form or fashion through the discomforts. Current restrictions pushed us to adapt. Over the summer, many students in the central district participated in the virtual events and contests. Congratulations to all of the teams that competed and represented our district! We are proud of you and can't wait to see what you do this year! Our officers have been hard at work planning some events and workshops for you. We hope that we will be seeing all of you very soon! If you ever need anything, feel free to reach out to any one of us. We would be more than happy to serve you in the best way that we can!

*Forever yours in Blue,*

*Trinity Rucker*

Central District -President



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## Career Development Events

*Vice President's Newsletter*

As many of you know we held our contests virtually this year due to COVID-19. This pandemic opened our eyes to change and adaptation. I hope that while you're reading this article you can think of at least one thing that changed for you and positively impacted your life. District competition was cancelled, which can seem very devastating for our (at the time) senior members, but we have to look for the positives amongst the negatives. While the district competitions were cancelled, State Convention was held virtually and that it will go down in History! The competitions held at this level are as follows: Ag Construction, Ag Mechanics, Aquaculture, Floriculture, Forestry, Horse Evaluation, Livestock, Meats, Nursery landscape, Poultry, Quiz bowl, Small engines, Vet science, Conduct of a chapter meeting, Parliamentary procedure, Safe Tractor driving, Prepared Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Ag Education, and last but certainly not least, String band! Congratulations to all our qualifiers and for anyone that stuck with their competition and pushed through the negatives to compete even though it wasn't very traditional. Central District FFA, I can't wait to see where this year takes us as an organization and we look forward to spending this year serving you!

*Brianna Payne*

Central District -Vice President

## Awards

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### *Secretary's Newsletter*

As a Central District FFA member, one can stand to gain countless things. Ranging from physical objects to immaterial skills, the benefits of investing time into this great organization can assist you on your path towards future success. An example of this is the numerous award opportunities that are provided for FFA members and chapters that go beyond the status quo in their respective areas. For individuals, these opportunities include FFA member degrees and SAE proficiencies.

Over the past year, Central District has continued to uphold its reputation as being one of the most productive districts in awards and proficiencies. Central has put forth 112 State Degree recipients and 9 American Degree recipients representing over 33 chapters! For SAE proficiencies, Central District has had 11 applications compete on the national level. Congratulations to those extraordinary individuals and good luck to all that are competing this year!

*Trace McCaleb*

Central District Secretary



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## A Passion for SAE

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### *Treasurer's Newsletter*

With fall just getting started, so starts another great year with Alabama FFA. All of us are enduring a difficult time right now, but if we keep working through it, it will pass. With Fall District Eliminations getting moved to spring, it may be some time before we're able to meet in person again. Many chapters are struggling to find ways for their members to be as involved as they have been in past years due to the current restrictions. One thing I hope that this time brings to Central District FFA is that more students discover an SAE that they are passionate about, or maybe adding a new one to the one they are already working on. Your chapter can also virtually attend the National FFA Convention from October 27-29. With everything going on this year, we are all going to try our best to make this year the best for all of our Central District Members. For help with you, your members, or membership, feel free to contact any of the District or State Officers. We will all be happy to help!

Forever Blue,

*Wesley Gaddy*

Central District -Treasurer

## Events

### *Sentinel's Newsletter*

It I hope you all have enjoyed the virtual 2020 Alabama FFA State Convention. Congratulations to all that were recognized or placed in the top four at the State Convention, if you have not seen it yet you can still watch on the Alabama FFA youtube channel. As many events are being held virtual so is the 93rd National FFA Convention. I hope you all are as excited as I am! Also, don't forget about the National Days of Service during the month of October. This year's Junior Leadership Development Conference will be held virtually November 5th and 6th And hopefully, there will be more events towards the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

*Alyssa Milford*

Central District - Sentinel



## Chapter Visits

### *Reporter's Newsletter*

It seems COVID-19 and the way it has changed our lives is the daily message served since March. Although COVID has brought about many challenges and changes, it has also allowed us to think outside the box and be innovative in order to continue doing what we love! Chapter visits is no exception. As the world is growing accustomed to a new way of doing things FFA is also adapting and changing as well. Chapter visits will be offered in a virtual setting as well as in person. All the Central District Officers are excited to still be able to meet FFA members in setting that is best suited for each school, chapter, and individual member. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us and let us know how we can best serve you, your members, and your chapter!

Forever Blue!

*Olivia Powers*

Central District - Reporter

### **2020-2021 Alabama FFA Central District Officer Team:**

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*Treasurer: Wesley Gaddy - Alexandra*  
*Sentinel: Alyssa Milford - Horshoebend*