New York FFA at the 2015 National FFA Convention

*Look for New York FFA members, alumni and supporters at the 88th annual National FFA Convention. You’ll find them…*

**In Career Development Events…**

Agricultural Communications – Pioneer FFA

Agricultural Issues – Greenville FFA

Agricultural Sales – Vernon-Verona-Sherill FFA

Agricultural Technology & Mechanics – Cazenovia Aggies FFA

Agronomy – Pioneer FFA FFA

Creed Speaking – Michaela Cochran, Madison FFA

Dairy Evaluation – Greenwich FFA

Dairy Handlers – Matthew Currie, Tully FFA

Environmental & Natural Resources – Sharon Springs FFA

Extemporaneous Speaking – Margaret Brownell, Greenwich FFA

Farm Business Management – Pioneer FFA

Floriculture – John Bowne FFA

Food Science & Technology – Cazenovia Aggies FFA

Forestry – F Donald Myers FFA

Horse Evaluation – Tully FFA

Job Interview – Lane Brown, Marcus Whitman FFA

Livestock Evaluation – Tri-Valley FFA

Marketing Plan – Pioneer FFA

Meats Eval & Tech. – Randolph FFA

Milk Quality & Products–Randolph FFA

Nursery/Landscape – Stockbridge Valley FFA

Parliamentary Procedure – Greenwich FFA

Poultry Evaluation – Tully FFA

Prepared Speaking – Sarah LaLumiere, Warwick Valley FFA

Vet. Science– Manor Plains FFA

**At the Expo (formerly Career Show)…**

Hall of States – Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA

Cornell University – FFA alumni

SUNY Cobleskill – FFA alumni
SUNY Morrisville – FFA alumni

**At the New York FFA State Photo!**

Friday, Oct 30 – 1:45 pm

* Photos are taken at the back of the Expo. Arrive 10 minutes early to be sure your chapter is included.
* Chapters can take small group photos after the state photo.

**Earning their American Degree…**

* **7:30 am session start time in the Convention Hall**

Zachary Almeter, Pioneer FFA

Abraham Ashley, Pioneer FFA

Anne Avery, Tri-Valley FFA

Stacie Bliss, Pioneer FFA

Hauk Boyes, Tri-Valley FFA

Kyle Butler, Tri-Valley FFA

So Woo Chon, Tri-Valley FFA

Gabrielle Domagala, South Lewis FFA

Kristen Doyle, Tri-Valley FFA

Kaylee Eaton, Cattaraugus-Little Valley FFA

Ashley Exner Tri-Valley FFA

Sierra Hennessey, Tri-Valley FFA

Rachael Humphrey, South Lewis FFA

Joshua Jacobs, Stockbridge Valley FFA

Katelyn Jaqueway, Schoharie Valley FFA

Nathan Leviker, Belleville Henderson FFA

Perry Lewis, Penn Yan FFA

Max Lindquist, Tri-Valley FFA

Garrett Marbot, Schoharie Valley FFA

Timothy Meeker, Stockbridge Valley FFA

Ryan Merlau, Pioneer FFA

Brady Rogers, Tri-Valley FFA

Jacob Schloss, Pioneer FFA

Erik Shelmidine, Belleville Henderson FFA

Danielle Smith, Stockbridge Valley FFA

Jonathan Smith, Stockbridge Valley FFA

Cheryl Staats, South Lewis FFA

Cierra Thomsen, Unadilla Valley FFA

Claire Tierney, Tri-Valley FFA

Mitchell VanOrmer, Madison FFA

Ashley Willits, Lowville FFA

**LIVE and On Stage!!**

*Of special interest to NY FFA members are these session highlights…*

**Thursday, Oct 29**

Session 2, 2pm –

* Presentation of State Flag – Lindsey Palmer, Hamilton FFA
* Model of Innovation Finalists – Tri-Valley FFA (Student) and Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA (Community)
* National Chapter Award 3 Star Chapter Winners – Tri-Valley FFA & Vernon-Verona-Sherrill FFA

**Friday, Oct 30**

Session 4, 8am –

* Honorary American Recognition
	+ Tina Miner-James, Walton FFA

Session 5, 12pm –

* National FFA Officer Candidate Introductions – Catie Rowe, John Bowne FFA

**Saturday, Oct 31**

Session 8, 7:45am –

* American FFA Degree Recognition

Session 9, 1:30pm –

* National Committee Chair – Sara Millspaugh, Albion FFA
* National Officer Team Election – Catie Rowe, John Bowne FFA

**Making Beautiful Music!**

The National Band is featured throughout convention… but watch for Autumn Brennan, Greenville FFA, Josephine Content, Greenville FFA & Elizabeth Moore, Cobleskill-Richmondville FFA on Friday at 5:45 in concert and during the Opening Session Grand Entry.

**All That and More…**

In addition to these identified NY FFA specific experiences, there are more than 40 student workshops, nearly 20 professional development opportunities for teachers, rodeos, hypnotists, concerts and an entire city within walking distance!

The FFA Expo is free, has over 440 exhibitors and is located in the Convention Center. The hours of operation are:

* Wednesday, Oct 28
	+ FFA Shopping Mall – 8am – 6pm
	+ Expo – 12:30pm – 5pm
* Thursday, Oct 29
	+ FFA Shopping Mall – 8am – 6pm
	+ Expo – 8am – 5pm
* Friday, Oct 30
	+ FFA Shopping Mall – 8am – 6pm
	+ Expo – 8am – 4pm
* Saturday, Oct 31
	+ FFA Shopping Mall ONLY – 8am – 1pm

FFA Expo Segments include:

* Agribusiness Systems
* Animal Systems
* Biotechnology Systems
* Environmental Service Systems
* Food Products & Processing Systems
* Natural Resource Systems
* Plant Systems
* Power, Structural & Technical Systems
* Alumni Nation
* AutoWorld
* Collegiate Career Fair
* Collegiate Connection
* Teacher’s World
* Shopping Mall

**Finally, Stay Connected…**

NY FFA will be posting reminders and updates both on Facebook - New York FFA Association - AND Twitter - @NYFFATweets.

You can grab the app “Guidebook” for smartphones to download the National FFA Convention Guide. There, you can build and track your own schedule for your personalized, portable and pocket sized guide to the total convention experience.

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