



Washington Agriculture Education Update

Wow! What a fantastic state FFA convention! Our state association has a lot to be proud of (highlights can be found on the last page of this update.) If you haven't already registered for WAAE conference in Wenatchee June 29-July 3, I would urge you to do so— and while your completing your summer plans please consider registering for the summer WA-ACTE conference held in Yakima (Aug. 3-6) as well. These professional development opportunities keep our educators on the cutting edge of what is happening in CTE and agricultural education. The annual agricultural education report (Form Package 524) is available on iGrants, and is required of all programs that offer agricultural education courses. The report is due by July 18, and gathered information is shared with the US Department of Education. Correct and complete reporting is imperative. Thank you for all you do, and if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me!



Special points of interest:

- State FFA Winners
- Meet our new officer team!
- Sumner FFA heads to Washington DC!
- WAAE Conference: June 29-July 3—Wenatchee, WA

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SUMNER FFA MEMBERS ATTEND WHITE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR

Two FFA members who solved a plant infestation problem in their high school greenhouse were honored Tuesday May 27, at a White House event for students who excel in science. Celine Patrick, 15, of Lake Tapps, Wash., and Ashlee Tarro, 15, of Auburn, Wash., are members of the Sumner High School FFA chapter in Sumner, Wash. Both were invited to the 2014 White House Science Fair that celebrates the accomplishments of student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions throughout the U.S. This year's event includes a specific focus on girls and women who have excelled in STEM and inspired the next generation with their work. Patrick and Tarro won first place in their category and division at the 2013 National FFA Agriscience Fair, an annual competition during the National FFA Convention & Expo that features the research and results of FFA members who plan on pursuing careers in the science and technology of agriculture. Their accomplishment earned them the special White House invite.

"In our school's greenhouse, we were having a serious infestation of aphids – or plant lice," Patrick said. "We didn't want to have to resort to the use of harsh pesticides to try and eliminate the infestation." The duo's research was paramount in creating healthy and safe plants for Sumner FFA members to take home to their mothers as Mother's Day gifts. "We explored alternative methods for their control," Tarro said. "All three of the methods that we tested proved safe, though some were more labor intensive than others." Both students this school year took an elective science classes; Patrick studied biotechnology while Tarro studied honors chemistry. In the White House East Room, Patrick and Tarro witnessed remarks by President Obama and have opportunities to interact with other guests, including their peers, professional scientists, senior government leaders and private sector representatives.

"We are happy to have Celine and Ashley as our honored guests," said Dr. Danielle Carnival, senior policy advisor at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. "The previous three science fairs have been favorite events of President Obama as he is always eager to learn more about what the most promising and impressive young scientists, engineers and inventors have been up to across the country."

For more information about this amazing experience check out:

Blog: <http://nationalffa.wordpress.com/2014/05/27/ffa-members-honored-at-2014-white-house-science-fair/>

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/nationalffa/posts/10152070438380458>

2014 STATE OFFICER TEAM RETIRES IN STYLE



The 2013-2014 State FFA Officer Team retired their offices at the annual state FFA Convention held in Pullman, Washington. Upon their retirement, the association provided lifetime FFA memberships to each officer, as well as FFA Alumni Blazers to each of the officers.

This strong group of leaders will continue to make an impact on the state through agricultural education, FFA, and alumni outreach.

Thank you for your service!

STATE PRESIDENT: APOLINAR BLANCO—CHELAN



Apolinar Blanco is a member of the Chelan FFA Chapter and member of the Class of 2014 at Chelan High School. He has been showing market hogs at the Chelan County Fair and North Central Washington Fair for the past five years and once again will be showing market hogs at both fairs this year. An interesting fact about Apolinar is that despite being Hispanic he cannot roll his R's.

Apolinar's goal for this upcoming year is to get more involved with the agricultural industry and to bring more diversity into this wonderful organization. This year is going to be a year of service for him and he is going to serve selflessly. Members are his main priority and rest assured he will represent them well. Apolinar comes from a hard working family. Apolinar has 3 sisters and 1 younger brother. His parents have taught him the principles of hard work and dedication. All of which he will bring to make sure that this year's ride on the FFA Highway is a smooth one. Apolinar Blanco is honored to represent you as the 2014-2015 Washington State FFA President. If you are interested in contacting Apol, he can be reached at: apolinar@washingtonffa.org.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT: REBECCA FOOTE—YELM



Rebecca Foote, 18, is currently serving as the 2014-2015 Washington FFA State Vice President. She is the daughter of Brian and Beth Foote as well as a sister to Sarah, Jessica, and Brian Foote. From her first four years of membership, Rebecca was very active in her Yelm Chapter. Throughout high school, she participated in sports, a youth leader in her church, coached a youth volleyball team, and spent countless hours volunteering in the community.

Rebecca spent the past year attending Washington State University and working with the winter wheat program. While trying to earn her degree in agricultural education, she spent her year working with the Gar-Pal FFA chapter. "It was the highlight of my week. I would show up and all the students were so kind and welcoming, it really made me feel important and excited about becoming a teacher."

During her year of service, she will travel the state of Washington promoting agricultural education and the FFA. While in office, Rebecca will speak to thousands of students and FFA supporters, and present numerous workshops. One of her responsibilities as a state officer is to develop relationships with leaders in the government, education, business, and agriculture sectors. If you are interested in contacting Becca, she can be reached at rebecca@washingtonffa.org

STATE SECRETARY: MAYA WAHL — LIND RITZVILLE



Hey WAFFA! My name is Maya Jane Wahl and I've been born and raised in the little town of Lind. I'm eighteen years old and have proudly served the Lind-Ritzville FFA Chapter and District 9 as president for the past two years. Something interesting about me you may not know: I've been a three sport athlete since my seventh grade year! I love volleyball, basketball, and running track! I'm the oldest of two kids in my family. My parents and little brother are my support system. I wouldn't be posting this bio if they had not pushed me along these past eighteen years and showed me that I can always be working on becoming a better me. I started showing market lambs my seventh grade year at the Wheatland's Communities Fair and have ever since. For the next year, I'm here to serve you, the members. My goal is to become a leader that the members can relate to. I hope to empower and encourage every member that I encounter to strive for excellence and shoot for the stars. The opportunities within this organization are endless, so I aspire to open as many doors for as many members as I possible can. To do this, I plan to assist in any way possible and show that if you set your mind to something and truly believe in it, you can actually attain your goals. I cannot wait for the upcoming year and all that may come with it. I am proud to be serving the Washington FFA and where the blue jacket. So, let's get out there and make our own memories and achieve our goals! If you are interested in contacting Maya, she can be reached at maya@washingtonffa.org.

STATE TREASURER: MEGAN MILLER, WHITE RIVER



Where do fish keep their money? In a river-bank! Hello, Washington FFA, my name is Megan Miller and I will keep, "a record of receipts and disbursements," for our association throughout the year as your 2014-2015 FFA State Treasurer! I attended White River High School and was President of the White River FFA Chapter. Throughout my time in the Blue and Gold I participated in numerous Career Development Events, such as Agricultural Issues Forum, Prepared Public Speaking and Job Interview – even representing our Washington Association at National FFA Convention. Additionally, I raised market hogs for the Northwest Junior Livestock Show as my Supervised Agricultural Experience, allowing me to earn my State Degree and eventually, my American Degree. Although agriculture is my life and passion now, I haven't always been a "farm kid." I grew up an "Army Brat" moving frequently – in fact, I have moved nine times before seventh grade; which allowed me to observe the "American Dream" from many different perspectives around the country. Experiencing this diverse background, and being able to settle on the family farm, allowed me to reconnect to my old roots and ignite my passion for the National FFA Organization and the agriculture industry. I now aspire to become an Agricultural Educator where, "I can exert an influence in my home and community," and continue to give back to the organization that has given so much to me; possibly working for the National FFA Organization someday. As your Washington FFA State Treasurer, I hope to recruit, encourage, and motivate our members, as well as advocate for agricultural education and represent the agriculture industry. I will use this year as a "year of service" to benefit the members - after all the members are the heart of the organization. I will encourage positively, motivate sincerely, serve selflessly and lead fearlessly for our Washington FFA Association. If you are interested in contacting Megan, she can be reached at megan@washingtonffa.org.

STATE REPORTER: SAMANTHA BROWN, STANWOOD

Samantha Brown grew up in a family with a history in FFA. Her mother was a member and District 1 officer back in high school. "My parents would take us out to summer fairs. Every time we would see a blue jacket, my mom would say 'I used to wear one of those!'" It was through her mom's selfless example of both leadership and love for agriculture that Sam joined the National FFA Organization.

Throughout high school, Sam's interest in both horses and leadership opportunities grew. She ran a small horse training operation as her SAE project and began to seek out ways to positively influence the lives of those around her. Running for a District Office let her follow in her mother's footsteps. Meeting members from District One was the highlight of her District officer career. Sam has competed in numerous CDE events in her four years as a member, however her favorite was Extemporaneous Public Speaking. Being elected as the first Washington State Officer from the Stanwood FFA Chapter, she credits everything to God, her family, advisors, chapter and her hometown. "I look forward to getting to know the rest of the members in our state and those who run our incredible agricultural industry", she said. She hopes that others will find passion in something they believe in. "Agriculture, just like FFA members, is interesting and diverse. I love learning new things about this industry and the people in it". If you would like to contact Samantha, she can be reached at Samantha@washingtonffa.org.



STATE SENTINEL: LIZ BUMSTEAD, PULLMAN

Lizbeth Bumstead is eager to spread her passion for agriculture. Liz hails from the Pullman area which is nestled in the rolling hills of the Palouse. Growing up in an area that is rich in farmland, she has quickly developed a love of agriculture. Riding the combine with her Great Uncle Merrill and taking her lambs to the Palouse Empire Fair every summer is among her fondest childhood memories. "At a young age I learned the importance of agriculture and taking care of the things that matter most to us," Bumstead states, "as well as the vital link between producers and consumers and the role they both play.

Upon entering Pullman High School as a freshman, Bumstead knew that joining the Pullman FFA Chapter was an obvious decision. Since joining the Pullman FFA Chapter Bumstead has served as a chapter and district officer while at the same time competing in CDE's at a local, district, state and even national level. She considers representing Washington in the Prepared Public Speaking CDE at the 2012 National FFA Convention her greatest achievement in FFA so far and looks forward to representing Washington again at the 2014 National Convention in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. While at Pullman High School she has succeed in more than just the FFA Chapter. Bumstead served in the Distinguished Young Women of Pullman program as the 2nd Alternate where she represented her community at parades and Community Outreach Programs.



When not handing out candy at various parades Bumstead can be found working with her Supervised Agriculture Experience. Sheep production has been the basis of Bumstead's SAE as she has raised and shown purebred Suffolks at shows across the Pacific Northwest since she was eight years old. In addition to sheep production, Bumstead has also raised show hogs for show as well as conducted research projects on Malignant Catarrhal Fever. Bumstead is excited to share with her passion for agriculture with the over 7,000 Washington FFA members this year. She also looks forward to working with the hundreds of industry representatives within this state. "Every member has a voice, an idea and an outlook," Bumstead stated, "My main goal for this year is to spread that voice, those ideas and outlooks within our schools, communities and our state!" If you would like to contact Lizbeth, she can be reached at Lizbeth@washingtonffa.org.

BEST OF LUCK TO THE 2014-2015 WASHINGTON FFA OFFICER TEAM

The 2014-2015 Washington State FFA Officer Team was elected in the final session of the 2014 State Convention in Pullman, Washington.

Congratulations to the new team that will continue to grow our organization and provide leadership for students across the state.

From left: Maya Wahl (Lind-Ritzville), Rebecca Foote (Yelm), Apolinar Blanco (Chelan), Megan Miller (White River), Samantha Brown (Stanwood), and Lizbeth Bumstead (Pullman). We are proud of you—and so excited to see what is in store this year!



WASHINGTON FFA WINNERS HEADED TO NATIONALS

STATE WINNING PROFICIENCIES

- Ag Education Placement**
Jaron Burke, Yelm
- Ag Service Entrepreneurship**
Dennis Grelis, Fife
- Ag Processing Placement**
Apolinar Blanco, Chelan
- Beef Production Entrep.**
Maggie Ashby, Castle Rock
- Dairy Production Placement:**
Janis DeJager, Nooksack Valley
- Diversified Ag Production:**
Matt Dehan, Yelm
- Diversified Livestock Prod:**
Riley Black, Ferndale
- Equine Science Entrep.**
JoHanna Leliefeld, Deer Park
- Fruit Production:**
Jesus Rodriquez, Chelan
- Forage Production:**
Gennaro Scotto, Yelm
- Goat Production Entrep:**
Sheridan Lantz, Yelm
- Grain Production Placement:**
Christopher Wiley, Prosser
- Small Animal Production:**
Maggie Elliot, Prosser
- Swine Production Entrep:**
Linsey Sturgill, Castle Rock

STATE STARS

- State Star Farmer:**
Sheridan Lantz, Yelm
- State Star in Agribusiness:**
John Symonds, Tonasket
- State Star in Placement:**
Mitch Jamison, Garfield-Palouse

NATIONAL CHAPTER

- Yelm
Mount Baker
Kamiakin
Elma
Deer Park
Finley
Mabton
Chelan
Rainier
Stanwood
Shelton
Winlock
Walla Walla
Cedarcrest
Wenatchee
Sumner
The Community School
(Spokane)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- Agricultural Communications:** Lynden High School
Agricultural Issues Forum: Liberty High School
Agricultural Sales: Ferndale High School
Agricultural Tech. and Mech Systems: Lynden Christian High School
Agronomy: Lind-Ritzville High School
Creed Speaking: Freeman High School
Environmental and Natural Resources: Sumner High School
Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Lizbeth Bumstead—Pullman High School
Farm Business Management: Lynden High School
Floriculture: Mount Baker High School
Food Science and Technology: Cashmere High School
Forestry: Chelan High School
Job Interview: Calli Hyder—Yelm High School
Livestock Evaluation: Asotin High School
Marketing Plan: Lind-Ritzville High School
Meats Evaluation and Technology: Lind-Ritzville High School
Milk Quality and Products: Lynden Christian High School
Nursery/Landscape: Kennewick High School
Parliamentary Procedure: Prosser High School
Prepared Public Speaking: Juan Gavette —Lynden High School
Veterinary Science: Ferndale High School

To be determined by fall contests: Dairy Judging, Dairy Handlers, Poultry Judging, Horse Judging

NATIONAL AGRISCIENCE FAIR QUALIFIERS

- Animal Systems Division 1: Yelm High School
Animal Systems Division 2: Sumner High School
Animal Systems Division 3: Sumner High School
Animal Systems Division 4: Sumner High School
Environmental Services/Natural Resources Division 1: Sumner High School
Environmental Services/Natural Resources Division 2: Sumner High School
Environmental Services/Natural Resources Division 4: Sumner High School
Food Products and Processing Systems Division 3: Sumner High School
Food Products and Processing Systems Division 4: Sumner High School
Plant Systems Division 1: Cedarcrest High School
Plant Systems Division 2: Sumner High School
Plant Systems Division 3: Sumner High School
Plant Systems Division 4: Sumner High School
Social Systems Division 1: Yelm High School
Social Systems Division 2: Toutle Lake High School
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems Division 1: Yelm High School
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems Division 2: Sumner High School

AMERICAN DEGREE CANDIDATES

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| Joshua Trimmell, Asotin | Shaylyn Goodall, Omak |
| Chase Teigen, Asotin | Rebekah Thomason, Omak |
| Nathan Weeks, Battle Ground | Mitchell McGreevy, Pomeroy |
| Ashley Catania, Battle Ground | Sydney Reynolds, Pullman |
| Bailey Peters, Centralia | Jacob Barth, Quincy |
| Guadalupe Villasenor, Chelan | Harley Sweitzer, Shelton |
| Chad Miller, Chelan | Mikala Presho, Springdale |
| Derek Ahl, Chelan | Levi Mason, Toledo |
| Sean Hess, Chelan | Wyatt O'Brien Tonasket |
| Erin Weber, Colton | Dalton Wahl, Tonasket |
| Skyler Watkins, Davenport | Sadie Long, Tonasket |
| Rachel Shrauger, Deer Park | Claire Thornton, Tonasket |
| William Bowdish, Goldendale | Grace Maldonado, Tonasket |
| Brandon Knodel, Lind-Rizville | Alicia Edwards, Tonasket |
| Amy Edmondson, Meridian | Karlie Henneman, Tonasket |
| Charlaine Utter, Moses Lake | Breanna Howell, Tonasket |
| | Amber Dainty, Washtucna |

