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Florida FFA Announces American FFA Degree Candidates

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida FFA is pleased to announce those students who have submitted an application to receive the coveted American FFA Degree. The American FFA Degree is the highest honor bestowed upon any regular member of the National FFA Organization. These applicants will be forwarded on to the National FFA Organization for consideration as candidates for the American FFA Degree. Each applicant will be recognized and given an opportunity to introduce themselves on the main stage during the 8th General Session of the 89th Florida FFA Convention on Friday, June 16, 2017. All award recipients should report to the holding room thirty minutes prior to the start of the session in which they are to be recognized

The 2017 American Degree applicants are:

Chapter	Student Name (First)	Student Name (Last)
Apopka SR	Jake A.	Dornbush
Apopka SR	Nick Robert	Shollenberger
Auburndale SR	Faith Danielle	Bailey
Auburndale SR	Faith Marie	Barnett
Auburndale SR	Wendell Allen	Lewis
Auburndale SR	Vanessa Renee	Norris
Auburndale SR	Kyle Eric	Smith
Baker County SR	Hunter	Burnsed
Baker County SR	Haley	Crews
Baker County SR	Jessica Lindsey	Harrell
Baker County SR	Bethany Julianna	Richardson
Baker County SR	Corley	Sweat
Bartow SR	Kathryn	Locke
Bell HS	Hannah Olivia	Hurst
Braden River	Micah Anne	Gallagher

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Braden River	Emily Elizabeth	Ralston
Bradford SR	Hailey Elizabeth	McElhenny
Brooksville SR	Sarah	Beyer
Brooksville SR	Ashley	Robinson
Brooksville SR	Jacob	Whelan
Bunnell SR	McKenzie	Smith
Bunnell SR	McKenzie	Smith
Chiefland SR	Lindsey Faith	Harris
Chiefland SR	Dakota Duane	Horlocker
Chiefland SR	Quin	Johnson
Chiefland SR	Wyatt	Plemmons
Chiefland SR	Kinsey	Ward
ChIPLEY	Jessica L.	Massey
Clay High	Brooke	Hathy
Cottondale	Colby Alexander	Hargrove
Cottondale	Mason Zane	Taylor
DeLand SR	Mason	Bishop
DeLand SR	Robert L.	Doyle III
DeLand SR	Trevor Anthony	Rosso
Deltona	Catharin	MacFarlane
Dixie SR	Caleb	McCall
Dixie SR	Whitney Marie	Stemple
Durant	Jacob	Burnette
Durant	Jonathan Lucas	Rowell
Durant	Michael Seven	Whitley
Ferguson SR	Brianna	Chin
Frostproof SR	Allison	Briggs
Ft. Pierce Westwood	Tanner	Dasher
Ft. White SR	Tessa Shelby	Coe
Ft. White SR	Alison Hollingsworth	DeLoach
Ft. White SR	Leta Katherine	English
Ft. White SR	Wyatt James	Kesead
Ft. White SR	Austin	Mattox
Haines City SR	Casey Delona	Harper
Kathleen SR	Cody Austin	Clark
Lafayette SR	Michaela L.	Shaw
Lafayette SR	Tyler Bree Ann	Smith
Lake Butler SR	Ashley Diane	O'Steen
Lake Butler SR	Savannah Lynn	Woodall
Lakewood Ranch SR	Caitlyn Jean	Corbran
Lakewood Ranch SR	Emily Nichole	Menno
Lecanto SR	Chalice	Brown
Lecanto SR	Elizabeth	Ladkani
Lecanto SR	Casey	Mayes
Madison Co. HS	Carlie Ann	Gina
Madison Co. HS	Sunni	Mays

Madison Co. HS	Ethan Perry	Ratliff
Madison Co. HS	Savannah	Salter
Malone	Chelsea LeeAnn	Edenfield
Miami SR	Alexandria Laoreal	Bando
Miami SR	Xavier Augusto Miranda	Colon
Middleburg SR	Laine	Allen
Middleburg SR	Christian	Hughes
Middleburg SR	Lindsay	Russell
Northview	Kaitlyn Nicole	Kleinatland
Northview	Bethany Cheyenne	Reynolds
Northview	Haylee Alease	Weaver
Northview	Courtney Bryce	Weekly
Oakleaf	William C.	Donaghy
Okeechobee Brahman	Julie Ann	Sharpe
Palmetto	Jackie	Berkey
Palmetto	Caleb Andrew	Summeralls
Plant City SR	Anna	Conrad
Plant City SR	Lindsey McClain	English
Santa Fe SR	Dana Patricia	Patterson
Sebring SR	Mariah Nichole	Alvarez
Sebring SR	Cassandra	Hare
Sebring SR	Emily	Little
Sneads	Orion	Outhit
South Sumter SR	William Cecil	Jameson
Steinbrenner	Kellie Francine	Zambito
Strawberry Crest	John Calvin	Banks
Strawberry Crest	Haley Christine	Flack
Strawberry Crest	Savannah Lynn	Vida
Trenton SR	Matthew R.	George
Trenton SR	Matthew R.	George
Trenton SR	Joshua H.	Harrison
Trenton SR	Aaryn	Lord
Trenton SR	Cody W.	Norton
Umatilla SR	Holly G.	Scott
Umatilla SR	Lane Edward	Vidrine
Varela (Felix) SR	Janelle Marie	Balceiro
Wekiva	Brett	Vorheis
Wesley Chapel	Spencer Thomas	Bass
West Florida	Miranda Marie	Vidak

ABOUT THE FLORIDA FFA STATE CONVENTION & EXPO

The annual state FFA convention and expo is the highlight of Florida FFA's year. Nearly 5,000 FFA members, advisors, administrators, alumni, parents and industry partners come together to celebrate the achievements

won by the past and present generations of agriculturalists, while continuing to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. Attendees will be inspired and motivated to take pride in our industry, serve our communities, and become leaders of the next generation.

While at the convention, FFA members and guests will experience motivational speakers, award presentations, exciting exhibits, challenging Career Development Events, and plenty of entertaining activities. Attendees can take a stroll through the Florida FFA Expo in search of the perfect career connection, attend a workshop to brush up on those leadership skills, or simply interact and share ideas with FFA members and advisors from across the state.

ABOUT THE FLORIDA FFA ASSOCIATION

The Florida FFA Association is a premier youth, leadership organization with over 18,000 middle and high school student members - as part of over 300 local FFA chapters across the state. FFA members participate in nearly 50 leadership and career development events each year. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

The Florida FFA Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control, supervise or approve local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the Florida FFA Association Constitution and Bylaws.

The Florida FFA Association affirms its belief in the value of all human beings and seeks diversity in its membership, leadership and staff as an equal opportunity employer.

THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MISSION

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems.

THE FFA MISSION

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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