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Update #2 - National FFA Convention

Yesterday, Madison FFA Co Presidents Cheyenne Hoppes and Cameron Waldroup walked across the big stage to accept Madison FFA's 3-star National Chapter Award. This award signifies Madison FFA chapter achievement in the National chapter award program. Only the top 3% of the more than 8,000 FFA chapters from across the nation attain this level of achievement which measures a program's overall well-roundedness and abilities to carry out the FFA mission statement and provide premier leadership, personal growth and career success for its members.

Additionally the freshman team of Josh Gray, Jennifer Blankenship, Zayde Haynie, James Smith, Elizabeth Griffin, Shelby Pack and Kaylee Campagna finalized their 2 day competition in the National FFA Conduct of Chapter Meeting (Novice Parliamentary Procedure) Event. They did a tremendous job representing Madison County in the state of North Carolina in the as they performed the very best they ever have when it counted the most, on the competition stage. We are extremely proud of them and they have learned and grown significantly in their leadership skills! Less than 3% of the more than 700,000 National FFA members ever participate in a National FFA contest.

Wayne Landers has been spotted several times performing all week with the National FFA Band. Wayne is the first Madison FFA member to ever be selected to the National FFA Band.

Today Madison Alum and last year State FFA officer, Anna Young will walk the big stage to receive her American degree. Less than 1% have FFA members ever obtained this prestigious achievement, the mark of the pinnacle of an FFA members growth in personal development.

Also while at the convention members have enjoyed attending the college 4 acre College and Career Expo, have listened to inspirational motivational speakers during the opening in General Session. Tuesday night members enjoyed and Old Dominion concert and last night watched the Cinch World professional Rodeo.

We have also seen 2004 Madison Alumni Dr. Tre Easterly. Dr. Easterly is the superintendent for the Science Expo CDE at the FFA National Convention.

He is currently an associate professor at University of Florida -Agriculture Education and Communications. His primary responsibility is training undergraduate and graduate teacher candidates to become agriculture teachers, FFA advisors and 4-H advisors.

Also a Madison Alum and State FFA officer from 3 years ago, Clark Fowler has attended the National Convention with NC State University where he has played an integral role in advocating for agriculture and promoting NC State University.

We appreciate all of Madison County schools continued support of the Madison agricultural education in FFA program. While members have enjoyed walking the streets of Indianapolis in the snow, we do plan to return home later on tonight.