

Salinas FFA 2024-2025

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Salinas FFA Program of Activities! Compiled within this you will find information in regards to the Salinas High School Agriculture Education program and FFA chapter as it currently stands. The Salinas FFA Chapter is student based and devoted to instilling leadership, hands on skills, and general knowledge into our members for them to apply to the agriculture industry. This Program of Activities can serve as a guide to members, alumni, administrators, and visitors to gain insight on our chapter, its characteristics and goals, or any additional information





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President's Message

Dear Salinas FFA Members, Supporters, and Community,

As my first year as the President of the Salinas FFA I am so excited to be the leader for the chapter. I have been an officer for the past 3 years and know what it means to be a leader. I promise that I will listen to every member and respect every opinion. I will always be here to help with livestock and public speaking competitions.

Sincerely, Madison Stagner (2024-2025)

Advisors' Message

Dear Salinas FFA Chapter Members,

As the advisors of Salinas FFA, we would like to welcome you to the chapter for the 2024-2025 school year. Your Salinas FFA Officers have a great year planned for you.

We hope to inspire you to become a leader in our chapter and in our community. The Salinas Agriculture Program will give you the tools to develop career skills, prepare you for college, make friends, and find a family within FFA. Salinas FFA is truly a family and you are always welcome. We will help guide you and coach you to be your best.

We hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities within Salinas FFA. Whether that is learning how to weld for the first time, fine tuning your public speaking skills, or competing with your Agriscience Fair Project at Salinas High. The opportunities are endless.

Sincerely,

Rachel Dalton



Officer Bio's



Madison Stagner - Hey, hey Salinas FFA! My name is Madison Stagner and I will be proudly serving YOU throughout the 2024-2025 year as Chapter President. This is my fourth, and sadly final year, as a member of the Salinas FFA Chapter and I am forever thankful for each and every opportunity this organization has blessed me with. I have shown multiple pigs and even a lamb and have been a part of the Livestock Show Team for four years now and have also found my niche in public speaking. I have competed in numerous competitions, including placing in the for Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous. Serving this

chapter for the past three years and as Reporter of our Section has allowed me to grow in multiple facets, and I extend my gratitude to you all for these opportunities. Let's zip up our blue jackets & get right into another successful year!



Regina Lopez - Hey, Salinas FFA! I'm Regina Lopez, and I'm excited to serve as your Vice President for the 2024-2025 school year. Currently a junior at Salinas High School, I'm in my third year with FFA. Over the past three years, I've gained experience through public speaking competitions, livestock raising, and attending leadership conferences. I'm also honored to be the Secretary for the Monterey Bay Section. When I'm not in my FFA jacket, you can usually find me at Starbucks, shopping, playing sports, or enjoying time with family and friends. My goal this year is to help ensure our chapter runs smoothly and that everyone has an enjoyable experience. Looking forward to a great year together!



Lily Tenorio - Hello, Salinas FFA members! My name is Lily Tenorio and I will be serving as your chapter secretary for the 2024-2025 year! As secretary, I make sure our team runs smoothly and efficiently by keeping us organized. I manage meeting minutes, facilitate clear communication, keep our records organized and most importantly keeping chapter correspondence. I am still relatively new to showing animals but I have spent this last year raising pigs and a goat for fair. I instantly became hooked on FFA when I participated in Agriculture has become a big part of my life and it is my new found passion to do much more for my years to come. Outside of FFA I really enjoy traveling, especially to new places and going on runs around nature. This year I hope to compete in many events, grow in new areas, and represent YOU as your chapter secretary.



Riley Whisler - Hey Salinas FFA! My name is Riley Whisler and I'm serving as your Chapter Treasurer for the 2024-2025 year. I organize the chapter budget for the whole year, complete financial paperwork, and approve investments. This is my fourth year in Salinas FFA and my first and last year serving in office as I will be graduating in May of 2025. Outside of FFA, I competitively show horses and dairy cattle across the state. I grew up in the saddle and it has been a passion of mine since I can remember. Over the past few years I have also found my spark for the dairy industry in which time I have grown my small herd of jersey show cattle and work for the only remaining dairy in Monterey County. FFA has allowed me to take my passion for the dairy industry and showcase it by competing in SAE project competitions. This past year I was selected as a state finalist and competed at the California State FFA Convention with my Dairy Production Placement project! My goal for this year is to get to know each and every one of our members and encourage them to step outside of their comfort zones to explore all that FFA has to offer. I can't wait to see what this year brings!



Grayson Abbott- Hey Salinas FFA! My name is Grayson Abbott and I will be serving as your 2024-2025 chapter Reporter. This year I am a Junior here at Salinas High school and have been involved in our AG department since freshman year. Over the last three years I have been heavily involved in FFA. I traveled with a group of our members to the National Conference last november. Along with that attended state conference, MFE, Greenhand leadership conference, COLC, and several CDE's. In my free time you can catch me traveling all over the state and sometimes the country to show animals. I have been showing animals since 4th grade but have been competitive in it since my freshman year. Some other things I love to do are to hang out with friends, go to the beach, and travel all over (fun fact I have been to 28 states). This year as your reporter I can't wait to take pictures, capture memories of all our amazing events, and highlight our chapter like never before.



Paige Nielsen- Hi Salinas FFA! My name is Paige Nielsen and I am looking forward to serving our chapter as the 2024-2025 Sentinel this year! This is my first year as an officer and second as an FFA member. A few activities that I enjoy are hanging out with friends, showing my rabbits, and playing volleyball. When I first started FFA as a freshman I wanted to do public speaking and work with animals. I participated in Creed public speaking and signed up for our chapter's livestock team and it took off from there. I got hooked when I joined my first competition team and that inspired me to become more involved in FFA and give back to our chapter members as a leader they can look up to.



Our Advisors

Mrs. Dalton - This year will mark Mrs. Dalton’s ninth year at Salinas High. She teaches three Ag science courses as well as Animal Care and Veterinary Science. She is an alum of Fresno State with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education and a Master of Agricultural Education degree from Cal Poly, SLO. She lends a helping hand to students with livestock and animal science SAE's, coaches numerous public speaking teams, veggie judging, and an Agriscience Fair team. Her favorite time of year is when freshmen members zip up their FFA jackets for the first time.

Salinas High Administration and Support Staff

<p><u>Counselors</u> McCullough, Kristin Bowling, Leslie Peña, Christina Bobadilla, Noemi Jauregui, Orlando Cardozo, Iliana Guzman, Elvia Gonzalez, Veronica MartinezAngeles, Janet</p> <p><u>Secretaries</u> Barajas, Amra Secretary II Martinez, Angelica Secretary II Medina, Valeria Secretary II</p>	<p><u>Administration</u> Dover, Mark Activities Director Mariscal, Hugo Principal Moises, Vivian Asst. Principal Schmidt, Ed Asst. Principa</p>
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Rodriguez, Rosa Secretary II



Current FFA Officer Teams

Salinas FFA Officers

President	Madison Stagner
Vice President	Regina Lopez
Secretary	Lily Tenorio
Treasurer	Riley Whisler
Reporter	Grayson Abbot
Sentinel	Paige Nielsen
Historian	Audery DeCarli

Monterey Bay Section FFA Officers

President	Elliot Porcello (Everett Alvarez FFA)
Vice President	Ditza Dominguez (Soledad FFA)
Secretary	Regina Lopez (Salinas FFA)
Treasurer	Valeria Beltran (Gonzales FFA)
Reporter	Lesley Barrera (Soledad FFA)
Sentinel	Anthony Preciado (Gonzales FFA)
Historian	Janeth Marcos (Watsonville FFA)

South Coast Region FFA Officers

President	Mark Mitchell (Templeton FFA)
Vice President at Large	Andrea Puente (Watsonville FFA)
Vice President(Santa Clara Section)	Sawyer Tankersley (Gilroy FFA)
Vice President(Monterey Bay Section)	Issac Pizano (Soledad FFA)
Vice President(San Luis Obispo Section)	Jaycee Salas (Atascadero FFA)
Vice President(Santa Barbara Section)	Sophia Esparza (Nipomo FFA)
Vice President(Ventura Section)	Evelyn Calkins (Carpinteria FFA)
Regional Secretary	Samuel Herne (King City FFA)
Regional Treasurer	Angel Pineda (Carpinteria FFA)
Regional Reporter	Kayce Van Horn (Santa Maria FFA)
Regional Sentinel	Nola Zavla (Nipomo FFA)

State FFA Officers

President	Camille Zavala (Kingsburg FFA)
Vice President	John Dein (Turlock Christian FFA)
Secretary	Gianna Gonzalez (Hilmar FFA)
Treasurer	Melissa Lua-Duarte (Santa Maria FFA)
Reporter	Carlos Nunez (Santa Maria FFA)



National FFA Officers

President	Amara Jackson (Michigan)
Secretary	Grant Norfleet (Missouri)
Vice President(Western Region)	Emily Gossett (New Mexico)
Vice President(Southern Region)	Carter Howell (Florida)
Vice President(Central Region)	Kanyon Huntington (Iowa)
Vice President(Eastern Region)	Morgan Anderson (Ohio)

Salinas FFA Presidents:

- 2024-2025: Madison Stagner
- 2023-2024: Austin Bellew
- 2022-2023: Anahi Lopez
- 2021-2022: Wesley Hill
- 2020-2021: Tayler Baldwin
- 2019-2020: Taylor Sollecito
- 2018-2019: Alex Burgess
- 2017-2018: Alex Burgess
- 2016-2017: Megan Wasson
- 2015-2016: Megan Wasson
- 2014-2015: Morgan Dawes
- 2013-2014: Karina Medrano
- 2012-2013: Kacee Wynn
- 2011-2012: Taylor Arias
- 2010-2011: Alyssa Wygal
- 2009-2010: Rebecca Tucker
- 2008-2009: Carolyn Andrus
- 2007-2008: Julie Laughton
- 2006-2007: Julie Laughton
- 2002-2003: Jane Cochrane
- 1994-1995: Robin Ward
- 1984-1985: Maddi Watje



FFA Information

The FFA Mission

From the National FFA Organization (2019)

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.

To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship.

The FFA Motto

The FFA Motto summarizes the basis to the FFA Organization in twelve short words. These words serve as a guideline to the behavior displayed by and goals of FFA members nationwide.

**“Learning to do,
Doing to learn,
Earning to live,
Living to serve.”**

The Official FFA Colors

The official colors of the FFA Organization are National Blue and Corn Gold. These two colors serve to represent the unity of the organization and the history it holds.



The FFA Code of Ethics

From the National FFA Organization (2019)

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion. (See page 29 for proper use of Official Dress.)
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

*Adopted by the delegates at the 1952
National FFA Convention. The Code of Ethics
was revised by the delegates at the 1995
National FFA Convention.*

Official FFA Dress and the FFA Jacket

The Official Dress/Uniform of the National FFA Organization is centralized around the official FFA Jacket. For women the uniform consists of the FFA jacket, a white button up collared shirt with an official FFA scarf, a knee length black pencil skirt or black slacks, black nylons (nude in the state of California), and black closed toed heels at a modest height. For men the uniform includes the FFA jacket, a white button up collared shirt with the official FFA tie, black dress slacks, and black dress shoes.

The FFA jacket is the ultimate symbol and pride of the National FFA Organization. It is the representation of a longtime history of the Future Farmer of America since its establishment in 1933. The FFA Jacket shall always be worn with pride as it represents the individual, the chapter, the state association, and the national organization.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

National FFA Organization (2019)



The blue corduroy jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, it is one of your responsibilities to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below.

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, region, district or area.
- The front of the jacket should have only a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented.
- It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
- Members should refrain from the use of tobacco and alcohol when underage and at all times when representing FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
- All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception of a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key. These should be worn above the name or attached to a standard degree chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent 1.) the highest degree earned, 2.) the highest office held and 3.) the highest award earned by the member.

Degrees in the FFA

There are four degrees available to FFA members. The lowest being the Greenhand FFA Degree and the highest being the American FFA Degree.

Greenhand FFA Degree: The Greenhand FFA Degree is available to be earned by first year



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members of the FFA Organization. This degree is earned by first year students that show an exceptional level of engagement within the chapter.

Chapter FFA Degree: The Chapter FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be given out at the chapter level. This degree can be earned by students that have completed a minimum of one semester of a vocational agriculture class, earned a baseline of \$100.00 through their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and have put 150 hours into those projects.

California State FFA Degree: The California State FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be earned under the State Association. This degree is available to three percent of the statewide FFA membership. The base requirements of this degree include the member being able to display leadership skills, hold a knowledge of parliamentary procedure, have earned \$1000.00 through Supervised Agricultural Experiences, and invested 500 hours into those experiences.

American FFA Degree: The American FFA Degree is the highest degree available in all of the FFA Organization. This degree is available to those that truly exemplify the elite level of the FFA Organization. Those who receive this degree must be high school graduates with a minimum “C” average, received their State FFA Degree, have an earning of \$10,000 from Supervised Agricultural Experiences (with exceptions outlined in application), took a minimum of three years of agriculture education courses, and display great contribution into their communities.

The FFA Creed

By Erwin Milton Tiffany

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds – achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and



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enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the Third National FFA Convention. It was revised at the 38th and 63rd Conventions.

The FFA Emblem

The FFA emblem represents all that is the FFA Organization. The emblem is depicted on the official FFA jacket amongst many other items ranging from handbooks to awards.



Each aspect depicted in the emblem symbolizes a meaning.

- ❑ The Cross section of corn serves as a representation of unity within the organization as the crop can be grown in all areas of the United States.
- ❑ The rising sun displays the concept of progress. This symbolizes that times change and each day brings new opportunity.
- ❑ The plow represents labor and tillage of the soil. America and the FFA were both founded on agriculture and with that comes hard work and dedication.
- ❑ The eagle represents freedom. The FFA is open to allowing students chase their individual dreams and interests by gearing projects and lessons towards items that draw the students in.

- ❑ The owl is a representation of knowledge. In the industry of agriculture and life as a



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whole knowledge is a key to prosperity.

- ❑ The words “Agricultural Education” and “FFA” are depicted to show the combination of leadership, education, and the agricultural industry encompassed in the organization.

Career & Leadership Development Events (CDE/LDE)

The California FFA Association offers 43 CDEs, LDEs, and a few additional competitions geared towards student’s interest. These competitions range from Citrus Evaluation to Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

CDEs:

1. Agribusiness (Farm) Management
2. Agricultural Pest Control
3. Agricultural Sales
4. Agricultural Science Fair
5. Agricultural Tech and Mechanics
6. Agricultural Welding
7. Agronomy
8. Citrus Evaluation
9. Computer Applications
10. Cooperatives
11. Cotton Evaluation
12. Dairy Cattle Evaluation
13. Farm Power and Machinery
14. Farm Record Book (AET)
15. Floriculture
16. Food Science & Technology
17. Forestry
18. Fruit Tree Pruning
19. Fruit Tree Evaluation
20. Grapevine Pruning
21. Grapevine Evaluation
22. Light Horse Evaluation
23. Livestock Evaluation
24. Marketing Plan
25. Meats Evaluation and Technology
26. Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
27. Natural Resources and Environment
28. Nursery/ Landscape

29. Poultry Evaluation



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30. Small Engines
31. Soil and Land Evaluation
32. Vegetable Crop Evaluation
33. Veterinary Science

LDEs:

1. Agricultural Issues Forum
2. Creed Speaking
3. Employment Skills (Job Interview)
4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
5. Impromptu Public Speaking
6. Parliamentary Procedure
7. Prepared Public Speaking

Additional Activities/Competitions:

1. Best Informed Greenhand
2. Program of Activities
3. Scrapbook

FFA Proficiency Awards

The FFA Organization offers numerous awards for students showing extreme excellence in their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects. The awards are divided into four categories and include as follows;

Entrepreneurship

- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Agricultural Sales
- Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Diversified Crop Production
- Equine Science
- Grain Production
- Swine Production

Placement

- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Agricultural Sales
- Beef Production
- Dairy Production

- Diversified Crop Production



- Equine Science
- Grain Production
- Swine Production

Combined (Combination project between Placement and Entrepreneurship):

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Services
- Diversified Agricultural Production
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources
- Fiber and or/Oil Crop Production
- Food Science and Technology
- Forage Production
- Forest Management and Products
- Fruit Production
- Goat Production
- Home and/or Community Development
- Landscape Management
- Nursery Operations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production
- Sheep Production
- Small Animal Production and Care
- Specialty Animal Production
- Specialty Crop Production
- Turf Grass Management
- Vegetable Production
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Production and Management

Agriscience Research

- Animal Systems
- Integrated Systems
- Plant Systems



California FFA offers four main events/conferences to enhance the leadership skills and FFA involvement for members. These include, Greenhand Leadership Conference, Made For Excellence Conference, Advanced Leadership Academy, and the Sacramento Leadership Experience. These events are geared to help students expand their knowledge of the agriculture industry, the FFA, leadership, and for personal growth.

Additional Leadership Activities

The FFA Organization also offers numerous other conventions, conferences, and experiences for leadership. COLC (Chapter Officer Leadership Conference), SOLC (Sectional Officer Leadership Conference), and ROLC (Regional Officer Leadership Conference) are three conferences held to help officers at various levels learn how to execute their year of service properly. The California FFA Association also hosts the annual California State FFA Leadership Conference each April. At this conference FFA members nationwide gather together for conference sessions, workshops, and delegates vote on important FFA legislation and new State Officers. Two conferences/conventions are offered at the national level. The Washington Leadership Conference, which is an exclusive one week conference aimed at students pursuing high positions of leadership and the National FFA Convention, which is the largest gathering of FFA members.



The History of Salinas FFA

The start of agriculture education and the FFA...

The start of agricultural education programs can be marked by the passing of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act of 1917. In 1925 a group of educators at Virginia Tech established a group specifically for boys in agriculture education. This group became the Future Farmers of Virginia, of which would evolve to become the Future Farmers of America. In 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri the first National FFA Convention was held, at this convention 33 delegates from 18 states voted to establish the national organization of the Future Farmers of America. Close to 100 years later the FFA organization is still thriving and is the largest youth organization in existence. The FFA Organization is built upon youth development through the nation's greatest industry, agriculture.

Salinas FFA, home of the Cowboys...

The Salinas FFA Chapter is located in the “Salad Bowl of the World,” the Salinas Valley. Being in an area with such deep roots in agriculture, Salinas High School has also held a long history in agriculture education. The Salinas FFA chapter was chartered in 1935 and still remains an active and flourishing chapter today.

The Salinas FFA is a part of the Monterey Bay Section FFA, within the South Coast Region, and the California FFA Association. Ultimately being a part of the National FFA Organization, the Future Farmers of America.



Awards, Degrees and other Recognition Through the Years

California State FFA Officers from Salinas

Taylor Sollecito	2022-2021	Reporter
Dale Terry	1951-1952	Reporter
Claude Ponting	1956-1957	Secretary

California State FFA Proficiency Winners

Ryan Watje	1988-1989	Swine Production
Brent McKinsey	2005-2006	Vegetable Production, Placement
Brent McKinsey	2006-2007	Emerging Ag Technology

California State FFA CDE Champions

TEAM	1957	Vegetable Judging
TEAM	1975	Light Horse Judging
Prepared Public Speaking	1959	Larry Eddings

California State FFA Star Farmers

Bruno Sala	1959	State Star Farmer
Ryan Watje	1990	State Star Farmer

State Chapter Awards

1999	State Superior Chapter
2000	Gold Award Chapter
2001	Gold Award Chapter
2002	Gold Award Chapter
2003	Gold Award Chapter

California State FFA Degree Recipients



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<p>1999 Maggie Richardson Tiffany Breech Jacklyn Hunter Christina Waligora</p> <p>2000 Nicole Howell Lindsay Buckner Matt Coulter Jamie Sempek</p> <p>2002 Ann Cochran Kristyn Coulter Colin Davis April Fanning Julie McDougall</p> <p>2003 Jane Cochran Kate Cochran</p> <p>2004 Brandon Brooks Brittney Foster Lacy Heacox</p> <p>2005 Jennifer Buckner Michelle Bush Mollie Dorrance Erin Krieg</p>	<p>2006 Brent McKinsey Julie Laughton Quinn Snowden Shannon Heston Tricia Walker</p> <p>2007 Lauren Coakley Holly Felice Jillian Jefferson Megan O'Grady Rebecca Riddle</p> <p>2008 Leslie Wayman</p> <p>2009 Andrea Blomquist Michael Braasch Kayla Bradley Jeff Dominici Matthew Doughty Ilana Pickard Ashley Pollacci Cassandra Rodriguez Summer Schultz Jacob Tidwell Megan Vanoli</p>	<p>2009 Andrea Blomquist Michael Braasch Kayla Bradley Jeff Dominici Matthew Doughty Ilana Pickard Ashley Pollacci Cassandra Rodriguez Summer Schultz Jacob Tidwell Megan Vanoli</p> <p>2010 Alyssa Wygal Rebecca Rotter Vanessa Fernandez Rebekah Tucker Robert Wayman</p> <p>2011 Taylor Arias Danielle Caldeira Garth Graham Hanna Leeke Nathan Michaels Chris Murry Natasha Ramirez Jacob Schoch</p>	<p>2012 Justin Carroll MacKenzie Mouisset Cooper Schied Nicolas Ornelas Ethan Heacox Brianna Watkins Kacie Wynne Zach Taylor Jared Foley</p> <p>2013 Shane Calendar Jarret Carroll Katherine Daniels Mark Gallegos Amanda Butorac-Gonzales Lauren Ivey Karina Medrano Juan Munguia Cristian Ornelas Sade Rivera Morgan Scettrini Wade Violin</p> <p>2017 Brett Reade Michael Sewell Aubry Hilbert Ana Padilla Zoey Jimenez Olivia Gutierrez Chloe Lepe Megan McAuliffe Hayden Gray Reba Hayward Megan Wasson</p>
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California State FFA Degree Recipients (Continued)

2018	2019	2020	2021
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<p>Kendra Urquides Joseph Evers Kiley Piini Andrew Meza Alex Burgess Maddy Black Katie Grossman Anika Baker Tiana Aldrete</p>	<p>Tyler Carroll Jessica Stewart Catheryn Stace Taylor Sollecito Emileigh Clinton Melanie Carroll Caden Romero Kaylee Jimenez Landon Laporte</p>	<p>Karla Ahumada Tayler Baldwin Luke Silva Laci Silva Kayln Stein Isabel Pozas Jack Borel Ava Kapsalis</p>	<p>Wesley Hill Mari Horwath</p>
<p>2022 Anahi Lopez Alejandra Ahumada</p>	<p>2023 Luke Borel Nolan Borel Ty Castro Catherine Pozas Hailey Busch Alexis Busch Alex Sewell Carly Vorwerck Hayden Laporte</p>	<p>2024 Austin Bellew Garhett Atkins Riley Whisler Cadee Guzman Madison Stagner Maddie Hostert William Freshwater Indy Aguilar Jack Lindley Liam Roberts LaurenWendt</p>	

National FFA American Degree Recipients

<p>2010 Cassandra Rodriguez</p> <p>2011 Mathew Doughty</p> <p>2012 Alyssa Wygal Jacob Tidwell Llana Pickard Megan Vanoli</p> <p>2013 Taylor Arias</p>	<p>2021 Melanie Carroll Emileigh Clinton</p>
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Garth Graham	
2019	
Olivia Gutierrez	
Aubry Hilbert	

Chapter Awards and Honors

<u>Chapter Star Greenhands</u>	<u>Chapter Star Farmers</u>	<u>Chapter Star in Agriscience</u>
2013/14- Megan Wasson	2014-2015 Megan Wasson	2017/18-Tayler Baldwin
2014/15- Liz Whalen and Michael Payne	2015-2016 Liz Whalen	2018/19 - Karla Ahumada
2015/16- Julia Bell	2016-2017 Ana Padilla	<u>Service above Self</u>
2016/17- Taylor Sollecito	2017/18-Aubry Hilbert	2018/19 - Taylor Sollecito, Mikey Gutierrez
2017/18-Isabel Pozas	2018/19 - Alex Burgess	
2018/19 - Mari Horwath, Covin Sigala	2019/20 -	
2019/20 - Gavin Lepai, Alejandra Ahumada	2020/21	
2020/21 -	2021/22	
2021/22 - Austin Bellew, Madison Stagner	2022/23- Riley Whisler	
2022/23- Regina Lopez	2023/24- Regina Lopez, Madison Stagner	
2023/24- Audrey Decarli		

Honorary Chapter Degree Recipients

2016/17:

Mr. and Mrs. Wasson

Mr. and Mrs. Padilla

Mr. and Mrs. Hayward

2017/2018:

Mr. and Mrs. Grossman

Mr. and Mrs. Jimenez

2018/2019:

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess

Mr. and Mrs. Romero



AG PATHWAYS AT SHS



MECHANICS

AG MECHANICS
1/2



AG MECHANICS
3/4



ENVIRONMENTAL HORTICULTURE

HORTICULTURE
AND
LANDSCAPING



GOV & ECON

AGRICULTURAL
GOVERNMENT
AND ECONOMY



BIOLOGY

SUSTAINABLE
AG BIO

AG CHEM

ADVANCED AG
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FRESHMAN CLASSES CONSIST OF AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGY AND AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS 1-2. THESE CLASSES ARE UC APPROVED AND ARE APART OF OUR AG SCIENCE PATHWAY AND AG MECHANICS PATHWAY. TALK TO A SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR TO ENROLL TODAY!



Salinas FFA Calendar 2024-2025

August		September	
6	First Day of School	10-15	Santa Cruz County Fair
10	MCF Kick-Off BBQ	21	Blue and Gold Games
11	MCF Pen Set Ups	20	September Meeting
15	Back to School Social		
27-2	Monterey County Fair		
October		November	
1-6	San Benito County Fair	11	No School
9	Opening & Closing	12	Gizdich Pie Pickups
12-13	COLC	19	November Meeting
15	Farm Clean Up		Toy Drive Collection
17	Greenhand Leadership Conference		
20	Livestock Introductory Meeting		
24	Livestock Returning Showmen Meeting		
31	October Meeting		
December		January	
11	Public Speaking Contest in King City	6	Back to School
13	December Meeting	15	January Meeting
	Semester Ends (Minimum Day)	26-27	MFE & ALA
		29	Job Interview & Coops
February		March	
18-21	National FFA Week	6	Regional Elections & Public Speaking
21	After School Meeting	13	March Meeting
23-24	Regional Officer Screening	20	Project Competition Banquet
April		May	
3-6	State Conference in Sacramento	2	Salinas FFA Award Lunch
18	April Meeting	6	End of Year Celebration
26	Sectional Beach Day	10	SVF Pen Set Up
		13-18	Salinas Valley Fair
		30	Last Day of School
	State Degree Banquet		



Chapter Budget

Salinas FFA Budget 2024-2025

Expenses

		3683		
Month	Event	Budgeted	Actual	Notes
July	Officer Retreat	500		\$330 groceries, Burgers \$200
	Officer Polos	380	380	
August	FFA Meeting	200		Pizza and waters- Last May pizza was \$180
	FFA Supplies	200		Thank yous, gavel, etc
September	SOLC	100		
	FFA Meeting	200		for food- student of the month GC, supplies for other meetings
October	Advisory Meeting	50		food for meetings
	FFA Jackets	250		Shipping and Subsidy for first year members
November	FFA Meeting	50		Drinks and decorations
December	FFA Meeting	200		Cookies, frosting, etc
January	FFA Meeting	200		
	Greenhand Week	300		
February	8th Grade Recruitment	100		Buena Vista and San Benancio Visits
	FFA Week	400		
	FFA Bounce House	1800		
	R/O Screening and CATA	75		Required
March	FFA Meeting	200		
	State Conference	1000		Amount put towards final cost to lower price
April	State Degree Banquet	100		
	FFA Meeting	200		
May	End of Year Celebration (Banquet)	500		This is reserved if boosters arent paying
	Banquet Awards	250		
		7255		



Salinas FFA Committee Structure and Membership

This year the Salinas FFA Chapter will be placing a new emphasis on committees and their memberships.

Building Communities

Primary Activities/Responsibilities

Throughout this committee there will be activities and opportunities for economic, environmental and citizen development. This will teach members how it is important to build up connections and also come back and help your community.

Committee Chair: TBD

Growing Leaders

Primary Activities/Responsibilities

This committee helps embark on personal growth through our members. This committee will bring up scholarship, career and other healthy lifestyle opportunities. Being able to grow as an individual will improve the chapter members and help them towards their future goals.

Committee Chair: TBD

Strengthening Agriculture

Primary Activities/Responsibilities

This committee will have members help support the education and knowledge of agriculture. Being able to support the members in their needs and safety is important for every meeting, competition or field trip. Agriculture advocacy and literacy is what this committee will focus on.

Committee Chair: TBD

Membership of these committees will be composed of students in pursuit of their State FFA Degrees as well as the Vice-President and President presiding over them. Membership is not limited to just the people listed.



Committee Goals, Objectives and Plans

At the Salinas FFA Officer retreat, our officers come together to discuss and create the goals for our chapter. These are created to give our year of service a direction and to create ideals for our chapter. The goals created are divided up into three sections: Student Goals, Chapter Goals, and Community Goals. The 2023-2024 goals are as follows:

Student Goals

FFA Thanksgiving : This year our team has decided on a cohesive theme to our events! We have chosen to have a Thanksgiving dinner for our November meeting to bring a sense of inclusion to our chapter. Throughout the years in our chapter there has been a divide and we plan on closing that gap. This meeting will help our members to get to know each other and gain new friendships.

Agriscience Fair: In our science classes, students are required to create an agriscience project as their final in these science classes. The teacher will then hold a mock agriscience fair to prepare our students for the actual Career Development Event if they choose to compete.

Chapter Goals

Farm Open House: In the past few years we have created this open house at our school farm to showcase all that our FFA chapter has to offer. All of our classes bring a project that the members have been working on to display while the public comes to observe what our chapter and FFA is about. This also gives incoming freshmen a chance to decide if they would like to participate in our program.

Community Goals

Tree of Peace: Every year our chapter decorates the Christmas tree that is displayed at the Salinas Steinbeck Center for the Tree of Peace Lighting Ceremony. The floral class creates the decorations and then comes early to place them on the tree while our top creed speaker and one officer give a presentation to those who come to see the lighting. This has been beneficial to our chapter to become a community member to Salinas.

T&A Family Day: During the Tanimura and Antle Family Day, our chapter does its part for the community by making sure trash is picked up and taken care of. This helps us reach out to our community members who support us.



Point Awards System

Each student needs to earn 4 points every quarter for 10% of their final grade in all agriculture courses. Students have many opportunities to fulfill the point requirements.

Here are possible points, broken down by quarter:

Italicized list items indicate that the activity is available to specific members only.

Quarter 1 (August 6 - October 6)

- MCF Kickoff BBQ (1)
- Dodgeball Lunch Social (1)
- MCF Pop-Up Event (1)
- Ocean Mist Festival (1)
- Blue and Gold Games (1)
- September Meeting(1)
- Pop-Up Football Game (1)
- Opening & Closing Participant (1)
- *SOLC (1) and/or COLC (1)*
- *Farm Clean Up (1)*

Quarter 2 (October 15 - December 13)

- *Greenhand Leadership Conference (1)*
- *Pie Sales (5 pies = 1 point)*
- *Boosters BBQ (1)*
- October Meeting (1)
- November Meeting (1)
- Toy Drive Donations (1)
- *Public Speaking Participant (1)*
- December Meeting (1)



Quarter 3 (January 6 - March 21)

- January Meeting (1)
- *MFE/ALA (1)*
- National FFA Week (Up to 4)
 - Planned activities will be announced later on
- *Regional Meeting & Public Speaking (1)*
- *March Meeting (1)*
- *Project Competition Banquet (1)*
- *Veggie Judging (1)*

Quarter 4 (March 21 - May 30)

- *April Meeting (1)*
- *State Degree Banquet (1)*
- Sectional Beach Day (1)
- *Sectional Elections (1)*
- Awards Banquet (1)
- End of the year Celebration (1)



Salinas FFA Chapter Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution and Bylaws – Revised July 2025

Moved by: Grayson Abbott

Seconded by: Regina Lopez

Approved

ARTICLE I - Name and Purposes

Section A: The name of this organization shall be “ Salinas FFA” Members are hereinafter referred to as “FFA members” and the letters “FFA” may be used to designate the chapter, it’s activities, or members thereof.

Section B: The purpose for which this chapter is formed are as follows:

1. To develop a better understanding of agricultural education and the industry.
2. To create and nurture a passion for the most crucial industry in our country.
3. To strengthen the confidence of members in themselves and their work.
4. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agricultural programs and establishment in the agriculture industry.
5. To encourage members to improve their community through servant leadership.
6. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
7. To participate in cooperative effort.
8. To encourage and practice thrift.
9. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
10. To prepare the future generations of agriculture.

ARTICLE II - Organization

Section A.

The Salinas FFA is a chartered local unit of the California Association of FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B.

This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the California Association of FFA, which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Article III - Membership



Section A.

Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: Active, Alumni, and Honorary.

Section B.

The regular work of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership in good standing.

Section C.

Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D.

Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. They attend local chapter meetings with responsible regularity.
2. They show an interest in, and take part in the affairs of the chapter.
3. They are enrolled in an agricultural class at Salinas High School for the entire school year.
4. They displays conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of The National FFA Organization

Section E.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the lead advisor.

ARTICLE IV - Emblems

Section A.

The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B.

Emblems used by the members shall be uniform and those obtained from concerns officially designed by the National Organization of FFA.

ARTICLE V - Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section A.

1. There shall be four degrees of active membership in this chapter.
 - a. These degrees are: (1) Greenhand FFA Degree (2) Chapter FFA Degree (3) State Degree (4) American Degree
 - b. The requirements for The Salinas FFA Greenhand Degree are as follows: participation in all Greenhand week activities and completion of the passport. The passport must be turned in on the day of the pinning ceremony. All activities must be logged in AET to be counted.

- c. The requirements for The Salinas FFA Chapter Degree are as follows: completed



AET application turned in by the deadline and attendance at the pinning ceremony. A passport similar to greenhand may be used at the discretion of the officer and advisors.

- d. The requirements for seniors to receive a sash for graduation is to either earn a State Degree or be enrolled in an AG class for 4 years. In order to walk graduation with the sash they must attend the awards ceremony to receive the sash.
2. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding the Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin, both below their name on an official FFA Jacket.
 3. All members who earn the State FFA Degree will wear their pin above their name.
 4. Qualifications for The Greenhand and Chapter Degrees will be chosen by the chapter but must at a minimum meet the criteria listed in the FFA Manual.

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Section A.

The officers of the chapter shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor, (Historian if needed). The advisor shall be a teacher of agriculture education in the school where the chapter is located. Officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices as outlined in the current National FFA handbook and Salinas FFA Program of Activities.

Section B.

Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote and an interview of members in good standing. Senior officers in good standing and the lead advisor make up the elections committee. Election requirements: Application, interview, and a final vote.

Section C.

This Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the chapter in accordance with actions taken at chapter meetings and various regulations or by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D.

Honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the chapter except that of Advisor.

Section E.

Chapter officers must hold the Chapter FFA Degree or be a freshman with a greenhand degree

Section F.



Officers must maintain district eligibility (i.e., 2.0 GPA and no more than one F, etc.) or resign from the position. Officers must not receive an “unsatisfactory” in Citizenship at any time.

Section G.

Officer Impeachment (Reasons include but not limited to, poor attendance or behavior unbecoming an officer.)

- Concern may be brought forth by an officer to the advisor.
- A three strike system will be used for discipline.
- Officer in question is notified by the advisor of a strike.
- The advisor may impeach an officer after 3 strikes.
- The advisor reserves the right to remove an officer for the following reasons: drugs, alcohol, and any other illegal activity or activity that reflects poorly on the organization.

ARTICLE VII - Voting

Section A.

Regular chapter meetings shall be held once a month during the school year and once during the remaining months of the year at such time and place as is designated by the Chapter Executive Committee. Special meetings may be called at any time.

Section B.

Two delegates shall be appointed annually from the active membership to represent the chapter at the State convention. Other delegates may be named as necessary in order to have proper representation at various other FFA meetings within the state.

Section C.

A majority of the active membership (in good standing) roll shall constitute a quorum and a quorum must be present at any meeting at which business is transacted or a vote taken committing the chapter to any proposal or action.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section A.

This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution or that of the National Organization of FFA.

Section B.

By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meetings by a two-thirds vote of the active members present, providing such by-laws conflict in no way with the constitution and by-laws of either the State Association or the National Organization.



Chapter Applications

The following chapter applications are included in our POA:

- Greenhand Passport
- Chapter Degree Checklist
- State Conference
- MFE/ALA
- Livestock Team
- Officer Team

Students and parents may also find chapter applications on our website

<http://salinasffa.weebly.com/>



PASSPORT TO YOUR GREENHAND DEGREE

(Obtain ALL stamps by participating in each day's event to receive your Greenhand Degree and pin!)

DAY 1

Candy Grams

DAY 2

DYE YOUR HAND GREEN!

(please arrive to school at 7:15-7:30)

DAY 3

Greenhand Auction! Arrive at 6:00PM

(parents are encouraged to attend!)

DAY 4

Tree of Greenhands and Wear Green

(Rm 305 @ Lunch)

DAY 5

Greenhand Pizza Party!

(The shop @ lunch: MUST HAVE ALL STAMPS!)



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FFA Information

The FFA Mission

From the National FFA Organization (2019)

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.

To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship.

The FFA Motto

The FFA Motto summarizes the basis to the FFA Organization in twelve short words. These words serve as a guideline to the behavior displayed by and goals of FFA members nationwide.

**“Learning to do,
Doing to learn,
Earning to live,
Living to serve.”**

The Official FFA Colors



The official colors of the FFA Organization are National Blue and Corn Gold. These two colors serve to represent the unity of the organization and the history it holds.

The FFA Code of Ethics

From the National FFA Organization (2019)

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion. (See page 29 for proper use of Official Dress.)
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

*Adopted by the delegates at the 1952
National FFA Convention. The Code of Ethics
was revised by the delegates at the 1995
National FFA Convention.*

Official FFA Dress and the FFA Jacket

The Official Dress/Uniform of the National FFA Organization is centralized around the official FFA Jacket. For women the uniform consists of the FFA jacket, a white button up collared shirt with an official FFA scarf, a knee length black pencil skirt or black slacks, black nylons (nude in the state of California), and black closed toed heels at a modest height. For men the uniform includes the FFA jacket, a white button up collared shirt with the official FFA tie, black dress slacks, and black dress shoes.

The FFA jacket is the ultimate symbol and pride of the National FFA Organization. It is the representation of a longtime history of the Future Farmer of America since its establishment in

1933. The FFA Jacket shall always be worn with pride as it represents the individual, the chapter,



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the state association, and the national organization.

Proper Use of the FFA Jacket

National FFA Organization (2019)

The blue corduroy jacket is the most recognizable symbol of the organization. As a member, it is one of your responsibilities to ensure its proper use. Specific guidelines are outlined below.

- The jacket is to be worn only by members.
- The jacket should be kept clean and neat.
- The back of the jacket should have only a large official FFA emblem, the name of the state association and the name of the local chapter, region, district or area.
- The front of the jacket should have only a small official FFA emblem, the name of the individual, one office or honor and the year of that office or honor.
- The jacket should be worn on official occasions with the zipper fastened to the top. The collar should be turned down and the cuffs buttoned.
- The jacket should be worn by members and officers on all official FFA occasions, as well as other occasions where the chapter or state association is represented.
- It may be worn to school and other appropriate places.
- The jacket should only be worn to places that are appropriate for members to visit.
- School letters and insignia of other organizations should not be attached to or worn on the jacket.
- When the jacket becomes faded and worn, it should be discarded or the emblems and lettering removed.
- The emblems and lettering should be removed if the jacket is given or sold to a non-member.
- A member should act professionally when wearing the official FFA jacket.
- Members should refrain from the use of tobacco and alcohol when underage and at all times when representing FFA. In addition, members should exhibit their leadership qualities when they encounter substances including tobacco and alcohol and serve to discourage others from inappropriate behavior.
- All chapter degree, officer and award medals should be worn beneath the name on the right side of the jacket, with the exception of a single State FFA Degree charm or American FFA Degree key. These should be worn above the name or attached to a standard degree chain. No more than three medals should be worn on the jacket. These should represent 1.) the highest degree earned, 2.) the highest office held and 3.) the highest award earned by the member.

Degrees in the FFA



There are four degrees available to FFA members. The lowest being the Greenhand FFA Degree and the highest being the American FFA Degree.

Greenhand FFA Degree: The Greenhand FFA Degree is available to be earned by first year members of the FFA Organization. This degree is earned by first year students that show an exceptional level of engagement within the chapter.

Chapter FFA Degree: The Chapter FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be given out at the chapter level. This degree can be earned by students that have completed a minimum of one semester of a vocational agriculture class, earned a baseline of \$100.00 through their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and have put 150 hours into those projects.

California State FFA Degree: The California State FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be earned under the State Association. This degree is available to three percent of the statewide FFA membership. The base requirements of this degree include the member being able to display leadership skills, hold a knowledge of parliamentary procedure, have earned \$1000.00 through Supervised Agricultural Experiences, and invested 500 hours into those experiences.

American FFA Degree: The American FFA Degree is the highest degree available in all of the FFA Organization. This degree is available to those that truly exemplify the elite level of the FFA Organization. Those who receive this degree must be high school graduates with a minimum “C” average, received their State FFA Degree, have an earning of \$10,000 from Supervised Agricultural Experiences (with exceptions outlined in application), took a minimum of three years of agriculture education courses, and display great contribution into their communities.

The FFA Creed

By Erwin Milton Tiffany

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds – achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to



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work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so—for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The creed was written by E.M. Tiffany and adopted at the Third National FFA Convention. It was revised at the 38th and 63rd Conventions.

The FFA Emblem

The FFA emblem represents all that is the FFA Organization. The emblem is depicted on the official FFA jacket amongst many other items ranging from handbooks to awards.



Each aspect depicted in the emblem symbolizes a meaning.

- The Cross section of corn serves as a representation of unity within the organization as the crop can be grown in all areas of the United States.
- The rising sun displays the concept of progress. This symbolizes that times change and each day brings new opportunity.

- ❑ The plow represents labor and tillage of the soil. America and the FFA were both founded



on agriculture and with that comes hard work and dedication.

- ❑ The eagle represents freedom. The FFA is open to allowing students chase their individual dreams and interests by gearing projects and lessons towards items that draw the students in.
- ❑ The owl is a representation of knowledge. In the industry of agriculture and life as a whole knowledge is a key to prosperity.
- ❑ The words “Agricultural Education” and “FFA” are depicted to show the combination of leadership, education, and the agricultural industry encompassed in the organization.

Career & Leadership Development Events (CDE/LDE)

The California FFA Association offers 43 CDEs, LDEs, and a few additional competitions geared towards student’s interest. These competitions range from Citrus Evaluation to Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

CDEs:

1. Agribusiness (Farm) Management
2. Agricultural Pest Control
3. Agricultural Sales
4. Agricultural Science Fair
5. Agricultural Tech and Mechanics
6. Agricultural Welding
7. Agronomy
8. Citrus Evaluation
9. Computer Applications
10. Cooperatives
11. Cotton Evaluation
12. Dairy Cattle Evaluation
13. Farm Power and Machinery
14. Farm Record Book (AET)
15. Floriculture
16. Food Science & Technology
17. Forestry
18. Fruit Tree Pruning
19. Fruit Tree Evaluation
20. Grapevine Pruning
21. Grapevine Evaluation
22. Light Horse Evaluation
23. Livestock Evaluation

24. Marketing Plan



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25. Meats Evaluation and Technology
26. Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
27. Natural Resources and Environment
28. Nursery/ Landscape
29. Poultry Evaluation
30. Small Engines
31. Soil and Land Evaluation
32. Vegetable Crop Evaluation
33. Veterinary Science

LDEs:

1. Agricultural Issues Forum
2. Creed Speaking
3. Employment Skills (Job Interview)
4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
5. Impromptu Public Speaking
6. Parliamentary Procedure
7. Prepared Public Speaking

Additional Activities/Competitions:

1. Best Informed Greenhand
2. Program of Activities
3. Scrapbook

FFA Proficiency Awards

The FFA Organization offers numerous awards for students showing extreme excellence in their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) projects. The awards are divided into four categories and include as follows;

Entrepreneurship

- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Agricultural Sales
- Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Diversified Crop Production
- Equine Science
- Grain Production
- Swine Production

Placement



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- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance
- Agricultural Sales
- Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Diversified Crop Production
- Equine Science
- Grain Production
- Swine Production

Combined (Combination project between Placement and Entrepreneurship):

- Agricultural Communications
- Agricultural Education
- Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication
- Agricultural Processing
- Agricultural Services
- Diversified Agricultural Production
- Diversified Horticulture
- Diversified Livestock Production
- Environmental Science and Natural Resources
- Fiber and or/Oil Crop Production
- Food Science and Technology
- Forage Production
- Forest Management and Products
- Fruit Production
- Goat Production
- Home and/or Community Development
- Landscape Management
- Nursery Operations
- Outdoor Recreation
- Poultry Production
- Sheep Production
- Small Animal Production and Care
- Specialty Animal Production
- Specialty Crop Production
- Turf Grass Management
- Vegetable Production
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Production and Management

Agriscience Research

- Animal Systems



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- Integrated Systems
- Plant Systems

California FFA Integrated Leadership Development Plan

California FFA offers four main events/conferences to enhance the leadership skills and FFA involvement for members. These include, Greenhand Leadership Conference, Made For Excellence Conference, Advanced Leadership Academy, and the Sacramento Leadership Experience. These events are geared to help students expand their knowledge of the agriculture industry, the FFA, leadership, and for personal growth.

Additional Leadership Activities

The FFA Organization also offers numerous other conventions, conferences, and experiences for leadership. COLC (Chapter Officer Leadership Conference), SOLC (Sectional Officer Leadership Conference), and ROLC (Regional Officer Leadership Conference) are three conferences held to help officers at various levels learn how to execute their year of service properly. The California FFA Association also hosts the annual California State FFA Leadership Conference each April. At this conference FFA members nationwide gather together for conference sessions, workshops, and delegates vote on important FFA legislation and new State Officers. Two conferences/conventions are offered at the national level. The Washington Leadership Conference, which is an exclusive one week conference aimed at students pursuing high positions of leadership and the National FFA Convention, which is the largest gathering of FFA members.