

ALAH FFA Holds Annual FFA Awards Banquet

The ALAH FFA chapter held its annual awards banquet on April 27 at the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School. During the evening, many awards were handed out, and the new FFA officer team was installed.

The evening began with President Logan Beckmier welcoming everyone and the opening ceremonies were presented by the 2022-2023 FFA officer team. Sentinel Wyatt Hilligoss gave the invocation. Following the meal, the award ceremonies and special recognitions were awarded along with the FFA Creed, presented by Maddix Stirrett.

The Career Development Event report to recognize those members who had competed in the CDE competitions this year was given by FFA Advisor Megan Beckmier. Members participating in these events must think critically and make rational decisions on specific situations that relate to curriculum areas in Agricultural Science and Ag Business.

Advisor Beckmier said, "What a year it has been. We have been able to attend a few contests this year. I am so pleased with the way our members have competed in these contests, and how much they have learned along the way."

She continued, "I am super excited to see where we will go next year and what these members will do."

This year the ALAH FFA teams competed in 4 major Section CDE competitions. Members receiving recognition along with certificates were:

Section 17 Agronomy Contest, Parkland: Tanner Beckmier, Logan Beckmier, Brody Loudon, Lyle Adcock, Addison Rohr, Ava Binion, and Anna Rawlins.

Section 17 Greenhand Quiz Bowl: Anna Rawlins, Abigail Miller, Addison Rohr, Brooklyn Gingerich, and Ruby Burton.

State Agronomy Contest: Lyle Adcock, Logan Beckmier, Anna Rawlins, and Addison Rohr

Lincoln Land Livestock Judging Contest: Ryker Beckmier, Tanner Beckmier, Brody Loudon, Ava Binion, Calahan Binion, Aiden Cazel, Logan Beckmier, Lyle Adcock, Maddix Stirrett, Abigail Miller, Ruby Burton, and Jackson Lebetter.

State & Section Livestock Judging Contest: Logan Beckmier, Ryker Beckmier, Tanner Beckmier, Ruby Burton, and

Ashley Seegmiller

The FFA officers presented the degree ceremonies for the Greenhand, Chapter, and Honorary Chapter FFA degrees.

Twenty-two FFA members earned the Greenhand Degree, which is for first year FFA members who have learned the history, structure, and principals of the FFA organization, and actively participate in the programs. These members were given the Greenhand Degree pin, which is made of bronze, to wear on their FFA jackets. Members who earned the Greenhand Degree were Gracelyn Arnett, Ryker Beckmier, Calahan Binion, Ruby Burton, Lucas Butcher, Savannah Butcher, Aiden Cazel, Dalton England, Brooklyn Gingerich, Will Hilligoss, Gabe Jacobs, Jackson Lebetter, Abigail Miller, Kaulin Morfey, Anna Rawlins, Kori Rich, Colin Smith, Kaden Snyder, Maddix Stirrett, Colton Taylor, Wyatt Taylor, and Dalton Vanausdoll.

The Chapter FFA degree was presented to one member, Brody Loudon and is awarded to second and third-year members who have excelled in their chapter and have earned their Greenhand degree.

The Honorary Chapter Degree is given to an individual who has made an impact on the FFA chapter. The 2022-2023 Honorary Chapter Degree was awarded to Rachel Marx for her dedication to all the ALAH agriculture students.

Mrs. Beckmier recognized a few members that had gone above and beyond her expectations for the year.

Winning the 2022-2023 Most Active Awards were Anna Rawlins and Abigail Miller as they accumulated the most points for participating in various events over the course of the school year.

The Star Greenhand Award recipient was Anna Rawlins, which is presented to the top greenhand or first year member.

ALAH FFA Alumni Association President Matt Bernius presented college scholarships to FFA members Lyle Adcock, Logan Beckmier, Tanner Beckmier, Ava Binion, Wyatt Hilligoss, and Ashley Seegmiller. He also presented Advisor Beckmier with flowers and a gift from the alumni.

Brody Loudon recognized the senior FFA members along with their parents and they re-

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2023-2024 FFA OFFICERS. FFA Advisor Megan Beckmier is pictured with the officers elected for 2023-2024 and include (front row) Anna Rawlins, secretary; Brooklyn Gingerich, reporter, Abigail Miller, junior advisor; and Ruby Burton, sentinel. (Back row) Brody Loudon, president; Maddix Stirrett, vice-president, Will Hilligoss, farm manager; and Calahan Binion, treasurer.



AGRONOMY TEAM. Competing at the Career Development Event held at Parkland College were Lyle Adcock, Logan Beckmier, Tanner Beckmier, Brody Loudon, Anna Rawlins, and Ava Binion.



GREENHAND DEGREES. Receiving their Greenhand Degrees were (front row) Anna Rawlins, Brooklyn Gingerich, Ruby Burton, Kori Rich, and Gracelyn Arnett. (Middle row) Colton Taylor, Savannah Butcher, Abigail Miller, Maddix Stirrett, Kaden Snyder, and Kaulin Morfey. (Back row) Aiden Cazel, Lucas Butcher, Ryker Beckmier, Calahan Binion, Dalton England, Will Hilligoss, Jackson Lebetter, and Wyatt Taylor.