

FFA competes at Lake Cumberland Region FFA Day

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On Thursday, March 12, Green County FFA competed in the Lake Cumberland Region FFA Day at Campbellsville University. Members participated in competitions like speeches, talent competitions, and team events. Green County FFA had four members place in the Top 3 for their respective competitions. Ty Bonta placed Superior 1st in Ag Public Speaking - Nursery Landscape. He qualified for Kentucky State FFA Convention in June. Gracelynn Hazelwood placed 2nd in the written AIC Test. Kylie Turcotte

placed Superior 3rd in Ag Public Speaking - Wildlife. Alivia Sidebottom placed Superior 3rd in Talent.

Other Green County FFA members earned either superior or excellent ratings. Students earning superior ratings include: Chloe Reed - Creed Speaking; Chloe Howard - Ag Public Speaking Beef; Anna Warf - Ag Public Speaking Crop; River Jessie - Ag Public Speaking Greenhouse; Danielle Milby - Ag Public Speaking Swine.

Students earning Excellent ratings include: John-Connor Pannell - Prepared Public Speaking; Aliyah Burton - Ag



Nineteen Green County FFA members participated in competitions during the Lake Cumberland Region FFA Day.

Public Speaking Aquaculture; Katie Fields - Ag Public Speaking Dairy; Jody Mallory - Ag Public Speaking Floral; Breely Ervin - Ag Public Speaking Horse; Eli Thompson - Ag Public Speaking Poultry; Brayden Davenport - Ag Public Speaking Small Animal. Parker Curry, Chloe Reed, Jayelyn

Davis, and Kimber Morgan participated in the Record Keeping team competition. Their results are not finalized as of 3/17.

Green County is proud of the effort our members put into preparing for the Lake Cumberland Region FFA Day and how they performed!



Gracelynn Hazelwood, Kylie Turcotte, Alivia Sidebottom, and Ty Bonta placed in the Top 3 in each of their competitions. Ty Bonta will compete at State Convention in the summer with his speech.

CU hosts Regional FFA Day

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Over 200 FFA members gathered on Campbellsville University's campus last week for their regional FFA Day. Students competed in various presentation contests ranging from ag mechanics to wildlife. Students also received a warm welcome from faculty about the new CU agriculture program. More than 200 high school and middle school students from more than 13 area schools in Kentucky gathered in Campbellsville University's Ransdell Chapel on March 12.

While on campus, these students received information packets on the new CU agriculture program and CU agriculture T-shirts and participated in an agriculture-themed scavenger hunt that took place around campus.

Samantha Gaddie, Professor and Director of Agriculture, places great value on FFA days. "I grew up in the Lake Cumberland FFA Region. 20 years ago, I came to regional day for the very first time as a freshman. I know first-hand the amount of talent that this region has."

Gaddie served as an FFA regional officer and state officer and has been an advisor for the last 12 years. With the strong partnership between Campbellsville University and FFA members, Gaddie announced the establishment of the Lake Cumberland FFA Scholarship, a four-year renewable scholarship for any student earning the title of Lake Cumberland Regional Officer or Lake Cumberland Regional Star who attends Campbellsville University.

After the FFA Day, Gaddie shared her enthusiasm for the FFA members and the future of the agriculture program: "I am always so excited to have FFA members visit our campus; we are in an incredibly

talented FFA region full of agriculturists who will make a difference for years to come."

Announced in February of this year, the CU agriculture program will offer a four-year and a two-year degree as well as a minor in agriculture. These degrees are designed to provide students with a fully hands-on educa-

tion in animal science, plant science, agricultural mechanics, and agribusiness. Graduates will be prepared to work in the agriculture industry, services, education, and production.

"Campbellsville University has offered itself to students as a place to 'find your calling,' but so many of those students have

felt a calling to agriculture. Now, in the fall of 2026, I am proud to say that students will find their calling at CU in our agriculture program," said Gaddie.

Applications for the Campbellsville Agriculture program are now open for the 2026 fall term and can be submitted at www.campbellsvill.edu/apply.

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