

USD #377 Atchison County Community Schools News Release



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FFA Memories Through the Years!

On Friday, April 28th – members of the Atchison County FFA Chapter were out in full-force. Present and past alike, they were proudly wearing the Blue & Gold Jackets.

The evening began in the commons, with the introduction of the 2005 – 2006 Chapter Officers:

President ~ Dana Kramer
Vice – President ~ Blaine Oswald
Secretary ~ Lisa Wege
Treasurer ~ Cara Gigstad
Reporter ~ Courtney Wehking
Sentinel ~ Jill Corpstein
Historian ~ Joshua Snyder
Parliamentarian ~ Lana Swendson
Stu-co Representative ~ Kelly Jo Taliaferro
Greenhand Advisor ~ Carl Schwarzer

President Dana Kramer welcomed everyone to the banquet. An invocation was delivered by Blaine Oswald, followed by a meal prepared and served by the ACCSD kitchen staff. National FFA Talent, Blaine Oswald provided vocal entertainment throughout the meal before the awards ceremony continued in the auditorium.

A slide show of 2005-2006 memories was projected on stage, shortly before the officers entered for Opening Ceremonies. 15 first-year members received their Greenhand Degrees and bronze pins. Mary Schletzbaum was named Star Greenhand and Allegra Gigstad was presented with the Academic Excellence in Agriculture Award, plaque and silver pin. 14 members received their Chapter Degrees and silver pins for their jackets. Chapter Stars were awarded:

Lisa Wege, Star Farmer in Beef Production
Dana Kramer, Star in Ag Placement
Blaine Oswald, Star in Agribusiness.

Individuals placing 1st, and receiving gold medals individually at Northeast District CDE's (contests) were presented with District Certificates. Mrs. Wege announced the teams leaving on Sunday, April 30th to compete in the State FFA CDE's on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan, and wished them luck.

Jill Corpstein will receive the State FFA Degree at the Kansas State FFA Convention, June 1st in Manhattan, KS.

Student planning to attend the WLC, Washington Leadership Conference this summer include: Jen Bodenhausen, Jill Corpstein, Dalon Coder, and Lana Swendson.

Chapter Proficiency Awards (Plaques) were presented to the following student, who completed the SAE applications:

Public Speaking – Kristin Kiehl & Jill Corpstein
Wildlife Management – Blayne Kesse
Swine Production – Jarrett Frederick

Jr. Beef Production – Dalon Coder
Equine Science – Lana Swendson
Diversified Ag Production – Matt Wilson
Small Animal Care – Dana Kramer* NE District Winner

Nancy Fasse, Farm Bureau President, presented each of the seniors with a certificate and a \$25.00 check for their commitment to agriculture.

Mr. Steve Capplinger presented the Roy Eck Memorial Scholarship to Dana Kramer. He spoke briefly on stage about the memories of high school agriculture education courses – and asked “Roy’s Boys’ to stand. As nearly 20 members of the audience stood to be recognized, the strong tradition of the Atchison Co. FFA Chapter could be felt by ALL.

Mrs. Wege also awarded Dana Kramer the DEKALB Achievement Award. Her name will be engraved on the rotating plaque, displayed in the Ag Ed classroom.

Local scholarships, funded through the FFA Milk Machine were awarded to Cara Gigstad, Joshua Snyder, and Courtney Wehking. Mr. Harvey Fasse, member of the Atchison Co. Young Farmers Organization, who helped to purchase the machine, presented them.

Mrs. Wege presented Mr. Mark Pruet with an FFA pen and thanked him for his continued support throughout the school year.

The surprising announcement of the following 7 NATIONAL FFA Scholarships: Archer Daniels Midland
~ Dana Kramer & Simon Nolting
Cargil Community ~ Stacey Rathert & Carl Schwarzer
Chevrolet ~ Todd Halling
Dodge Trucks ~ Blaine Oswald
Pioneer Seeds International ~ Lisa Wege

The retiring officers presented Mrs. Wege with a scrapbook and a large vase of yellow flowers before the installation of the 2006-2007 Chapter officer team:

President ~ Jill Corpstein
Vice-President ~ Lana Swendson
Secretary ~ Jeni Bodenhausen
Treasurer ~ Dalon Coder
Reporter ~ Kristin Kiehl
Sentinel ~ Jessica Buttron
Historian ~ Jennifer Kramer
Parliamentarian ~ Courtnay Reichert
Greenhand Advisor ~ Matt Wilson

The evening concluded with closing ceremonies and lots of photos. Congratulation to all of the students for making this year’s annual banquet such a success!