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Upcoming Dates

December 17/18-
Advanced Leadership
Academy (ALA)

January 6-Elite
Conference

January 24-Katy FFA
Invitational CDE's

For more dates, or
contests refer to
www.judgingcard.com.

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Area III Elite Conference

Calling all leaders!!! Have you ever held an office in the FFA and just felt that you were not prepared and wished there was someone to give you the answers? Well finally, here is your answer! ELITE! That's right; the annual Area III ELITE Conference is back! Are you ready to build on your skills and make you all better officers? The purpose of this conference is to improve the skills you already possess and supply new ones to produce higher quality officers. After leaving this conference you will feel more prepared and confident to take on the challenges that every officer team faces throughout their year of service. This year the conference will be held on January 6th, 2012 at Blinn College in Brenham, TX. For more information, please visit <http://www.area3.ffa.org> or www.judgingcard.com.

By: Kaylee Paul

Don't forget to check with your district officers about your ideas for the New Community Service Contest! For more information refer to the June/July Issue of the Newsletter, or your district officers!

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The Ultimate Opportunity- Ford Leadership Scholars

This once in a lifetime opportunity is a result of the partnership between the Texas FFA Association and Ford Motor Company. The purpose of the program is to: 1) Identify students who exhibit high levels of leadership at the chapter level. 2) Engage these identified students in a leadership development program created to enhance those qualities of leadership. 3) Recognize the scholars to build a remarkable legacy for the future of our state and nation. (Texas FFA Association) This selection process includes an application process, a test over a leadership book, phone interviews and intensive final interviews. At the end, ten scholars are chosen for the year.

They will then spend a week in training across the state of Texas, decide on a community improvement project and a mentor to help guide them along the way.

To apply, you must be a junior in high school and highly motivated! Your advisor must register you through the roster system in order to receive the application. See the Ford Leadership Scholars page on www.texasffa.org to find links and more details. Applications are due in early January, so apply now! If you have any questions or would like to know how this program has affected the scholars, feel free to contact any of us!

-Texas FFA Ford Leadership Scholars Class of 2011

Brynna Diller, K'Leigh Wallis, (Area II) Brianna Hubbard, Betsy James, Chelsea Hall, Kallie Fuchs (Area III) Kaylie Walker, (Area IV) Brooke Millican, (Area V) Russell Carrell, (Area IX) and Cody Nedbalek (Area X)

By: Brianna Hubbard

Officer Corner-Aaron DiIorio



Hello Area III FFA!!!

For those of you that don't know me very well, here is a little bit of information about me! I am a senior at Hempstead High School! I am 18 years old and am a huge Longhorn fan (but as I don't know much about sports it's probably more obvious that I am obsessed with Justin Bieber!!!) I have been in the FFA organization for four years now and love to compete in creed speaking and livestock judging. I am the youngest of 4 boys in my family so you may call me the BABY of the family! I look up to all of my brothers in hopes of one day achieving everything that they have, while also achieving some of my own goals in the process! I plan on attending Texas A&M and majoring Ag Business! I am so glad that I had the opportunity to serve ya'll this year!

Aaron DiIorio-Area III Treasurer-Hempstead FFA



Area LDE Contest

The Area III LDE Contest was held on November 19th at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas. We would like to congratulate, and recognize the teams that advanced to the state level.

Ag Issues:

1: El Campo

2: Royal

Greenhand Chapter Conducting

1: Bellville

2: Van Vleck

Greenhand Creed Speaking

1: Lexington

2: Bellville

Greenhand Quiz

1: Weimar

2: Waller

Greenhand Skills

1: Van Vleck

2: El Campo

Job Interview

1: Langham Creek

2: Anderson-Shiro

Public Relations

1: Weimar

2: Royal

Radio:

1: El Campo

2: Clements

Senior Chapter Conducting

1: Wemiar

2: Bellville

Senior Creed Speaking

1: Sweeny

2: Morton Ranch

Senior Quiz:

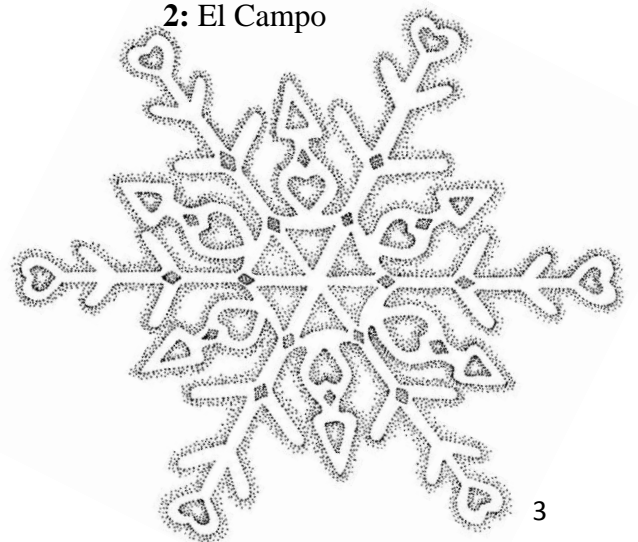
1: Weimar

2: Waller

Senior Skills

1: Lexington

2: El Campo





National Convention Update

What do you get when you put Indianapolis, fifty-three thousand kids, fun, and blue corduroy together? National FFA Convention! October 17-23 FFA members from all over the nation were inspired by speakers, recognized for winning competitions, entertained by the national talent, and had the chance to meet people from every state in the country, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The theme "I Believe" was everywhere in sight throughout the week and the convention song kept us on our feet and dancing!

As for the business part, Texas held 59 of the 475 voting delegates at this year's convention and we were able to have someone in each of the six committees: Delegate Reconstruction, Continuation of the Floriculture CDE, Collegiate FFA Competitive Events, Agricultural Experience Program, Alternative Delivery Models for Leadership Development, and Increased Middle School Opportunities. As a delegate body, we voted in the committees and in the general business sessions.

The Texas FFA was well represented at all sessions and everyone at convention went home believing that they could serve, lead, and inspire members to achieve their dreams.

By: Jacquelyn Wilson

Reminder: All area officers are available for chapter visits. Contact any one of us to make arrangements for meetings, banquets, etc.

