



JOHN GLENN FFA CHAPTER NEWS

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Welcome to FFA!

The John Glenn FFA Chapter would like to welcome you! We are all very excited to get this school year's activities and contests underway. We hope that you will join us in the fun! There is a place for everyone to be a part of our chapter. We all hope to see you involved in our many fun activities!!

State Star Finalist – Haley Verhaeghe

We are proud to announce that Haley Verhaeghe was honored at the Indiana State FFA Convention this summer for her outstanding 4 year FFA career. Haley was a finalist for State Star Farmer. This is one of Indiana FFA's highest honors. To be eligible for this by being name District II Star Farmer. After being named the District Star she went on to compete at the Section level. There she was named the Section I Star. At all these various levels she was competing against other outstanding FFA members. They were judged in terms of the quality of their Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs. Haley rose to the top of competition with her outstanding Diversified Livestock Program.

We are so proud of Haley's accomplishments. She has been a great leader for this chapter for so long. Her record for success is to long to list here. She has been an outstanding role model for all our members and we are so thankful to have Haley be such a big part of our chapter!

State Convention News!

Several John Glenn FFA members attended the 84th Annual Indiana FFA Convention at Purdue University from June 18th through the 23rd. This year over 2500 Indiana FFA members traveled from all over the state to get together at Purdue. During this time, they attend leadership seminars, compete in contests, elect district, section and state officers, and vote on constitutional amendments among many other duties and activities.

2014-15 John Glenn FFA Officer Team

President- Dustin Kerckhove

Vice President-Christian
Smith

Secretary- Faith Wright

Treasurer- Kristin Kubacki

Reporter- Leah Kaser

Sentinel- Jakob Wesolowski

Historian- Grace
Klopfenstein

Parliamentarian- Bryce Birk

Chaplin- Jason Gill

Important Dates

August:

**August 18th – Officer
Meeting**

**August 19th – Chapter
Meeting**

**August 23rd – North
Decatur Soils**

**August 27th – Chapter
Kickoff**

Many of the state finals are held during this time for the various contests to determine the state winners that go on to represent Indiana in the National contests. We are pleased to announce that John Glenn FFA members were awarded many awards at State Convention. The **Dairy Judging Team** were awarded state champions! The **Horse Judging Team** placed 5th in the state. **Bre Beeney** placed 4th in the state with her Dairy Proficiency. **Gretchen Keen** was awarded a gold for her proficiency.

Congratulations to these excellent students! We appreciate their efforts and encourage everyone to get involved and be active.

State Degree Recipients

Another major accomplishment was achieved by John Glenn members at the Indiana State Convention. **Gretchen Keen** was awarded the Hoosier Degree. This is the highest degree of membership offered by the Indiana FFA Association. Each year only a very small percent of the total state membership qualify for this high honor. We are proud to have one of our members receive it from our chapter. She has been long time FFA member and it is great to see her efforts rewarded with this special honor.

Summer SAE Program

Many John Glenn FFA members were working hard on their summer Supervised Agricultural Experience programs. Mr. McLochlin worked with them individually through the summer. This is a great way to gain an extra *high school credit* and develop a strong SAE. This also makes students eligible to fill out proficiency applications in many different award areas. It is a great program and offers a lot of opportunities to Agriculture students.

If you're a John Glenn student and currently not involved, you may have a winning program that you don't even know about...a hobby, talent, or job you are involved in might be something you could develop into a SAE. Or maybe there is an area you want to know more about, or what to gain experience in. SAE's are a great way to get you started. So check out <http://www.nationalffa.org> for more information on this outstanding program and what opportunities are there for you.

New officers for 2014-2015

The John Glenn FFA would like to welcome this year's new officer team. We are excited about the opportunity for these new leaders to make their mark on the chapter. Here is a little bit about them!

President:

My name is Dustin Kerckhove; I am a Junior, and the chapter President. I lead the chapter and officer meetings, and see to the well being of the chapter. I am a part of the Forestry and Parliamentary Procedure teams. My goal this year is to increase participation and start an FFA program at Urey Middle School.

September:

**September 6th – Purdue
Soils Invitational**

**September 13th –
Vincennes Soils
Competition**

**September 19th-21st –
Fallween Festival
Activities**

**September 20th – Argos
Soils Competition**

**September 22nd – District
Kickoff**

**September 27th – Johnson
County Soils Competition**

FFA WebPages

<http://www.nationalffa.org>

*Visit the site for the
National FFA
Organization*

<http://www.indiana.ffa.org>

*Visit the site for the
Indiana State FFA
Association*

Vice President:

My name is Christian Smith; I am a Junior, and the Vice President. I assist in directing the work of our chapter. I also oversee meetings in the occasion that our president be absent. I also enjoy riding my horses and coon hunting. My goal for our chapter is to have our chapter more noticed by our community.

Secretary:

My name is Faith Wright; I am a Sophomore, and the Secretary. I keep accurate records of all meetings and events. I am on the Soil Judging, Forestry, Horse Judging, Dairy Judging, and Parliamentary Procedure teams. I also like to fish and kayak. My goal is to have an active group within our school and community!

Treasurer:

My name is Kristin Kubacki; I am a Senior, and the Treasurer. I keep track of the income and withdraws for the chapter's accounts. I am on the Soils, Forestry, and Parliamentary Procedure Teams. My family raises and shows Clydesdales. My goal for the chapter is to spread our knowledge of agriculture to our surrounding communities!

Reporter:

My name is Leah Kaser; I am a Senior, and the Reporter. My responsibilities include: informing our chapter and the public about our activities and contests, I also write the chapter newsletters. My family raises show pigs. I love to show livestock. My goal for our chapter is to have a group that promotes John Glenn FFA and the agricultural community in a positive way!

Sentinel:

My name is Jakob Wesolowski; I am a Junior, and the Sentinel. I make sure meetings, and activities go smoothly, and I assist the president in his doings. I am on the Parliamentary Procedure Team. I am also on the football and soccer team. My goal is to have everything go as smoothly as possible this year!

Historian:

My name is Grace Klopfenstein; I am a Sophomore, and the chapter Historian. My responsibilities include: creating a chapter scrapbook, and assist the reporter in taking pictures. My family raises dairy cattle. My goal is to encourage new members to join our activities. I would also like to have a very active chapter in our school, and community!

Parliamentarian:

My name is Bryce Birk; I am a Sophomore, and the chapter Parliamentarian. I keep everything orderly, and I also keep a speaking list during meetings. My family raises dairy cattle. I am on the Soils, forestry, and dairy judging teams. My goal for our chapter is to get more members interested in the activities that our chapter does!

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Chaplin:

My name is Jason Gill; I am a Sophomore, and the chapter Chaplin. I present the invocation at our chapter functions, and coordinate FFA participation during FFA week. I am on the Soils, and Livestock judging teams, as well as Parliamentary Procedure Teams. I also enjoy showing livestock. My goal is for our chapter to have more members involved!

Good luck the new officer team as they get ready for the year's activities!

Here by the owl...



The John Glenn FFA Chapter is off to a great year. Once again we have a large amount of new students with over 60 freshmen. This doesn't take into account the numerous new upper classman taking ag classes for the first time. This growth adds so much to the chapter...its great to be on the grow! We are looking forward to the Fallween Festival and hope you will be stopping by our area of the festival. We will be having a full slate of activities everyday!

***Agriculturally yours,
Mac***