

ANNUAL REPORT 2021







# New York Agricultural Education Team



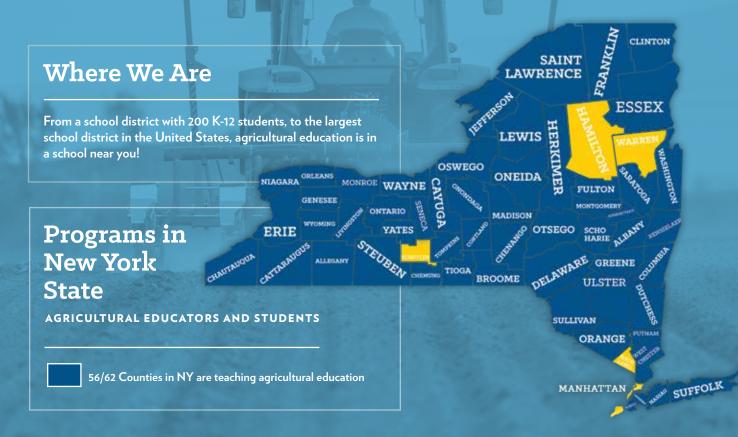
### New York Agricultural Education Staff

From Left to right, Back Row: Todd Lighthall, Director, New York FFA Foundation; Bill Waite, Program Director; Oswegatchie Educational Center; Rolland Krohn, Ropes Course Director, Oswegatchie Educational Center; Terry Hughes, Program Specialist, New York Agricultural Education; Jeremiah Best, Program Specialist, Agriculture in the Classroom; Derek Hill, Director, New York Association of FFA.

From Left to right, Front Row: Robin Waite, Program Specialist, Oswegatchie Educational Center; Jessica Currie, Program Specialist, New York Association of FFA; Nancy Grossman, Program Assistant, New York Agricultural Education Outreach; Catie Rowe, Program Specialist, New York Agricultural Education; Sarah Hale, Program Specialist, New York Agriculture in the Classroom and New York Association of FFA; Katie Carpenter, Director, New York Agriculture in the Classroom; Shari Lighthall, Director, New York Agricultural Education Outreach.

**Not pictured:** Kelli Grab, NYS Representative for Agricultural Education, New York State Department of Education

**NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION** began 2021 with the world seemingly paused in the mist of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Even this monumental challenge could not stop the creativity and passion of our FFA community, agriculture educators, and our K-12 teachers using food and agriculture to continue to engage their students through virtual learning. New York Agricultural Education continues to experience exponential growth after an unprecedented year, and we are proud to share the accomplishments of our students, members, teachers, and volunteers in 2021. Yet, just as a seed cannot grow without nutrients, time and tending, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without our supporters. The collective resilience of agricultural education and our stakeholders has resulted in a strong and focused vision of creating an agriculturally literate generation by "growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening New York agriculture."



# **New York Agricultural** Education



OVER 355 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS across New York State are meeting the demand for a skilled workforce by growing the next generation of agriculturalists in their classrooms. Students are learning rigorous and relevant curriculum that ensures they are ready to meet the needs of our ever-growing industry.

## **New York Agriculture** teachers participated in over

12,000 HOURS

of professional development within the eight educational pathways in Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources through events sponsored by the New York Association of Agricultural Educators and Cornell University.



IMPACTING SCHOOLS

IMPACTING COMMUNITIES





CLASSROOM/ LABORATORY

**EDUCATION** 

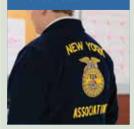
SAE

**Experiential**, Service and/or Work-Based Learning through the implementation of a Supervised Agricultural **Experience** Program.



FFA

Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success through engagement in FFA, PAS or NYFEA program and activities



"Today's modern agricultural science programs teach students to be environmental engineers, food scientists, animal scientists, agricultural engineers AND how to farm in a sustainable way. Challenging classroom instruction, applied agricultural experiences along with leadership development through the FFA ensure a qualified agricultural workforce as well as educated consumers in the future."



Elizabeth (Betsy) Foote, NYAAE President

# New York FFA Highlights





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 NEW YORK AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Josephine Allen, Sherman FFA Emily P. Carey, Tri-Valley FFA Sean Patrick Carron, Delaware Academy FFA Gwen Chase, Sherman FFA Alvaro Chavez, Penn Yan FFA Alvaro Chavez, Penn Yan FFA Alexander Martin Cipperly, Schoharie Valley FFA Robert Dorrough, Schoharie Valley FFA Kameron Finch, Randolph FFA Patrick Fontaine, Pioneer FFA Peyton M. Fontaine, Pioneer FFA Stephanie G. Fyock, Pioneer FFA Abigail M. Hatch, Fillmore FFA Danielle Laura Herrick, Pioneer FFA Timothy James, Afton FFA Jenna Kibbe, Clymer FFA Terry B. Lansing, Schoharie Valley FFA Jonathan Lasek, Whitman FFA Evan Liskow, Randolph FFA Janet Martens, Penn Yan FFA Jillian Neaves, Indian River FFA Kayleigh Reynolds-Flynn, Berne Knox Westerlo FFA Emma Kathryn Rogers, South Jefferson FFA Joseph A Roodenburg, Otselic Valley FFA Austin Sharman, Otselic Valley FFA

Austin Sherman, Otselic Valley FFA Morgan Smithling, Whitman FFA Emily Starceski, Sherman FFA Sarah Steward, Randolph FFA Sabrina Thompson, Indian River FFA Megan VanValkenburg, Sherman FFA Brayden LCWebber, Penn Yan FFA

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR STATE FFA OFFICERS**

Getting back to a more "normal" life post-pandemic has definitely been a relief and something we are not taking for granted. Our team is grateful to have the opportunity to serve the members and community of the New York State FFA. We all started off the year with eight jam-packed sessions at Camp Oswegatchie, which was our first in-person state event of the year! We are committed to providing great experiences, opportunities, and growth to all our members this year.

One of our goals this year is to refocus our efforts to increase membership across the state and continue on the trajectory that we were on before the pandemic. Before the pandemic hit, one of the previous officer teams had a goal of 10,000 members, we believe that this is an achievable goal this year with your continued support!

We are blessed to live in a very diverse state. However, New York FFA has to do better representing and being more inclusive of this diversity. This starts by identifying the areas of the state that lack these opportunities. Our team will be focusing our efforts on increasing access to agriculture education and FFA in our state's urban centers, which is a very important topic to us and our supporters. By encouraging and providing access to agriculture education and FFA we can not only expand the impact agriculture and agricultural education has in our state but we can gain new perspectives and grow as an organization.

As a team, we also look forward to navigating our organization through the challenges we still face with the ongoing pandemic but also towards a new brighter future. We have learned from the challenges of the last two years and will be adapting our programming to allow more students to have access. For example, COLT conference and state convention will have virtual opportunities that have not been offered in the past. We can adapt to our ever-changing world and that is exactly what we are going to do this year on behalf of our members.

As we all chart our paths forward, we want to remind you to take the opportunities given to us and to run towards possibility! Take chances, grow as a person and a leader so that you can define your story. New York FFA has so many talented leaders and we challenge you to achieve the greatness that we know is within each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

Molly & Ale Prize Warrens Julio Prima Wester Harring & Wilhink Bake

### 2021 NEW YORK FFA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR: PENN YAN FFA

The Penn Yan FFA Chapter was selected as the 2021 New York State FFA Chapter of the Year with their first-place gold application! This chapter has illustrated exactly how they grow leaders through engaging their community and strengthening agriculture during these challenging times. Members created their own projects for their virtual silent auction to provide a special FFA scholarship for their seniors, held virtual field trips of local businesses, and attended the Today Not Tomorrow conference hosted by NY FFA. Penn Yan members encouraged each other and their community to lead a healthy lifestyle by hosting a virtual cooking class collaborating with farmers to access local produce, develop a healthy recipe, and be involved in a safe, fun activity during the pandemic. Through this collaboration they were able to supply forty-one boxes and source seventy-three percent of the recipe's ingredients from nearby farms. Penn Yan FFA was recognized by the National FFA Organization as one of New York's

3-Star Chapters and a finalist in Growing Leaders with their virtual cooking class activity!



### 2021 GOLDEN OWL AWARD

New York FFA is proud to partner with Nationwide and New York Farm Bureau to offer the Golden Owl Award. The Golden Owl Award® allows



us to show our support to agricultural educators who devote countless hours, and often their own resources, to positively impact the lives of their students.

2021 Golden Owl Award Grand Prize Winner: Elizabeth Foote, Greenwich High School

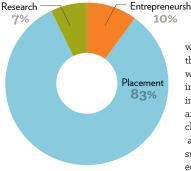
### 2021 Golden Owl Honoree Award Winners: Anne Allen, Sharon Springs Central School Elizabeth Foote, Greenwich High School Jeff Perry, Cornell University Leann Jordan, Tully Jr-Sr High School Mardi Millen, Cazenovia High School Mary Coolbaugh, Marcus Whitman High School Nichole Hirt, Indian River High School Patricia Walker, Randolph High School Patrycja Zbrzezny, John Bowne High School Renee Johnson, Oxford Academy Todd Eick, Medina High School

# New York Agricultural Education and FFA **FFA Members are High** Achievers inside and outside the classroom

(Based on records from the National FFA Organization, AET, and New York Association of FFA)

Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) opportunities are truly endless and entirely based on students exploring passions and career interests. These are the selected SAE pathways of our members keeping their records in AET, FFA's online record bookkeeping system. All of our members have access to this platform that allows them to input and store their records to not only gain this important skill, but to utilize it for many needs including award applications, resume building, chapter activities, community service and more!

### **IMMERSION SAE'S BY TYPE**



Entrepreneurship Immersion SAE's allow students to build upon their classroom activities by gaining realand abilities— all while





Plant Systems



**2020 NEW YORK SAE PATHWAYS** 



Food Products and **Processing Systems** 

Structural and **Technical Systems** 



Agricultural

adership/Education/





Service Systems

Natural Resources Systems

world, hands-on experience within their chosen career path. Students will enhance their agriculture industry knowledge, gain financial independence and management skills, and determine whether the career choice aligns with their interests supporting their agricultural education coursework

Agribusiness Systems

### **2021 NY FFA PARTICIPATION** AND AWARD RECOGNITIONS

2020-2021 New York FFA Membership:



### Leadership Development Conferences

Today not Tomorrow	
Leadership Conference	209
Camp Oswegatchie	697
State Leaders Experience	90
State Officer and District	
President Candidates	19
Virtual State Convention	1,858
COLT Conference	53

### Student & Adult Recognition

o taaciit a / taait iteeogiittoii	
American Degree	31
Agriscience Fair	25
Dairy Breed Awards	3
District LDEs	646
District Stars	4
Empire Degrees	102
Honorary Empire Degrees	11
Jacket Award Recipients	37
National Chapter Award & State	
Superior Award	6
National Proficiency Awards	22
National Scholarship Recipients	11
NY Proficiencies	61
NY SAE Grant Recipients	8
State CDEs	672
State Stars	3

### **OVERVIEW OF STUDENT SAE'S IN NEW YORK**

820 50.802 \$899.065

\$346,187

\$35,861

\$109,804

SAE Projects	
Hours	
Asset Value	
Income	
Direct Investment	
Economic Impact	
A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL	

### **FFA CHAPTERS**

### We would like to welcome the following new chapters to NY FFA:

### **Bainbridge-Guilford FFA**

Cato-Meridian FFA **Cincinnatus FFA Fabius-Pompey FFA OnTech FFA** Potsdam FFA **Roxbury FFA** Sullivan West FFA



### **NEW YORK FFA BRINGS HOME** GOLD AT THE 2021 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

### **Gold Ranking Proficiency Awards:**

Elizabeth Hyman, Belleville Henderson FFA- Dairy Production Placement Rebecca Coombe, Tri-Valley FFA- Small Animal Production & Care Entrepreneurship/Placement

### **Gold Ranking Career and Leadership Development Events:**

Rebecca Coombe, Tri-Valley FFA- Employment Skills Schuylerville Team, Schuylerville FFA- Dairy Cattle Evaluation, 9th Place Nathan King, Schuylerville FFA- Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Lauren King, Schuylerville FFA- Dairy Cattle Evaluation Caitlyn Vandeusen, Schuylerville FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Morgan Hodge, Unadilla Valley FFA- Dairy Handlers, 1st Place Paige Johnson, Randolph FFA- Milk Quality and Products

### **National Finalist in Agriscience Fair:**

Ellie Yang, Taconic Hills FFA- Environmental Services and Natural Resources Systems, Division 5 Evelyn Northrup, Pavilion Central FFA- Plant Systems, Division 3

2	1	
S	1 F	



# New York Agriculture in the Classroom



### AGRICULTURAL LITERACY WEEK

Agricultural Literacy Week is a statewide effort to educate students about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. Volunteers connected with schools to read *Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of a Dairy Godmother)* by Viola Butler, with a hands-on activity of making ice cream in a bag to pair with the book. In 2021, New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) distributed over 2,100 books to all sixty-two counties in New York State read to over 80,000 students.

Embracing the challenge of hybrid learning, NYAITC accommodated schools to safely deliver valuable and relevant programming. Our outstanding network of volunteers connected with students via Zoom, YouTube, Facebook Live, and other platforms to seize the opportunity to extend Agricultural Literacy Week reach and engagement by teaching students about agriculture.

Pre-recorded videos were developed by NYAITC and included special guest readers NYS Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets Richard Ball; Jessica and Phoebe Ziehm of Tiashoke Farm; Johanna, Brynley, and Raegan Bossard of Barbland Dairy; and Diana Obregon Corredor a PhD Student at Cornell University who translated and read the book in Spanish.

A collection of videos featured elementary-

farm and explaining how they care for calves

and feed their dairy animals. King Brothers

Dairy in Saratoga County were featured on a

video of how ice cream is made. Agricultural

Literacy Week was supported this year by the generosity of New York's dairy farmers.

cones.

Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the

Dairy Godmother) by Viola Butler

illustrated the importance of dairy in communities across New York and showed students the journey their food takes to get from the farm to their

HE DAIRY GODMOTHE

age students sharing their lives on a dairy



The Bossard family demonstrated how they do chores at Barbland Dairy.



At King Brothers Dairy students could watch the ice cream making process.

### VIRTUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

No travel? No problem! Beginning in November 2020, NYAITC launched a series of nine virtual professional development events, with the first session featuring how to start a school beehive and visiting a live hive. This popular session was followed by a range of topics from maple to aeroponics, and vermicomposting to pollinator habitats.

The live virtual professional development sessions were two-hour blocks consisting of a virtual field trip to an agricultural location and a visit with an agriculture professional. Teachers also participated in a hands-on lesson with supplies sent to their classroom.

NYAITC was able to train over 340 teachers investing over \$28,000 with the participating teachers and their students.

Teachers visited eight different agricultural sites, engaged with twenty-two professional agriculturalists from different sectors in the agricultural field, and connected with over thirty different agricultural organizations.



Over 10,000 students directly benefited from the supplies and training of teachers who participated in NYAITC virtual professional developments.



### **GROW WITH US GRANT**

Integrating food, agriculture, and nutrition in schools was made relevant and successful for eighteen teachers across the state with New York Agriculture in the Classroom's 4th annual Grow with Us Grant. The Grow with Us Grant provides teachers the growing tools to extend the school gardening season and facilitate experiential-learning opportunities through agriculture. Teachers earned a bundle of three Tower Gardens that their students will have the opportunity to interact with as they learn the seed to produce process and explore alternative growing methods.



Teachers explore a Tower Garden.



Student at James Madison High School in Brooklyn, NY engaging with their garden classroom.



### PROGRAM IMPACT

Number of Pre-K – 12 teachers and students directly reached in 2021



### VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Virtual field trip experiences give students an interactive look at farms and food-related industries. In a 40-minute class period

live virtual field trips are engaging as students from across the state ask farmers questions in real time while looking "behind the barn doors". Virtual experiences are developed and tailored for grades Pre-K through 12 and include a multitude of topics and varying farms and producers.

Prior to virtual field trips, classrooms are shipped an Inquiry Box to help trigger the curiosity of students. The Inquiry Box holds four to six items that may include a tool used on the farm, products that are essential to animal or plant health, a farm or food by-product, samples, and more.

NYAITC hosted eight unique virtual field trips, some of which were offered

multiple times. Over 14,300 students participated and had the opportunity to see food and agriculture experiences come to life. Virtual field trip topics included exploring a Christmas tree farm,

visiting an apiary, seeing both dairy and beef farms, maple sugar bush, viewing the farm to processing cycle of wool, and more.



Visiting the Oneida- Herkimer Solid Waste Authority to learn about what happens to Christmas trees after the holidays.



### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

New York Agriculture in the Classroom recognizes an exceptional teacher who incorporates learning through a lens of agriculture into their curriculum. Patricia Eshelman was recognized as the 2021 Teacher of the Year. Eshelman is a high school teacher at the Bolivar Richburg Central School District and is a teacher who prioritizes learning agriculture through relevant and engaging cross-curricular learning experiences.

In her classroom, Eshelman educates her students about agricultural concepts and careers by featuring guest speakers from all agricultural fields on "Farmer Fridays" and requiring students to maintain a school garden called the "Wolverine Environmental Education (WEE) Center". Students are hired to take care of the WEE Center during the summer.

Eshelman was also recognized nationally with the USDA NIFA National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award.





Eshelman's students take full responsibility for harvesting produce and delivering it throughout the school.

Patricia Eshelman is an exemplary educator whose passion shines in the classroom each day.

Katie Carpenter, Director of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, shares, "We could not be prouder to honor Patricia Eshelman as our Teacher of the Year and share her story over the next year to inspire teachers across the state. It has been a joy over the past years having Patricia as part of our network with her enthusiastic attendance at the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference for professional development and her creative grant proposals to enhance her curriculum. She is a model educator for creating authentic learning experiences for her students."

# Financial Support of the Capital Campaign

WE DID IT! Thanks to your dedication and support, we raised nearly \$1.5M. In Sentinel Hall we have a gathering place for all. We welcome you with warm greetings and open arms. We look forward to welcoming all whom pass through these doors. Just as a sentinel watches over and protects, thank you for being the sentinel of Oswegatchie. Thank you for going above and beyond to support this campaign. Thank you for securing a very strong future for the next generations to experience the Oswegatchie Magic.

This list below is comprised of all donors who contributed \$1,000 or more to the campaign. To see a full list of our donors, you can go to www.nyffafoundation.org.

### LEGACY

Dr. Arthur Berkey Alfred & Joan Chapin Victoria L Pinney Gregory

### **LEADERSHIP**

Daryle & Sharon Foster NYS FFA Endowment Fund NYS FFA Association

### **BLUE & GOLD**

Ric & Karen Coombe Family Bruce & Kathleen Erath Spencer & Judy Gridley In Memory of John C. & Molly A. Hirschey VVS FFA Alumni & Friends

### OWL

Farm Credit East Patricia Ford Greenwich FFA Christopher Gridley Terry & Lois Hughes Raymond & Barbara Lighthall New York State FFA Alumni Karl & Marita Oertel Renwick & Candy Russell Catherine Rowe Sam Shapiro Tri Valley FFA Jerome & Shirley Witter Rick Welsh

### **RISING SUN**

Jamie Aloi John Bagdovitz Dick Campany Malcom & Roxy Chapin Christy Charise in Honor of John & Jeanne Benson Jonathon & Danielle Head In Memory of Bruce Hirschey Patrick & Karen Hooker Dick & Kathleen Jones Gilbert Jobe & Diane Lewis Jack Miller Tractor; John A. Miller & Family Neal & Mary Miller NYS Agicultural Society Jeff & Rebecca Perry Lowell & Janice Sanders Jim & Donna Schiebel Lynn Hall Waite

Afton FFA CG May BOCES Delaware-Academy FFA Lowville Academy FFA & Alumni South Jefferson FFA Stockbridge Valley FFA & Alumni

### EMPIRE

Roger Barkman Leon & Suzanne Bilow Michael & Meredith Bilow in Memory of Allen Bitter Seth Browe Terry & Cyndee Burton Levi & Debi Cahan Dick & Joyce Church Jon & Rachael Clayson In Honor of Edward Coates from NBT Bank Mazie Damcott Lori Detraglia & Will Gridley Joe & Andrea Elward Megan Golden Mia Haaland Gerald & Carolyn Killigrew Denise Lepine Krohn Veronique Krohn Mo & Lesley Lepine Todd & Shari Lighthall Fred & Margot Marcus Margaret A. Miller NBT Bank William & Maryann Ransom Corey & Shelley Reed

Stephanie Rhoades Michele Rowe Ken & Tonya VanSlyke William & Robin Waite John & Theresa Wagner Albion FFA Alexandria Bay FFA Greenville Jr. & Sr. FFA John Bowne FFA Pioneer Jr & Sr FFA Sidney FFA & FFA Alumni

### EXCELSIOR

George Allen Chip & Karen Ax and Family David & Vincenza Bader Heather Bates John & Jeanne Bensen Tara Berescik-Burke Lee & Maureen Blackburn William Blackburn Jackie Boerman Patrick Brennan Charlie & Joan Button David Canfield James & Barbara Cooke Dwight Coombe Richard & Phyllis Coombe Patrick Coombe Allen Cooper Howard & Nancy Cornell Walter Dabulewicz John & Kate Downes Michael & Patricia Drahos John & Maryann Fessenden David & Catherine Galley

Joe & Kristy Gould Daniel Gridley Derek & Melissa Hill Daniel & Tara Hooker Charlie Jenison Ruben Juarez Koerner Family



On Saturday August 21, 2021 an official gathering to celebrate the first supper in Sentinel Hall was held, almost 200 supporters attended.



Charlie & Dot Krause In Memory of Judith Krause Martin Krause & Chris Moogan John & Anita Kriese Nicole & Aaron LaFave Eric & Angie Larsen Mark & Beth Lay James & Cassandra Lewis In Memory of Harvey Lyndaker Phil & Chris Marsh Evan & Kathrine Mankoff Kathlyn McCarthy Jim & Judy McClay Ioe & Cindy Miller Robin McLean & Gene Battersby New Berlin Class of 1981 Craig Niles Family William Nohle Austin Nolley Melvin & Jennifer Phelps Paul Perry Purcell Construction Corporation Jeff Parnapy Glenna Ryan Retired Ag Educators of NY Justin & Denielle Romance





Logan Rohr Victor Rodriquez John Sackett Keith & Paulette Schiebel Karl & Charlotte Schweitzer Tim & Donnalee Shields Peter & Judy Signor Steve Smith Mark & Janet St. Pierre Bill & Jean Stowell Richard & Audrey Strangeway Rick & Vonnie Strangeway Dean & Diane Sutphin Carlton & Rebecca Sutton Gary & Maureen Swan In Memory of Jack Spencer- NYS FFA Alumni Jamie & Amber Thibodeau Tara Taylor Nathaniel Tompkins Lori von Seydewitz Emmons VanSlyke Heritage Farm, LLC David & Michele VanWormer Kyle & Kim Vibbard Wayne Goldstein Foundation In Honor of Henry & Ruth Watkins In Memory of Donald Watson



Barry Widrick Ryan Willits Jay & Kate Waltz Chad Wall Attica Central School Beaver River Central School Beekmantown FFA Berne Knox Westerlo FFA Belleville Henderson FFA Byron Bergen FFA Canton FFA Carthage Central School Cobleskill-Richmondville FFA Fonda Fultonville FFA Genesee Wyoming Batavia BOCES FFA Groton FFA Advisory Board Hamilton FFA Indian River FFA Jasper-Troupsburg FFA Madison FFA Marathon FFA

Marcus Whitman FFA Mount Markham FFA Medina FFA Otselic Valley FFA Prattsburgh FFA Penn Yan FFA Remsen FFA Salem FFA Schoharie Valley FFA South Lewis FFA Unadilla Valley FFA Waterville FFA Broome County Farm Bureau Cortland County Farm Bureau Genesee County Farm Bureau Jefferson County Farm Bureau Lewis County Farm Bureau Livingston County Farm Bureau Madison County Farm Bureau Onteaic County Farm Bureau Orleans County Farm Bureau Tompkins Co Farm Bureau



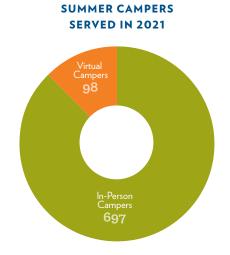
Photo: Beardsley Design Associates Architecture

# Oswegatchie Educational Center

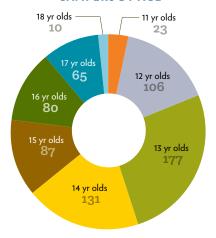
Oswegatchie held eight shortened sessions of camp in the summer of 2021. We are thankful that 697 kids were able to experience as much camp magic as we could pack into 3 days. Thank you to the schools from across the state that brought students to Oswegatchie camp this year.







CAMPERS BY AGE



We look forward to hosting campers in 2022! Visit our website for more information: oswegatchiecamp.com



# 2021 by the Numbers

**NEW YORK STATE FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS** have seen their impact growing. This will be the 4th year that the NYS Alumni and Supporters will be recognized at the National FFA Alumni Awards and Recognition Session at the FFA National Convention!



### NYS FFA ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Many FFA Chapters instituted an Alumni and Supporters Chapter to help with their fundraising during the pandemic. We grew from thirtythree to thirty-nine alumni chapters and added 280 new members to the organization in the past eighteen months.



### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Ten of our NY FFA Alumni and Supporters

**Chapters** received grants in 2021 from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters to help support their chapters.

Greenwich FFA Alumni and Supporters Penn Yan FFA Alumni and Supporters Granville FFA Alumni and Supporters Afton FFA Alumni and Supporters Friends of BKW FFA Alumni and Supporters

Mohawk Valley FFA Alumni and Supporters

Waterville FFA Alumni and Supporters DeRuyter FFA Alumni and Supporters South Jefferson FFA Alumni and Supporters Schuylerville FFA Alumni and Supporters

Former teacher and a long standing FFA supporter Victoria L. Pinney-Gregory generously donated \$25,000 to be used to

continue a scholarship for college students wishing to become agriculture education teachers. With this gift, we were able to join with the NY FFA Association and the NYS FFA Foundation as a part of the CNY Community Foundation endowment program.



The NYS FFA Alumni and Supporters were able to make and send out 170 chapter guidebooks for starting an Alumni and Supporters Chapter with help from a grant from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

NYS National Delegate, Taylor Rollins, with members of the FFA at National Convention



NY FFA Association, we were able to hand out In June, the NYS FFA Alumni and Supporters were awarded a grant from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters. Due to the loss of two of our major fundraisers, this \$500 grant allowed us to send out approximately 600 donation request letters. To date, we have received about \$5,000 in donations to continue our mission of serving the FFA students.



In September of 2021, the NYS Alumni and Supporters received a \$1,000 Legacy Partnering Grant from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters to support our trip to National Convention.



NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION



Agriculture and Markets





Shari Lighthall, New York Agriculture Education Outreach Director | slighthall@cornell.edu Derek Hill, New York FFA Director | dhill@cornell.edu

Katie Carpenter, New York Agriculture in the Classroom Director  $|\,kse45@cornell.edu$ 

300 Kennedy Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853 | 607.255.9253 FFA - www.nysffa.org | NYAITC - www.agclassroom.org/ny