



Lake Forest High FFA Felton, DE

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Winners via Hard Work!

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Name: Lake Forest High School

Location: Kent County

Staff: Alison Scott (Animal Science)

Lindsey Saxton (Environmental Science)

Will Currey (Ag Mechanics)

Facilities: Two greenhouses, a new environmental science building, Ag mechanics shop, and a barn.

At Lake Forest High School Agriculture Teachers Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Saxton, and Mr. Currey are hard at work preparing their students for the future.

Their FFA chapter is thriving at 271 members strong. Part of their success is having three very dedicated teachers and hands-on experience for every student they teach.

Their barn inhabits one sow they let breed every year and then raise those piglets for market hogs that are shown at fair. In addition they have six Hampshire and Hamp cross ewes they breed for

market and purebred lambs to be exhibited at the fair. Their year round residents and fan favorites include 1 pygmy goat named Otis, one pony Smokey, a handful of layer hens, and a barn cat named Piper. To make an even more animal filled event it has been known for Ag Teachers to bring their dogs to class most days too.

To help keep their FFA program strong there are many fundraisers their chapter participates in yearly. This includes selling mums and citrus/nuts/cookie dough other FFA chapters in the State participate in during the fall. In the spring they sell strawberries, raffles for crabs, a fun filled chicken drop, and lastly a pancake fundraiser at their local Applebee's. This chapter is always planning something for their students to participate in and look forward to.

Speaking of looking forward to; what student doesn't enjoy a field trip? During just this past

year the ever active Lake Forest FFA has participated in the PA Farm Show, COLT, IMAGED, QUEST, Big E, Fall Greenhand Ceremony, and the University of Delaware Ag Explorer Program to name a few.

Some accomplishments from all this hard work is their placements at National Convention this past year. On their road trip to Nationals in Indiana they stopped at Ohio State University, West Virginia University, Cabela's in West Virginia, and of course Tom's Ice Cream.

While at Nationals Lake Forest's team placed 6th in the Nation for Ag Communications with the 1st place Media Plan and in the top 4 for their Media Plan Presentation, Bronze Prepared Public Speaking at Nationals, 2 Star National Chapter Award, 1st place opening/closing ceremonies team 2 years in a row, 1st place treasurer and vice president, State Star in Agribusiness and State Star Farmer.

Lake Forest's accomplishments are a testament to the teamwork and perseverance of their Ag Teachers. It is an amazing program that deserves more recognition for all of their daily hard work.