

# Blue Jacket Journal

The official newsletter of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter

November to December 2022



## Team Places Second in State

On Tuesday, November 8 several members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter participated in the Ohio FFA State Animal Care Career Development Events. All teams began the competition by taking an online



general knowledge test then qualifying for the state finals. The state finals were hosted at the Ohio Expo Center.

In the Animal Behavior, Welfare and Husbandry Career



Development Event the team consisted of Abigail Maxson, Rhylee Eichhorn, Haley Barnes, and Haley Lane. The team placed 2nd in the state and earned a banner for the agriculture classroom. The highest placing individual from Miami East was Haley Barnes. She placed 11th in the state. The state finals competition consisted of a team animal enrichment building activity and practicums for live and virtual animal care audits.

In the Animal Management Career Development Event Karley Prosser, Connor Maxson, Cora Moore, and Wyatt Black placed 11th in the state. They identified breeds and equipment of various small animal species. Additionally, they completed several practicums on different species related to handling, selecting cages and accessories, and nutrition and health. The highest placing individual from Miami East was Karley Prosser who placed 25th in the state.

## Members Compete at State Competition

On Saturday, December 3 four members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the State Food Science and Technology Career Development Event hosted at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

The Food Science and Technology Team members were Isaac Beal, Dottie Everett, Braden Zekas, and Adilyn Richter. The team placed eighth in the state and earned a plaque for the agriculture classroom. Isaac Beal was the highest placing individual from Miami East, placing 23rd overall.

During the contest the team members were asked to complete a product development scenario in which they calculated the nutritional facts for a new food product and



design a new package. Also they completed an aroma identification section, took test on their knowledge of food science, responded to

mock customer complaint scenarios, identified sanitation errors in the food industry, identified common food flavorings, and completed a taste sensory test.

## Greenhand Members Earn FFA Degrees

On Monday, November 28, 2022, the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter awarded 28 new members their

Greenhand FFA Degree. The Greenhand Degree is awarded to first year members of the FFA, and is the first award that can be received. Each member awarded received a pin to be worn on their FFA jacket and a certificate of achievement.

In order to receive the Greenhand FFA Degree the members must be enrolled in an agriculture class, have plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, learned and explained the FFA Creed, Motto, Salute, Mission Statement, Code of Ethics and uses of the FFA Jacket, Colors, and Emblem, and demonstrated an understanding of the FFA's history, chapter constitution and by-laws. The Greenhand FFA Degree is the first of four degrees that an FFA member can earn.

The students earning the degree were Emma Anderson, Shelby Buck, Kinsley Courtright, Alexa Deaton, Isabel Eichhorn, Addison Fine, Garrett Fine, Brian Fulton, Trenton Griffith, Madison Grube, Jon Hart, Brayden Havenar, Owen Heilman, Alyssa Helton, Emma Hershberger, Alexa Klingshirn, Brandon Lane, Kaci Manns, Emmitt Ondera, Tenley Potter, Luke Robinson, Jaycee Roeth, Ava Skeens, Jenna Taylor, Gunner Weldy, Zenia Wickliffe, Kirya Wise, and Emily Zawalich.



## Ag Literacy Coloring Contest Results

The Agricultural Literacy Committee of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter recently sponsored a coloring contest at Miami East Elementary. Members of the Ag Literacy Committee visited each classroom and shared facts about a traditional Thanksgiving-themed meal. They then challenged the students in first grade to color and decorate a Thanksgiving-themed picture. FFA members evaluated the pictures and awarded first place to one student in each homeroom. The results are as follows:

Mrs. Carmen Richters – Madison Petty. She shared she is thankful for school.

Mrs. Jennifer McCuiston – Nora Gray. She shared she is thankful for her family.

Mrs. Lauren Nosker – Colton Branam. He is shared he is thankful for his mom, dad, and brother

Miss Chelsea Black – Murphy Barnett. She shared she is thankful for her family, country, and freedom.



Each student participating received a prize complements of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter. The first place picture in each homeroom was awarded a special prize of a coloring book and pencils. Congratulations to the winners!

Members of the Agricultural Literacy Committee involved in the project were Alexa Deaton, Garrett Fine, Brayden Havenar, Alyssa Helton, Alexa Klingshirn, and Jenna Taylor.

## Member Receives FFA Jacket Through Grant

Recently, Orville Bensman, Bensman Enterprises of Sidney, donated an FFA jacket to one member of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter. The jackets were



made available through a special project of the Ohio FFA Foundation. The Blue Jackets Program was founded to help new FFA members earn their first FFA jacket. Participating FFA members pledge to meet the Blue Jacket Program requirements and the jackets will be awarded to them.

Requirements of the Blue Jacket Program include attending FFA

events, completion of community service, submission of satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, service on an FFA Program of Activities committee, enrollment in a high school agricultural education course, and attendance at the FFA chapter meetings. Additionally, the members selected agree to maintain a positive and cooperative attitude. This year there were almost 400 FFA jackets awarded statewide.



Selected from Miami East-MVCTC FFA was Madison Grube. Grube is a first year FFA member at Miami East High School. She has attended numerous FFA activities including FFA Meetings, the District Job Interview and Novice Parliamentary Procedures Career Development Events and attending the State Greenhand Conference.



### Members Compete in Job Interview CDE

Recently several members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter competed in the District 5 FFA Job Interview Career Development Event held at National



Trail High School. The Event consisted of designing a resume and cover letter, completing a job application, performing an

interview, and writing a form thank you letter.

Alaina Helsinger competed in the Division 3 (junior year) interview competition. She placed 6th in the district. There were 24 participants.

Katelyn Hall competed in the Division 2 (sophomore year) contest and placed 3rd in the district. She won a plaque provided by the District 5 FFA. There were 25 participants.

Madison Grube competed in the Division 1 (freshman year) interview competition. She placed 4th in the district. There were 24 participants.

### 2022-23 Chapter Officers

The 2022-23 Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter Officers are as follows: Sentinel - Adi Richter, Student Advisor – Kendal Staley, Reporter – Luke Brunke, Treasurer – Ayla Gilbert Secretary – Fletcher Harris, Vice President – Alaina Helsinger, and President – Isaac Beal.

### Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Besides Remind.com, FFA will be posting announcements to 1) Twitter (@MiamiEast\_FFA) and 2) FaceBook (Miami East FFA Alumni & Supporters). Please feel free to follow and like these pages for updates!

### Congrats Members of the Month

November 2022 – Jillian Niswonger

December 2022 – Madison Grube

**Protect your family's health -- bring your water to the**

**Miami East FFA**

**TEST YOUR WELL FAIR**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH**  
**3:30pm-5:30pm**  
**Miami East High School Cafeteria**  
**3825 N. State Route 589, Casstown**  
 (Enter Door #12- east entrance to high school)

**WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?**

- Is your home's well more than 40 years old?
- Is it less than 50 feet deep?
- Has it been more than a year since the water was tested?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, bring a well water sample to the Free Fair. Within about 30 minutes, you'll know if there might be a hazardous level of **NITRATE** in it.

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- NITRITE, NITRATE & IRON SCREENINGS
- WELL MAINTENANCE INFORMATION
- WATER SAVING TIPS
- WATER QUALITY PRACTICES
- FUN CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- FREE PUNCH & COOKIES!

**TO COLLECT YOUR WELL WATER SAMPLE PROPERLY:**

- Any clean jar that seals tightly will work or
- Pick up a sample bottle from Miami East High School's office or Miami Soil & Water Conservation District, 1330 N. CR 25A, Troy.
- Collect the sample on January 18th.
- Remove any screen or filter from your faucet.
- Run water for five minutes to clear the lines and bring in fresh water.
- Do not touch the lip of the jar, inside the jar, or inside of the cap.
- Fill the bottle and cap it snugly.
- Keep the sample refrigerated until the Test Your Well Fair.

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL FFA 937-335-7070 EXT. 3212**

### Alumni Needs Help!

The Alumni is in need of new members. Anyone can get involved, regardless of your enrollment at Miami East or previous membership of FFA. The Alumni was started in 1971 and is open to anyone interested in supporting FFA and Agricultural Education. Annual dues are \$20 (for local, state, and national). Lifetime dues are \$250.

The Alumni is supportive to the FFA through financial support and physical labor. If you are interested



in participating talk to Bill Mote by phoning him at 937-684-0673.

### Contact Mrs. Carity!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Carity (mcarity@miamieast.k12.oh.us or cellphone 937-417-3087).

### Chapter T-shirts For Sale

In the meantime, we have a limited supply of several past chapter shirts. Sizes available are small through XL. Any ME FFA members, parents and supporters can order. Contact the Ag Room to make a purchase.

The blue and white shirts are \$10.

The navy, white and gold are \$10.

The gray front and back are \$15.



### FFA Jackets For Sale

"Only Blue Will Do," seems to be what FFA Chapters are saying nationally. Through the 90+ years of FFA the once national blue has seemed to turn to more of a shade of purple. The once corn gold of the jacket has now turned to a shade of orange.

The jackets style has been revised. FFA jackets can be purchased for a cost of \$40.00. The same jacket can be worn all the years of agriculture education. Make checks payable to Miami East FFA.

### Teams Compete in District Food Science

Recently the Miami East-MVCTC FFA Food Science and Technology Team competed in the District 5 Contests hosted by Anna High School.

Food Science and Technology Contest contestants included Jadyn Bair, Isaac Beal, Luke Brunke, Dottie Everett, Ethan Fine, Fletcher Harris, Alaina Helsinger, Reagan Howell, Keira Kirby, Kyle Larson, Elisabeth Norman, Annabelle Penny, Matthew Osting, Ty Roeth, Adi Richter, Kendal Staley, and Braden Zekas.



Miami East students placed 2nd out of 31 teams. They qualified for the state competition in December. The highest placing team was Isaac Beal, Adi Richter, Braden Zekas, and Dottie Everett. Isaac Beal was the highest placing individual from Miami East.

During the contest the team members were asked to complete a product development scenario in which they calculated the nutritional facts for a new food product and design a new package. Also they completed an aroma identification section, responded to customer inquiry scenarios, identified sanitation errors in the food industry and common equipment used in a food production facility, and completed a taste sensory test and flavor identification.

### Canned Food Drive Occurs at MEHS

In November the Citizenship Committee coordinated a Canned Food Drive for the Fletcher Food Pantry.



## Members Compete in County Parliamentary Procedures

During their Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources class, all first year FFA members learned the basics of operating a business meeting. They learned to handle an item of business and various other parliamentary procedures activities.

They competed in the virtual County Parliamentary Procedures Contest and placed second. Congrats!



## Upcoming Events

These are as of the time of printing. Plans will change. As events evolve we will share with students, parent emails, and social media.

### January 2023

- 10 – State Ag Biotechnology Online Exam CDE
- 11 – Tri-Village FFA Alumni Livestock Invitational
- 11 – OSU Meats Team Clinic
- 15 – National FFA Scholarships due
- TBD – Strawberry sales begin
- 17 – County Evaluation, 4pm (Mrs. Carity only)
- 18 – Test Your Well Fair, 3:30 to 5:30
- 20 – State Ag Biotechnology Finals (Central State U)
- 23 – State Leadership Night at MEHS, 7-8pm (no formal meeting)
- 24 – Ag Sales, TTS, and Grain Merchandising exams CDEs
- 27 – Regional Evaluations (Mrs. Carity only)

### February 2023

- 1 – County Public Speaking CDE, UVCC
- 2 – District TTS/Ag Power Diagnostics CDE, Tri-Star CC
- 3 – Chapter Officer Applications due with interviews TBA
- 9 – District Public Speaking CDE, Covington HS
- 10 – Chapter Proficiency Award Applications due
- 11 – OSU Buckeye Meats Invitational
- 13 – District Ag Sales CDE, Versailles HS
- 21-24 – MEHS celebrates National FFA Week
- 25 - VikingFest (SAE marketing opportunity)
- 27 – FFA Meeting with officer elections, 7pm
- 28 – State FFA Band and Choir Applications Due

### March 2023

- 3 – State TTS/Ag Power Diagnostics CDE, Lima
- 4 – Marysville Invitational Spring CDEs
- 4 – State Public Speaking CDEs
- 6 – State Livestock, Equine, Poultry & Dairy Cattle Online Exams
- 10 – Agriscience Fair Research Reports due to State Evaluations
- 11 – Miami Trace Invitational Spring CDEs
- 13 – BINGO for Wounded Warrior
- 14 – State Ag Sales CDE
- 25 – State Spring CDEs (livestock, poultry, horse)
- 26 – Parent-Member Awards Banquet, 6:30 in gymnasium with FFA Alumni Silent Auction at 5:30
- 30 – State Dairy Cattle CDE





💧 Thanks to the Healthy Lifestyles Committee for sponsoring the Water Log Challenge. They advise everyone to drink more water. 💧



Way to go! These FFA members went above and beyond on our FFA Fruit Sales Fundraiser.

1st Keira K

2nd Dustin W

3rd Jackson S

Additional members selling \$1,000 are: Emma H, Madison M, Isaac B, Tenley P, Ava S, & Owen.

The highest selling (average) family were Abigail & Connor M.



Thanks to @MiamiEastEL Kindergartners for letting the Scholarship Committee read with them this afternoon.



Today we revealed our FFA Secret Santa! 🎄👤 Merry Christmas!



Thanks to the Chapter Recruitment Committee for organizing a leather making project for our FFA members!



