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Bedford County Public School Students Receive Awards at the 97th Virginia FFA Convention

(Bedford, VA): The Virginia Future Farmers of America (FFA) for Agricultural Education consists of 225 chapters and 13,000 members. Each year these students gather for a state wide competition where they challenge themselves against their colleagues to achieve awards, and potentially give them the opportunity to compete at a national level.

At the 97th Virginia FFA State Competition recently held in Blacksburg, at Virginia Tech University, in June 2023, BCPS had 34 students competing from 3 different schools. Liberty High School, Liberty Middle School and Staunton River High School (Smith Mountain FFA) all earned the following prestigious awards.

Liberty Bedford Middle FFA

Chapter Awards: Superior Chapter, National Chapter - Silver Rating, and STAR Award

Career Development Awards:

Agricultural Tech Mechanics: Gold - Clay Johnson (7th Overall), Silver - Abigail Camden, Bronze -Braxton Burton and Colton Croft

Small Animal Care: Silver - Kinley Clary and Sylvia Woodie, Bronze - Traci Price and Leann Wright

Liberty High School FFA

State Degree Recipients: Maegan Cash, Jenna Goff, Anna Grohs, Andrew Hiner & KayLi Lindsay

State Winning Proficiency Award: Anna Grohs -Goat Production Entrepreneurship

Chapter Awards: Superior Chapter, National Chapter, SouthRidge Area Growing Leaders Award & SouthRidge Area STAR Chapter

Livestock Evaluation Team: Maggie DeWitt, Adam Witt, Wyatt Witt and Nick DeWitt came in 8th out of 40 teams.

Smith Mountain FFA (Staunton River High School)

Chapter Awards: Superior Chapter Award, Silver National Award and Public Relations Award

State FFA Degree Recipients : Alex Adkins, Kelcey Weston, Reagan Harvey, Adrianna Jernigan, Brianna Sloan, Kaylee Thompson

Livestock Evaluation: Clay Jackson - 5th overall individual

Junior Horse Hippology Team -Dani Bradley, McKayla Adams, Julia Landis (1st overall individual)

Also, Smith Mountain FFA Member **Kelcey Weston was nominated as the 2023-2024 Virginia FFA State President.** BCPS is extremely proud of the hard work and dedication of the FFA students. It truly shows in their accomplishments they continue to receive year after year and should be celebrated.

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