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FFA Activities Week Packet has been mailed. Additional materials for FFA Activities is located online at www.paffa.state.pa.us.

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Professional Development Opportunity

The Center for Professional Personnel Development is hosting the Environmental Education Workshop on March 25 at 5:00-9:00 pm in Room 301A Ag Admin Bldg., Penn State

Four stations will be developed and participating agriculture teachers will be given an opportunity to cycle through two of the stations to better prepare for student environmental learning activities. Content experts will be on

hand to teach each station and to provide an opportunity for teachers to participate in each station's activities. The workshop will be started from room 301A Ag Admin Building. Related Pennsylvania Academic Environment and Ecology Standards will be addressed.

Act 48 hours will be available and a light meal will be served during the program. Please register with Colleen Bloom (clbloom@psu.edu) by March 18, 2004.

New & Beginning Teacher Column

New and Beginning Teacher Workshop, Holiday Inn, Grantville (held in conjunction with SLLC)

ACT 48 hours are available. Veteran teachers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, March 14, 2004

2:00-2:05 pm – Welcome, Krista Pontius, President PAEE

2:05-3:00 pm – Creative SAE's – Panel Discussion

3:00-5:00 pm - Proficiency Awards – We can be competitive on a national level! – Kevin Keith, National FFA

Member Services, Local Program Success Specialist

Monday, March 15, 2004

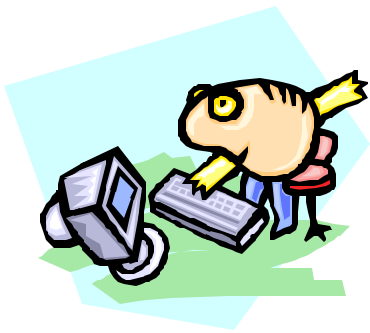
9:00-11:00am – Securing state and national recognition for your FFA Program of Activities – Kevin Keith

11:15-11:45 am – Marketing your program

11:45-noon – Questions and Evaluation

To register, contact Krista Pontius (Kpontius@greenwood.org) or Tracy Hoover (tsh102@psu.edu).

Sites of Interest



If you have a great website that you would like to share with other agricultural educators, please forward the information to Tiffany Hoy at tmr175@psu.edu

Credit and Non-Credit Courses

The College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS) has a long tradition of extending its boundaries by offering educational programs and practical training. Conferences, short courses, and workshops provided by the college make the educational resources available to those who can benefit by further education or training in a particular area but who cannot afford the time required for longer periods of study. Short courses and conferences offered in the CAS provide instruction in the sciences that underlie Agriculture and Natural Resources, to include the Plant Sciences, Animal Sciences, Forestry, Food Science, and the Social Sciences.

The Conferences and Short Courses office supports credit and non-credit programs in the following categories: agriculture, business, community, children, youth & families, food & nutrition, horticulture, natural resources, professional meetings and teacher education.

For more details on courses being offered go to <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu/>.

Livestock Evaluation Site

This web page is designed to help teachers find resources on livestock and meat evaluation quickly and easily. There are numerous teaching resources, such as practice classes, quizzes, how to take notes and give reasons, PowerPoint presentations and pictures of live cattle and hogs, and their carcass data, for students to practice their live animal evaluation skills.

For more details go to: <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/resources/Evaluation/index.htm>

PAAE Summer Convention Registration & Information

Somerset County earned the designation "America's County" because of the exemplary manner in which the people of the county carried themselves during two recent events of international scope. The county has also been called the "Roof Garden of Pennsylvania" as well as "The Land of Milk and Maple." The county is known for its agriculture, coal mining and various industries.

For more information about the 2004 PAAE Summer Convention and to download a registration form, go to <http://www.paae.org/Convention.htm>.

AEE Summer Graduate Courses

The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education will be offering the following graduate level courses Summer 2004 (from June 14 to July 2). A series of different graduate level courses will be offered during Summer 2005 in an effort to help interested individuals secure coursework needed to complete a graduate degree. Interested individuals can obtain registration and enrollment information through Continuing Education at <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/CE/> or 814-865-3443. Information relative to graduate degrees offered in Agricultural and Extension Education can be accessed at <http://agexted.cas.psu.edu/> or contact Dr. Joan Thomson, AEE Graduate Coordinator - jthomson@psu.edu or 814-863-3825.

June 14–July 2, 2004

301A Ag Admin. Bldg.

8:00-10:30 AM...AEE 501 – Foundations of Agricultural and Extension Education (3 credits) - Drs. Tracy Hoover - tsh102@psu.edu & Ed Yoder - epy@psu.edu, Required course

10:30 AM-1:00 PM...YFE 597 (550) – Program Development and Evaluation (3 credits) – Dr. Rama Radhakrishna – brr100@psu.edu, Program Development and Evaluation core

2:00-4:30 PM...AEE 465 – Leadership Practices: Power, Influences and Impact (3 credits)- Dr. Phyllis Adams – padams@psu.edu, Leadership and Communications core



Courses will be offered from June 14–July 2.

Advanced FFA Leadership Forum – June 2004

The first Advanced FFA Leadership Forum will be held June 27-28, 2004 at the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University. This Leadership Forum will allow participants to:

- * create a promotional brochure and tabletop poster detailing the activities and programs offered by their FFA chapter,
- * share their promotional brochures with fellow delegates. This will allow them to see

how other FFA chapters in Pennsylvania promote and advertise their programs, and

- * increase their leadership and teambuilding skills.

This will be a competitive process and only 30 individuals will be invited to attend. Please share with your FFA members. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Tracy Hoover at tsh102@psu.edu or by phone at 814-863-7463.



For more information on the Advanced FFA Leadership Forum, Contact Tracy Hoover at tsh102@psu.edu or by phone at 814-863-7463.

Introduction of New Teacher... Susan Clapsadle



Susan Clapsadle, Agricultural Educator at Fairfield HS, taking part in a New and Beginning Teacher Workshop

The Center for Professional Personnel Development welcomes Susan Clapsadle, first-year teacher at Fairfield High School. Growing up on the family farm and laboring in the orchards for 12 years planted the seed for Susan as she discovered her passion for educating about horticulture. After graduating from Alfred (NY) State College with an Associate's Degree in floriculture production, Susan eventually made her way to Penn State and obtained a degree in Agricultural Education.

Today, she uses her knowledge to instruct 10th-12th grade

students in horticulture and animal sciences. Already, Susan is busy trying to make changes to the program, motivating students to be active in the FFA. By always being prepared and staying one step ahead of her students, Susan is building an exciting and purposeful program. In the future, she sees herself teaching horticulture/floriculture at a vocational school around Harrisburg and returning to the classroom herself in order to obtain a Master's Degree in curriculum development or special education. Susan, the Center applauds all your efforts and wishes you the best in the future.

Leadership Resource

By: Jessica Landis, AEE M.Ed Candidate

Leadership; Personal Development/Career Success.

Written by Cliff Ricketts.

Published by Delmar Learning,

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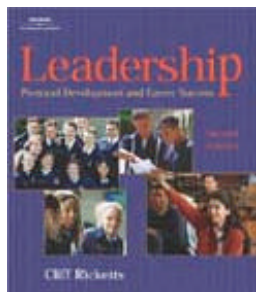
<http://www.delmarlearning.com>

Textbook cost is \$53.95.

Description of Textbook:

For students pursuing careers in agriculture, this text of choice emphasizes training for leadership, techniques for personal development, and how to select and succeed in a career. Learning styles to help students understand the way they learn and identify aptitudes and talents to facilitate career selection

are discussed. How personality types relate to leadership, learning, and communication styles helps students have a greater awareness of self and others. As personal development is key to confidence and success in the work place, the text offers practical insights on positive reinforcement and motivation, self-concept, goal setting, problem solving and public speaking. Among the contents are numerous student activities, review questions, and web sites. Additional information includes the rules and score sheets for the FFA Creed, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Events.



Workshop on No Child Left Behind

The New York State Agricultural Education Outreach Staff, NYAAE Executive Council, New York Agri-Tech Prep, and the New York State Education Department invite you to attend the 2004 Professional Development Conference for Agricultural Educators, June 27-30, 2004 at the SUNY Cobleskill Campus in Cobleskill, New York.

This year's conference will be packed with exciting activity based workshops that address the needs of our constantly changing agricultural and agri-science programs. Complete cost for the conference is \$435 per person based on double occupancy at the

Best Western Inn of Cobleskill or you may choose a single occupancy on campus lodging option for the same price.

This high-quality professional development opportunity meets the criteria for the No Child Left Behind Act, section 9101(34) on professional development. Teachers attending this conference will receive over 24 professional development hours.

Preliminary conference information can be found at: http://www.nyag-ed.org/2004_conference.htm



For more information go to http://www.nyag-ed.org/2004_conference.htm.

Announcements

State FFA Activities Week

Reminder: Due to Penn State Housing policy changes, you and your students will need to bring pillows and bedding materials (sheets or sleeping bags). The policy changes were made for health reasons.

The emergency phone number for the 2004 event is 814-863-5569.

For more information either log on to the PA FFA Association website at www.paffa.state.pa.us or contact Lydia Everhart, PSU onsite coordinator, at lak146.psu.edu.

2004 Fall Conference for Leadership and Professional Development

will be held Monday, October 11 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, PA.

Registration packets will be sent in late May and will be due at the end of September.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://agexted.cas.psu.edu>

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**2004 Governor's
Institute –
Integrating
Math into the CTE
Areas**

July 19-23
Holiday Inn,
Grantville

Calendar – [\(items underlined are due dates\)](#)

March 8-12...PSU Spring Break

March 14-16...SLLC, Holiday Inn, Grantville (*M. Brammer*)

[March 15...American FFA Degree Applications due to CTSO Office \(*C. Day*\)](#)

March 18...CCC Area CDE's, Central Mountain HS, 9:30 AM

March 18...AFY County CDE's, Northern York HS, 4:00 PM

March 18...Wild about Water Fowl Workshop, Middle Creek Mgmt. Area, 4:30 PM

March 19...AG ED Advisory Committee Mtg., Ramada Inn, State College, 10:00 AM

March 19...PAAE Executive Board Mtg., PSU - 301A, 7:00 PM

March 24...CDP Area CDE's, Old Big Spring HS, 9:00 AM

March 25...SUN Area CDE's, West Snyder HS, 9:00 AM

March 25...PAAE Eastern Region Mtg. & SOCS, Brownstown CTC, 5:45 PM

March 25...Environmental Education Workshop, PSU – 301A, 5:00 PM

March 26-27...PSU Beef Expo, Ag Arena

March 27...PSU College of Agricultural Sciences Open House, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

March 29...Berlin Public Speaking & Parli. Pro. CDE's, Berlin, 9:00 AM

[April 1...Proficiency & Entrepreneurship Applications due \(regional coordinators\)](#)

April 1...PAAE North Central Region Mtg., Aungst's Rest. – Mill Hall, 5:00 PM

April 2... PA FFA Board Mtg., PSU - 301A, 6:30 PM

April 3...State FFA Proficiency Award Application Evaluation, PSU

April 6...PAAE Western Region Mtg., Hoss's – Allison Park, 6:00 PM

April 7...PAAE South Central Region Mtg., Cumberland Valley HS, 5:00 PM

April 14...South Central Regional Public Speaking & Parli. Pro. Events, Farm Show Complex, 9:00 AM

April 15...CCC Area CDE's, Penns Valley HS, 9:00 AM

[April 15...Dairy Showmanship Applications due \(*Doug Brown, Central Columbia*\)](#)

April 21...Western Regional Public Speaking & Parli. Pro. Events, Crooked Creek Environmental Center, 9:30 AM

April 26...North Central Regional Public Speaking & Parli. Pro. Events, Penn Tech College, 10:00 AM

[May 1...Regional Contest Quota results due \(*Regional Coordinators*\)](#)

[May 7...FFA Week Entries due to Penn State \(*L. Everhart*\)](#)

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