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**MARYLAND FFA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE GIFT OF BLUE**

**(HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND) –** April 13, 2024- The Maryland FFA Foundation is pleased to announce their annual recipients of the Gift of Blue Program. This program benefits those deserving and active FFA members in grades 9-11. Each chapter is eligible to request up to three FFA jackets at a cost of $20/jacket.

This year, 96 students representing 33 chapters received their own FFA jacket and matching tie/scarf in a presentation during a ceremony at the State Spring Judging Event on April 13, 2024 at Westminster High School. The event hosted over 460 members, advisors, parents and volunteers. The Maryland FFA Foundation has sponsored this generous event for the past nine years awarding 843 jackets to deserving members totaling over $42,250 through their foundation.

**Region 1**

Allegany: Leah Hite, Hailee Isom, Leigha Read

Boonsboro: Mackenzie Angle, Ava Leatherman, Esther Lowe

Boonsboro Middle: James Burke, Rebeka Davidson, Devin McCary

Boyd J. Michael III Tech: Autumn Beall, Brielle Long, Avery Long

Clear Spring: Kyleigh Jarrett, Dawson Miller, Sam Vowell

Smithsburg: Grace Bowers, Baylee Cook, Mary Dorment

**Region 2**

Brunswick: Joey Georg, Emma Pearrell, Lane Riggleman

Catoctin: Gabby Brauning, Faith May, Lizzie Schuebel

Frederick CTC: Tori Bell, Johanna Brashear, Cali Moregon

Linganore: Kyleigh Crum, Jenna Fountain, Emry Mayhew

Middletown: Irie Hammel, Brooke Haupt, Elijah Sowers

Oakdale: Lyla Ladd, Kylee Puryear, Megan Tu

Tuscarora: Kristina Dorsey, Julia Gates, Angel Mender

Urbana: Leah Ogg, Audrey Scholz, Addie Shavell

Walkersville: Chloe Carter, Gina Florimbio, Paige Riggs

**Region 3**

Calvert: Cameron Gagnon, Lillian Mooney, Nathan Nguyen

CAT-North: Colin McCallister, Riley Miller-Hubbard, Allyson Redmiles

Damascus: Mark Coleman, Logan Monarch, Alexander Stonesifer

Fairmont Heights: Kimberly Salazar, Ishtiaq Uthsho, Lanyah Worthington

Gwynn Park: Maya Gudderra, Pavan Raigor, Treasure Roberts

Howard County: Kaylee Brogan, Natalie Davis, Kate Wells

Maurice J. McDonough: Doriana Damo

Southern: Caroline Harding, Sasha Painter, CeCe Rock

**Region 4**

Century: Angeli Barragan, Hannah Marasco, Abhi Yadiapalli

Francis Scott Key: Andrew Putman, Josie Wilhide, Cole Zeigler

Liberty: Billy Herndon, Abigail Morsching

Manchester Valley: Joseph Battaglia, Jacob Brown, Andrew Koontz

North Harford: Clayton McGraw, William Rowan, Logan Sealy

South Carroll: Emmalea Bartolain, Trista Christiansen, Brennon Harrison

Westminster: John Duvall, Wyatt Findley, Kayleigh Hamilton

Winters Mill: Dillan Frushour, Carli Ireland, Sydney Schertz

**Region 5**

Queen Anne’s County: Beau Dulin, Trey Palmatary, Blake Quillen

Worcester Tech: Angelle Ayers, Aireonna Colman, Jordan Dyer



The Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation is a 501c3 non-governmental nonprofit established in 1989. Through the Maryland FFA, teacher workshops, scholarships, grants, Mobile Labs and Showcases, and revenues from the Ag Tag license plate sales, the Foundation pursues its mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in everyone’s daily lives. The Maryland FFA Association’s staff team is partially funded through a $60,000 federal Perkins Grant facilitated by the Maryland State Department of Education. The Maryland FFA Association has 2,421 active members in 47 Chapters throughout the State.

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