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Local FFA Member Earns State FFA Degree

**Raleigh, NC** – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FFA Chapter was awarded the State FFA Degree by the North Carolina FFA Association on June 17, 2020. The award was given during the North Carolina FFA Virtual State Celebration. The state degree was awarded to 283 North Carolina FFA members this year.

In order to receive the state degree, the student must meet stringent requirements. The student must first obtain the Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees. They must have completed two years of high school study in agricultural education and maintained membership in the FFA organization during that time. The student must have an agricultural project in place and must have earned and productively invested at least $1,000, or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time.

In addition to these requirements, the students must have also demonstrated their leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary abilities, giving a six-minute speech on a topic related to agriculture or the FFA, serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or a participating member of a chapter committee, must have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level, and participated in at least 25 hours of community service.

The North Carolina FFA is a youth organization of over 20,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 340 local chapters across the state. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for **premier leadership, personal growth and career success** through agricultural education. Visit www.ncffa.org for more information.

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