

FFA October Recap

Greenhand Conference

This year three of Parkway's freshmen had the chance to attend the annual Greenhand Conference held at Versailles High School. While at the Conference first year FFA members were able to interact and meet other first year members through games and leadership activities. An inspirational speech was also given by former National FFA President Koleson McCoy. Many State FFA officers were also present to help teach the students more about FFA and all of the opportunities it brings.



Job Interview CDE

The Job Interview, career development event is designed to teach FFA members valuable skills that they can carry over into their personal life when applying for jobs. Students who competed in this event had to submit a cover letter, complete a job application and resume, participate in a face to face job interview, and provide a follow up letter. All of which will be beneficial when pursuing future careers. Students who attended this event at the sub-district level were Abigail Sheets, Zoey Henning, Maggie Rich, Lola Daily, Alayna Reigle, and Alexis Berry. Lola Daily moved on to compete at Districts and did a great job representing Parkway FFA.



National Convention

FFA members had four fun days as they traveled to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention. On the way to Indy many pit stops were made for tours. Students first stopped in Huntington, Indiana to tour Platts Show Pigs. Where they learned how genetics are used in the agricultural field and got to witness the castration process. After that, the students were headed off to Illinois where they got to explore the John Deere Pavilion and Development Works factory located in Moline, Illinois. While there the students toured the process of creating machinery and got to see new technology and farm equipment. Then after much anticipation the Parkway FFA was off to their final destination The 96th National FFA Convention. Convention was a great opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills. Members had the chance to listen to speakers, experience general sessions, explore agricultural companies, walk around the expo, and lastly celebrate many of Parkway's successes.



Carter Hellwarth, a 2023 graduate shows that hard work and dedication pays off as he placed 2nd in the Nation for the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE! During the competition those competing had to select a random agriculture topic to write a 4-6 minute speech about. Then each participant is given 30 minutes to write and prepare their speech. To end things off, those competing present their speech to judges and have to answer in-depth questions about the topic they choose. Not only did Carter place 2nd in the Nation, so did the Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems team! Team members include Lucas Hileman, Trenton Garwood, Jackson Kraner, and Deegan Rager, with Lucas placing 6th overall and Trenton 8th. Within the Ag Technology and Mechanical systems competition lots of important skills are needed to succeed. Team members had to take a written exam along with participating in hands-on activities. Some examples of what the Tech and Mech team did were troubleshooting machinery,

welding, building rafters, and knowing how to apply technological programs to help perform tasks. We are proud to have so many FFA members who truly go above and beyond to accomplish great things. Way to make Parkway proud!



Parkway also had a record number of 11 members who earned their American FFA degree. These members include Makena Boeckman, Jaden hileman, Aidan Morton, Kiersten Roehm, Raegan Roehm, Bryce Harding, Faith Jacobs, Zach Hawk, Nathan Sheets, Cade Schoenleben, and Keaton Zizelman. This is an amazing accomplishment as only about 1% of people enlisted in FFA go on to earn their American degree. Way to represent Parkway!