

# Area III Newsletter

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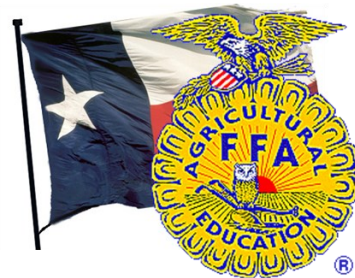
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Looking back over the past year, I am very proud of the impact FFA members have made in our area. From making stepping stones to clearing brush to donating butterflies to the Holocaust museum, the districts and chapters have done an outstanding job of reaching out to our communities. District officers, the deadline for turning in your community service reports to be considered for recognition has been extended to April 25. Please e-mail them to me at [jacquelyndwilson@gmail.com](mailto:jacquelyndwilson@gmail.com) by midnight on the 25<sup>th</sup> or get in touch with me about special circumstances. Thanks and gig 'em!

## Area Convention Update

We are so very excited for May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, otherwise known as Area III Convention! But as officers, we are even more excited to see all of you! On the 10<sup>th</sup>, interviews and tests will take place for officer elections. The 11<sup>th</sup> is when Area III will swarm Brenham, Texas for convention. There, we will have two sessions filled with the talent of our very members. Speakers

will compete in front of judges for a chance to advance to state; talent will perform in front of all of you, for votes as well. We will also be electing the new Area III officer team, and our state officer candidate. Lunch tickets will cost \$8 per plate, remember to get these and register your delegates! All information is subject to change but updates and schedules may be found on the Area



III Website. We can promise you that this convention will get loud, and crazy. Although it is a sad day for the officers retiring, this convention will be the start of something new for many. Whether you are competing, or a voting delegate, this convention is the one you don't want to miss! See y'all there!

## Area III's State Officer—Kyle Schmidt

Howdy Area III FFA! I hope that you have had as wonderful year so far as I have. District banquets are coming up, and the spring semester is in full swing as we compete in CDE's and finish up with our livestock projects. This entire year I have seen so many of you compete and grow as individuals, becoming future lead-

ers and establishing your success at an early age. Hard work, dedication, and a passion for FFA is all you need, to do exceptional things with your time during high school. Over the past year, we have had the privilege to be served by some of the best Area and District officers Area III has to offer, and give them my appreciation

for leading our Area. Myself, as well as each officer, are more than happy to help you with any questions you might have for the remainder of this year. On behalf of the Texas FFA State Officer Team and the over 86,000 Texas FFA members across the state, thank you for being the very reason we call "Area III the place to be!"

## Officer Corner-Kaylee Paul



Howdy Area III, my name is Kaylee Paul and I am your current Area III Sentinel. Just to give you a little information about me, I am from a little bitty town on Lake Houston called Huffman. I am currently a junior at Hargrave High School. Yes, I am the youngest one on the Area III officer team and my teammates NEVER let me

forget it! :) I am absolutely OBSESSED with bling and anything that sparkles! My favorite FFA contests are Horse Judging and Quiz. After high school I plan to attend Texas A&M University where I hope to earn a degree in Animal Science and then proceed to Veterinary School. This year as an area officer has been an amazing and re-

warding opportunity! With every member I meet, I am even more inspired to do all I can to serve this great organization! As the school year comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the greatest area in Texas and I wish everyone a safe and awesome summer!!!

## Check List for planning your Chapter Banquet



The end of the year is approaching which means that many chapters are starting to prepare for their chapter banquet. Here are some things to consider having to help make your chapter banquet a success!

- A dinner with dinner tickets
- Something to display your chapters awards and achievements from that year on
- Tables with tablecloths for the officers at the front of the meeting room
- Station markers
- Podium
- Floral arrangements to place on stage or by the officer table
- Plaques and certificates for award recipients
- A slideshow featuring that years highlights

Make sure to have a well-planned out banquet with an agenda or script to make it more enjoyable for the guests. But also remember to enjoy your banquet because it's your time to show of what your chapter has accomplished that year!

## Area & State CDE's

What do you get when you combine ten competitions, Texas A&M University and members from the greatest area in Texas? That's right, Area III Career Development Events! It is once again time to test our area's knowledge and skills in our CDE competitions. On April 14, 2012 at Texas A&M University, chapters from all corners of Area III will come together to compete for the opportunity to advance to the state level. Our members have been studying and practicing very hard this year and it is now time to put that to the test! After all the competitions are completed, the results and teams advancing to the state level will be announced.

Located below are the dates and locations of the Texas FFA state competitions:

Ag Communications	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Ag Mechanics	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Ag Sales	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Agromony	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Cotton	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Dairy Cattle	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
Dairy Foods	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
Entomology	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Environmental and Natural Resources	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
FBM	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Food Science	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Forage	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Floriculture	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Homesite Evaluation	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
Horse	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Land	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
Livestock	Texas A&M University	May 5, 2012
Marketing Plan	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Meats	Texas A&M University	May 5, 2012
Nursery/Landscape	Sam Houston State University	May 4, 2012
Plant I.D.	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012
Poultry	Texas A&M University	May 5, 2012
Range	Tarleton State University	April 19, 2012
Veterinary Science	Texas A&M University	May 5, 2012
Wool	Texas Tech University	April 21, 2012

The Area III Officer Team would like to wish everyone a sincere good luck and we know that you will all do great! For more information on any of the contests at the area or state levels, please visit [www.judgingcard.com](http://www.judgingcard.com) for more information. See you in Aggieland!

## Officer Corner-Brianna Hubbard

Howdy Area III! Hopefully I have met most of you by now, but for those I haven't gotten to see yet, here is some info about myself. I am 18 years old and from the oh-so-great town of College Station. For my SAE project, I raise market and breeding boer goats. Since it is CDE season, you may see me

at a contest competing in Food Science or Nursery Landscape. I love loud music, bright colors, and jamming out in my truck on a daily basis. I sure hope that you are all as excited for Area Convention as I am! This year has been nothing but positive and I am sad that it is coming to an end. However,

for many, this year will start the beginning of great things and new opportunity. This season is busy, so remember to work hard in all that you do, and good luck in all of your contests and banquets. See you on the flip side!

