

Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter

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Mulhall-Orlando FFA Has a Busy May

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ORLANDO, Okla – The Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter attended the Oklahoma State FFA Convention May 1-2. The chapter took 17 members, including five State FFA Degree Candidates, two proficiency finalists, a state-placing public speaker, and an Area Star Farmer. The chapter members who attended the convention were Baylee Brown, Charley Johnson, KayLea Taylor, Lane Blankinship, Paige Day, Ashlyn Larman, Kaylee Shenold, Karlie Thomason, Sarah Cunningham, Maylan Fogelman, Emma Horinek, Sydney Johnson, Paden Day, Brandon Oldenburg, Braxton Oldenburg, JaLeigh Oldenburg, and Allie Schrammel.

There were several highlights for the M-O Chapter throughout the convention. Senior Paden Day was presented with a \$1500 scholarship on behalf of the Tulsa State Fair during the second session. Charley Johnson was recognized during the fourth session as the 2nd place finisher in the 8th grade exploration category of public speaking. In the fifth session, Paden Day was named as the third place finisher in the Swine Production proficiency, and JaLeigh Oldenburg was named as the state winner in the Sheep Production proficiency. JaLeigh Oldenburg was also named as the State Star Farmer during this session. She is only the fifth female to win this award, so it was very exciting! The final highlight came in the final session of the convention when seniors Paden Day, Brandon Oldenburg, Braxton Oldenburg, JaLeigh Oldenburg and Allie Schrammel all crossed the stage one last time to receive their State FFA Degrees.

Upon returning from the State FFA Convention, the chapter held its annual banquet. The officers conducted the Opening Ceremonies, which were followed by a meal and slideshow. Freshmen Paige Day,

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Ashlyn Larman, Karlie Thomason, Tyler Fogelman, and Lane Blankinship kicked the banquet off by reciting one paragraph each of the FFA Creed. Chapter Advisor, Mr. Cody Johnson then presented a year in review to highlight all of the accomplishments of the members, followed by degree awards. The eighth grade members were presented with Discovery FFA Degrees, and Charley Johnson received the Star Discovery Award. Freshmen chapter members received their Greenhand FFA Degrees, and Paige Day received the Star Greenhand Award. The sophomore chapter members received their Chapter FFA Degrees, and Sydney Johnson was presented with the Star Chapter Award. JaLeigh Oldenburg received the Chapter Star Farmer Award, and Allie Schrammel received the Star Agribusiness Award. The seniors were then recognized as having received their State FFA degrees. Paden Day & JaLeigh Oldenburg also received recognition for their State Proficiency Awards, as well as JaLeigh's State Star Farmer Award. Each senior also received a monogrammed sweatshirt blanket from Mr. Johnson. The chapter then presented an Honorary Chapter FFA Degree to Roberta Wehr, a strong supporter of the FFA Chapter. Following the chapter awards and recognition, Mother's Club President Lorinda Schrammel presented each of the seniors with a personalized travel organizer.

Following a slideshow to further recognize the seniors, the installation of the 2018-2019 Chapter Officer Team took place. The new officer team is: President-Sydney Johnson, Vice President-Lane Blankinship, Secretary-Sarah Cunningham, Treasurer-Karlie Thomason, Reporter-Paige Day, and Sentinel-Ashlyn Larman. Closing Ceremonies were then conducted to end the annual banquet.

The final activity in May for the M-O FFA Chapter was the annual Mulhall Day Celebration in Mulhall, OK on Saturday, May 26. The chapter members each wore FFA shirts and rode on the decorated float. Karlie Thomason provided an awesome sign for the front of the float that she "pumped" herself. Everyone enjoyed throwing candy out to all of the parade goers. Chapter members attending the Mulhall Day Celebration included: Advisor Mr. Cody Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Lane Blankinship, Karlie Thomason, Paige Day, Ashlyn Larman, Kaylee Shenold, Baylee Brown, Charley Johnson and KayLea Taylor.

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