

# STATE CONVENTION REFLECTION

Nine Louise FFA Members traveled to Fort Worth last week to attend the 93rd annual Texas FFA State Convention. Check out the highlights below!

## TEXAS FFA HISTORY MADE

Incoming freshman, Fatima Feregrino, was selected to recite opening ceremonies in Spanish. This opportunity was opened to members across the state, and only 7 were chosen. Fatima, alongside her fellow members, spent the week preparing and memorizing their parts of opening ceremonies. During the Third General Session, they recited opening ceremonies in Spanish from memory in front of 11,099 people! This is the first time in Texas FFA history that opening ceremonies were done in Spanish. Check out our Louise FFA Facebook page for a video of Fatima reciting her part during the session.



## \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Recent graduate, Andrea Dunlap was awarded her \$20,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship During Convention. Andrea was recognized on stage and attended a luncheon where she got to meet and thank her scholarship sponsors.

## COURTESY CORP

Kianna Cortez, Madison Grant, Artemio Alvarez, BreAna Viesca, Monica Montes, Kylie Martinez and Sidney Vitera served on Courtesy Corp while at convention. Courtesy Corp is a group of current FFA members who help with various parts of convention all week long. This experience allows our members to see the inner workings of convention from a behind-the-scenes servant leadership aspect.



## DAY OF SERVICE

The fourth line of the FFA Motto is "Living to Serve". Our members fulfilled this line during convention by participating in the Day of Service to give back to the community of Fort Worth for hosting our convention. Members cleaned Sycamore Park alongside other chapters from across the state.



## LONESTAR DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The Lonestar FFA Degree is the highest degree that our state association can award to a member. Louise FFA had two Lonestar Degree recipients this year, Wylee Strelec and Sidney Vitera. These members have maintained their grades, SAE projects, FFA involvement and employment. Only 2,000 members out of Texas FFA's 123,000 members received this honor this year.



## SPANISH CREED CONTEST

Fatima Feregrino competed at the State Spanish Creed Contest while at convention. 50 individuals from across the state competed in this year's contest. Competitors memorize the FFA Creed in Spanish and recite it in front of a panel of judges. Judges score based on number of correct words and presentation.



## VOTING DELEGATES

Each FFA chapter is allowed to have voting delegates represent their chapter at the state level to vote on changes, state officers, talent teams and any other business that may be presented. This year, our members voted on changing deadlines for award applications, Area XI state officer candidates, state president candidates and talent teams. Our members rotated throughout the week to ensure that each had their voice heard.



## NATIONAL FFA OFFICER

Throughout the week our members built a relationship with National FFA Officer, Anna Mathis. Our members ran into Anna consistently throughout the week and talked to her about FFA and life. Anna facilitated a workshop titled, "An Attitude of Gratitude" that our members attended.

