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**CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SECRETARY AWARD RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED AT THE 89th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Chapter Leadership Secretary Award were recognized at the 89th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 27-29, 2017.

In the high school division, Monica Dowd of the Arabia Mountain FFA Chapter was the state winner of the Chapter Secretary Award, followed by Logan Bryant of the Jones County FFA Chapter and Johnathon Strickland of the LaGrange FFA Chapter placing second and third, respectively.

In the middle school division, Lauren McCall of the Youth Middle FFA Chapter was the state winner, followed by Elizabeth Parsons of the Northside Middle FFA Chapter and Brantley County Middle FFA Chapter placing second and third, respectively.

The Chapter Leadership Secretary Award program recognizes chapter secretaries who keep accurate records including program of activities, roll of chapter and honorary members, minutes of meetings, and other information pertinent to the chapter. The high school Chapter Leadership Secretary awards are sponsored by the Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, while the middle school awards are sponsored by Titan/Goodyear Farm Tires.

All winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners receive a $100 cash award. Additionally, the advisor of the state winner received $100 cash. Second place winners received $50, and third place winners received $25.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are more than 600,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 40,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The 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.

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