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**STATE WINNERS IN FFA TALENT COMPETITION RECOGNIZED AT THE 90th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the FFA Talent competition were recognized at the 90th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 26-28, 2018.

The winner of the 2018 FFA Talent competition was Olivia Cranford of Dodge County. Other finalists included Emma Long of Pickens County Middle, Victoria James of Pataula Charter, and Alexis Kizziah of Crawford County.

To compete in the State FFA Convention Talent Competition, students must first submit a video recording of their talent to the State FFA Association. Twenty-five students are then selected to perform during convention sessions or during the career show. Four finalists, chosen by a panel of judges during their rehearsals, perform for a second time during another convention session. The winners are chosen by FFA students at the convention by poll on the state convention app.

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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