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NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED AT THE 91st GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION

MACON, Ga. – Recipients of the National Chapter Award were announced at the 91st Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 25-27, 2019.

The National Chapter Award recognizes FFA chapters who exemplify chapter excellence by creating a balanced Program of Activities and provide opportunities for members to grow as individuals.

The state winner in Chapter Achievement was Pelham. Chapter Achievement Awards were presented to Cambridge of Area 1; Jefferson Middle of Area 2; Northside Middle of Area 3; West Laurens Middle of Area 4; Pataula Charter of Area 5 and Berrien County of Area 6.

National Gold Emblem Chapter Awards, representing the top 10% of FFA chapters, were presented to north region chapters: Apalachee, Cambridge, Carver Middle, Coahulla Creek, Commerce Middle, Eastside, Franklin County Middle, Jackson County, Jefferson Middle, LaFayette Middle, Madison County Middle, Malcom Bridge Middle, Morgan County Middle, Newton CCA, Oconee County, Pepperell, Russell Middle, West Jackson Middle, and Youth Middle. In the central region, Bonaire Middle School, Crawford County, Islands, Locust Grove, Northside Middle, Perry Middle, Pike County, Screven County High School, Screven County Middle School, Southeast Bulloch, Stockbridge, and West Laurens also received gold emblem awards. Finally, in the south region, Atkinson County, Berrien County and Pataula Charter were also recognized for their outstanding programs.

Chapters must complete a detailed application to be eligible for the National Chapter Award. The applications are scored based on the chapters' goals and the achievement of the set goals. State FFA Associations recognize the top 10% of chapters as Gold Emblem chapters. The top application in each area is named an area winner in Chapter Achievement, and the highest scoring chapter is named the state winner.

The National Chapter Awards were sponsored by the Farm Credit Associations of Georgia.

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 nearly 670,000 FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 42,000 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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