

Wapsie Valley FFA Awards Greenhand and Chapter Degrees to Members

By Natalie Risse, Chapter Reporter

On Thursday, November 17, the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter held its annual Greenhand and Chapter Initiation Ceremony. At this ceremony, 24 members received their Greenhand FFA Degree, and 16 members received their Chapter FFA Degree. The Greenhand Degree is awarded to first-year FFA members that are enrolled in agriculture education, have demonstrated knowledge of the FFA, and have shown plans for a supervised agricultural experience. It is made of bronze, which is a metal that is noted for its strength, but the receiving members are reminded that just as there are more precious metals, there are more valuable degrees to be earned in the FFA organization. The following members were awarded this degree: Viktoria Anderson, Sloane Banger, Tanner Bantz, Tegan Briddle, Brendon Brown, Kim Cortez, Branden Cox, Trever Dorn, John Ebaugh, Ethan Garlow, Jason Harks, Lottie Von Keickebusch, Caleb Larson, Hannah Miller, Jackson Nading, Cole Neil, Kennadi Neil, Andruw Powell, Anna Richards, Reily Richards, Hunter Rottinghaus, Sam Schnor, Brittany Shover, and Kyle Voy.

The Chapter FFA Degree is the highest degree that a chapter can award its members. To be eligible to receive this honor, a member must have obtained the Greenhand Degree, have participated in a number of chapter activities, received classroom agricultural instruction, have a good scholastic record, have invested time and money into their supervised agricultural experience, and have demonstrated a number of skills such as public speaking and leading a meeting. The following members were awarded the Chapter Degree: Haley Bayness, Rylan Duffy, Grant Grober, Mikenna Joerger, Bryce Kleitsch, Trystan Lampe, Julia LaRue, Lydia Martins, Karissa Michael, Jacob Risse, Tanner Sauerbrei, Abby Sheppard, Marisa Thurm, Austin Warnke, Olivia Willey, and Jordan Yessak.

In honor of the initiation ceremony, the State FFA Secretary, Chase Kusel, gave an inspiring speech to the members and their families that attended. The Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter would like to extend congratulations to the members that received their degrees, and a thank you to Chase Kusel for taking time to visit the chapter.