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MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH FFA TAKES TOP STATE HONORS AT SOUTH CAROLINA FFA CONVENTION



Pictured L-R: Magen Fulghum, Kayla Morris, Donald Myers, & Tanner Bell

Graniteville, SC – June 13, 2011 – The Midland Valley High School FFA Association took home many of South Carolina’s top FFA honors this past week at the 84th Annual South Carolina FFA Convention. The convention was held on the campus of Clemson University in Clemson South Carolina June 8 – 10, 2011. There were four members representing the Midland Valley chapter as well as their advisor Mr. Jeremy Brooks.

For the third consecutive year the Midland Valley FFA Chapter was named a National FFA Gold Emblem Chapter in South Carolina out of over one hundred FFA chapters across the state. This was also the third year that the chapter took home the prestigious South Carolina Governor’s Citation for Student Development, naming them the top chapter in the area of student development for South Carolina. The recognition was based on an application submitted by the students which identified successful activities in the areas of student, chapter and community development. The chapter will now enter national competition where it will receive recognition as a top chapter in the country.

The chapter was also awarded the 100% plus membership award based upon the active membership and participation of over 100 students in various projects and activities throughout the school year.

“These achievements are a result of a group effort by members, parents, school faculty and administration, and community support,” said Jeremy Brooks, agriculture instructor at Midland Valley High. “While awards provide tangible recognition of chapter achievements, the true reward is producing young adults who are engaged

learners, dedicated leaders and contributing citizens who seek to improve their community,” he said.

Aaron Floyd and Sara Rains, 2011 graduates of the Midland Valley High Agriculture Program, both earned the coveted South Carolina State FFA Degree, the highest level of recognition that the state FFA can confer.

FFA is a student organization set up by the United States Education Department in Washington, D.C. The FFA is an integral part of the high school agriculture department. The Midland Valley High Agriculture Department offers courses and internship opportunities in the areas of agricultural science, wildlife management, aquaculture, agricultural mechanics, and forestry. The Midland Valley FFA Association had 115 members this past year and participated in over 100 activities outside the classroom that complemented all the skills students learn in the classroom. All of the hard work and dedication by the students and teacher helped the Midland Valley FFA Chapter to land one of the top agriculture programs in the state and nation.

For more information about the Midland Valley High Agricultural Education Department and the FFA chapter, or to enroll in courses, contact the agricultural education office at 803-593-7142 or visit our website at www.midlandvalleyffa.com.