



# SC Governor's School for Agriculture

AT JOHN DE LA HOWE

## WEEK ELEVEN

### **GSA @ JDLH Family,**

Week 11 of the SC Governor's School for Agriculture was an incredibly busy week that spilled over to the weekend (hence the tardiness of this update). Our students attended the National FFA Convention – virtually, of course. Those virtual sessions were very informative and engaged our students. We also had an FFA jacket ceremony where our FFA officers were given their jackets and charged to represent the FFA and our school at a high level of integrity. This weekend, I attended the Palmetto State Shutdown Livestock Show and the Lowrys High School Rodeo. We had students participating in both events and also our Field Trial Team had a contest in Chester County! I am very proud of all students who competed and represented us in those contests. Hampton Davis and Garrett Jolley amazed me with their roping abilities! I am attaching some short video clips to this email. If they are too large to send all in one email, I will send them separately.

### **From Libby Templeton –**

Animal Science Instructor: Two of our students exhibited their beef cattle in Laurens, SC. Trey Haddon was 4th in Senior Showmanship and won Reserve Grand Champion Crossbred heifer and Kyle Gilreath won Grand Champion Angus heifer! FFA President Anna Grace Cross, Mrs. Templeton Ag Teacher, Mr. Keown President, Mr. Osborne Resource Officer, and Mr. Brownlee RA came out to show their support of these hard-working students! The judge is one of the most well-respected livestock judges in the country, Ryan Rash. He does a phenomenal job placing animals and working with youth. Our Rabbit Show Team also competed in Laurens. Val Vazquez was Champion Showman and Brooke Grondski was Reserve Champion Showman, both winning belt buckles! Grace Nimmons won Best in Breed in the Lionhead and was 6th in showmanship, Val won Best in Breed in the Mini Lop and Honorable Mention Best in Show, and Brooke won Best in Breed in the French Lop bringing back silver trays and banners. Kyleigh Banks Adams won breed classes and was 3rd in senior showmanship and Alyssa Gillman was 4th in Senior showmanship and placed 2nd Mini Rex. See attached photos.

### **From Hunter Morton –**

Environmental and Natural Resources Instructor: Our Field Trial team competed in the Armenia Winds Pointing Breeds Club Hunt test. Colin Greene and his dog passed with 4 bird finds and Chief handled by Christian Fehr and Coralie Davis passed with 2 bird finds. See attached photos.

### **From Cadie Giba – Director of Student Outreach and Recruitment:**

We have 23 new applications for next year! If you know of a rising 10-12 grader who may be interested in our school, please email [cadie.giba@delahowe.sc.gov](mailto:cadie.giba@delahowe.sc.gov) to arrange a tour!



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## **From Frank Dorn – Director of the School Farm:**

Along with student's assistance, our staff is: 1. Moving and sorting cattle that are close due and those not due until Feb. 2. We are also planting wheat and oats. 3. Cleaning up hay from fall decorations. 4. Saw milling of cedar logs. 5. Forestry spraying of trail areas. 6. Burning of stumps and logs from land clearing. 7. Fencing removal and replacement in Goat Pasture.

## **From Sylvester Coleman – Director of Business and Finance:**

1. We are in the final phase of the Roofing Project of the Administration Building. Shingles were being installed this week and this project will be complete by mid-November.
2. Next week, we have a scheduled kick-off meeting with GuardOne Security to finalize the new contract for armed-security services.
3. Kudos to Procurement and Finance for handling the more than 270% increase in new purchase orders for the agency and ensuring that our vendors are being paid for over \$2.5M in services so far this year.

## **From Kinsley Miller – Director of the Education Center:**

I am working with our teachers to develop virtual field trips. We also have our second official field trip with a group of 6th graders from Belton Middle School!

**From Jennifer Brown – Director of Library Services:** Please see attached news release about some very exciting news!

## **Aggie of the Week:**

Kyle Gilreath is our Aggie of the Week! He was nominated by Mr. Keown. To know Kyle is to love Kyle. This young man has an incredible life story full of adversity and overcoming them. Kyle has represented our school in numerous positive ways. This weekend he showed the Grand Champion Angus heifer in a very competitive class of Angus cattle. He has great people skills and could run for Governor one day! Kyle, we are all extremely proud of the young man you are becoming. Don't ever change your personality. We all expect greatness from you and won't accept any less.

**GO AGGIES!**

**Timothy R. Keown**