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The Pioneer Valley High School Agriculture Department was recently ranked 12th out of 340 Ag programs in California with 34 State Degrees, three American Degrees, one State Champion Team and one State Proficiency Winner.

The Panthers were also named Chapter of the Year in their section.

Annually, Ag programs get measured on the successful merits of their student achievements and are evaluated statewide for their commitment to student success.

This past year, FFA members shined during speaking competitions, career development events and leadership development opportunities. Our State Champion Judging Team was the only one from this region.

Ag Teacher Gabriel Ponce said, “As Ag Teachers this is what we strive for. We want our students to take full advantage of the opportunities for growth, competition, and success. The Pioneer Valley FFA staff with the support of our administration and additional staff have allowed us to achieve this. We want to thank all of you and the real stars of this award, our students for their achievements. They worked hard to achieve the goal that they set out to accomplish and they did it.”

Graduate student and our Past Chapter Vice President Miguel Perez reacted to the news, “Wow, that is crazy! Show it to the new students, that is great news! Go PV!”

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