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Bonaire Middle School FFA Chapter Named 2021 National Middle School Model of Excellence



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Bonaire Middle School FFA Chapter was named the Middle School Model of Excellence during the second general session of the 94th National FFA Convention & Expo held in Indianapolis. Pictured left to right are Cheralyn Keily, Bonaire Middle FFA Advisor, and students Marlii Swartwood, Gracie Ware, and Camryn Graham.

Bonaire Middle School hosted several initiatives over the year to meet the diverse needs of its members and community. During the global pandemic, the chapter invited the school counselor to speak with members,

helping them deal with the stress of the unusual times. They also offered an organizational boot camp to help members struggling with their organizational skills. The chapter worked heavily with four area animal shelters and rescues to raise awareness about pet adoption and hosted a supply drive in local businesses.

The National Chapter Award program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters that actively implement the organization's mission and strategies. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards and a Program of Activities that emphasizes growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

National FFA recognizes the top chapters with innovative activities in each of the three divisions: growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters that receive three-star ratings during judging are eligible to compete for the premier chapter awards. Five FFA chapters

competed for the honor. Bonaire Middle School FFA was recognized as the winner during the second general session on Thursday, Oct. 28.

John Deere sponsors the National Chapter Award program. General convention sessions air live on RFD-TV and The Cowboy Channel. FFA members and supporters can tune in and watch gavel-to-gavel coverage of the event. To learn more, visit Convention.FFA.org.

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About National FFA Organization: The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 760,000 student members as part of 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org and on Facebook and Twitter.

About National FFA Foundation: The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. A separately registered nonprofit organization, the foundation is governed by a board of trustees that includes the national FFA president, educators, business leaders and individual donors. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.