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## **KANSAS YOUTH GATHER FOR 2006 KANSAS FFA CONVENTION**

**MANHATTAN, Kan.** – Leadership, excellence and student success will be center stage May 31-June 2 at the 2006 Kansas FFA Convention. This annual event brings together more than 1,700 FFA members, agricultural educators and supporters from 163 Kansas schools to the campus of Kansas State University to honor outstanding young leaders in the Kansas FFA Association.

The convention theme, “Living to Serve,” reflects FFA’s dedication to and rich history of preparing students to serve their schools and communities through agricultural education. The theme will come to life as guests listen to the inspiring retiring addresses of the state FFA officer team and motivational speakers from across the country. Forty-seven members will be awarded proficiency awards for accomplishing specific career goals in their supervised agricultural experience (SAE) programs. The State FFA Degree, the highest honor a state association can bestow, will be awarded to an elite 172 members. From the state degree recipients, a Star Farmer, Star in Agricultural Placement and a Star in Agribusiness will be named – thus recognizing the best three SAE programs in the state.

In addition to individual recognition, entire FFA chapters are recognized through National Chapter Awards and the Triple Crown Award. The coveted Triple Crown distinguishes the top chapter in the state in the areas of student, chapter and community development.

The final session of the convention holds a multitude of opportunities for six extraordinary members who will be selected to serve the 7,410 Kansas FFA members as 2006-2007 state officers.

FFA is a national youth organization of 490,017 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,210 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives 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. Visit [www.ksffa.org](http://www.ksffa.org) for more information.

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