

Press Release

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Midland Valley FFA Chapter Ranked in Top 3% Nationally



GRANITEVILLE, SC The National FFA Organization recently selected from a national pool of more than 7,200 National FFA Chapters the Midland Valley High School FFA Chapter of Graniteville, S.C., as a Gold Emblem winner in the National FFA Chapter Award program. Not only did Midland Valley place as a National Gold Emblem Chapter but the association was also ranked as a 3-Star Gold Emblem Chapter, the highest ranking that an FFA chapter can receive on the national level. Midland Valley was selected as one of only two hundred and sixty two chapters nationwide to receive this honor placing them in the top 3% of FFA chapters across the nation.

The award program is a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National FFA Chapter Award program recognizes FFA chapters for developing and conducting a detailed Program of Activities (POA). Each activity provides opportunities for members to excel in one of three areas: student, chapter, or community development. Every year, chapters are recognized as having earned a one-, two- or three-star rating on their application. The three-star rating is the highest level of accomplishment a chapter may achieve.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,439 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the

growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. 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.

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