



Living Gold



St. Amant FFA Newsletter

November 2019



*Pictured Left to Right- Front to Back
(Kyler Broussard, Ty Anderson,
Natalie Espinosa, Christian Neff,
Sierra Ellis, Chelsea Carter,
Elizabeth Robertson,
Matthew Delaune,
Sadie Foster)*



Upcoming Dates and Events

Nov. 21- Chapter Meeting
Dec. 12- Area IV LDEs
Dec. 18- Christmas Give
Dec. 19- Chapter Meeting
Dec. 20- State LDEs

St. Amant FFA Recognized at National FFA Convention

By: Ty Anderson

The St. Amant FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 92nd National FFA Convention and Expo. Members facilitated the state booth, explored agricultural careers, and attended sessions with more than 60,000 members from across the US. .

“National Convention was an fantastic experience. It taught me about the amazing things FFA Chapters across the nation are doing, and of all the career opportunities in Agriculture,” said Chapter Vice President Chelsea Carter.

Chapter officers Sadie Foster and Christian Neff interviewed for the National Chapter: Growing Leaders award. They walked across the stage, as St. Amant was recognized as one of the Top 40 chapters in the nation. Ty Anderson and Chelsea Carter also took the stage to represent the chapter’s 3-Star Status. This marks the 9th consecutive year of St. Amant being a 3-Star Chapter, the highest rating that a program can receive. This was an amazing experience for our chapter, and we look forward to applying what we learned to our school and community.

FFA Events and Activities

Fall Season Kicks Off at the 10th Annual Boo at the Barn
By: Chelsea Carter

This year marked the 10th Anniversary of our annual Boo at the Barn event. In addition to the games and tractor rides that are traditional to this event, we added new aspects this year to celebrate this milestone. This included live music from David Blackwell and The Big Easy, a costume contest, scare tent and market with various vendors. Children in attendance were taught a lesson and given materials to have a safe trick-or-treating experience. Overall, this event was a major success and we look forward to next year! .

Chapter Food Drives Collect 3,400 Pounds of Food for Families in Need
By: Sadie Foster

The biggest high school rivalry in Louisiana is STA and EA. Our chapter used this rivalry as a way to give back to our local community by organizing a community wide canned food drive. The two schools competed to see who could collect the most canned goods. These donations were then given to local food banks and provided to in-need students at both schools. With over 4,000 cans collected, many people will benefit from our efforts. We thank everyone who assisted with this great initiative!

Member of the Month



**October Member of the Month:
Briette Ruiz**

Briette Ruiz, a sophomore Ag I student, was recognized as the October Member of the Month. Briette has an outstanding SAE project, as she volunteers at a local vet clinic. Additionally, she is a member of the Horse Judging and Geaux Teach teams.

Horse Evaluation wins State Championship

The St. Amant Horse Evaluation Teams traveled to Amite on November 22 to compete in the State Horse Evaluation CDE. The Blue Team, consisting of Chelsea Carter, Sadie Foster, Elizabeth Robertson, and Briette Ruiz, took home the first place banner with a score of 931.



Additionally, Robertson was the top performing individual for the Halter Class, and Foster had the second highest score of all competitors in attendance. The team will compete for the National Championship next October in Indianapolis.

Snapshots of STA FFA



From touring the Tennessee Agricultural Museum (top), to volunteering at an Indiana Apple Orchard (bottom), the National Convention Experience was filled with service, knowledge, and unique opportunities!



Members Sierra Ellis, Natalie Espinosa, and Elizabeth Robertson exploring the Career Expo at National Convention.



Officers Sadie Foster and Christian Neff took the stage to receive Premier Chapter recognition one of only 40 Chapters in the nation with this honor! (top) Our members then enjoyed a snowy Indianapolis evening after session! (bottom)



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The Trick or Treat Street at our 10th annual Boo at the Barn provided sweet treats and taught safety lessons to those in attendance.



Chapter Reporter Ty Anderson cutting his barrel for the Boo at the Barn Train Ride. The games and events were planned, designed, and built by Agriscience students.



Student volunteers prepare children for the Train Ride. The many hard-working volunteers are critical for this event's success.



Member Ryleigh Blank assisting at the Face Painting Station, one of the many areas facilitated by students!



The St. Amant Fire Department teaches lessons on fire and community safety during Boo at the Barn.



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