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Harlan County FFA Hosts Annual Banquet

The Harlan County FFA held their annual banquet on Thursday April 11th, in the Harlan County High school cafeteria. At the banquet they gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the members and to show appreciation to the individuals who have given outstanding service to the chapter including students in the FFA, their parents, teachers, and other special guests. The following people were rewarded the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree: Brent Roark, Edna Burkhart, Ben Baker, Harlan County Farm Bureau, Shannon Daniels, Rachel Mason, Anissa Alred, Eula Brock, Billie Gray, Jeff Phillips, and Callie Lowery.

Trevor Sweet, the Kentucky FFA Secretary, said a few words at the banquet. Sweet is a student at the University of Kentucky and has made a great impression on many of the FFA members. President Jace Howard said, "As I can't really speak for everyone, I can say for myself that Mr. Sweet has had a big impact on myself as an officer."

At the banquet they said their last remarks to the 2018-2019 officer team and installed the 2019-2020 officer team. The new FFA officer team is as follows: President Jace Howard, Vice President Jessica Caudill, Secretary Jonathan Bennet, Reporter Kayla Blanton, Treasurer Hayden Daniel, and Sentinel Sierra Smith, "Even though it's hard for me to graduate and to leave my position behind, I'm very excited to see how all the new officers will do and I wish them all the best of luck" says former president Austin Caudill.

The FFA chapter hired a new Ag. Teacher back in August, and they have accomplished a lot of great things. Harlan County High School even got its first ever greenhouse and plan on opening their doors to the public on April 29th. When asked Ag. Teacher and FFA Advisor Joseph Dempsey said that he was, "very proud of the 2018-2019 officers, and thanked them for all the help." Mr. Joseph Dempsey has very high expectations for all his students, FFA members, and FFA officers.

The Harlan County FFA Chapter has great things planned for the year to come, according to the FFA Reporter Kayla Blanton, "we can only go up from here, failing is not an option for us".



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