**FFA**

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a nationwide organization made up of over 500,000 members. Enrolling in an Agriculture Class at Livermore High School gives you automatic membership and opens the doors to numerous activities and opportunities such as:

- Raising Livestock for the Alameda County Fair
- Attending Monthly Chapter Meetings
- Attending leadership conferences at the local, state, and national level.
- Participation in chapter activities
- Participation in contests including Creed Speaking, Livestock Judging, Prepared Public Speaking, and numerous others
- Develop personal goals and career success

To learn more about the FFA at the national or statewide level go to [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

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**SAE Projects**

Supervised Agriculture Experience Projects

- Market Steers
- Market Swine
- Market Lambs
- Market Goats
- Market Rabbits
- Poultry
- Horse Show
- Gardening

Do any of these projects interest you? Raise animals for the Alameda County Fair and represent Livermore FFA. You can make a profit for your future SAE project or college.

**Livermore High School is the only school left in Alameda County that offers an Agriculture Department.**

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### Agricultural Department Courses

**Agricultural Science***- beginning level course that covers California commodities, FFA and livestock care and feeding.

**Agricultural Biology***- similar to a regular biology course with agricultural aspects interwoven into the curriculum.

**Agricultural Chemistry***- similar to a regular chemistry course with agricultural aspects interwoven into the curriculum.

**History and Art of Floral Design***- teaches the beginning skills in floral design.

**Advanced Floriculture**

- **Wildlife**- focuses on the daily activities, feeding, and courtship habits of North American wildlife and Natural Resources.

**Agricultural Business***- study of business opportunities and economics in Agriculture.

**Animal Anatomy and Physiology***- focuses on animal science, anatomy, physiology, reproduction, nutrition, respiration and genetics.

**Construction-Technology**

- Foundation in basic AgMechanics shop skills including woodworking, metals projects, electrical, and plumbing.

**Advanced Construction-Technology**

- **Ornamental Horticulture***- instructs students in the growth, production, and care of plants for ornamental purposes.

*Approved UC/CSU "g" Elective

** Approved UC/CSU "d" Lab Science

*** Approved UC/CSU "f" Fine Arts

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### FFA School Farm

The FFA School Farm is a five acre facility located off campus. It includes pens for swine, lambs, goats, or steers that can be used by students who do not have the space at home to care for an animal to raise for the fair. This is a wonderful asset for the Agricultural Department.

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### Greenhouse/Garden

The greenhouse and garden is located on LHS campus and is utilized by students that are enrolled in an Agriculture class. Students grow flowers and vegetable plants and have a plant sale. The garden produces a variety of vegetables, which provides a wonderful hands-on learning experience.
Welcome back to the 2014-2015 school year! The Livermore FFA is excited to embark on another fun filled year. The theme of the year is “Step out of your boundaries into success!” This year’s officer team is as follows; Danielle Jess - President, Rae Yamamoto - Vice President, Faith Vandegriff - Secretary, Renee Hanneken - Treasurer, Elisabeth Greenslade - Reporter, and Russell McIntyre - Sentinel.

Our first FFA Chapter meeting was on September 3rd. We had a record number of members and guests who attended, with over 70 FFA members present. We had an ice cream social and played a fun balloon stomp game. Throughout this year we have planned fun activities and fundraisers that we hope members will take advantage of and get involved.

On September 19th - 20th the Officer Team will be attending the Chapter Officer Leadership Conference in Sebastopol. At the conference they will learn new fun ideas and leadership activities to bring back to the Chapter.

This year we will continue with the point system. The top ten students at the end of the year will be treated to a fun activity with the Chapter Officers.

Livermore FFA take full advantage of what FFA has to offer and we challenge you to “Step out of your boundaries into success!”

- Livermore FFA officer team

**2014-2015 Livermore FFA Officer Team**

Back row: Faith Vandegriff - Secretary, Danielle Jess - President, Elisabeth Greenslade - Reporter
Front row: Renee Hanneken - Treasurer, Russell McIntyre - Sentinel, Rae Yamamoto - Vice President

***New Agriculture Courses***

We are proud to offer Agriculture Chemistry, which is approved for UC/CSU “d” lab science credit!
Also Floriculture class has changed names to The History and Art of Floral Design and is approved for UC/CSU “f” fine arts credit!

***A new project*** for this year is the Ag Garden. We have already planted pumpkins and corn and getting winter crops ready for planting. We hope to be in full production by spring. Thanks Bruce Campbell for your help!!!
Livermore FFA Alameda County Fair
Winners!

Swine:
Jaime Maita- Champion FFA Hog
Jessie Peterson- Reserve FFA Hog

Beef:
Jessie Peterson- Champion FFA Steer
Samantha Stoneham- Reserve FFA Steer

Sheep:
Samantha Stoneham- Champion FFA Sheep
Danielle Jess- Reserve FFA Sheep

Goats:
Joanna Le Galloudec- Reserve Supreme FFA Goat, and Champion FFA Goat
Amanda Gallagher Stear- Reserve FFA Goat

FFA Master Showmanship:
Danielle Jess

Important Dates:
October 1st – FFA Meeting @ 7pm
October 1st – FFA Sweatshirt orders due
October 1st – Begin FFA Pie Fundraiser
October 2nd - Greenhand Conference @ Lodi
October 15th – Opening & Closing Contest
October 22nd - Corn Maze, G & M Farms
November 3rd – Start Canned Food Drive
November 12th – Greenhand Banquet @ 6pm
November 12th – Start Poinsettia & Almond Fundraiser
December 3rd – FFA Meeting @ 7pm
December 6th – Pancake Breakfast
December 6th – Holiday Parade
December 13th – Christmas Kids Party

LHS FFA goes to National FFA Convention!!

This year we are fortunate to be taking FFA students to the National FFA Convention! The convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky on October 29th - November 1st. The students attending are Danielle Jess, Rae Yamamoto, and Russell McIntyre along with Ms. Pinheiro.

Danielle Jess was selected out of many applicants to be a delegate representing the state of California at the National Convention! Danielle will be apart of official business meeting of the National FFA and have the opportunity to connect with delegates from across the US as well as the National Officer team. She will have the opportunity to review FFA policies and vote on new proposals.

While in Louisville the students will have the opportunity to not only build their FFA leadership by attending workshops and general sessions, but they will be able to participate in some sight seeing of local attractions.

As part of the trip the students will get to attend Washington D.C from November 1st – 4th. They will travel to D.C from Louisville with the California delegation. While in D.C students will have the opportunity of a lifetime touring the Nations Capitol, National monuments, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Monument, World War II Memorial and many other points of interest in D.C.

We wish them all luck and hope they have the best time while at National Convention and look forward to all the great information they will bring back to our chapter!

North Coast Region
Danielle Jess is the 2014-2015 North Coast Region FFA President serving the region and FFA members. Congratulations!!!!

**Reminder: Those students who want to exhibit animals at the fair or participate in FFA activities must be enrolled in an Ag class for two trimesters!
Dear Chapter Members and Families,

As the Advisors of the Livermore FFA we would like to welcome each and every new and returning member to the Livermore FFA and Agriculture program for the 2014-2015 school year.

The objective of the Livermore FFA and Livermore High School Agriculture Department is to lead, assist, and motivate the members of the FFA in providing high quality Agricultural Education implementing the three circles of the Agriculture Education model to emphasize classroom instruction, FFA, and Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) to develop student success that prepares students for higher education and employment.

This year the Chapter Officers have focused on building our chapter involvement by increasing student participation in meetings and competitions as well as increasing student awareness of agriculture. As the advisors it is extremely important to establish a positive image in order to maintain the motivation of chapter members and involvement. We also feel it is very important to take pride in whatever we do and that we should always represent a positive image. You should take pride in the fact that you are a member of the best and largest student ran organization in the nation, the National FFA Organization!

Once again we are very proud to welcome you aboard and to help each and every one of you to succeed in your chosen field.

Sincerely,

Mr. McNealy and Miss. Pinheiro
FFA Advisors