

Westfall FFA Chapter

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## *Three Westfall FFA members receive American Degree*

Indianapolis —Westfall FFA Chapter members Evan Earich, Leslie Hastings and Ryan Mast recently received the American FFA Degree. The degree, which represents the highest level of achievement for FFA members, was conferred on the members at the recent National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis.

Earich is the son of Mel and Kristen Earich of Williamsport. He served as the Westfall FFA Chapter President in 2008-2009 and is currently a student at the University of Kentucky where he is majoring in animal science. Earich's supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program included a 43 head commercial cow-calf operation and job placement with Earich Cattle Company. Earich won numerous district proficiency awards in the area of Beef Production and shows cattle at many national exhibitions and shows.

Hastings is the daughter of Brad and Jan Shannon of Orient. She served as chapter vice president in 2008-2009. Hastings SAE included beef and swine production enterprises and a mulch retail agri-enterprise. She received the outstanding Agribusiness Salesman Award and participated in parliamentary procedure, job interview, and public speaking. Hastings is currently attending Campbellsville University where she is majoring in physical therapy and sports medicine.

Mast is the son of Teresa Mast of Orient. He served as 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president in 2008-2009. Mast's SAE included five breeding sows, 26 market and show pigs, 50 acres of crop production, and job placement on the Jeff Wippel family farm. Mast won district proficiency awards in poultry and swine production. He attended the Agricultural Technical Institute of the Ohio State University in Wooster where he majored in swine production and management and is currently attending Columbus State University.

Members received a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate in a blue leatherette frame to commemorate the achievement. The American Degree is a national program that is sponsored by CASE IH, the Farm Credit System Foundation, and Pioneer Hybrid International Inc., Sygenta and Progressive Farmer.



*Pictured: left to right:*  
Ryan Mast, Leslie Hastings, Evan Earich

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