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**STATE WINNERS IN THE SERVICE LEARNING PROFICIENCY
RECOGNIZED AT THE 98th GEORGIA FFA STATE CONVENTION**

MACON, Ga. – Winners of the Home and/or Community Development Proficiency were recognized at the 98th Georgia FFA State Convention held at the Macon Centreplex on April 22-25, 2026.

Addison Winchester of Hawkinsville placed first in the proficiency competition. Placing second was Adrienne Robinson-Sullivan from Valdosta, and Samuel Gourley from Newton CCA received third place honors.

Proficiency awards are granted to FFA members who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). By volunteering their time for activities such as the beautification of community landscapes or modernizing homes for better health and comfort, participating Service Learning students are committed to community betterment and development.

The Service Learning Proficiency was sponsored at the state level by the Oglethorpe Power Corporation.

All proficiency winners received a plaque and a cash award. State winners receive \$100, as well as \$500 travel money to attend the National FFA Convention. Additionally, the advisor of the state winner also received \$100 cash. Second place winners received \$50, and third place winners received \$25.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, changed its name in 1988 to reflect the growth and diversity of agriculture. There are over 1 Million FFA members nationwide. The Georgia Association has more than 80,000 members, making it the third largest Association in the nation. The FFA makes 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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