

DINUBA FFA

FIRST SEMESTER

NEWSLETTER

TULARE COUNTY FAIR

This year at the Tulare County Fair, we were excited to have over 30 showmen participate. Our lineup included 4 steers, 12 pigs, 10 lambs, 6 goats, and 4 breeder goats. We're thrilled to announce that Ivan Alcala was named the Carcass Contest Champion, receiving both a consecutive trophy and a belt buckle. Our showmen earned numerous awards, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements!



CHAPTER MEETINGS

- **August** - Sliding into the School Year: Kicking off the academic year, we enjoyed a water slide, a movie, board games, and music. Refreshments included fruit cups, water, and lemonade.
- **September** - Pre-Fair Showcase: We proudly presented our animals to judges from Reedley College. The event was complemented with hot dogs, cookies, brownies, and water.
- **October** - Spooky Dodgeball: In the spirit of Halloween, we engaged in glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, accompanied by face painting and refreshments of water and lemonade.
- **November** - Ag Awareness Month: We hosted informative booths with industry professionals. Our members had the opportunity to learn about various agricultural careers and pathways.
- **December** - Care Packages for the Troops: Demonstrating our support for deployed Air Force troops, our members generously contributed items, enabling us to assemble 59 care packages.



FALL FUNDRAISERS

So far this year, we've successfully conducted several fundraisers to support our program and members! These include: Dinuba FFA Apparel Sales, Popcorn Sales, and Balloon Drop Ticket sales.

OPENING/CLOSING CONTEST



This year, we proudly had seven teams participate in the Sequoia Sectional Opening/Closing Contest. Among them, two individuals notably stood out for their exceptional skills. Emmalee Kenney was recognized as an outstanding Secretary, and Alejandra Avelar was honored as an outstanding Reporter.

NATIONAL CONVENTION AND CDE FINALS



At the end of October, Mrs. Borba, accompanied by the Nursery Landscape team and four alumni of Dinuba FFA, journeyed to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention and CDE Finals. Our state champion Nursery/Landscape team achieved an impressive 6th place ranking at the national level! Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that four Dinuba FFA members were honored with the prestigious American FFA Degree.

COMMUNITY SERVICE



So far, we've had the pleasure of participating in two exciting community service opportunities. Our first event was the Elf Emporium Event, where we engaged with children in a fun activity, guiding them in creating snowflakes while their parents were able to select gifts and have them wrapped. Additionally, our December chapter meeting offered members a unique opportunity to earn community service hours by assisting local troops, further demonstrating our commitment to serving our community.