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Twenty-four freshmen members of the Santa Maria FFA chapter traveled to Paso Robles, California, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, to attend the annual Greenhand Leadership Conference (GLC).

Hosted by California FFA, the single-day conference introduces first-year agricultural students to the FFA, leadership opportunities, and career development opportunities available within the organization.

Throughout the conference, students participated in interactive workshops focusing on leadership development, communication, and the structure of the FFA. Students also learned about developing Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects, which allow students to apply classroom learning to hands-on agriculturally based projects or agriculture work placements.

9th Grader Melissa Hernandez said, "I had a lot of fun making new friends and exploring different FFA Activities. I look forward to seeing what FFA can do for me."

The event was facilitated by agricultural leaders, including Santa Maria FFA Alumni Kayce Van Horn ('25), who served as a conference leader. Santa Maria FFA freshmen engaged with 150 FFA Members from chapters across California, building connections and gaining insights into FFA leadership.

"Attending the Greenhand Leadership Conference gives our freshmen an opportunity to engaged with members from other chapters and opens their eyes to the many opportunities FFA has to offer," said Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor Shannon Powell.

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