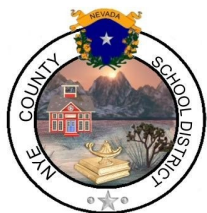




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Josie Merritt with teacher Heidi Tran

Nye County FFA Member Awarded National American FFA Degree

Josie Merritt, a 2017 Nye County School District graduate, and member of the Smoky Valley FFA chapter in Round Mountain will be awarded the American FFA Degree at the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo October 24-27, 2018 in Indianapolis.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. Josie is the first graduate from Round Mountain High School to receive this degree. This award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs.

The National FFA Organization honors FFA members each year who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agricultural enterprise. Recipients must also complete 50 hours community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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