



Shining Their Light: FFA at TC

Dear TC Family,

There are many beautiful facets to a Turlock Christian education. While we lead with faith development, we also celebrate academic excellence, athletic strength, and performing arts creativity. And beyond all of that, we have FFA, a vibrant program that reflects our commitment to leadership, stewardship, and service.

Did you know that Turlock Christian was the first Christian private school to establish its own FFA Chapter in California? It's a legacy we continue to honor through the passion, dedication, and Christ-centered leadership of our students and advisors.

Recently, Katelynn Johnson, one of our praiseworthy teachers and a dedicated FFA advisor, shared a story that beautifully captures what it means to live out the mission of Turlock Christian Schools.

She highlighted one of our remarkable students, Sophia Smith, a TC freshman whose achievements this year embody faith in action and excellence through effort. Sophia was honored as the first-ever recipient of the **Rhys Ludlow Memorial Award** at the 2025 Stanislaus County Fair. Her dedication in the goat arena, combined with her kindness, humility, and love for others, truly reflects the "*Live Like Rhys Ludlow*" way of life and the values this award represents.

Along with the award, Sophia received both a scholarship and a trophy buckle and was gifted a collection of tiny Jesus figures by the Ludlow family - meant to remind her to "spread light wherever she goes."

Sophia's light shone brightly at the 2025 Stanislaus County Fair, where she earned:

- **Supreme Champion Market Goat**
- **Breeding Goat Senior Showman**
- **Reserve Supreme Breeding Doe**
- **Champion Novice Beef Showman**
- **Outstanding FFA Goat**

Her accomplishments are a reflection not only of her own hard work, but of the entire Turlock Christian FFA chapter, a community of students who put in long hours, care deeply for their animals, and strive for excellence in everything they do. Together, they embody the heart of TC: serving with humility, leading with integrity, and glorifying God through dedication and perseverance.

As Matthew 5:16 reminds us:

“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

At TC, we are more than a school, we are a family. A family united by faith, nurturing one another in Christ’s love. A family that celebrates each student’s God-given gifts and the community that helps them grow. And together, we are building a future grounded in purpose, leadership, and service to others.

Faith. Family. Future.

That’s the heart of Turlock Christian Schools.

Blessings,

Johanna Fischer
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