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Georgia Southern freshman selected for national FFA competition

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Georgia Southern freshman Erica Giles of Valdosta, Ga., has been selected as a national finalist for two honors by the National FFA Organization.

Giles is one of eight finalists for Agriscience Student of the Year and one of four finalists in the Emerging Agriculture Technologies proficiency area, and will compete at the National FFA Convention to be held in Indianapolis October 23-28.

She was selected for these competitions as a result of a research project she designed and conducted during her senior year at Lowndes High School in Valdosta. Her project is titled 'An Evaluation of Hydrostatic Tractors as Compared to Gear Drive Tractors: Assessing a Tractor Technology Innovation via the Scientific Method.' Her results were published in the spring 2006 newsletter of the European Society of Agricultural Engineers.

FFA, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is now the National FFA Organization. FFA includes almost 500,000 agricultural education students in the United States.