**South Dakota FFA Foundation**

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**South Dakota FFA Awards Scholarships**

**Scholarship recipient photos available to download at:** <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1r0OYBPL0XQ6zIxNNk_8tzA-LpC8RWqQw?usp=sharing>

BATH, S.D. – South Dakota FFA is dedicated to premier leadership, personal growth, and career success and is therefore proud to support South Dakota FFA members in their post-secondary education. The following scholarships were awarded at the 95th State FFA Convention in Brookings, SD on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023. Join us in helping them celebrate their success!

**The Ernie Wingen Scholarship** is provided by the SD FFA Foundation’s Ernie Wingen Memorial Endowment for students studying any field of agriculture. The recipient of this $2000 scholarship is **Alex Tanner, Gettysburg**

**The Fred and Joan DeRouchey Family Scholarship** is provided by the SD FFA Foundation’s Fred and Joan DeRouchey Family Endowment for students studying animal science. The recipient of this $2000 scholarship is **Brooklyn Mettler, Menno**

**The Jeff Hoffman Memorial Scholarship** is funded by Jeff’s family in honor of his devotion to youth in agriculture education and based off an essay. The recipient of this $1000 scholarship is **Emily Robbins, Elkton**

**The Gary Grey Agricultural Education Scholarship** is awarded to FFA members studying Agricultural Education at a post-secondary institution. The scholarship is sponsored in part by Kelvin and Carol Grey, Ellery Grey and Nickolas Grey, in honor of Kelvin’s brother and Ellery and Nickolas’s dad, Gary. This year’s scholarship recipients (left to right) are:

**Cole Brenden, Willow Lake**

**Kathryn Rausch, Hoven**

**Sidney Peterson, Sturgis**

**The Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship** is given in memory of Wade Lang who served as the South Dakota State FFA Treasurer and sponsored by the rest of the 1991-1992 State Officer team. This $1000 memorial scholarship was presented to **Raesa Zelinsky, Brookings**

**The Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship** is sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje, South Dakota State University graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members. The recipients of this $750 scholarships (left to right) are:

**Catherine Klein, Deubrook**

**Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern Area**

**Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships** is provided by the SD FFA Foundation’s Mary Hansen Memorial Endowment for FFA members who are State FFA Degree recipients from Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year’s recipients of the $750 scholarships (left to right) are:

**Shayne Luzmoor, West Central**

**Ali Zacharias, West Central**

**Michael Kjose, Beresford**

**Owen Bovill, Alcester-Hudson**

**Blue & Gold Scholarships** are offered by the SD FFA Association to any graduating senior who has been active in FFA pursuing further education. This year’s recipients of the $750 scholarships (left to right) are:

**Drew Pederson, Garretson**

**Teagan Mason, Doland**

**Dustin Kolb, Belle Fourche**

Not pictured: **Shane Rist, Centerville**

**The Marsh Agricultural Scholarship** is for students studying agriculture and is sponsored by Doug and Claire Marsh. The recipients of this $500 scholarship (left to right) are:

**Ashlynn Smith, Alcester-Hudson**

**Ashlyn Tapio, Parkston**

**The Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship** is sponsored by Sioux Falls Ford, and was established in memory of Bob Titus, father of past state FFA officer Jenny Titus-Jacobson. The recipient of this $500 scholarship is **Madison Pankratz, Parker**

**The District 2 Scholarship** is sponsored by past State FFA Officer Ashley Wiesen and her husband Jordan, for someone from FFA District 2 with exemplary leadership traits. This year’s recipient of the $500 scholarship, pictured with Ashley Wiesen, is **Alicia Vig, Willow Lake**

**The SD Nursery and Landscape Association Scholarship** is sponsored by the South Dakota Nursery and Landscape Association for a student pursuing a degree in horticulture. This $500 scholarship was presented to **Erika Beck, Tri-Valley**

**The 605 Sires+Donors Scholarship** is sponsored by 605 Sires+Donors for a student studying anywhere in South Dakota with interest in cattle reproduction or animal science. This $1000 scholarship was presented by Corey Schrag, to **Jessica Joens, Rapid City Stevens.**

**The South Dakota School of Mines Scholarship** is for a student pursuing a degree at South Dakota School of Mines, with preference given to students who participated in the SD FFA Agriscience Fair. This $1000 scholarship is sponsored by South Dakota School of Mines. This year’s recipient is:

**Connor Siemonsma, West Central**

**South Dakota Corn Utilization Council** As a Four Star Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, South Dakota Corn Utilization Council sponsors four $500 scholarships. This year’s recipients, pictured with Amanda Bechen from SD Corn Utilization Council (left to right) are:

**Harlee Heim, Wessington Springs**

**Rylee Terveen, Bridgewater-Emery**

**Gretta Larson, Lake Preston**

**Gracie Fitzgerald, Phillip**

**Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Scholarships** As a Distinguished Star Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Twin Cities Region Northland Ford sponsors four $500 scholarships. This year’s recipients (left to right) are:

**Tayah McGregor, McCook Central**

**Mason Pulse, McCook Central**

**Aubree Kranz, McCook Central**

**Morgan Mackaben, Belle Fourche**

**Farm Credit Services of America Scholarships** As a Distinguished Star Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Farm Credit Services of America sponsors four $500 scholarships. This year’s recipients, pictured with Jarod Weber, FCSA (left to right) are:

**Ellie Olsen, Deubrook**

**Kory Storm, Ethan**

**Landon Roling, McCook Central**

**Maggie DeMers, Winner**

**CHS Foundation Scholarships** As a Four Star Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, the CHS Foundation sponsors four $500 scholarships. This year’s recipients, pictured with Jennifer Johnson, CHS Foundation (left to right) are:

**Jayden Carlson, Beresford**

**Mya Dissing, Tri-Valley**

**Carter Schoeberl, Flandreau**

**Braeden Johnson, Willow Lake**

**Continuing Agriculture Education Scholarships** assist students currently studying agricultural education at South Dakota State University as they continue their pursuit in a career as an ag teacher. They are made possible through funding provided by SD FFA Star partners: Twin City Region Northland Ford, Farm Credit Services of America, CHS Foundation, SD Corn Utilization Council, Agtegra, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Summit Carbon Solutions, BankWest, Butler Machinery, Dacotah Bank, First National Bank of Sioux Falls, First Dakota National Bank, Titan International, C & B Equipment, and Pioneer-Corteva as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are pictured with SDSU Ag Ed Professor Matthew Albritton (left to right):

**Megan Sanders, Hot Springs**

**Michelle Dykstra, Brookings**

**Kathryn Rausch, Hoven**

**Sidney Peterson, Sturgis**

**Not pictured: Trinity Peterson, Willow Lake and Macy Schiley, Lemmon**

**Post-Secondary Ag Scholarships** are for students currently studying any area of agriculture at a SD postsecondary school. They are made possible through funding provided by SD FFA Star partners: Twin City Region Northland Ford, Farm Credit Services of America, CHS Foundation, SD Corn Utilization Council, Agtegra, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Summit Carbon Solutions, BankWest, Butler Machinery, Dacotah Bank, First National Bank of Sioux Falls, First Dakota National Bank, Titan International, C & B Equipment, and Pioneer-Corteva as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are pictured with SDSU Ag Ed Professor Matthew Albritton (left to right):

**Carson Weber, MTI, Bridgewater Emery**

**Hadley Stiefvater, SDSU, McCook Central**

**Grace Peterson, SDSU, Willow Lake**

**Abigail Morse, SDSU, Madison Central** *(accepted by her brother Ryan)*

**Reese McKenna, SDSU, Belle Fourche**

**(Not pictured) Madison Hofer, SDSU, Freeman; Danielle Nowell, SDSU, Hitchcock-Tulare; McKenzie Putnam, SDSU, Harrisburg; Ella Stiefvater, SDSU, McCook Central**

**WLC Scholarships** are sponsored by the CHS Foundation as a special project of the the South Dakota FFA Foundation to aid high school members in attending the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC. Recipients of these $1000 scholarships (left to right): are:

**Riata Bultje, Andes Central**

**Quinton Berg, Bridgewater-Emery**

**Bridgett Lemmel, Faith**

**Kyle Sanders, Hot Springs**

**Gage Anderson, Lemmon**

**Abbie Chase, McCook Central**

The SD FFA Foundation is proud to support Agricultural Education and the FFA's mission to make a difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for *premier leadership*, *personal growth* and *career success* through agricultural education. For more information about the South Dakota FFA Foundation and South Dakota's FFA programs, visit [www.sdffafoundation.org](http://www.sdffafoundation.org/) or follow us on Facebook.

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