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**Esteemed Supporters Honored at Convention**

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 95th Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 17th, in Brookings, SD. These awards recognize outstanding contributions in support of the South Dakota FFA, acknowledging that ag leaders and industry are key in developing our future agriculture and community leaders.

**The Distinguished Service Award** is presented to businesses who have taken action to advocate for agriculture education on the state and local level to ensure our members have the best experience within our organization. The 2023 Distinguished Service Award recipients:

* Pranger’s Feed Mill, Platte
* Duenwald Transportation, Clark

The **Honorary State FFA Degree** recognizes individuals who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service to the organization with their time, talents and treasures. The following individuals received the Honorary State FFA Degree (left to right):

Front:

1. Andrew Jensen, Sioux Falls
2. Sara Capp, Milbank
3. Heather Jordan, Clark
4. Amy Howard, Miller
5. Brianna Fabris, Sturgis
6. Kari Harmon, Mellette
7. Maria DeYoung, Ashton

Middle row:

1. Tim and Kristie Fiegen, Parker
2. Mercedes Lemke, Gettysburg
3. Stacey Sieverding, Salem
4. Aaron Beisch, Webster
5. Brad Fischbach, Mellette
6. Christopher DeYoung, Ashton

Back Row:

1. Lavyne Rada, Litchfield, MN
2. Dr. Laura Hasselquist, Brookings
3. Dr. Brent Turnipseed, Brookings
4. Lynn Brace, Redfield
5. Kellie Christensen, Milbank
6. Shane Jordan, Clark
7. Lee Kopriva, Raymond
8. Brandy Knutson, Kadoka
9. Peter Nielson, Volga

Not pictured:

* Jessica McGregor, Webster
* Carl & Kari Sanders, Oral
* Ross and Chrissy Peterson, Sturgis
* Bobbi Jo Donovan, Rapid City
* Karla Howard, Brookings
* Kevin Blagg, Salem
* Matt Pechholt, Salem
* Ken Wintersteen, Menno

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