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**SD FFA Members Earn American Degree**

Congratulations to the 28 South Dakota FFA members, from 15 different chapters, for earning their American FFA Degree. Recipients will be recognized during the 94th National FFA Convention, Saturday October 30th, 2021 in Indianapolis.

**Arlington-** Makayla Nelson,

**Brookings-** Patrick White, Rebekah White

**Chester** – Bailee Maye Anderson, Lily Claire Kenton

**De Smet**- Daniel Bradley DeDeyne, Makayla DeDeyne

**Gettysburg-** Hunter Eide

**Harrisburg** – Jessica L. Cain, Makoy M. Ivarsen, Slader Niewenhuis, Benjamin Olson

**Howard-** Anna M. Schwader

**Lemmon-** Aubrey Anna Weishaar

**McCook Central** – Colin Kolbeck, Tanner Peterson, and Blake Gessner

**Montrose**- Mary Katherine Hoiten

**Northwestern**- Samantha Olson, Sadie Vander Wal

**Rapid City**- Morgan Elizabeth Monroe

**Sturgis-** Danika G. Gordon

**West Central** – Zach Brown, Caden Farmer, Alisha McMartin, Jersie Reese

**Winner-** Ryder Mortenson, Heather Rowe

The American degree is the highest degree an FFA member can receive in the National FFA Organization. Only FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences are eligible for the American FFA Degree. Members must have earned and productively invested at least $7,500, or have earned and productively invested at least $1,500 and worked 2,250 hours

beyond scheduled school hours through their SAEs. They exemplify true leaders in the agriculture industry.