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**Eide Vies for National FFA Office**

This October, Hunter Eide is paying it forward as he shares the limitless potential within the National FFA Organization by running to serve as a national FFA officer for the coming year.

Eide grew up in Gettysburg, is a junior at SDSU with a Human Biology major and served as the 2020-2021 SD State FFA Secretary. FFA has been a large part of Eide’s life and at a young age, Eide was standing outside an FFA luncheon when a member in official dress came up and introduced himself as Ken Quick. Ken asked what he was doing and Eide shared how he loved meeting different people attending conventions, and how he couldn’t wait to be a member wearing his own jacket. Ken took off his FFA tie and handed it to him saying, “This isn’t a jacket but it’s a start.” That moment left a monumental impact on Eide’s life. He felt part of something bigger, where he found himself at home.

Hunter’s number one goal if elected as a national officer is to help members find their home within this transformative organization as he engages, embraces, emboldens, and empowers members through every opportunity, task, and conversation. He would travel over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and state associations nationwide advocating for agriculture education, the agriculture industry, and to FFA members at different state FFA conventions and leadership retreats. He would also advocate while meeting leaders in Washington D.C., and planning at their home base in Indianapolis, IN.

As one of the 35 candidates, Hunter will begin interviews October 22nd in Indianapolis and will continue with candidate activities until the 2022-2023 National FFA Officer team is selected on Saturday, October 29th, at the final session of the 95th National FFA Convention.