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**South Dakota Vocal Talent Heading to National Convention**

Four South Dakota FFA members have been selected to contribute vocal talents in the elite National FFA Chorus: **Erika Starr, Harrisburg; Michael Freeman, Ethan; Kaizha Blaze, McCook Central; and Amanda Blare, Winner**. They will arrive early in Indianapolis with about 80 FFA members from across the country to prepare and perform during National Convention on stage and other locations.

When asked about the opportunity, Erika Starr said, “Being selected allows me to combine two things I love into one wonderful experience. With my talents, I can represent my family, state, and school at the national level with pride.” Amanda Blare said, “It means I get to represent my chapter and state in a small group of very talented individuals and learn from very skilled people.”

Members audition to get a coveted spot in the national chorus and being chosen is an honor. Each SD member receives a travel scholarship to assist with costs from the SD FFA Foundation.