



FFA's New Era



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Stars Rise and Shine

The State FFA Degree is the highest degree a state association can confer upon members. In 2019, 267 students from across South Dakota were honored with this degree. From these students, 16 went beyond the expectations of the state degree and also were recognized as our state star finalists. These individuals have extensive supervised agricultural experience records, completed an interview about their project(s) and were honored on stage for their performance. These 16 students are recognized in four different areas: farmer, agribusiness, placement and agriscience. Each state star received a \$300 cash award and all finalists received plaques and \$75. Congratulations to the SD FFA Stars!

Finalists and winners in all 4 areas are as follows:

A. Star Farmer finalists - Danielle Houghtaling (Doland), Isaac Kolousek (Wessington Springs), Brandon Volmer (Winner), **winner Jarret Haven (Northwestern Area)** and John Hanssen with Farm Credit Services of America.

B. Star in Ag Business finalists - Camden Bialas (Parker), Jordan Burge (Sturgis), Kayla Smeenck (Harrisburg), **winner - Kristin Kotas (Bridgewater-Emery)** and John Hanssen with Farm Credit Services of America.

C. Star in Ag Placement finalists - Kady Nolz (West Central), Blake Olson (Parker), Kaysee Christensen (Beresford), **winner Mitchell Healy** (Harrisburg) and sponsors Dan & Karen Streff

D. Star in Agriscience finalists - Blake Pulse (McCook Central), Connor Thaler (Beresford), Tanner Peterson (McCook Central) and **winner Sadie Vanderwal (Northwestern Area)** Sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC.

District Star Greenhands are sophomores who were recognized for an outstanding start to their Supervised Agriculture Experience Project as being top in each of their FFA districts. These awards were sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative.

E. District Star Greenhands are: Tessa Erdmann (Groton); Kassandra Knutson (Viborg-Hurley); Laney Mackaben (Belle Fourche); Mitchell Vander Wal (Northwestern); Gage Gullickson (Flandreau); Sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative





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Esteemed Supporters Honored at Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 91st Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 8th, in Brookings, S.D. These awards recognize outstanding contributions of time and talent to the South Dakota FFA.

The following companies and individuals received the Distinguished Service Awards (left to right):

- ADM Grain of Tulare, Jeff Gottman
- Britannia Dairy, Kevin Pierson
- Runnings of Watertown, Liz Aderhold & Karla Whiting
- Todd Marks
- (not pictured) JR and Shaw Loiseau



The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees (left to right):

- Ann Vostad
- Greg Kotas
- Bridget Twedt
- Steve & Cathy Eichacker
- Jim Clendenin



FFA members package 50,580 meals during Living to Serve Day

The blue corduroy jacket is a familiar symbol of the FFA organization, worn as part of official dress during most FFA activities. On April 8th at the South Dakota FFA convention in Brookings, as part of a SD FFA Living to Serve Day, members removed their jackets and rolled up their sleeves to help stop hunger.

Grants from Pioneer and the National FFA made this project possible, and also provided t-shirts for participating students. This service project exemplified the portion of the FFA motto which states "Living to Serve" by teaming up with industry to fund a Meals of Hope, hands on project that combats hunger. SD FFA members and DuPont Pioneer staff measured, poured, sealed and boxed 50,580 meals in assembly line fashion throughout the day-long event. Members stopped in between workshops and competitive events throughout convention and left the event knowing that by giving a few minutes of their time they would make a significant difference in the life of a person less fortunate than themselves.

For less than \$.25/meal, Meals of Hope food packages include a comforting bowl of Macaroni and Cheese (fortified with soy protein and 21 vitamins and minerals). The 50,580 meals will be distributed across SD through Feeding South Dakota. Meals of Hope recognizes the need to start with

charity at home, and focus on offering more than nutrition, providing a bit of hope to carry those in need through another day.

"The FFA organization believes strongly in the fourth line of the FFA Motto "Living to Serve", which is why we are very excited to receive grants from Pioneer and the National FFA as well as day of event manpower assistance and interaction from DuPont Pioneer staff," says Sandy Osterday, SD FFA Foundation President. Osterday shares, "The past few years we have incorporated a community service event into our annual South Dakota FFA state convention. The event gives students the opportunity to work together with FFA members from across the state to make items that will help those in need, the grants allowed us to surpass our goal and have our most successful event since we started the Day of Service project. Knowing we are helping those in need across our state is a great feeling."

Pioneer representative, Jeff Behrens, with FFA members at the FFA Living to Serve Day.



FFA members from across the state work together to measure, package and seal meals for Day of Service Meals of Hope Project at State FFA Convention.



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2019 Celebrates 50 Years of Females in FFA

Meet the 1st SD Female Ag teachers who helped pave the way! We continue our celebration of this milestone by recognizing some of those pioneering individuals. We have tracked down and visited with a few of the first female Agriculture Education instructors. Here's what they have to say:

1. Eleanore (Sween) Iverson from Volga, taught in 1976-77 in Woonsocket a year, then Huron two years with Darold Hehn in a two-teacher program. Dr. Hilda Gada let her sign up for Ag Ed at SDSU as the 1st female in Agriculture Education teacher education, but had to check with the Dean first! Eleanore said, "Timing is everything. There was an ag teacher shortage at the time, and I'm sure I only got hired because I had a degree and many were doing alternative certification." Despite being the first female ag teacher, she remembers everyone being very warm and welcoming. Even though many asked, "Why would you want to teach ag?" no one ever asked "What are you doing here?"

2. Eleanore shares that **Lori Willoughby**, from Mitchell, taught the same year in Highmore, but we were not able to track down Lori.

3. Another pioneer female ag teacher was **Kristine Ranger**, originally from northeast Michigan. She taught in Sisseton from 1980-84. She remembers losing lots of senior boys as classes started,



because they didn't think she knew what she was doing. However, follows that, quickly sharing she focused on recruited 8th graders and doubled the size of her freshman class the 2nd year, showing she did know what she was doing. She felt readily accepted by other ag teachers, but more challenged in Sisseton, with the biggest acceptance issue being with jealous mothers of students, because as she did student SAE visits, and met with the students and dads, as they knew agriculture.

Ranger taught multi district students from several area schools, teaching shop, welding, wood working, small engines, animal science, etc. With no core curriculum, and one computer that no one really knew how to operate, she relied on an Ag Advisory Committee and a local alumni that she formed to help set curriculum. She fondly remembers dairy foods judging - then making lasagna afterwards with the cheese, working with a kid to castrate pigs, and teaching about bovine semen with a local advisory committee member watching class and being embarrassed. The FFA chapter did lots of community projects including painting the school stadium stands. Despite the challenges, Ranger says, "The good times definitely outweighed the bad. I enjoyed it, but it was very intense and looking back, I burned out by doing so much." She felt adopted by the community of Sisseton and still visits frequently for trail rides.

Only teaching four years, before returning to school, and then taking a job back home in Michigan, Ranger made a lasting impact. She helped organize the SD State FFA Alumni - developing a board of directors and constitution. She made lasting friendships with a self-proclaimed "the punk ag teachers" group including Rich Hetland, Marty Strasburg, Randy Jones and Monte Mason. Now Ranger runs KnowledgeNavigators.com - consulting with farms and people in food systems - helping dairy farmers with food systems, selling direct to consumers.

4. Barb Berndt, taught ag approximately 20 years, starting in the early to mid 1980's, although we are not exactly sure of her years of service, with the Northwest Area Multidistrict. This ag program was unique in that it was set up in a mobile trailer and moved between eight different schools, for one semester each - covering the communities including Faith, Bison, Harding County,

Dupree, Timber Lake, and Isabel.

5. Lori Tonak started the Agriculture Education program/FFA Chapter in Artesian, SD in the fall of 1982. In 1985, she also taught two ag classes a day in Woonsocket and 5 classes a day in Artesian and was the advisor for the Artesian FFA and the Woonsocket FFA chapters. Reflecting back, Lori shared, "As a female instructor, I was treated like



any other young instructor, male or female, by fellow teachers. The challenges I faced were more from young men who didn't believe a woman could weld and work on motors. After the first few days of the curriculum, the challenges went away as students realized I didn't just talk but could actually do. I had great mentors in Leonard DeBoer, Richard Lubinus, and Bobby Muller. They were always at the end of the phone line when I had a question and I was always thankful Artesian was in their FFA district. After taking a 12-year hiatus to work in the agriculture industry, it amazed me when I came back to ag education and realized how many female instructors there were. At my first National FFA Convention as an advisor in 1983, I saw about 20 female instructors and when I went to the National FFA Convention in 1999 after returning to teaching, I was shocked to see almost half the instructors were women."

Were you one of the first females in active in your chapter or at the state level? We'd love to hear your experience and share with today's members. Email gerri@sdfafoundation.org or call 605-765-4865

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Recognizing Outstanding Chapters

The National Chapter Award is meant recognize chapters that are outstanding in the areas of growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Top chapters were recognized at convention and have the opportunity to continue onto the national level and be recognized at National Convention. These chapters had to of completed at least 15 activities related to the three areas of the award. The state-level awards are sponsored by Reike-Grey Wealth Management.

In the area of **Growing Leaders**, chapters develop technical, human relations, and decision-making skills and promote the well-being of students. Activities develop a positive attitude toward lifelong learning experiences and promote student involvement.

Awards for Growing Leaders are sponsored by Larry and Sandra Nelson, and the winners were:

- 3rd: Garretson**
- 2nd: McCook Central**
- 1st: Beresford**



In the area of **Strengthening Agriculture**, chapters conduct activities to develop and maintain positive relations among FFA and community leaders and increase agricultural education and membership. Activities are also created to enhance safety, promote agriculture, and improve the distribution of food. Awards in this area are sponsored by Patsy Rieckman, and the winners were:

- 3rd: Garretson**
- 2nd: McCook Central**
- 1st: Beresford**



In the area of **Building Communities**, chapters conduct activities to preserve natural resources and improve the welfare and well-being of the community. Activities encourage members to become active in the community. Awards for Building Communities are sponsored by Larry and Sandra Nelson, and the winners were:

- 3rd: Beresford**
- 2nd: Parker**
- 1st: McCook Central**



The **Overall National Chapter Award** is the highest honor a chapter can receive and holds value outside of the FFA. The award is sponsored by Reinke Gray Wealth Management, and the winners were:

- 3rd: Garretson**
- 2nd: Beresford**
- 1st: McCook Central**



State Officers Serve BEYOND One Year

It is an honor to serve the FFA of South Dakota as a State Officer. Year after year, past state officers step up and serve behind the scenes with time, talent and treasure. We honored anniversary teams able to attend this year's convention, all who continue to impact South Dakota FFA. Thank you to all the past state officers for attending this year's convention!

Names of those pictured are bolded below.



2003-04 - 15th anniversary
Crystal Pazour, Arne Harstad, Jessie VanderPoel



2008-09 - 10th anniversary
Joshua Johnson, Shad Christman, Shane Gross, Maria Buus



2013-14 - 5th anniversary
Breanna Damm, Cheyenne Leonhardt



1953-54 - 65th anniversary
Lowell (Tuffy) Gisselbeck, who also served as National FFA Central Region Vice President



1993-94 - 25th anniversary
Chad Wosje, Jason Knutson

Proficiency Awards recognize Outstanding SAE's

South Dakota FFA members were recognized at convention for their excellence in developing career-specific skills through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards recognize members who have developed their skills and abilities related to employment, internships, apprenticeships and their future careers at agribusiness or agriculture-related organizations. There are 47 Proficiency areas for FFA members to participate in and the 1st place applications will advance to nationals for consideration. The results are as follows:

Wildlife Production and Management

Wildlife Production and Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Carhartt.

Our state level sponsor is Craig and Maure Weinkauf, in memory of Arthur J. Weinkauf.

3. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
2. Peder Haugan, Brookings
1. Ethan Cross, Howard



Veterinary Science

Veterinary Science (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Our state level sponsor is Salem Veterinary Service.

3. Destrie Morris, Miller
2. Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
1. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central



Vegetable Production

Right: Vegetable Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and Tractor Supply Co. Our state level is sponsored in honor of Bill and Stella Hanson.

3. Bailee Anderson, Chester
2. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
1. Hunter Matthai, McCook Central



Turf Grass Management

Turf Grass Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by John Deere. Our state level sponsor is Millborn Seeds.

3. Kieffer Klinkhammer, Howard
2. Abby Blagg, McCook Central
1. Amanda Knutson, Centerville



Swine Production - Placement

Swine Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Zoetis. Our state level sponsors are Gro Master, Smithfield Hog Production, Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Walley & Kathy Knock

3. Jayden Wolf, McCook Central
2. Dylan Waxdahl, West Central
1. Cole Grasma, McCook Central



Swine Production - Entrepreneurship

Swine Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Zoetis. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

3. Abby Blagg, McCook Central
2. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
1. Rylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central



Specialty Crop Production

Specialty Crop Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC and Lindsay Corporation. Our state level sponsors are Hansmeier & Son, Inc. of Bristol and Howe Seeds, Inc. of McLaughlin.

1. Mason Peckham, Webster



Specialty Animal Production

Specialty Animal Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Zoetis. Our state level sponsors are R&R Pheasant Hunting.

3. Cooper Benning, Lennox
2. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
1. Avery Alvarado, Harrisburg



Small Animal Production and Care

Small Animal Production and Care (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Company and Elanco. Our state level sponsors are Salem Veterinary Service, the SD Veterinary Medical Association and Robert Rennolet, Menno.

3. Rachel Schallenkamp, McCook Central
2. Jessica Burghardt, Howard
1. Kacey Lias, Harrisburg



Sheep Production

Sheep Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is the Newell Ram Sale.

3. Jessica Kott, Kimball
2. Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
1. Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley



Poultry Production

Poultry Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the US Poultry and Egg Association and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsors are Josh Johnson and South Dakota Poultry Industries Association.

3. Amanda Knutson, Centerville
2. EJ Leetch, Howard
1. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central



Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Yamaha Motor Corporation USA. Our state level sponsors are Jack's Campers of Mitchell, Central Dakota Guide Service, and SD Walleye Charters.

2. Jacob Cheeseman, McCook Central
1. Brittany Greene, Deuel



Nursery Operations

Nursery Operations (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by NuFarm Americas. Our state level sponsor is Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers.

1. Beth Nagel, Gettysburg



Landscape Management

Landscape Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Briggs and Stratton and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is Farmhouse Fraternity of SDSU.

3. Trey Anderson, McCook Central
2. Camden Bialas, Parker
1. Riley Phillips, Chester



Home and/or Community Development

Home and/or Community Development (Entrepreneurship / Placement) is sponsored nationally by Carhartt. Our state level sponsor is BankWest.

3. Tate Johnson, Beresford
2. Morgan Erikson, McCook Central
1. Anna Schwader, Howard



Grain Production - Placement

Grain Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Bayer Crop Science.

3. Nick Ihnen, Lennox
2. Jaedon Wobig, McCook Central
1. Kyle Winberg, McCook Central



Grain Production - Entrepreneurship

Grain Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Valent (vay-lent) USA Corporation. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Wheat Commission.

3. Elliot Chase, McCook Central
2. Sam Bender, Menno
1. John Loudenburg, McCook Central



Goat Production

Goat Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Company and Bekaert Corporation. Our state level sponsor is Hamilton Farms of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

3. Rachel Muth, McCook Central
2. Danika Gordon, Sturgis
1. Blake Pulse, McCook Central



Fruit Production

Fruit Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Corteva Agriscience and Agriculture Division of Dow DuPont Company. Our state level sponsor is MinnTex of Windom, Minnesota.

3. Ben Olson, Harrisburg
2. Perri Liedtke, Sioux Valley
1. Dakota Buck, McCook Central



Forest Management and Products

Forest Management and Products (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by John Deere. Our state level sponsor is the Black Hills Forest Resource Association.

2. Caleb Maciejewski, Hot Springs
1. Jarret Smith, Canton



Forage Production

Forage Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the Claas of America. Our state level sponsor is Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc. of Webster.

3. Trevor Johnson, Beresford
2. Kyle Winberg, McCook Central
1. Blake Johnson, Centerville



Food Science and Technology

Food Science and Technology (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are Candidus and Londa (Vanderwal) Nwadike and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

2. Sophia Kaffar, McCook Central
1. Chrissy Masterson, Chester



Fiber and Oil Crop Production

Fiber and Oil Crop Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Bunge (bun-gee) North America. Our state level sponsor is the SD Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

3. Joe Eichaker, McCook Central
2. John Loudenburg, McCook Central
1. Abigail Connor, Howard



Equine Science - Placement

Equine Science (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Company, Tarter Farm & Ranch Equipment & Bunge North America. Our state level sponsors are Scott Cammack, Dawn Nagel, Susan Stoterau, Roger DeRouche & the Webster FFA chapter.

3. Destiny Fox, Bowdle
2. Ciara Rother, McCook Central
1. Grace Kock, Parker



Equine Science - Entrepreneurship

Equine Science (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Red Brand. Our state level sponsor is Amani Arabians, Tim Anderson and Kim Niven of Milbank.

3. Madisen Koepsell, McCook Central
2. Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg
1. Hunter Haberman, Menno



Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management

Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the CHS Foundation. Our state level sponsor is South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts.

3. Kyle Winberg, McCook Central
2. Joe Eichacker, McCook Central
1. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central



Diversified Livestock Production

Diversified Livestock Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wahl Clipper Corporation and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is McFleeg.

3. Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley
2. Travis Leber, Parker
1. Sammi Nordmann, Lennox-Sundstrom



Proficiency Awards (Cont.)

Diversified Horticulture

Diversified Horticulture (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and the Toro Company. Our state level sponsor is Harrisburg FFA.

3. Trey Anderson, McCook Central
2. Riley Philips, Chester
1. Aaron Goodale, Chester



Diversified Crop Production - Placement

Diversified Crop Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by National Crop Insurance Services. Our state level sponsor is D&D Crop Service, LLC.

3. Jaedon Wobig, McCook Central
2. Travis Leber, Parker
1. Colin Kolbeck, McCook Central



Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship

Diversified Crop Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by the CHS Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Agtegra.

2. Hunter Matthai, McCook Central
1. Joe Eichacker, McCook Central



Diversified Agricultural Production

Diversified Agricultural Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Firestone Agricultural Solutions and RAM Trucks. Our state level sponsor is Sioux Nation Ag Center of South Dakota.

3. Kyle Winberg, McCook Central
2. Trevor Johnson, Beresford
1. Travis Leber, Parker



Dairy Production - Placement

Dairy Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Kuhn North America and Nasco, Inc. Our State level sponsor is Associated Milk Producers.

3. Zach Fieber, West Central
2. Zach Brown, West Central
1. Brianna Schock, McCook Central



Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship

Dairy Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Associated Milk Producers, Inc. Our state level sponsor is New Holland.

2. Allie Anderson, Chester
1. Jordan Schock, McCook Central



Beef Production - Placement

Beef Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Red Brand. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

3. Trevor Johnson, Beresford
2. Liberty Thompson, Brookings
1. Tyler Christensen, Beresford



Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

Beef Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Merck Animal Health and Rabo Agri Finance. Our state level sponsors are Jensen, Odden, Stewart and Vedvei Charolais Breeders, Millborn Seeds and the South Dakota Shorthorn Association.

3. Laney Mackaben, Belle Fourche
2. Nickolas Litterick, Howard
1. Isaac Kolousek, Wessington Springs



Agriscience Research - Plant Systems

Agriscience Research - Plant Systems is sponsored nationally by the FMC Corporation and Agricultural Solutions. Our state level sponsor is SoDak Labs, LLC.

3. Laney Mackaben, Belle Fourche
2. Lauren Steifvater, McCook Central
1. Connor Thaler, Beresford



Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems

Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems is sponsored nationally by the Seneca Foods Corporation and Darling Ingredients. Our state level sponsor is D&D Crop Service, LLC.

3. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
2. Madison Stroud, McCook Central
1. Paige Peterson, McCook Central



Agriscience Research - Animal Systems

Agriscience Research - Animal Systems is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is the CHS Foundation.

3. Ella Stiefvator, McCook Central
2. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
1. Sadie VanderWal, Northwestern Area



Agricultural Services

Agricultural Services (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation.

- Our state level sponsors are Midwest Cooperative of Pierre and Northern Plains Cooperative of Gettysburg.
3. Jessica, Burghardt, Howard
 2. Peder Haugan, Brookings
 1. Kristin Kotas, Bridgewater-Emery



Agricultural Sales - Placement

Agricultural Sales - (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Fastenal. Our state level sponsor is LG Seeds.

3. Mitchell Healy, Harrisburg
2. Kenna Kranz, McCook Central
1. Makenzie Voss, Harrisburg



Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Sales (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Nutrien Ag Solutions and Valent USA Corporation. Our state level sponsor is Legend Seeds, Inc of De Smet.

2. Aaron Goodale, Chester
1. Sydney Miller, Hot Springs



Agricultural Processing

Agricultural Processing (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is the SD Soybean Processors of Volga.

3. Rachel Muth, McCook Central
2. Avery Feterekm, McCook Central
1. Kane Muth, McCook Central



Agricultural Mechanics Repairs and Maintenance - Placement

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Co. Our state level sponsor is Scott Supply Co and Jeremy and Laura Nettifee.

3. Kailor Green, Wilmot
2. Blake Eldeen, Parker
1. Brady Malsom, Garretson



Agricultural Mechanics Repairs and Maintenance - Entrepreneurship

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Kubota Tractor Corporation and Mystick Lubricants. Our state level sponsors are Tri Valley FFA Alumni.

1. Alex Tammen, Chester



Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Carry-On Trailer and Lincoln Electric. Our state level sponsor is Cammack Ranch Supply, Union Center.

3. Kady Nolz, West Central
2. Blake Gessner, McCook Central
1. Trevor Johnson, Beresford



Agricultural Education

Agricultural Education (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation and the Tulsa Welding School. Our state level sponsor is Dr. Lon Moeller.

3. Samantha Frickson, Bowdle
2. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
1. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg



Agricultural Communications

Agricultural Communications (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Bader Rutter and Associates, and Red Brand Wire Company. Our state level sponsor is Tri-State Neighbor of Sioux Falls.

3. Jon Akre, Parkston
2. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
1. Danika Gordon, Sturgis





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FFA Members Showcase Career Skills

Over 2,100 FFA members, advisors, and guests attended the 91st South Dakota State FFA Convention on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, S.D., April 7-9th. While there, FFA members participated in the state FFA Career Development Events (CDE's).

FFA Career Development Events, built around ag industry careers, enable agricultural education students to develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately, succeed in future careers. The results are as follows:

Agricultural Business Management

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Wells Fargo. Team travel scholarship was also sponsored by Wells Fargo and FarmHouse Fraternity at SDSU.

1st Place Team: Deuel - Advisor Marie Jaacks, Mason Baer, Layton Eide, Logan Eide, coach Becky Krause
2nd - Wessington Springs
3rd - Bridgewater-Emery
1st Place Individual: Isaac Kolousek, Wessington Springs



Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Awards, drills for the top 10 individuals, and team travel scholarship sponsored by CHS Foundation.

1st Place Team: Menno - Advisor Brady Duxbury, Sam Bender, Aidan Friesen, Conner Edelman, Avery Handel, Sponsor Jen Johnson (CHS)
2nd - Tri-Valley
3rd - Philip
1st Place Individual: Sam Bender, Menno



Agronomy

Awards sponsored by Wilbur Ellis; team travel scholarship sponsored by Croplan by Winfield United and De & Mike Johnson, In Memory of Walt Johnson, Hoegemeyer Hybrids, and Wilbur Ellis.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Advisor Terry Rieckman & Tracy Chase, Jayden Wolf, Tanner Peterson, Kyle Butzke, Aleah Ries
2nd - Highmore
3rd - Hot Springs
1st Place Individual: Rachel Rickenbach, Hot Springs



Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Division of the Midwest Dairy Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Sharps, Inc. Bath, Global Dairy, Brookings and Royalwood Farms of Brandon, SD.

1st Place Team: Lennox Sundstrom - Advisor Mr. Wilson, Layne Lunstra, Brock Schroeder, Sami Nordmann.
2nd - Sioux Valley
3rd - McCook Central
1st Place Individual: Ella-mae Grooters, Elkton



Floriculture

Awards sponsored by Dr. David Graper and Gettysburg FFA; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dr. David Graper. Supplies sponsored by North American Wholesale Florists and Hy Vee of Brookings.

1st Place Team: Viborg-Hurley (Team members: Madison Hansen, Shania Knutson, Cassidy Sayler, Elizabeth Benavente)
2nd - Winner
3rd - Clark
1st Place Individual: Andrew Taylor, Winner



Food Science and Technology

Awards sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Aurora Cooperative; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke and Aurora Cooperative.

1st Place Team: Menno - Advisor Brady Duxbury, Jaedyn Oplinger, Tess Oplinger, Trey Bohlmann, Brady Fergen, Logan Kloudt
2nd - Lennox
3rd - McCook Central
1st Place Individual: Sara Capp, Milbank



Horse Evaluation

Awards sponsored by K Bar J Leather Company, and team travel scholarship sponsored by Rodney Yost Horsemanship and K Bar J Leather Company.

1st Place Team: Rapid City - Advisor Genetie Hendrix, Abby Sharp, Lauren Hill, Nautica Hagg, Alexis Hughes
2nd - Brookings
3rd - West Central
1st Place Individual: Logan Bowes, Brookings



Livestock Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Pork Producers Council; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dakotaland Feeds, Inc. of Huron, Travis Hoffman, and Kimball Livestock Exchange, LLC.

1st Place Team: Howard - Advisor Charlene Weber, Tanner Calmus, Logan Schlim, CJ Calmus, Briar Feldhaus, sponsors Roxanne Knock (Dakotaland Feeds) and Ashley Gelderman SD Pork Producers Council.
2nd - Brookings
3rd - Northwestern Area
1st Place Individual: Trevor Johnson, Beresford



Meats Evaluation and Technology

Awards and team travel scholarship are sponsored by Smithfield Foods, Sioux Falls.

1st Place Team: Hitchcock-Tulare – Advisor Michel Brink, Titus Waldner, Ty Hofer, Grant Hamilton, Baily Binge
2nd – Harrisburg
3rd – Highmore
1st Place Individual: Titus Waldner, Hitchcock-Tulare



Milk Quality and Products

Awards sponsored by Agropur Inc-Cheese and Whey Products, Lake Norden, South Dakota and Hull, Iowa. Team travel scholarship sponsored by Lynn and Brenda Maas in memory of their son Justin Maass and Agropour Inc-Cheese and Whey Products, Lake Norden, South Dakota and Hull, Iowa.

1st Place Team: Harrisburg – Advisor Tara Fastert, Dylan Klenk, Teagen Niemewel, Daniel Wil-laems, Luke Hohwieler, Advisor Todd Marks
2nd – McCook Central
3rd – Willow Lake
1st Place Individual: Trinity Peterson, Willow Lake



Natural Resources

Awards sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition and Jeff Vander Wilt.

1st Place Team: Rapid City – Advisor Bobbie Jo Donovan, Amara Roland, Morgan Monroe, Alex Short Anissa Wilson
2nd place team – Wessington Springs, 3rd place – Brookings
1st Place Individual: Morgan Monroe, Rapid City



Nursery/Landscape

Awards sponsored by Midwest Stihl; team travel scholarship sponsored by SODAK Gardens of Clear Lake. Chainsaw for first place individual sponsored by Midwest Stihl.

1st Place Team: Harrisburg – Advisor Todd Marks, Graham Scheaffer, Madison Stucky, Makayla Kolbeck, Tucker Seamer, and sponsor Zach Strand, Intermountain Stihl
2nd – Milbank
3rd – Lennox Sundstrom
1st Place Individual: Graham Scheaffer, Harrisburg



Poultry Awards and team travel scholarships sponsored by the South Dakota Poultry Industries Association. 1st Place Team: McCook Central – Advisors Terry Rieckman, Tracy Chase, Coach Carie Stiefvater, Hadley Stiefvater, Ella Stiefvater, Sydney Grasma, Ryan Blagg
2nd – Parkston
3rd – Milbank
1st Place Individual: Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central



Range Plant Identification Awards sponsored by SDSU Range Club.

1st Place Team: Lemmon – Advisor Renea Gebhart, Anna Beer, Lauren Weishaar, Korrie Zenter, Madison Weishaar
2nd – Kadoka
3rd – Hot Springs
1st Place Individual: Lauren Weishaar, Lemmon

Veterinary Science Awards sponsored by Susan A. Stoterau, DVM & Alice Harty, DVM; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association, Susan A. Stoterau, DVM & Alice Harty, DVM.

1st Place Team: Rapid City – Advisor Lisa Steinken, Brooke Schoonerver, Danica Steele, Cayley Hislip, Elizabeth Foster
2nd – Brookings
3rd – Winner
1st Place Individual: Cassie Townsend, Groton

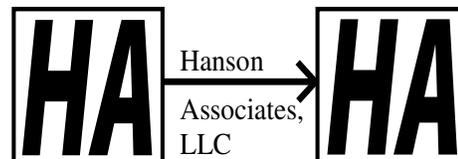


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Words & Deeds earn Streff family "FFA Family of the Year" Award

The SD FFA Foundation named the annual "FFA Family of the Year" award, honoring a family's long term involvement in the SD FFA/Agriculture Education program. The 2019 recipient of this award is the **Dan & Karen Streff family**, including left to right, back row: Tony and Ashley (Streff) Gelderman, Dan and Karen, Brock and Raqui Streff, Rory Streff, Kale Bockelman, Nick Streff. Front row: Teagan Streff, Brynn Streff, Sadie Gelderman, Seneca Gelderman. Streff family members not pictured: Nick's wife Kristin Streff, and children Greta, Owen and Violet.

The Streffs have been active at the chapter, state, and national levels of FFA. They put the phrase from the FFA Creed, "a faith, born not of words but of deeds" into action. Dan and Karen have and continue to actively support FFA for more than 30 years. As the parents of three McCook Central FFA chapter alumni, and Dan a Salem FFA alumni himself, their association with the blue corduroy jacket spans decades. The Streffs never miss an opportunity to share with others how their lives have been positively influenced by Agriculture Education and FFA. Through the McCook Central FFA, the Streffs are involved in many community activities, actively supporting each project, class and activity, in addition to offering advice, guidance and supervision. They have set up and conducted practice interviews for national proficiency finalists, state star finalists, and national star finalists for 15 years. They are first to volunteer a donation or work on chapter community service projects. They judge events, drive vehicles and chaperone, have planted and combined the chapter test plot, hauled state fair exhibits and assisted with fitting and clipping livestock for shows. They fund educational tours for the chapter enroute to National FFA Convention, as well as assist with funds for the annual SOFY (Save Our Farm Youth) day. Karen puts up displays at work (Puthoff Repair Sales & Service, Inc) showcasing FFA members attending the National FFA Convention, and state finalists for proficiencies or stars, promoting FFA in the community.

McCook FFA advisor, Terry Rieckman, says, "The Streffs are a positive influence on every member as they encourage them in all endeavors. The passion and dedication they give to our chapter and other organizations is what small town America is all about. I am lucky to have their support over 30 years, but mostly I am proud to call them friends." Dan, Brock, Nick, Ashley and Tony served in chapter and district officer leadership positions in the Salem, McCook Central and Tri-Valley FFA chapters. The family has 5 State and 3 American FFA Degree recipients, and Nick was the 1st ever American Star in Agricultural Placement. In addition, Dan received the DeKalb award, they had 7 state winning proficiencies, four national proficiency finalists and two national proficiency Swine Placement winners, 3 district Stars, a State Star finalist, two FFA International Experience to Costa Rica participants, and a National Food Science Career Development Event participant. Dan and Karen have both received their Honorary State and American Degrees as well as Dan, Karen and Ashley receiving the State Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to their own personal successes, family members continue to promote FFA through their actions, participating in chapter and state activities, and supporting anyone involved. Every time asked to help, with their time, talents or treasure, the answer has been "Yes," without hesitation. Dan and Karen and family have sponsored the State Star in Ag Placement since 2002, as well as sponsoring State FFA Degrees. They also encourage others to become sponsors of statewide awards and events, and introduce potential donors to state staff. Their passion for FFA and agriculture education is boundless. They continuously expound upon how FFA helped grow the values and personal traits they wanted in their children and they want to help others receive that experience too. They all remain active in production agriculture or the agricultural industry.



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South Dakota FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

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 will be awarded on April 8th, 2019 at the 91st South Dakota FFA State Convention as part of the South Dakota FFA Foundation's collegiate scholarship program.

The Gary Grey Agricultural Education Scholarship The Agricultural Education Scholarship is awarded to a senior FFA member who intends to study Agricultural Education at a post-secondary institution. The scholarship is sponsored in part by Kelvin and Carol Grey, in honor of Kelvin's brother, Gary. (photo) Carol and Kelvin presented this year's \$1,000 scholarship to **Tanner Peterson, McCook Central**.



Blue & Gold Scholarships The South Dakota FFA offers Blue and Gold Scholarships to any graduating senior who is planning to enroll in an agriculture-related field in one of South Dakota's institutions. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are (left to right): **Connor Thaler, Beresford** **Sydney Miller, Hot Springs** **Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg** **Megan Schoeneman, West Central**



Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship The Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship, which is sponsored by Sioux Falls Ford, was established in memory of Bob Titus, father of past state FFA officer Jenny Titus-Jacobson. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship is **Blake Pulse, McCook Central**.



Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships The Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are (left to right): **Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg** **Maizy Baldwin, Canton** **Brooklyn Knudson, Canton** **Kadyn Nolz, West Central**



Bayer Scholarships As a Four Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Bayer sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are (left to right): **Emily Cap, Bon Homme** **Grant Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare** **Michelle Mileham, Brookings** **Connor Edleman, Menno**



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

Kaydyn Nolz, West Central
Whitley Reder, Belle Fourche
Danielle Houghtaling, Doland
Maria Beadle, Bowdle



Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship The Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Wade Lang who served as the South Dakota State FFA Treasurer from 1991-1992. (left to right) This \$500 memorial scholarship was presented by Ida May Platte (Wade's mother) to **Rachel Retterath, Brookings**.



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

Blake Olson, Parker
Jeffrey Paulson, Clark
Mark Hamilton, Wolsey-Wessington



Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship The Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarships are sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje, South Dakota State University graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members. (photo left to right) Rhonda and Chad presented these \$750 scholarships to: Sponsor Rhonda Wosje **Shania Knutson, Viborg-Hurley** **Brandon Volmer, Winner** Sponsor Chad Wosje



CHS Foundation Scholarships As a Four Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, the CHS Foundation sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are (left to right) Jackson Fiegen, Parker

Taylor McMartin, West Central
Christina Masterson, Chester
Alicia Vander Wal, Sioux Valley
CHS Foundation representative: Jennifer Johnson



Agtegra Scholarships As a Four Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Agtegra sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are (left to right):

Brady Christiansen, Madison
Cole Nafziger, Gettysburg
Mason Burke, Willow Lake
Kadin LaBrie, Doland
Agtegra representative: Brad Ruden



South Dakota FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships (Cont.)

WLC Scholarship The WLC Scholarships are sponsored by the South Dakota FFA Foundation. These scholarships aid high school members in attending the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC. The recipients of these \$500 scholarships are (left to right):

Meagan Blare, Winner
Perri Liedtke, Sioux Valley
Trinity Peterson, Willow Lake
Goeff Dunkelberger, Parker



Post-Secondary Ag Scholarships

These 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, Bayer, Agtegra, CHS Foundation, BankWest, LG Seeds, and Butler Machinery as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are (left to right):

Dalton Howe
Sadie Vander Wal
Jacob Rausch
Matthew Bogue



Ernie Wingen Scholarship The Ernie Wingen Scholarship is sponsored by Fred Derouchey and Pat Wingen. The recipient of this scholarship is **Peter Rausch, Hoven**.



Continuing Agriculture Education Scholarships

These 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, Bayer, Agtegra, CHS Foundation, BankWest, LG Seeds, and Butler Machinery as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are (left to right):

Cody Rausch
Jacey Edlin
Clayton Scott
Hannah Noonan
Alex Toupe



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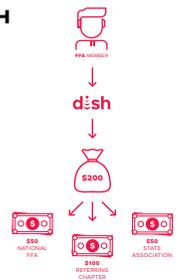
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- **Congratulations** to all FFA members and chapters on a successful State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity.
- **Thank you** to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA members would not be able to discover and experience the opportunities to build their leadership, grow their communities and strengthen agriculture for the future. In this time of lean school budgets and a down ag economy, sponsors are crucial in keeping Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs in our schools.
- **Invest in the future of agriculture** - The SD FFA Foundation is adding hands on exhibits to the SD FFA Ag Adventure Center! We are working to connect the two FFA buildings with a breezeway, create more traffic flow, and provide additional interactive educational displays. Our vision is to have a forum that will empower consumers to value agricultural practices capable of feeding the world's growing population. We need your help!
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Agriscience Fair

The SD FFA Agriscience Fair, April 17th, featured exhibits in six different categories (Animal Systems; Environmental and Natural Resource Systems; Food Products & Processing Systems; Plant Systems; Power, Structural & Technology Systems; Social Systems) and involves extensive research as well as writing a written report including information on previous studies related to the topic, and their research and findings. This year there were 125 projects, with students from 17 schools in Division 1-2 (7-8th), Division 3-4 (9-10th graders) and Division 5 & 6 (11-12th graders). The event was sponsored by Jim Chilson, Eichacker Simmentals, Florence FFA, McCook Central FFA, Next Level Ag, Butler Machinery, Meyerink Farm Service, Salem Veterinary Service, Jason and Gail Gullickson, and South Dakota EPSCOR as a special project of the South Dakota FFA Foundation.

The top projects in each division will advance for a chance to compete at the National FFA Agriscience Fair at National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall. The top exhibits are as follows, photos are left to right:

Animal Systems

The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing, through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses, and/or poultry.

Division 1:

1. Teagan Mason, Doland
2. Avery Miles, Doland
3. Evie Gordan, McCook Central



Division 2:

1. Ryan Blagg and Will Rotert, McCook Central



Division 3:

1. Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Alexis Rahm, Northwestern
3. Sawyer Styles, Northwestern



Division 4:

1. Emma Kuhlman and Hailey Overby, West Central
2. Keighlor Nolz and Santasia Silk, West Central
3. Kody Goehring and Cole Miles, West Central

Division 5:

1. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Danielle Houghtaling, Doland
3. Amanda Wiek, Aberdeen Public



Division 6:

1. Christine Stoltenberg and Mackenzie Stoltenberg, Northwestern



Food Products and Processing Systems -

The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance and food service within the food science industry.

Division 1:

1. Carter Randall, McCook Central
2. Paul Kaffer, McCook Central
3. Jasmine Krempges, McCook Central



Division 2:

1. Aubree Kranz and Samara Wolf, McCook Central



Division 3:

1. Paige Peterson, McCook Central
2. Kylie McIlravy, Montrose
3. Katrina Kenton, Chester Area



Division 4:

1. McKenna Sichmeller and Samantha Mallinger, West Central
2. Abby Blagg and Sophia Kafar, McCook Central
3. Caycee Schneider and Valentina Recio, Doland



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Agriscience Fair (Cont.)

Division 5:

1. Taren Tschetter, Doland

Division 6:

1. Maleah Gordon and Kayla McAreavey, Montrose
2. Madison Decker and Kylie Uhl, Garretson
3. Mary Hoiten and Maddy Shultis, Montrose

Power, Structural, and Technical Systems -

The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures.

Division 1:

1. Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern
2. Isaak Pulse, McCook Central
3. Mason Tschetter, Doland

Division 2:

1. Landon Roling and Brode Dennis, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Madison Stoud, McCook Central
2. Nicholas Troske, Northwestern
3. Breanna McConnell, Wall (Not Pictured)

Division 4:

1. Jacobi Krouse and Jakob Lindstrom, Montrose

Division 6:

1. Tanner Peterson and Parker Scheier, McCook Central
2. Dirby Bawek and Jaime Delgado, Doland
3. Bailee Anderson and Lily Kenton, Chester Area



Social Science -

The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural education, agribusiness economics, agricultural communications, agricultural leadership and other social science applications in agriculture, food, and natural resources.

Division 1:

1. Grace Stoffel, McCook Central
2. Ellie Olsen, Deubrook

Division 2:

1. Tayah McGregor and Brianna Even, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Matea Gordon - Sturgis (Not Pictured)
2. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central

Division 4:

1. Hailie Stuck and Kiarra Stuck, Northwestern Area

Division 5:

1. Danika Gordon, Sturgis (Not Pictured)
2. Andrew Jensen, Beresford (Not Pictured)

Division 6:

1. Jessica Kott and Bailey Bosworth, Kimball
2. Emily Nelson and Cassidy Eidsness, West Central
3. Faith Weiland and Conner Thaler, Beresford (Not Pictured)

The area of Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems -

The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment.

Division 1:

1. Jackson Grady, McCook Central
2. Kolt Koepsell, McCook Central
3. Joren Peterson, McCook Central



Agriscience Fair (Cont.)

Division 2:

1. Jake VanHout and Jayden Doane, McCook Central
2. Michaela McCormick and Brandy Pulse, McCook Central



Division 3:

1. Megan Nash, Northwestern
2. Korbin Leddy, Milbank
3. Teryn Sparling, Northwestern



Division 4:

1. Megan Stiefvater and Ashtyn Wobig, McCook Central
2. Nate Edwards and Micah VanRuler, Montrose
3. Hailey Nix and Courtney VanderWoude, Montrose



Division 5:

1. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg



Division 6:

1. Collin Kolbeck and Trey Anderson, McCook Central
2. Megan Schoeneman and Sarah Dickerson, West Centr



Plant Systems –

The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants

Division 1:

1. Morgan Mackaben, Belle Fourche (Not Pictured)
2. Ava Sandine, McCook Central
3. Cameron Noethlich, Doland



Division 2:

1. Olivia Krutsinger and Lexie Lunders, McCook Central



Division 3:

1. Hannah Schentzel, Northwestern
2. Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern
3. Lauren Stiefvater, McCook Central



Division 4:

1. Zach Madsen and Bennet Sebert, West Central
2. Hallie Kueter and Katelyn Lueth, Montrose
3. Grace Harden and Jenna Lueth, West Central



Division 5:

1. Blake Pulse, McCook Central
2. Travis Sharp, Aberdeen Public
3. Emily Foiles, Doland



Division 6:

1. Kadin LaBrie and Taryn Wipf, Doland
2. Ellie Cleveland and Elise Oteri, Montrose





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Chapter Chatter

What have local chapters been up to in their local communities lately? Let's find out:

Brookings FFA: The Brookings chapter is doing their spring service project in the community by building beds with their area Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter. They are also doing a book and stuffed animal drive in the high school to donate with the beds they build.

Gettysburg FFA: They are currently planning a chapter officer retreat for this summer.

Faulkton FFA: The Faulkton chapter is getting ready for their annual Ag Appreciation Banquet. The banquet will be followed by an FFA petting zoo.

2019-2020 South Dakota State FFA Officers Elected

To wrap up the 91th South Dakota State FFA Convention, April 7th, six members were elected to serve as the 2019-2020 South Dakota State FFA officer team. Candidates vied for the six South Dakota FFA leadership roles and went through extensive interviews. The individuals elected to the South Dakota State FFA officer team will travel across the state throughout the next year serving as the image of SD FFA, presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences, conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association and representing SD at the

National FFA Convention. Asked about the year, they are beyond excited to serve, "Our call to serve will find us demonstrating the importance and impact of agriculture education and FFA on youth and communities. We cannot wait to represent South Dakota FFA and continue to live the legacy of FFA." State FFA Ambassadors assist State Officers throughout the year, serving as an extra set of hands. They are often behind the scenes, and vital to making the State FFA Association successful.



Ambassador - Anna Schwader, Howard
Treasurer - Nathan Linke, Woonsocket
Reporter - Sadie Vander Wal, Brentford
Reporter - Sami Wiseman, Crooks
Secretary - Tori Rasmussen, Hudson

Vice-President - Blake Pulse, Salem
President - Shelby Ruland, Wall
Ambassador - Randi Tivis, Sturgis
Executive Secretary - Beth Mayrose