



# FFA's

# New Era



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## South Dakota Ag Teacher Rewarded for Her Impact

McCook Central FFA advisor, Mrs. Tracy Chase, received a big surprise at the 2022 SD State Fair. Under the lights of the grandstand, First Dakota National Bank in honor of their 150th year celebration presented her the keys to a brand-new Ford F-150 pickup. Mrs. Chase was nominated in secret by numerous individuals, including members of the McCook Central School District and FFA Chapter because of her hard work and dedication to FFA and her local community. Mrs. Chase thought she was accepting a donation on behalf of the SD FFA Foundation, but the recognition in front of thousands included a video highlighting her impact on so many. Overcome with gratitude and love for those around her, Mrs. Chase said, "I am truly humbled. Reflecting on all the moments in my life, I am indebted to all that have shaped me to be the person I am today." Thank you, Mrs. Chase, for serving as an FFA advisor, your wisdom and guidance for all of us, and for living with a passion to give rather than to receive. Teachers truly do make all the difference!



## Weber, Roling and DiGiovanni Compete Nationally



WEBER

This year, three SD FFA members were selected as National Proficiency Finalists based off their Supervised Agriculture Experiences. Good luck to these amazing members!

**Carson Weber** - Bridgewater-Emery, in Diversified Crop Production works on the family farm raising corn, soybeans, and sweet corn. He accomplished learning more about the advancing technology in crop production through his time working on his SAE.



ROLING

**Landon Roling** - McCook Central, in Grain Production works on the family farm where they raised numerous acres of corn. One of his accomplishments was learning how to build a prescription map on the computer for his corn acres. When asked how his SAE pushed him, he said it helped him expand his knowledge within his proficiency area.



DIGIOVANNI

**Grace DiGiovanni** - McCook Central, in Service Learning, created an addition to the current backpack program that includes fresh produce items and correlating recipe cards in each distribution. One of her accomplishments was "seeing the impact that her chapter had on the community and helping individuals in need."

## Golden Owl Award Honors Top Ag Educators

Agricultural educators serve a critical role in their communities, devoting countless hours to preparing students for successful careers and helping them pursue their passions. To honor their contributions and support them with additional resources, Nationwide and the SD FFA are accepting nominations for the 2022-2023 Golden Owl Award, October 1- December 31st, at [bit.ly/SDGoldenOwl](https://bit.ly/SDGoldenOwl).

A selection committee will determine 7 finalists, one from each FFA District, to receive an individualized plaque and \$500 to support their agriculture programs. One grand prize winner will then be selected as Ag Educator of the Year, the coveted Golden Owl Award trophy, and an additional \$3,000 Nationwide-funded check at State FFA Convention in April.

"We are proud to thank agricultural teachers for the extraordinary care they bring to their work as they go above and beyond in educating America's youth and future leaders," said Brad Liggett, Nationwide's president of Agribusiness. "We're thankful for the support of our state partners in these efforts to bring much-needed recognition to our teachers across the country."



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# SD FFA Foundation Awards \$2,600 in Local FFA Chapter Service Project Grants

The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, "Living to Serve", making service a core value taught to SD's over 10,000 high school Agriculture Education students through FFA. The SD FFA Foundation recognizes the value of local chapter service-learning projects and provides grants up to \$500/chapter for service projects in local communities. Grants are sponsored by the TC Energy Foundation for the following chapters:

**Wolsey-Wessington** – provide "Harvest lunches" to area farmers to show appreciation

**Gregory County** – conduct Farm Safety presentations to elementary students and provide first aid kits

**Lemmon** - build planters to decorate the outside of the school

**Howard** – host a Farm Safety Day for Jr. High students and provide first aid kits to attendees

**Viborg-Hurley** - building a roof over the Flood Stage Park

**Doland** – create a "Winter Wonderland" community in the city park by building and installing Christmas-themed cut outs and lighted decor



**2021 SERVICE PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENT - HOWARD FFA MEMBERS ASSEMBLING STRESS BAGS FOR THEIR STUDENTS AND STAFF**

## Blue Jacket Program provides 3,000th Jacket to FFA members

To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This October, the SD FFA Foundation celebrated 15 years of the Blue Jacket Program and awarded 400 FFA members from 81 chapters jackets. These members demonstrated leadership qualities and personal growth and some may not have the financial resources to purchase their own jacket. Thank you to our 2022 jacket sponsors, who welcomed new members into the fabric of FFA:

- |  |                                 |                              |  |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Aaron Johnson                              | Darwin & Cindy Aman             | Kari Zeigler                 | Sadie Vander Wal                       |
| Adam Franken                               | Daryl Molskness                 | Kay and Rick Miller          | Sandy Osterday                         |
| ADM Grain Tulare                           | David Frazier                   | Kennedy Implement            | Schnabel Ranch LLC                     |
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| Ali Blair                                  | David Larson                    | Lauren Gilbertson            | SD Walleye Charter                     |
| Alpha Gamma Rho                            | De Johnson                      | Leisinger Farms              | Seed Exchange LLC                      |
| Amanda Roth                                | Dell Rapids Coop Grain          | LG Seeds                     | Sharon Smeenk                          |
| BankWest                                   | Donna Acheson                   | Lisa Moon                    | Shawn Weishaar                         |
| Barbara Hillestad                          | Double M Crop Service           | Lloyal Saugstad              | Sheree Christensen                     |
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| Bayer                                      | Duralite Trailers               | Marvin Wastell               | Six Mile Creek Acres                   |
| Brad Ruden                                 | East River Electric             | Matilyn Kerr                 | Spencer Chase                          |
| Brian & Gretchen Sharp                     | Cooperative                     | Michael and Etta Knuth       | Stella Nagel                           |
| Brianna Fabris                             | Ed & Julie Mueller              | Midwest Veterinary           | Steven Zemlicka                        |
| Butler Machinery Company                   | Eileen Peterson                 | Service                      | Stotz Seed LLC                         |
| C & B Operations                           | Farm Credit Services of America | Morgan Fullerton             | Susan Vander Wal                       |
| Caleb McGregor                             | Farmers Mutual of Nebraska      | Nathan and Tiffany Sanderson | Sydnie Peters                          |
| Central Electric Cooperative               | George Allen                    | Olsen Custom Farms, LLC      | Tammy Bender                           |
| CharLee Bachman                            | Green Thumb Commodities         | Patty & Kevin Larson         | Tarleton College                       |
| Chris & Penny Nelson                       | Gregory Lions Club              | Paul Fixen                   | The First National Bank in Sioux Falls |
| Christensen Farms                          | Hanson & Associates, LLC        | Philip Scottie Booster Club  | Titan Machinery                        |
| CHS Foundation                             | Hefty Seed                      | Pioneer-Corteva              | Titan Tires                            |
| Citibank                                   | Hilltop Angus                   | Potter County Farm Bureau    | Travis Gutzmer                         |
| Clark Hanson                               | Hunter Eide                     | Ray Krause                   | Triangle J Quarter Horses              |
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| Croplan by Winfield United                 | In Memory of Eugene Nagel       | Rebecca & Shad Christman     | Northland Ford Dealers                 |
| Dacotah Bank                               | In Memory of Rose Wolf          | Reed Johnson                 | US Army ROTC                           |
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| Darrin Erdmann                             |                                 | Ron Johnson                  | Wendy Mortenson Agency                 |
|  |                                 | Roy & Sara Gjerde            | West River Electric                    |

# Capitalizing on Connections at Dakotafest

Every year in mid-August, the state officers attend Dakotafest to connect with and learn from individuals and industries around the state of South Dakota. This year, Graham Tire Company and Titan Tire Corporation graciously provided the officers with the tent space to promote the SD FFA Foundation online auction and raffle off Corn Husker game tickets they donated.

The officers networked with ag industry and policy leaders and learned about issues facing the agriculture industry in South Dakota. They attended the South Dakota Farm Bureau breakfast, met the American Farm Bureau President, Vincent Duvall, and also had conversations with Zach Duchenuaux, USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator, Representative Dusty Johnson, South Dakota Corn, SD Soybean, BigIron Auctions, Legend Seed, and many more!



PICTURE: WOLSEY-WESSINGTON FFA MEMBERS MET UP WITH THE STATE OFFICERS AND NETWORKED WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS.



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# Members Prepare to Shine at the National FFA Convention

South Dakota FFA members and teams are actively preparing to represent at the national level. Most of these individuals and teams have already begun their competitive portions to their events, as elements to most Career and Leadership Development Events have an online piece that must be completed prior to convention. The final elements will take place, along with final results, at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo on October 26-29, 2022. These teams and individuals were the first-place winners at SD State Convention and at State Leadership.

**Agricultural Communications:** McCook Central; Abby Wagner, Paul Kaffar, Grace DiGiovanni, Tayah McGregor, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Agricultural Issues:** West Central; Josslin Jarding, Grace Harden, Jude Jarding, Wilson Droge, Advisor Mrs. Linda Petersen

**Agricultural Sales:** Tri-Valley; Weston VanDerVliet, Brody Ahlquist, Nolan Schmidt, Hunter Foster, Advisor Mr. Tanner Peterson

**Agricultural Mechanics:** Miller; Dylan Hass, Briggs Runge, Jaden Anderberg, Trevor Werdel, Advisor Mr. Mark Ketelhut

**Agronomy:** McCook Central; Mason Pulse, Samara Wolf, Jonathan Schock, Landon Roling, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Conduct of Chapter Meetings:** McCook Central; Ava Sieverding, Karlie Stiefvater, Madison Lauck, Joseph Grady, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Creed Speaking:** Sturgis; Bennett Gordon, Advisor Ms. Meagan Jensen

**Dairy Evaluation:** Parker; Natalie Haase, Vanessa Dunkelberger, Paige Haase, Neil Haase, Advisor Mrs. Kelly Dunkelberger

**Employment Skills:** Hot Springs; Megan Sanders, Advisor Mrs. Tanna White

**Natural Resources:** McCook Central; Landon Flogstad, Brode Dennis, Mathew Kremppes, Derek Schock, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Extemporaneous Speaking:** Deubrook; Ellie Olsen, Advisors Mrs. Ashley Wiesen and Mr. Reuben TenBrink

**Agriculture Business Management:** Hitchcock-Tulare; Caden Bottum, Jedidiah Waldner, Andrew Brooker, Danielle Nowell, Advisor Mr. Shane Gross

**Floriculture:** Wolsey-Wessington; Faith Nelson, Hailey Clarke, Giyahna Richmond, Mya Boomsma, Advisors Mrs. Leah Hofer and Mr. Andrew Boersma

**Food Science:** Freeman; Emily Knodel, Riley Knittel, Ava Anderson, Vaida Ammann, Advisor Ms. Malynda Penner

**Horse Evaluation:** Brookings; Kennedi Gerjets, Jaxon Bowed, Heather Rudd, Jordyn Tibbs, Advisor Mr. Joshua Johnson

**Livestock Evaluation:** Bridgewater-Emery; Cash Lehrman, Quinton Berg, Landon Berg, Ryan Wollman, Advisor Mr. Alex Toupal

**Marketing Plan:** Garretson; Autumn Gaspar, Drew Pederson, Hannah Frewaldt, Advisor Ms. Alysha Kientopf

**Meats Evaluation and Technology:** McCook Central; Ryan Blagg, Noah Schnee, Brock Nordlund, Weston Remmers, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Milk Quality and Products:** McCook Central; Isabela Jimenez, Vivian Koepsell, Grace Stoffel, Shea Klinkhammer, Advisors Mrs. Tracy Chase and Mr. Terry Rieckman

**Nursery Landscape:** West Central; Andrew Rick, Jack Linneman, Bennett Sebert, Connor Siemonsma, Advisor Mrs. Linda Petersen

**Parliamentary Procedure:** Belle Fourche; Olivia Furrow, Ava McLennan, Nicole Kraft, Reese McKenna, Kyrstin Hayworth, Dustin Kolb, Advisor Mr. Austin Bishop

**Poultry Evaluation:** Chester; MaKaylyn Borecky, Brayden Schut, Lauren Roberts, Cadence Olivier, Advisor Mrs. Sarah Kretchman

**Prepared Public Speaking:** Sturgis; Matea Gordon, Advisor Ms. Meagan Jensen

**Vet Science:** Brookings; Janine Warne, Tara Feucht, Ava Thvedt, Hailey Graham, Advisor Mr. Joshua Johnson

## National Experience Provides Actionable Leadership

This past summer, South Dakota FFA members attended the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) in our nation's capital, with thousands of FFA members from across the nation to learn leadership, goal setting, and communication. Three SD FFA members share key reflections.

**Matthew Mork, Webster FFA** said, "It far exceeded my expectations, especially the number and variety of people I met and connected with. My voice was heard and valued...We learned how to conceive, promote, and engage others in a community service or chapter development project. My workbook serves as a guide to chapter event organization and member integration; its value cannot be understated."

**Emily Robbins, Elkton FFA**, reflects, "It allowed me to learn more about myself and taught me to be a better leader AND a better human...I developed a Living to Serve Plan, organizing a community garden...I am grateful for the experiences, memories, and friendships made."

**Maggie DeMers, Winner FFA**, shared, "This conference blew me away. I significantly strengthened my leadership skills and listened for ideas to incorporate into my community."



**PICTURED: EMILY ROBBINS, KATE HAMILTON, AND MATTHEW MORK**

# 27 SD FFA Agri-scientists Advance to National Competition

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a competition for FFA members interested in the science and technology of agriculture. Students compete in one of six categories with junior high, 9-10th grade, and 11-12th grade divisions. Ten projects in each division are selected to advance and present their project for competition at the national level. SD has 18 individual and team projects, consisting of 27 FFA members that will be competing at the national level:

## Animal Systems Category

Julianne Grady, McCook Central, **Division 1**  
Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central, **Division 3**

## Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems Category

Noah Felderman, Doland, **Division 1**  
Ty Oyen & Gage Egger, Tri-Valley, **Division 2**  
Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central, **Division 3**  
Harlee Nielson & Mikael Nielson, Hitchcock-Tulare, **Division 4**  
Andrew Rick & Bennett Sebert, West Central FFA, **Division 6**

## Food Products and Processing Systems Category

Gracie Pedersen & Clara VanDerVliet, Tri-Valley, **Division 2**

## Plant Systems Category

Deegan Moes, Doland, **Division 1**  
Tanner Eide, Gettysburg, **Division 3**  
Grace DiGiovanni, McCook Central, **Division 5**

## Power, Structural and Technical Systems Category

Zane McCormick, McCook Central, **Division 1**  
Tucker Peterson & Gavin Kipp, McCook Central, **Division 2**  
Brody Ahlquist & Hunter Foster, Tri-Valley, **Division 4**

## Social Systems Category

Summer Koch, McCook Central FFA, **Division 1**  
Kaylee Klinkhammer & Karlee Klinkhammer,  
McCook Central FFA, **Division 2**  
Lauren Roling & Madison Lauck, McCook Central, **Division 4**  
McKenna Sichmeller & Josslin Jarding, West Central,  
**Division 6**

Finalists receive a travel stipend to assist with expenses as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, sponsored by Eichacker Simmentals, Salem Veterinary Service, Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic, DeTye Vet Supply, the Franken Family, Fall River Feedyard, Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic, Fall River Veterinary Clinic, Buffalo Ranch Supply, First Dakota National Bank, Ducks Unlimited, Koupal Lazy EY Angus Ranch, Dry Creek Farm & Ranch, the Pennington County Conservation District, ProAg Engineering, Inc., the South Dakota Retailers Association, McCook Central FFA, Next Level Ag, Central Farmers Cooperative, Farm Credit Services of America, The First National Bank in Sioux Falls, Brian and Codi Mills, Carl and Kari Sanders, Jim Chilson, Meyerink Farm Service, Butler Machinery, CTE Global, Inc., Dacotah Bank, ADM Harrold, Miller, Tulare, Bayer, SD Biotech Association, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Pioneer-Corteva, and BankWest.

## 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 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 will 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 will 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. He will continue with candidate activities until the 2022-2023 National FFA Officer team is announced on Saturday, October 29th at the final session of the 95th National FFA Convention. Good luck, Hunter!

# SD FFA Members Earn Golden Key

Congratulations to the 25 South Dakota FFA members, from 10 chapters, for earning their American FFA Degree. Recipients will be recognized during the 95th National FFA Convention, Tuesday, October 29th, during the 7:30am (EST) session. All sessions will be broadcast on RFD-TV.

**Doland** - Danielle Dana Houghtaling, Taren Tschetter

**Harrisburg** - Allyson Beninga, Mitchell Healy, Jackson Klemme, Grant Koerner, Kacey Lias, Parker Poppe, Kayla Smeenck, MaKenzie Voss

**Gettysburg** - Cody Simon

**Groton** - Tessa Erdmann

**Lennox Sundstrom** - Blake Robert Gibney, Kayleigh Alaina Thill

**McCook Central** - Abigail Jo Blagg, Paige E. Peterson, Lauren Stiefvater

**Parker** - Geoff Dunkelberger

**Sioux Valley** - Alicia L. Vanderwal

**Tri-Valley** - Rhegan Oberg

**West Central** - Jami Bergeson, Kiara Grace Ebbinga, Luke Nichols, Noah Pressler, Kenny Vockrodt

## FFA Members Make Meaningful Connections at SD State Fair

The mission of the Ag Adventure Center is to showcase modern agricultural practices, communicate commitment to natural resources, and demonstrate wholesome, safe food production. Livestock is a big draw in welcoming the public into the center, yet once visitors enter into the space, they are met with experiences and meaningful learning opportunities that touch on the vast elements of the SD agriculture industry. Of course, there was major excitement throughout the building when the two sows brought in by Pipestone Solutions began farrowing and we welcomed two baby calves into the world brought in by Lazy J Dairy of Wolsey.

People who stopped by were able to see and interact with dairy calves and a cow, dairy goats, chickens and chicks, mother sows and piglets, meat goats, mother ewes and lambs, and a cow/calf pair. Favorites throughout the barns were the bottle calves, especially during feeding time, the chicks in the carnival exhibit, and the playful goats.

Educational interactive agriculture displays were scattered throughout providing insights on cuts of beef and pork, ag commodities found in South Dakota, ag fact jeopardy, and soil conservation practices. There were also virtual tours of pig, chicken, and dairy barns as well as FFA members' Agriscience fair displays, tractor restoration projects, woodworking and metal projects, and even floral arrangements.

Around the Ag Adventure Center, you could find district and state FFA officers along with many chapter member volunteers to engage visitors in conversation about agriculture and FFA. Activities were put on by special guests covering a variety of topics including a live cow ultrasound, making a dry beef rub, powerline safety, and a lesson on artificial insemination including looking at semen samples under a microscope.

***DISTRICT OFFICERS SHOWCASE MODERN AGRICULTURE PRACTICES, NETWORKING WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AT THE AG ADVENTURE CENTER.***



# South Dakota FFA Foundation Receives \$75,000 Commitment from First Dakota National Bank

First Dakota National Bank made a \$75,000 commitment to the South Dakota FFA Foundation during the Elle King/Josh Turner concert at the SD State Fair. The announcement was part of First Dakota National Bank's celebration of one and a half centuries as South Dakota's original bank. Funds, provided over a five-year time frame, will grow the capacity of the SD FFA to build leaders, grow communities and strengthen agriculture for SD.

Building partnerships in support of local and state agriculture education is critical. South Dakota FFA membership is growing as communities recognize the

leadership skills offered. In the 2022-23 school year, there are over 10,000 high school agriculture education students in South Dakota. There have been 21 new FFA chapters in the past six school years. First Dakota National Bank recognizes FFA is key to building the tomorrow's workforce leaders. "Our commitment to the region and agriculture runs deep. With South Dakota FFA's commitment to agriculture and ag leadership, career success, and personal growth of students, we knew supporting them was an excellent choice," said Nate Franzén, President of the Ag Banking Division at First Dakota National Bank.



## 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."

Each SD member receives a travel scholarship to assist with costs from the SD FFA Foundation, thanks to sponsors: Sara Bauder, Warren Skinner, Kyle & Jody Peterson and the SD FFA Alumni.

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# FFA Members Show Limitless Potential at State Fair

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2022 South Dakota State Fair held September 1st-5th, in Huron. At the State Fair, there were 360 FFA members who exhibited 1224 exhibits. Results were as follows:

## CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

**1st place:** McCook Central, **2nd Place:** Beresford

## CHAPTER EXHIBITS

**1st place** -Wolsey Wessington, **2nd Place:** Howard, **3rd Place:** Bridgewater-Emery

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## TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER

**1st place:** McCook Central

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## TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS

**1st Place:** Landon Roling and Brode Dennis, McCook Central, **2nd Place:** Erika Beck, Tri-Valley, **3rd Place:** Zoe Dissing and Emery Pearson, Tri-Valley

*Sponsored by Jakober Limousin.*

## BEEF SHOW



**Champion Breeding Heifer** - Jady LeDoux, Highmore

**Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer** - Wyatt James, Estelline



**Breeding Beef Showmanship** - **1st Place:** Wyatt James, Estelline, **2nd Place:** Taylor Harriman, Parker, **3rd Place:** Mattisyn Keppen, Sioux Valley



**Champion Market Steer** - Ty Bergh, Florence

**Reserve Champion Market Steer** - Kaitlyn Micheel, Huron (no photo)

**Champion Market Heifer** - Kai Thomsen, Madison Central (no photo)

**Reserve Champion Market Heifer** - Drew Pederson, Garretson (no photo)



**Market Beef Showmanship** - **1st Place:** Drew Pederson, Garretson, **2nd Place:** Sarah Welch, Garretson, **3rd Place:** Kai Thomsen, Madison Central

*Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin.*

## SWINE SHOW



**Champion Market Gilt** - Preston Mattheis, Parkston

**Reserve Champion Market Gilt** - Lacie Weber, Rutland



**Market Gilt Showmanship- 1st Place:** Baylee Schoenfelder, Parkston, **2nd Place:** Rylee Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery, **3rd Place:** Lacie Weber, Rutland



**Champion Market Barrow** - Baylee Schoenfelder, Parkston

**Reserve Market Barrow** - Tanner Calmus, Howard



**Market Barrow Showmanship** - **1st Place:** Jovie Wirt, Lennox Sundstrom, **2nd Place:** Melanie Calmus, Howard, **3rd Place:** Ashton Ross, Parker

*Swine Showmanship awards sponsored by Thompson Family.*

## SHEEP SHOW



**Champion Breeding Ewe** - Kassandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

**Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe** - Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs



**Champion Ram** - August Anderson, Faulkton

**Reserve Champion Ram**- Kassandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley



**Breeding Sheep Showmanship** -  
**1st Place:** Josie Nold, Brookings, **2nd Place:** Olivia Newell, Lennox Sundstrom, **3rd Place:** Bailey Weegar, Viborg-Hurley



**Champion Market Lamb** - Cody Larson, Brookings

**Reserve Champion Market Lamb** - Elizabeth Albrecht, Howard



**Market Lamb Showmanship** - **1st Place:** Raina Johnson, **2nd Place:** Kody Goehring, **3rd Place:** Elizabeth Albrecht, Howard

*Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks*

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW



**Champion Doe**- Oakleigh Reis-Elwood, Chamberlain

**Reserve Champion Doe**- Brityn Davies, Lake Preston



**Champion Milking Doe**- Trevon Cross, Garretson

**Reserve Champion Milking Doe**- Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids

**Overall Champion Dairy Goat**- Trevon Cross, Garretson



**Dairy Goat Showmanship-1st Place:** Kyle Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare, **2nd Place:** Trevon Cross, Garretson, **3rd Place:** Brityn Davies, Lake Preston

*Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms*

## MEAT GOAT SHOW



**Champion Breeding Meat Goat** - Tate Miller, Howard

**Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat** - Ashlyn Tangen, Sioux Valley



**Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship** -  
**1st Place:** Kahli Gall, Freeman, **2nd Place:** Emma Pierce, Estelline, **3rd Place:** Ashlyn Tangen, Sioux Valley



**Champion Market Meat Goat**- Tate Miller, Howard

**Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat**- Tate Miller, Howard



**Meat Goat Showmanship-1st Place:** Danika Gordon, Sturgis, **2nd Place:** Derek VanAsselt, Tri-Valley, **3rd Place:** Tanner VanAsselt, Tri-Valley

*Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch*

## RABBIT SHOW



*(right to left)* **Best of Show (Grand Champion Rabbit)** - Riley Gall, Freeman

**Reserve Best of Show (Reserve Champion Rabbit)** - Brianna Gilchrist, Winner

# FFA Members Show Limitless Potential at State Fair (cont.)



**Rabbit Showmanship - 1st Place:** Hunter Masterson, Menno, **2nd Place:** Michael Freeman, Ethan, **3rd Place:** Brianna Gilchrist, Winner

*Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Woehl's Rabbits. Best of Show and Reserve sponsored by Mark and Staci Schloe.*

## DAIRY SHOW



**Supreme Champion Female** - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

**Champion Holstein Female** - Neil Haase, Parker

**Senior Champion Holstein** - Bailey Fairbanks, Winner

**Junior Champion Holstein Heifer** - Neil Haase, Parker

**Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer** - Natalie Haase, Parker

**Champion All Other Breed Female** - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

**Senior Champion All Other Breed** - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

**Senior Reserve Champion All Other Breed** - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

**Junior Champion All Other Breed Heifer** - Brayton Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom

**Junior Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer** - Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom



**Dairy Showmanship: 1st Place:** Grace Norling, Beresford,

**2nd Place:** Jacob Post, Sioux Valley, **3rd Place:** Ryker

Bradley, McCook Central

*Dairy Showmanship sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese*

## 2022 ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP



**Round Robin** (right to left) **1st** Drew Pederson (right), **2nd** Josie Nold (left)

*Round Robin Showmanship sponsored by Odden Cattle Company.*

Funding for these events are made possible as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. FFA **Livestock Show premiums** are sponsored Hart Angus, Livestock Specialists Inc., Horizon View Farms, Texkota Panel, and SD Cattlemen's Foundation. **Exhibitors show t-shirts** are sponsored by: 605 Sires; Cargill; Cob Creek Cattle; Custom Genetic Solutions Dakotaland Feeds; DeJong Ranch; Gullickson Family Livestock; Lazy J Bar Ranch; Midwest Veterinary Service; Beef Bucks Inc.; SD Lodge for Fraternal Order of Police; Sleepy Hollow Farm; Stangl Shorthorns; Texkota Panel; Horizon View Farm; Cattle Business Weekly; Whetstone Commodities; Wagner Herefords; Hart Angus; and Livestock Specialists.

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# The Ag-Ed Family Grows

FFA Advisors are at the heart of every Ag-Education program. This year, South Dakota welcomes 22 new agriculture education teachers and FFA advisors as well as seeing 5 teachers move to a different SD program. Meet some of our new teachers and see what they are excited about in the years ahead!

Mr. Tanner Peterson has stepped in at Tri-Valley. He says, "I am excited to be an ag teacher to help kids explore some great opportunities through FFA and the agriculture industry. I want to help shape and guide the future generations of students and help them see that they don't need to be the smartest, fastest, or strongest and how effort and work ethic will go a long way in life."

## New Ag-Ed Teachers and FFA Advisors

Brigita Rasmussen: Alcester-Hudson  
Darren DeNeui: Andes Central  
Jackie Kessler: Bowdle  
Sarah Kretchman: Chester Area  
Zana DeJong: Colome  
Ashley Wiesen: Deubrook  
Taylor Krause: Deuel  
Anthony Zubke: Elkton  
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Brittany Haberman: Menno  
Sara Colombe: Millbank  
Chad Tussing: New Underwood

Tracy Austin: Newell  
Andrew Jensen: Sioux Falls CTE Academy  
Clayton Sorum: Tea Area  
Tanner Peterson: Tri-Valley  
Stran Holben: Wall  
Brady Duxbury: Wessington Springs  
Tracy Childress: Winner

In Winner, Ms. Tracy Childress adds, "I teach ag because I believe as George Washington said, 'Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man.' I look forward to a great year of teaching ag in South Dakota!"

Taking the reins for Newell FFA, Ms. Tracy Austin states, "I am excited because as an ag teacher I help students grow into productive members of society, as well as helping students develop a variety of skills that will help them be successful in any career they choose."

The list of new advisors to our state and chapters seems to be ever-growing. We are excited to welcome them and also see just how many of our current membership will take on the role of FFA advisor one day.



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- Make SD FFA Foundation Facebook page donations



## OOPS!

In our April issue, **we missed sharing one of our scholarship winners!** The Agriscience Fair POWER, STRUCTURE, AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS Division 5 winner received a \$1000 scholarship to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

**Congratulations to Addison Bahrenfuss, West Central**

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## Get to Know the State Officers

### Ella Stiefvater, President

**Hometown:** Salem, SD

**Favorite chore:** Feeding my show lambs

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Veterinary Science

**SAE:** Sheep Production, Agriculture Communications, Veterinary Placement, and Agriscience Research.

**Major:** Agricultural Communications

**Favorite FFA Memory:** attending the National FFA Convention as a freshman. I met many new people, saw the legendary sea of blue jackets from around the nation, and placed gold in the livestock judging event.



### Jacob Olson, Treasurer

**Hometown:** Aberdeen, SD

**Favorite Chore:** Releasing the chickens

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Meats Evaluation and Technology

**SAE:** Poultry and Cattle Production

**Major:** Agriculture Business

**Favorite FFA Memory:** Attending my first ever CDE competition my ninth-grade year. It was a wave of emotions from nerves to excitement. Though I did not score very high, I competed well for being a first-time competitor.



### Megan Sanders, Vice President

**Hometown:** Oral, SD

**Favorite Chore:** Tagging calves

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Range Judging

**SAE:** Beef Production Placement, Diversified Crop Production Placement, and Outdoor Recreation Placement

**Major:** Agricultural Education

**Favorite FFA Memory:** going to Range Judging competitions with my team every year. I always had such a fun time competing, spending time with friends, and meeting people from other schools.



### Sidney Peterson, Reporter

**Hometown:** Sturgis, SD

**Favorite Chore:** Feeding my roping calves

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Agricultural Issues

**SAE:** Performance Horse Management

**Major:** Agricultural Education

**Favorite FFA Memory:** attending National Convention as a sophomore. I was at a rodeo that weekend and didn't get back until 11:00 p.m. I waited to pack until that night and then left at 6:00 a.m. the following morning which was almost delayed because it snowed the night before.



### Kathryn Rausch, Secretary

**Hometown:** Hoven, SD

**Favorite Chore:** Working Cattle

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Milk Quality and Products

**SAE:** Beef Cattle Production and Vegetable Production

**Major:** Agricultural Education

**Favorite FFA Memory:** attending state convention my junior year. While we were there, the transmission on our bus went out, so we had to rely on the kindness of other chapters to take us to sessions, contests, and even home.



### Caleb McGregor, Sentinel

**Hometown:** Newell, SD

**Favorite Chore:** Shearing sheep/Irrigating crops

**Favorite FFA CDE:** Prepared Public Speaking

**SAE:** Sheep Production Entrepreneurship

**Major:** Agricultural & Biosystem Engineering and Agronomy

**Favorite FFA Memory:** going to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis to sing in the National FFA Chorus and meeting members from across the nation. Additionally, going to National Range Judging in Oklahoma City and visiting the Cowboy Heritage Museum was awesome because I was able to see the history.



## National Land & Range Events

This September, FFA members from all around South Dakota competed in Land and Range Evaluation. With four regional contests composed by the NRCS, the winners will advance to the national contest in Oklahoma City, OK in the spring of 2023. The land & homesite judging contest focused on soil properties, runoff, land capability, and limiting factors concerning soil health, while the range judging contest allowed members to identify plants, provide adequate livestock carrying capacity and assess habitat suitability for the given ecological site.

Congratulations to the 5 Land teams: **Kadoka; Hitchcock Tulare, DeSmet, McCook Central, and Tri-Valley** and 3

Range teams: **Wessington Springs, Lemmon and Webster/Waubay**, that won their Regional FFA events. They will advance to national competition next May in Oklahoma City. Thanks to LeRoy and Cathie Draine, Black Hawk, SD, for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place range judging individuals (**Kristie Munsen, Wessington Springs; Reece Ortman Kadoka; Riley Ash, Webster**) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (**Layne Palmer Kadoka; Nick Tollefson, Hitchcock-Tulare; Kasen Janssen, DeSmet; Kaylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central**) We are seeking sponsors of travel scholarships for the winning teams.

# Leadership Retreats Hit Fifty Year Milestone

The 2022 South Dakota FFA Leadership Retreats were not only memorable for the 193 members who got to learn new things, grow as leaders, and connect with state officers but also for the countless others who are connected to the fifty-year anniversary that was celebrated.

For half a century, leadership retreats have helped members network with their peers from across the state, collaborate to bring actionable ideas back to their own communities, and learn life lessons in a variety of areas. The idea for camp was first conceived and organized to be implemented by the late Kendal Thompson and the rest of the 1972-1973 State FFA Officer Team; they knew the value of bringing members together to gain leadership insights and wanted to enable the South Dakota FFA Association to initiate this summer experience for its members. Thompson's leadership resulted in the first FFA camp held in the summer of 1973.

Because of the anniversary, Thompson worked tirelessly to contact past state officers and raise financial support to be donated back to South Dakota FFA. His intention was to present a check with the total donated funds at the banquet during camp but his goal was prevented by his sudden passing. In honor of Kendal Thompson and the work he selflessly contributed to the organization, an

anniversary celebration and check presentation took place at both east and west river camps.

With the division of leadership retreat into two separate locations, two sets of members could enjoy Swan Lake in Viborg or Storm Mountain Center in Rapid City. At both locations, the curriculum for this year's camp focused on advocacy, teamwork, professionalism, personalities, service, and networking in addition to the traditional fun at the dance, synchronized swimming, Games on The Green, and visiting Mount Rushmore.

West river camper, Jodyn Bawek of the Doland FFA chapter, says, "FFA has done many great things for me. Through it, I have met my best friends and so many people. It opened me up to a new world and got me out of my comfort zone. It created a person that I always wanted to be but needed the extra push to become; FFA gave me that extra push at leadership camp when we had to be a team and become friends with new people." Thanks to the long-standing tradition of exceptional leadership retreats, many students will continue to have meaningful experiences with South Dakota FFA.



## Chapter Chatter

**Chamberlain FFA** - hosted an annual Chicken Poop Bingo fundraiser, in conjunction with home football games, for a local person recovering from cancer. Last year, they raised over a thousand dollars for a memorial scholarship for a member.

**Doland FFA** - assisted the local dairy with tarping a 24-ton silage pile. They celebrated with a pizza party after an evening of hard work!

**Gregory County FFA** - drove farm/ranch equipment to school during National Ag and Safety week. Students brought tractors, side by sides, semis, trailers, etc. and invited elementary students to tour and teach them safe practices. They also had a "Stop the Bleed" instructor present to high school students in both Burke and Gregory as part of agriculture safety promotion.

**Howard FFA** - has three main activities this October. They host a chapter BBQ with a bean bag tournament, a Feed a Farmer Day, and an Elementary Farm Safety Day. They also started a Food Assistance Program to aid families in need during three-day weekends and holiday breaks.

**Leola FFA** - The newly formed chapter will host a Dig the Dish fundraiser on Sept. 27, 2022. It will include a hotdish and salad cook off, in conjunction with the home volleyball game vs North Central Thunder.

**Lemmon FFA** - hosted a farm safety day for elementary students. Sessions included safety on animals, tractors, electricity, chemicals, ATVs, and plants/wildlife.

**Mitchell FFA** - had a student health expo in mid-October to promote healthy lifestyles. Members sampled healthy foods and shakes, talked with a dietitian, explored mental health resources, and even did a little yoga!

**Parker FFA** - hosted the District III and Parker Land Judging School. The Dairy Judging team is working hard to prepare for the National FFA Convention. They are also sending their first American Degree Recipient to the National FFA Convention since 1994. The officers are planning the Jr. High Halloween dance and hosting the district III Leadership LDE's.

**Rapid City Stevens FFA** - volunteered at Ag on the Square in Rapid City, educating the public about the vital role agriculture plays in our lives. The officer team also presented on stage about the three circle model of agriculture education.

**Tea Area FFA** - in early September elected their first ever Chapter Officer Team. They also started a tractor restoration project of a 1952 H Farmall.

## State Officers Make an Impact in Washington D.C.

Summer time means it's Summit time! July 17th - 21st, 375 State Officers, including the 6 state officers from South Dakota, attended the State Officer Summit in Washington D.C.

During the conference led by the national officer team, state officers expanded their horizons - learning about agriculture and FFA issues in other states, touring the nation's capital, meeting with South Dakota Legislators, and gaining advocacy experience and hearing from numerous speakers. Speakers included leaders from BNSF, John Deere, Cargill, and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

While visiting our legislators, the officers discussed possible changes in the farm bill and other issues that face the agriculture industry. All in all, the state officer summit was a success.



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# FFA's Mission in Action

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. This month we feature a current leader who exemplifies career success.



**Name:** Michel Brink  
**Home FFA Chapter:** Redfield High School  
**Year Graduated High School:** 1972  
**College:** South Dakota State University, Agriculture Education degree  
**Current Position:** Retired from forty-three years of teaching high school agriculture education

at Hitchcock Tulare school. Currently I am managing my family farm.

**What did you enjoy most about FFA?** Applying information and knowledge that was presented in the classroom

and shop to the career development events and real life activities on the farm.

**How did your FFA experience contribute to your career success?** Because I enjoyed agriculture education class and FFA activities, I chose to major in agriculture education at SDSU. I never knew what FFA event would make a lasting impact for students, but always worked to find that connection with each student.

**What advice would you give FFA members today?** Participate in as many different FFA career development events as possible - in both production and leadership career development events. Experience is the best teacher, why not give yourself the best?

## Online Auction Supports Core Mission of FFA

BigIron Auctions hosted an online auction September 21st, raising \$9,759 for the South Dakota FFA Foundation. All proceeds will go to fund events and activities part of our core mission. Without the following businesses who donated 42 lot items to the auction, our event would not have been possible:

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# South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. Annual Report July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

## President's Message

### People Notice....



What do you notice when you are out and about in this big old world?

A new building going up in your town, the fields of crops as they progress through the growing season, the livestock and wildlife as you travel, the sunrise or sunset or people as they go about their day? We all notice different things, things that bring us joy, things that make us wonder, things that worry us and things that reassure us people care.

As I visited with representatives at the 2022 SD FFA State Convention Career Carnival, I ask how the day went. Most told me their booth was busy with members stopping to hear about careers their business had to offer, and some ran out of the freebies, but everyone told me how engaged and respectful the FFA members were... **people notice**.

The blue jacket is the most recognized symbol of the FFA organization. When a member is asked about the jacket and why they wear it by someone who doesn't know, it gives members an opportunity to share about the agriculture industry and the leadership opportunities available to FFA members...**people notice**.

When your business banner hangs at one of the many FFA activities throughout the year, when your logo appears on the exhibitor and retreat t-shirts, when a 'Proud FFA Supporter' window cling hangs in your window, when your name appears in this annual report and our other literature...**people notice**.

The FFA is growing young people who will be the next generation to take over the farm or ranch, the next professionals in fields of technology, research, product development, the next sales staff, the next educators, the list goes on and they will have noticed that you supported them with financial support, a giving heart, generosity, and passion for the FFA.

The combined support of each of you listed in this Annual Report totals an astonishing \$583,305.61. I, along with the foundation board of directors and staff, extend a huge thank you to each and every one of you...**we notice**.

Be proud of your contribution and tell others you noticed their name as a contributor, thank them for sharing the same passion for agriculture and our South Dakota youth.

Thank you again for choosing to support the South Dakota FFA Foundation. In closing, I hope you take time each day to notice the big and the little things, continue to show care for others and cherish the moments that bring you joy.

Sincerely,

*Sandy Osterday*

Sandy Osterday

South Dakota FFA Foundation Board President

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## THANK YOU for supporting the South Dakota FFA!

Your contribution **supports FFA members, chapters and advisors, and agriculture education programs** at the local, state, and national levels. The \$583,305.61 raised through corporate & private financial contributions makes it possible for young people to become premier leaders, experience personal growth and develop successful careers.

Without your **diligent assistance, guidance and support**, the growth our members experience would not be possible. FFA changes members lives by developing their potential for leadership. **None of that growth would be possible without you.**

## Growing the next generation of leaders one experience at a time

### JULY

- Members gained leadership and service experience at summer leadership retreats, Washington Leadership Conference and State Officer Summit
- Started new agriculture education programs in South Dakota (Gregory county, Edgemont, Herreid)

### AUGUST

- Officers met with industry leaders at fairs, events, and tours across SD, growing in ag knowledge
- Advocated for agriculture with new technology exhibits at the FFA Ag Adventure Center at the state fair

### SEPTEMBER

- State officers provided chapter leadership training
- Granted chapters community service grants for local projects
- Funded regional FFA leadership conferences held in Harrisburg and Belle Fourche
- Provided chapter-in-need grants assisting with financial burdens

### OCTOBER

- Presented 319 FFA members their own jackets
- Celebrated member growth and success at the National FFA Convention - 23 national leadership and career development events, 26 national agriscience fair finalists, 2 national proficiency finalists and 26 American degree recipients
- Hosted 1st FFA day at rodeo rapid city, connecting 300 FFA members with leaders in plant, animal, and power & technical structures professionals

### NOVEMBER

- 40 local FFA chapters received funds to build their programs and educational resources
- Provided sets of chapter FFA jacket grants to 5 chapters
- Thousands of members faced their fears, presenting the FFA creed and other leadership development efforts at district events

### MARCH

- Members explored and honed career skills in various local and regional development events
- Graduating senior and postsecondary scholarship recipients selected



### APRIL

- Funded and assisted in planning the state FFA convention with a record breaking 2,500 members attending
- Awarded scholarships to graduating seniors, postsecondary ag students, and student teachers
- Recognized outstanding supervised agriculture experience programs, outstanding ag scientists, and champion teams advancing to nationals
- Members showcased teamwork and career skills during 15 career development events, with the help of volunteers and sponsors

### MAY

- Awarded advisor tribute scholarships for summer leadership retreat
- Celebrated member success at local chapter banquets
- SD regional teams in land (5 teams) and range (3 teams) advanced to national land and range judging in Oklahoma

### JUNE

- Members built supervised agriculture experiences
- State officers trained to take on the challenge of leading the upcoming year
- Remained positive and creative about dealing with challenges and connecting students with industry career opportunities and leadership development activities around the globe, building their leadership skills
- Members explored soil and range management at SD soil & rangeland days

*The South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that generates financial support for the 5,000 plus South Dakota FFA members in 105 high school programs. We build partnerships with individuals, business and industry, and organizations to secure resources for the future of agricultural education and FFA. We fund leadership development programs and activities for all South Dakota youth in agriculture education, as well as scholarships and awards for successful FFA members.*

# Our Year at a Glance

## Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022 (unaudited)

### CURRENT ASSETS

Checking.....	\$331,092.78
Savings.....	\$25,011.95
<b>Total Current Assets .....</b>	<b>\$356,104.73</b>

### INVESTMENT ASSETS

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Bob Bell Endowment.....	\$128,809.71
Ernie Wingen Memorial Endowment .....	\$52,892.33
SD FFA Foundation Endowment.....	\$503,260.52
Gary Grey Endowment .....	\$12,999.38
Mary Hanson Endowment .....	\$84,399.75
Walt Johnson Endowment.....	\$41,528.05
Fred & Joan DeRouchey Endowment.....	\$46,235.03
SD Community Foundation .....	\$11,684.16
<b>Total Investment Assets.....</b>	<b>\$881,808.93</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$1,237,913.66</b>
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Restricted Equity (Fund Balances)....	\$1,237,913.66
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY .....</b>	<b>\$1,237,913.66</b>

## Annual Contribution History

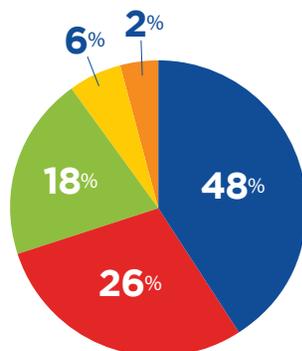
<b>2012-13 .....</b>	\$249,478.45	<b>2017-18 .....</b>	\$412,489.91
<b>2013-14 .....</b>	\$256,578.20	<b>2018-19 .....</b>	\$384,624.68
<b>2014-15 .....</b>	\$260,436.84	<b>2019-20 .....</b>	\$416,331.12
<b>2015-16 .....</b>	\$325,179.43	<b>2020-21 .....</b>	\$455,637.84
<b>2016-17 .....</b>	\$388,855.45	<b>2021-22 .....</b>	\$583,305.61

# In-Kind Support

Agropur - Milk Quality & Products training  
 Allevity Entertainment - FFA Auction  
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 Asgrow/Dekalb - FFA Auction  
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 Brevant seeds - FFA Auction  
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 C & B Operations - FFA Auction  
 Common Sense Manufacturing - FFA Auction  
 Cox's Farm Stand - FFA Auction  
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 Dakota Layers - chickens, feed, eggs, incubator, chicks for Ag Adventure Center  
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 Lincoln Electric - welder for FFA chapter in need  
 Mark & Staci Schloe - painted clipboards for FFA Rabbit Best of Show and Reserve @ SD State Fair  
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 Runnings, Brookings - FFA Auction  
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 SD Cattlemens Association - meal coupons for State Fair FFA beef exhibitors  
 SD Farm Bureau Women - Ag Adventure Center  
 SD National Guard - State officer and Star Banners  
 SD Pork Producers - meal coupons for State Fair, pig ears for Ag Adventure Center  
 SDSU CAFES - FFA Auction, pens & folders for leadership retreat  
 South Dakota School of Mines & Technology - FFA Auction  
 Southern Meadows Photography - FFA Auction  
 Stihl - chainsaw for Nursery Landscape CDE  
 Sutton Rodeo - Ag Adventure Zone  
 The Rock Block - FFA Auction  
 Titan Tire - FFA Auction, T-shirts  
 Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Mitchell - FFA Auction  
 Tractor Supply Company (TSC), Aberdeen - FFA Auction  
 Ty Littau Leather Company - State Officer planners, FFA Auction  
 USDA NRCS - Ag Adventure Center  
 Vern Eide of Mitchell - FFA Auction  
 Wehlander Family Farms and Clendingen Corriedales - FFA Auction  
 Wyatt DeJong - FFA State Officer facilitation training

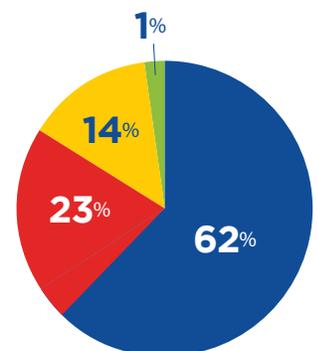
## 2021-22 Revenue

- Business, Corporation, & Association Gifts
- Individual Gifts
- Grants
- Promotional Events
- Affiliate Contributions



## 2021-22 Expenses

- Program Support
- Scholarships, Awards & Recognition
- Management and Operations
- Fundraising



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### Given By

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Larry Nelson, for State Convention	Envision Technology Family
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## SD FFA Facts & Figures

### 5448 Members

2339 Females  
3017 Male  
92 non-disclosed

### 105 FFA Chapters

105 FFA Advisors (57 female/48 male)

### SD FFA Member Involvement:

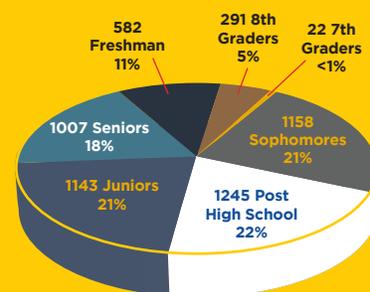
2545 attendees State FFA Convention  
FFA members exhibited 1224 projects at the SD State Fair  
181 members attended State Leadership Retreat  
FFA Day & Ag Adventure Zone - over 300 members from 15 chapters advocated for agriculture  
2006 members competed in state level Career Development Events  
4567 members getting real life experience through their Supervised Agriculture Experiences  
139 Agriscience Fair projects - over 160 students involved  
280 State FFA Degree recipients  
193 Proficiency Award applicants

### Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Pathways Students are Studying

### % of Grade 9-12 Students

Ag Ed Students	10.925%
Multiple Pathways	18.10%
Power, Structural and Technical Systems	22.46%
Animal Systems	18.22%
Environmental Service Systems	8.64%
Agribusiness Systems	6.29%
Natural Resource Systems	10.03%
Plant Systems	7.53%
Food Products and Processing Systems	1.50%
Cluster Skills	7.23%

## SD FFA MEMBERSHIP BY GRADE LEVEL



Career Pathways are groups of careers that share common skills, knowledge and interests.

## Past State Officers pay it forward, still believing in the Blue & Gold

**1949-50**  
Allen Schornack

**1954-55**  
David Bogue  
Curtis Brudos

**1956-57**  
Loyal Saugstad

**1959-60**  
Marvin Wastell

**1960-61**  
George Twitero, DVM

**1961-62**  
Gail Weishaar  
Leonard Sigdestad, DVM

**1962-63**  
Larry Headrick

**1963-64**  
Myron Sonne

**1964-65**  
Kent Frerichs

**1967-68**  
Rod Peterson

**1969-70**  
Dewayne Siebrasse  
Lester Moeller

**1970-71**  
Everett Evers  
Gary L. Hansen  
Steven Leheska

**1971-72**  
Mark Christensen

**1972-73**  
Jon Wehde  
Janice Thompson

**1973-74**  
Scott Thompson  
Rocky Blare  
Terry Jaspers  
Roger Lee

**1974-75**  
Jerry Schmitz  
Richard Stoebner  
Chuck Sutton  
Dave Daniel

**1975-76**  
Randy Buller

**1976-77**  
Alan Vedvei

**1977-78**  
Craig Dybedahl  
Loren Wieting

**1978-79**  
Bruce Paterson

**1980-81**  
David Spieker

**1981-82**  
Sheree Christensen  
Larry Nielson

**1982-83**  
Chris Nelson

**1983-84**  
Nancy & Matt Krull

**1984-85**  
Shannon Rausch

**1985-86**  
Brad Ruden  
Gene Nelson  
Paula Hamilton

**1987-88**  
Kevin Albrecht

**1988-89**  
Shawn Weishaar  
Mark Gross  
Mike Jaspers

**1989-90**  
Krecia Leddy  
Gerri Eide

**1990-91**  
Shawn Hofer  
Kindra Gordon

**1991-92**  
Laura Lentsch  
Shawn Stoley  
Greg Salmen  
Cory Schrag  
Gretchen Sharp

**1992-93**  
Laura Nordlund

**1993-94**  
Joel DeRouchey  
Chad Wosje

**1994-95**  
Susan Stoterau  
Dawn Nagel

**1995-96**  
Craig Winquist

**1996-97**  
Sheri Kahnke  
Misty Mattox  
Travis Schuring  
Ryan Cammack  
Tara Beitelspacher  
Kelly Roseland

**1997-98**  
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Michael Leheska  
Tracy Kaltvedt  
Jon Minor

**1998-99**  
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**1999-00**  
Roxanne Knock

**2000-01**  
Clay Edwards

**2001-02**  
Josh Hehn  
Brad Bies  
Kim Anderson  
Micah Hansen  
Layne Rada  
Jack Anderson

**2002-03**  
Jared Knock  
Sarah Lambert

**2003-04**  
Arne Harstad

**2004-05**  
Becky Harstad  
Etta Knuth  
Jason Frerichs

**2006-07**  
Ashley Konechne  
Matt Tollefson  
Melanie Koehlmoos  
Laurie Johnson  
Dani Herring

**2007-08**  
Noelle Swanson  
Lauren Gilbertson  
Matt Dybedahl

**2008-09**  
Maria Buus  
Brian Gottlob  
Wyatt DeJong  
Shane Gross  
Josh Johnson  
Shad Christman

**2009-10**  
Rebecca Christman

**2010-11**  
Spencer Chase

**2011-12**  
Paul Dybedahl  
Amanda Post  
Olivia Siglin  
Jamie Krogstad  
Megan Brown  
Connor Powell

**2012-13**  
Ashley Wiesen  
Tyler Swan  
Andy Rausch

**2014-15**  
Nicole Roth

**2015-16**  
Jonathan & Jeanette Linke

**2016-17**  
Alison Simon  
Sydnie Peters  
Jaclynn Engen  
Logan Hoffman  
Kaitlyn Rausch  
Andrew Streff

**2018-19**  
Grady Gullickson

**2019-20**  
Shelby Ruland  
Blake Pulse  
Sadie Vander Wal  
Nathan Linke  
Samantha Wiseman

**2020-21**  
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- **Make an investment today**, guaranteed to grow tomorrow
- **Build employees**
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- **Affiliate with the largest agriculture-based youth organization** in South Dakota.
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