



FFA's New Era



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Stars Rise to the Top

The State FFA Degree, the highest degree conferred by the South Dakota FFA, was presented to 277 agricultural education students at the 2018 South Dakota FFA Convention. Several students rose to the top as star finalists. These individuals spent countless hours working on their projects and enhancing their potential for future jobs by gaining hands-on experience and developing technical skills. After a review of the students' supervised agricultural experience programs and records, plus an oral interview, the most outstanding were selected to be the State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Placement, and Star in Agriscience. Each State Star received a plaque and a \$300 cash award, and the finalists also each received plaques and \$75. Congratulations to the SD FFA Stars!

State Star Farmer - Justus Gregg, Winner; sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

State Star in Agribusiness -Landon Sivertsen, Miller; sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

State Star in Ag Placement - Travis Leber, Parker; sponsored by the Dan Streff Family

State Star in Agriscience - Callie Mueller, Florence; sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy

Star Greenhand's, students who have only completed one year of high school agriculture education and FFA records, were also recognized for their accomplishments with a plaque and \$100 for the winner and \$25 for each finalist.

Star Greenhand - Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central; sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative



State Star Farmer sponsor David Gatzke of Farm Credit Services of America; finalist Blake Kontz, Flandreau; **Star State Farmer Justus Gregg, Winner;** finalists: Joseph Eichacker, McCook Central; and Denver Nordman, Lennox-Sundstrom



State Star in Ag Placement finalist Tyler Christensen, Beresford; **State Star in Ag Placement Travis Leber,** Parker; finalists Dalton Howe, Redfield and Kyle Winberg, McCook Central; sponsors Karen and Dan Streff



State Star in Agribusiness finalists Hunter Matthaei - McCook Central; Benjamin Hobbie, Flandreau; **State Star in Agribusiness Landon Sivertsen, Miller;** finalist Jennilee Wipf, Mitchell



State Star in Agriscience finalists Logan Wolters, Wessington Springs; Morgan Kohl, Watertown Area; **State Star in Agriscience Callie Mueller, Florence;** finalist Savannah Vogel, Winner FFA



Photo: Star Greenhand finalist Trevor Johnson, Beresford; **Star Greenhand Hadley Stiefvater,** McCook Central; finalists Landon Wolter, Wessington Springs; and Rhegan Oberg, Tri-Valley FFA



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Learning to Do ... Living to Serve

The South Dakota FFA Foundation recently awarded three \$500 travel scholarships to South Dakota FFA members who will be attending the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. this upcoming summer. The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is a National FFA program that is completely service-oriented, teaching the Living to Serve piece of the FFA motto. In addition to taking part in community service activities while at the conference, FFA members also leave WLC with a better understanding of their own personal leadership styles and a community service action plan to implement in their own home communities. Attendees will bring important knowledge and skills home to their local chapters. This year's recipients of the WLC Scholarships are:

- **Sydney Hoffman, Bridgewater-Emery**
- **Paige Peterson, McCook Central**
- **Lindsey VanderWal, Sioux Valley**

The Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships are sponsored by the South Dakota FFA Foundation.



Words and Deeds Earn Rist 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 2018 recipient of this award is the John Rist family, including John, along with his children and their spouses, Noelle & Andrew Swanson, Jenna, and Ali as well as future FFA members Stetsen and Corbin. The award was presented on April 15th, during the State FFA Convention in Brookings.

"The purpose of this award is to recognize a SD FFA family that has gone the extra mile for the FFA at the local and state levels through their words and deeds. The actions of the entire Rist family through multiple generations have modeled the FFA mission ... developing premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. We are proud to recognize them with this special award," said Gerri Ann Eide, SD FFA Foundation Executive Director.

The Rists 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. As a parent of three past FFA members of the Viborg and West Central FFA chapters, and John a past FFA member himself, their association with the blue corduroy jackets spans decades. John has been the agricultural education instructor/FFA advisor at Viborg-Hurley since 1999, where the FFA chapter is the go to organization when something needs to be done in the community. Prior to that, he taught agriculture education in Bowdle, SD, and in Minnesota, and spent time in ag business, while continuing to support the local and state FFA. Noelle is also an ag instructor, currently at Northwestern where she helped start a program. Ali has served as a long-term agriculture Education substitute and chaperoned countless FFA events. Jenna teaches young children, including curriculum on gardening and small animal care.

The Rist family has shown leadership at the state level in countless ways. John developed an electronic SAE record book utilized state wide by thousands of FFA members earning their State and American FFA Degrees, hosted and lead many teacher training sessions, organized state event service projects and leadership retreats, and supported teachers and students state wide with projects, conferences and leadership. Both he and Noelle are active members of the SD Association of Ag Educators and SD Association of Career and Technical Education organizations, serving in officer positions and being recognized with various awards. They also serve as liasons for FFA Leadership and Career Development events.

The 2018 FFA Family of the Year has had all members serve in chapter and district leadership positions, 4 State and American FFA Degree recipients, two state officers, 4 state winning proficiencies, two national proficiency finalists, a national Agri-Entrepreneurship winner, State Star Farmer finalist, District Star Greenhand, an FFA work Experience Abroad to Australia participant, National Leadership Development Event participants, State Foundation board members, district FFA advisors, and advised five past state officers, a PALS and Food for America programs, and numerous teams and individuals that advanced to national competition. Focused on community service, John has been a national finalist for the Carl Perkins Community Service Award for ACTE, received the Honorary State FFA Degree, and while in Bowdle, they received the Governor's Citation for Community Development twice. The family fully embraces the 3-circle model and are great advocates of Agricultural Education and FFA.

FFA is a way of life for the Rist family. Noelle, Jenna and Ali all grew up in the "FFA world" and have many fond memories of those experiences. Family bonding revolved around SAE projects and FFA events. "Joining and being active in FFA was one of the easiest choices we could make growing up. We saw other students grow and develop through their time in FFA, and we were able to realize our own potentials through this organization, thanks in large part to the consistent support and mentorship

we had both at home and at school," shares Jenna Rist. In addition to their own personal successes, the family has also been great about sharing their knowledge and supporting others - whether that be sharing curriculum, hosting student teachers, encouraging students to become teachers, mentoring a student with an SAE project, or providing assistance with something FFA related. They have volunteered for years at county and state fair, helping with shows, registration and judging.

The Rist family not only gives their time to the FFA - they give it to several other organizations, including: 4-H & open class shows, state and national level Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Associations, many church and community activities and serve as volunteer firemen. They are all active in production agriculture or the agricultural industry, and all actively seek ways to help educate and support Agriculture Education and FFA chapters through their careers.

The SD FFA Foundation presented each Rist family group with an "FFA Family of the Year" photo frame and thank you for their tremendous impact on agriculture education and FFA in SD. The FFA Family of the year award is sponsored by the SD FFA Foundation.



FFA Family of the Year: Jenna Rist, Ali Rist, Noelle (Rist) Swanson, Stetsen Swanson, John Rist, Corbin Swanson; Back row: Eric Valasek (Jenna), Ben Blair (Ali), Andrew Swanson.

FFA Members Package 69,336 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 16th 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 DuPont Pioneer, Farm Credit Services of America 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 69,336 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 69,336 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 DuPont Pioneer, Farm Credit Services of America 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."

The SD FFA Foundation is proud to support Agricultural Education and the FFA's mission to make a difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for *premier leadership, personal growth and career success* through agricultural education. For more information about the South Dakota FFA Foundation and South Dakota's FFA programs, visit www.sdffafoundation.org or follow us on Facebook.



DuPont Pioneer representative with FFA members at the FFA Living to Serve Day.

Foundation Feature

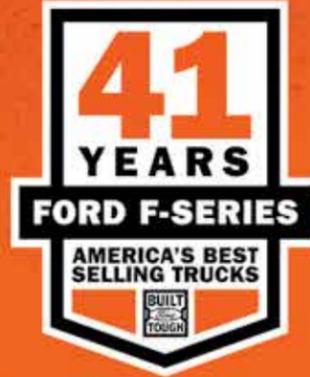
- **Congratulations** to all FFA members and chapters on a successful State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity. Miss it and want to watch still?
- **Thank you** to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA members would not be able 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.
- **Interested in providing members jackets,** leadership retreats, chapter service grants, scholarships, etc? All of these areas are in need of additional funding.
- **Invest in the future of agriculture** - The SD FFA Foundation is **adding hands on exhibits to the SD FFA Ag Adventure Center!** Last year we completed much needed structural updates and improvements

to make it more vibrant, interesting and relevant to fair goers. Now we are working to add 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!**

- Be sure to "Follow" the South Dakota FFA Foundation on **facebook,** twitter or Instagram, to stay updated on what's happening.



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FFA Members Showcase

Despite a mid-April snow storm, over 2,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests attended the 90th South Dakota State FFA Convention on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, S.D., April 15-17. 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.

Agricultural Business Management

Awards sponsored by Wells Fargo. Team travel scholarship sponsored by Tri Valley FFA Alumni, Legend Seeds, Inc., and FarmHouse Fraternity at SDSU.

1st Place Team: Willow Lake - Mason Burke, Cutler Michalski, Zach Mulder, and Abbie Bratland
2nd Place Team: Deuel; 3rd: Beresford
Top Individual: Mason Burke, Willow Lake

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

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

1st Place Team: Bon Homme - John Kubal, Ethan Sorenson, Noah Schenkel, Dylan Rous
2nd Place Team: Sunshine Bible; 3rd: Lemmon
Top Individual: Blake Burggraff, Tri Valley

Agronomy

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

1st Place Team: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket - Wesley Linke, Carter Linke, Megan Linke, and Collin Schmiedt
2nd place team: Sturgis; 3rd: Hot Springs
Top Individual: Wesley Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

Biotechnology

Awards sponsored by SD Biotech Association.

1st Place Team: Winner - Andrew Taylor, Mathew Hartley, Sam Marts, Casey Stickland
2nd place team: McCook Central; 3rd: Rapid City
Top Individual: Andrew Taylor, Winner

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: Parkston - Erik Fuerniss, Cordell Murtha, Sutton Hohn, Brady Schoenfelder
2nd place team: Watertown Area; 3rd: Lennox Sundstrom
Top Individual: Erik Fuerniss, Parkston

Floriculture

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

1st Place Team: Madison Central - Nikki Peters, Morgan Briggs, Elsa Leighton, Jenny Bernard
2nd place team: Winner; 3rd: Wessington Springs
Top Individual: Nikki Peters, Madison Central

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.

Raygen Randall, Taylor Reif, Rylee Klinkhammer, Morgan Erikson
2nd place team: Milbank; 3rd: Gettysburg
Top Individual: Sydney Hoffman, Bridgewater -Emery

Horse Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: Brookings - Braedon Lueders, Rachel Retterath, Morgan Anderson, Emma Postma
2nd place team: Rapid City 3rd: Highmore
Top Individual: Lily Ruhd, Deubrook

Career Skills

Livestock Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Ella Stiefvater, Hadley Stiefvater, Jackson Nordlund, Kayle Lauck
2nd place team: Howard; 3rd: Northwestern Area
Top Individual: Ella Steifvater, McCook Central

Meats Evaluation and Technology

Awards sponsored by Smithfield Foods; team travel scholarship sponsored by Smithfield Foods and Tyson Foods. Event supplies sponsored by Tyson Foods.

1st Place Team: Lennox Sundstrom - Kaleb Lunstra, Nick Ihnen, Jack Nordmann, Cooper Benning
2nd place team: Sturgis; 3rd: Hitchcock-Tulare
Top Individual: Kaleb Lunstra, Lennox Sundstrom

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 Maas and Agropur Inc- Cheese and Whey Products, Lake Norden, South Dakota and Hull, Iowa.

1st Place Team: Bridgewater-Emery - Joslyn Schrank, Kristin Kotas, Mercedes Mesman, Libby Bailey
2nd place team: McCook Central; 3rd: Harrisburg
Top Individual: Joslyn Schrank, Bridgewater-Emery

Natural Resources

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

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Hunter Matthaei, Collin Kolbeck, Bobby Koepsell, Dylan Klinkhammer
2nd place team: Wessington Springs; 3rd: Milbank
Top Individual: Hunter Matthaei, McCook Central

Nursery/Landscape

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

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Katelyn Winberg, Rachel Krier, Alexis Jiminez, Sarah Wegener
2nd place team: Parkston; 3rd: Lennox Sundstrom
Top Individual: Katelyn Winberg, McCook Central

Range Plant Identification

Awards sponsored by SDSU Range Club

1st Place Team: Kadoka - Sage Keegan, Tel VanderMay, Luke Keegan, Jarred Hicks
2nd place team: Lemmon; 3rd: Hot Springs
Top Individual: Sage Keegan, Kadoka

Veterinary Science

Awards sponsored by Alice Hardy, DVM and Susan A. Stoterau, DVM; travel scholarships sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association; Alice Hardy, DVM; and Susan A. Stoterau, DVM.

1st Place Team: Highmore - Brianna Beckler, Natalie Leisinger, Chesney Effling, Taylor Ashdown
2nd place team: Brookings; 3rd: Winner
Top Individual: Makayla DeDeyne, DeSmet



Ag Business Management



Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems



Ag Mechanics Individuals Drills



Agronomy



Biotechnology



Dairy Cattle Evaluation



Floriculture



Food Science & Technology



Horse Evaluation



Livestock Evaluation



Lennox



Meats Evaluation & Technology



Milk Quality & Products



Natural Resources



Nursery/Landscape



Nursery/Landscape Top Individual Chainsaw



Range Plant Identification



Veterinary Science

Esteemed Supporters Honored at Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 90th Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 15-17, 2018, in Brookings, S.D. These awards recognize outstanding contributions of time and talent to the South Dakota FFA.



The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees:

Jerry Zins	Kurtis Sweeter
Lane Warkenthein	Matt Hubers
Noelle Swanson	Amy Engels
Dave Ollila	Sandy Christensen
Lori Repenning	Joel and Rhonda Gilchrist
Dawn Covey	Cliff and Janet Sorum
Christa Williamson	Andy and Lisa Moon
Martin Sieverding	



The following individuals received the Distinguished Service Awards:

South Dakota State University
 Montrose Vet Clinic
 West River Electric
 Mitchell Technical Institute
 Greg Janisch
 Jim Chilson
 Henry and Paula Linke
 Kevin and Patty Larson
 Scott and Paula Hamilton

New Chapters Welcomed into FFA Family

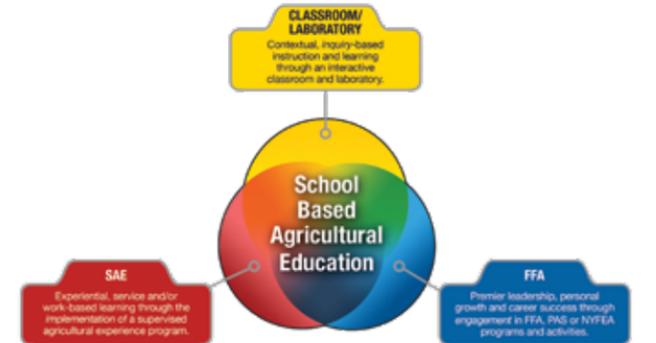
The South Dakota FFA Association officially chartered the **Aberdeen Central, Belle Fourche, Bennett County, Montrose, and Yankton FFA Chapters** at the recent State FFA Convention. The addition of these chapters brings the total number of chapters in South Dakota to 89 with over 4,400 active members.

The FFA is an integral part of agricultural education by helping make classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA members embrace concepts taught in agricultural science classrooms, build valuable skills through hands-on experiential learning and each year demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world agricultural skills. FFA membership helps prepare students for more than 300 careers in the agricultural industry, including business, marketing, science, communications, education, horticulture, production, natural resources, forestry and many other diverse fields.

The Three-Circle Model of Agricultural Education

Provides students opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career success. Agricultural education instruction is delivered

through three major components, referred to as the Three Circle Model – classroom/laboratory instruction (contextual learning), supervised agricultural experience programs (work-based learning) and student-leadership organizations (FFA).



New Chapter - Aberdeen



New Chapter - Belle Fourche



New Chapter - Montrose



New Chapter - Yankton

It's all about Growing Leaders, Building Communities & Strengthening Agriculture

The **National Chapter Award is the highest honor an FFA chapter can receive**, and recognizes chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the FFA. Top chapters were recognized at convention for their outstanding accomplishments. For the overall state award, a chapter must complete at least 15 activities: one for each of the five quality standards in each of the three divisions - Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture, and meet the minimum requirements outlined in the National Quality FFA Chapter Standards. Official results were:



McCook Central



Winner

develop a positive attitude toward lifelong learning experiences and promote student involvement. Awards are sponsored by Larry & Sandra Nelson. The results were:
1st McCook Central
2nd Howard

In the area of **Building Communities**, chapters conduct activities to preserve natural resources and improve the welfare and well-being of the community while encouraging members to become active in their community. This area is sponsored by Larry & Sandra Nelson. The results were:
1st Howard
2nd McCook Central

In the area of **Strengthening Agriculture**, chapters conduct activities to develop and maintain positive relations between FFA and community leaders and promote agricultural education and FFA membership. Activities enhance safety, promote agriculture, and improve the distribution of food. Awards are sponsored by Patsy Reickman. The results were:
1st McCook Central
2nd Garretson



Garretson



Howard



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FFA Members Make Agricultural Discoveries

The SD FFA Agriscience Fair features 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 105 projects, with 148 SD FFA members competing 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, Grain Millers, Howe Seeds, Hansmeier & Son, Inc., and the South Dakota FFA Foundation. The Agriscience Fair was held on April 20th in Mitchell, after a delay from winter weather.

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:

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 - Michaela McCormick, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
- Division 4 - Liam McIntosh & Nicholas Hohn, Parkston
- Division 5 - Callie Mueller, Florence
- Division 6 - Mitchell Vander Wal & Sadie Vander Wal, Northwestern Area

Environmental and 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 - Megan Nash, Northwestern Area
- Division 2 - Ava Sandine & Emma Muth, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
- Division 4 - Natasha Allerdings & Tianna Tschetter, Doland
- Division 5 - Caleb Schentzel, Northwestern Area
- Division 6 - Paul Lauck & Kyle Tuschen, McCook Central

Food Products & 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 - Sydney Grasma, McCook Central
- Division 2 - Gabby Feterl & Aubree Kranz, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Ash Grenstiner, Wall
- Division 4 - Kiarra Stuck & Hailie Stuck, Northwestern Area
- Division 5 - Shelby Ruland, Wall

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 - Jessica Boekelheide, Northwestern Area
- Division 2 - Landon Roling & Jayden Doane, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Hannah Schentzel, Northwestern Area
- Division 4 - Lauren Stiefvater & Madisen Koepsell, McCook Central
- Division 5 - Dirby Bawek, Doland
- Division 6 - Danielle Houghtaling & Taren Tschetter, Doland

Practicing the Scientific Method

Power, Structural & Technology 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 - Trey Clausen, McCook Central
- Division 2 - Elliot Chase & Braedon Kerkhoven, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Madison Stroud, McCook Central
- Division 4 - William Schnabel & Walker Hubers, Platte-Geddes
- Division 6 - Ethan Geraets & Liz Delfs, Chester

Social Systems

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 - Korbin Leddy, Milbank
- Division 2 - Kyle Schoon & Alex Moen, McCook Central
- Division 3 - Danika Gordon, Sturgis
- Division 4 - Hadley Stiefvater & Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
- Division 5 - Mercedes Peterson, McCook Central
- Division 6 - Morgan Kohl & Bailey Schlotterbeck, Watertown Area



Power, Structural & Technology Systems Division 1



Power, Structural & Technology Systems Division 2



Power, Structural & Technology Systems Division 3



Power, Structural & Technology Systems Division 6



Social Systems Division 2



Social Systems Division 3



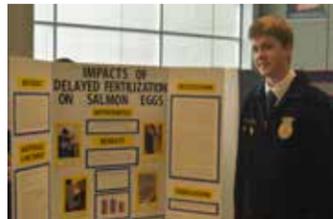
Social Systems Division 4



Social Systems Division 5



Animal Systems Division 1



Animal Systems Division 3



Animal Systems Division 5



Environmental & Natural Resource Systems Division 2



Food Products & Processing Systems Division 3



Food Products & Processing Systems Division 1



Environmental & Natural Resource Systems Division 4



Food Products & Processing Systems Division 5



Environmental & Natural Resource Systems Division 3



Environmental & Natural Resource Systems Division 6



Plants Systems Division 1



Plants Systems Division 6



Plants Systems Division 5



Plants Systems Division 4

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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 were awarded 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. Recipient of the \$750 scholarship is **TJ Bigge, Parkston**.

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. Recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

Dalton Howe, Redfield
Sadie VanderWal, Northwestern Area
Marie Robbins, Elkton
Grady Gullickson, Flandreau

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 **Anthony Anderson, Hitchcock-Tulare**.

Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships

The Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. Recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

Ethan Geraets, Chester
Tiffany Rausch, West Central
Sarah Kroger, Lennox
Arienne VanBockern, Canton

Monsanto Scholarships

As a Five Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Monsanto sponsors four \$500 scholarships. Recipients are:

Travis Leber, Parker
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TJ Bigge, Parkston
Ally Binger, Hitchcock- Tulare

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. Recipients are:

Nathan Linke, Sanborn Central/ Woonsocket
Seth Shorb, Rapid City
Kyle Winberg, McCook Central
Trenton Weber, Parkston

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 and sponsored by the 1991-92 State FFA Officer team. The recipient of this \$500 memorial scholarship is **Ariann Van Bockern, Canton**.

Marsh Agricultural Scholarship

The Marsh Agricultural Scholarship is a scholarship for students studying agricultural and is sponsored by Doug and Claire Marsh. Recipients of this \$500 scholarship are:

Jacob Harden, West Central
Maggie Connor, Howard
Tiffany Rausch, West Central

Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship

The Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarships are sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje. Chad and Rhonda are South Dakota State University graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members. Recipients of these \$750 scholarships are:

Brianna Larson, Brookings
Blake Kontz, Flandreau

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. Recipients of these \$500 scholarships are:

Sydney Hoffman, Bridgewater-Emery
Paige Peterson, McCook Central
Lindsey VanderWal, Sioux Valley

Ernie Wingen Memorial Scholarship

The Ernie Wingen Memorial Scholarship is for FFA members studying agriculture at SDSU. Ernie was an ag advisor in Hoven, SD who taught students the value of character, community service, and hard work. *This scholarship is set up in honor of Ernie by his son Pat and his former FFA students as a way to share his legacy with current FFA members. One FFA member, with preference to Hoven, and Potter County students receive this \$2000 scholarship each year to The recipient of this scholarship is **Gage Weller, Gettysburg**.

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, Monsanto, Agtegra, ADM, CHS Foundation, BankWest, Producers Hybrids, as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are:

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Post-Secondary Ag Scholarships

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SD FFA Alumni Takes Off

The SD FFA Alumni met Sunday, April 15th, in Brookings for an annual meeting and election of alumni council board members. The board looks forward to growing and furthering the SD Alumni, working with individuals and chapters to make a difference in the lives of our South Dakota youth through FFA. We happily welcomed several new local alumni chapters across the state this past year.

The SD FFA Alumni Council Board: Dawn Nagel, Director; board members: Penny Speich; Tara Parmely; Marvin Wastell, President; Don Josko, Secretary; Lance Howe, Laird Larson. Not pictured: Kelly Brandee, Rick Vallery and Jeremy Nettifee



Congratulations FFA Ambassadors

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. They serve because they have a passion for FFA and want to help future young people have a learning and growing experience in FFA. A big thank you to the retiring ambassadors and welcome to the new ambassadors!

- Heather Kirkpatrick; 2017-18 Ambassador
- Connie Ismay, Newell; 2018-2019 -State FFA Ambassador
- Ariann VanBockern, Canton; 2018-19 State FFA Ambassador
- Martee Larson; 2017-18 Ambassador



Mark Your Calendars to Attend Leadership Retreat!

Summer is just around the corner and that means the fun and excitement of FFA Leadership Retreat! Leadership Retreat offers FFA members the chance for students from all areas of the state to gather and gain useful leadership knowledge and skills to apply in their local chapters and meet a multitude of friends from different chapters. From working in small groups to the excitement of the dance and games on the green, this is an experience of a lifetime. FFA Leadership Retreat provides the experiences needed for personal growth and the opportunity to grow connections

that will last beyond high school. There will be two opportunities to attend camp: **June 26-29th at Swan Lake, Viborg** and **July 10-13th at Camp Bob Marshall, Custer**. Ask your advisor for more information and register now! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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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. The results are as follows:

Agricultural Communications

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

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2. Jennilee Wipf - Mitchell

Agriculture Education

Agriculture 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.

1. Lindsey Berg - Bridgwater - Emery
2. Sami Nordmann - Lennox
3. Hunter Eide - Gettysburg

Ag 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.

1. Warren Jenkins - Sioux Valley
2. Blake Gessner - McCook Central
3. Trevor Johnson - Beresford

Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Chevrolet and Tractor Supply Co. Our state level sponsor is University of NE Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and Scott Supply Co.

1. Tanner Peterson - McCook Central
2. Keith Vockrodt - West Central
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Ag Processing

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

1. Ethan Geraets - Chester
2. Rachel Muth - McCook Central
3. Lexy Deering - Hot Springs

Ag Sales - Placement

Agricultural Sales - (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Fastenal and Provimi North America. Our state level sponsor is Producer Hybrids.

1. MaKenzie Voss - Harrisburg
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Ag Services

Agricultural Services (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the Stanley Black and Decker, Inc. Our state level sponsors are Midwest Cooperatives of Pierre and Northern Plains Cooperative of Gettysburg.

1. Jensina Davis - Brookings
2. Kristin Kotas - Bridgewater-Emery
3. Justus Gregg - Winner

Agriscience Research - Animal Systems

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

1. Hadley Steifvater - McCook Central
2. Sadie VanderWal - Northwestern Area
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Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems

Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems is sponsored nationally by Seneca Foods Corporation. Our state level sponsor is ADM Benson Quinn.

1. Kadon Leddy - Milbank
2. Kayle Lauck - McCook Central
3. Callie Mueller - Florence

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Agriscience Research - Plant Systems is sponsored nationally by FMC Corporation, Agricultural Solutions. Our state level sponsor is Monsanto.

1. Morgan Kohl - Watertown Area
2. Lauren Stiefvater - McCook Central

Beef Production - Entrepreneurship

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

1. Sadie VanderWal - Northwestern Area
2. Brandon Volmer - Winner
3. Trustyn Wolf - McCook Central

Beef Production - Placement

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

1. Caleb Wobig - McCook Central
2. Tyler Christensen - Beresford
3. Zachary Pardy - Howard

Dairy Production - Entrepreneurship

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

1. Stephanie Ponto - Deuel
2. Brittany Knutson - Deuel

Dairy Production - Placement

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

1. Jessica Jaeger - Bridgewater - Emery
2. Brianna Schock - McCook Central
3. Morgan Kohl - Watertown Area

Diversified Ag Production

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

1. Joe Eichacker - McCook Central
2. Cole Schock - McCook Central
3. Travis Leber - Parker

Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship

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

1. John Loudenburg - McCook Central
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Diversified Crop Production - Placement

Diversified Crop Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by National Crop Insurance Service. Our state level sponsor is Agtera.

1. Cole Schock - McCook Central
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Diversified Horticulture

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

1. Samantha Bergeson - West Central
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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 Inc.

1. Hanna Peterson - Howard
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Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management

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

1. Kiara Glanzer - Howard
2. Joe Eichacker - McCook Central
3. Kayle Lauck - McCook Central



Equine Science - Entrepreneurship

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

1. Ciara Rother - McCook Central
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3. Sadie Bingham - Deuel

Equine Science - Placement

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

1. Megan Schoeneman - West Central
2. Callie Mueller - Florence
3. Jessica Burghardt - Howard

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

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

1. Kyle Winberg - McCook Central
2. Joe Eichacker - McCook Central
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Food Science and Technology

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

1. Isaac Schwab

Forage Production

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1. Kyle Winberg - McCook Central
2. Cole Schock - McCook Central
3. Trevor Johnson - Beresford

Forest Management and Products

Forest Management and Products (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by John Deere. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota FFA Foundation.

1. Slader Niewenhuis - Harrisburg
2. Allyson Johnson - Centerville
3. Caleb Maciejewski - Hot Springs

Fruit Production

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

1. MaKoy Ivarsen - Harrisburg
2. Benjamin Olson - Harrisburg

Goat Production

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

1. Haley Feldhaus - Howard
2. Allison Schallenkamp - McCook Central
3. Blake Pulse - McCook Central

Grain Production - Entrepreneurship

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

1. Justus Gregg - Winner
2. John Loudenburg - McCook Central
3. Joe Eichacker - McCook Central

Grain Production - Placement

Grain Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by BASF. Our state level sponsor is Bayer Crop Science

1. Carter Schwader - Howard
2. Kyle Winberg - McCook Central
3. Logan Eide - Deuel

Home and/or Community Development

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

1. Jacob Schmidt - Garretson
2. Michelle Moore - McCook Central
3. Anna Schwader - Howard

Landscape Management

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

1. Samantha Bergeson - West Central
2. Riley Philips - Chester

Nursery Operations

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

1. Benjamin Olson - Harrisburg
2. Samantha Bergeson - West Central
3. Josie Bogner - Hot Springs

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 South Dakota Walleye Charters.

1. Ethan Cross - Howard
2. Gabe Lorang - West Central
3. Brittany Green - Deuel

Poultry Production

Poultry Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the United States Poultry and Egg Association and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsors are Mr. Josh Johnson and Salem Veterinary Service.

1. Rachel Muth - McCook Central
2. Hadley Stiefvater - McCook Central
3. Emil Leetch - Howard

Sheep Production

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

1. Marie Robbins - Elkton
2. Hadley Stiefvater - McCook Central
3. Hanna Peterson - Howard

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, SD Veterinarian Medical Association, and Robert Rennolet of Menno.

1. Autumn Spkysma - Harrisburg
2. Kacey Lias - Harrisburg
3. Allyson Johnson - Centerville

Specialty Animal Production

Specialty Animal Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is R&R Pheasant Hunting.

1. Blake Pulse - McCook Central
2. Avery Alvarado - Harrisburg
3. Sydney Miller - Hot Springs

Swine Production - Entrepreneurship

Swine Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Farmland Foods Inc and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

1. Denver Nordmann - Lennox
2. Abby Blagg - McCook Central
3. Trevor Johnson - Beresford

Swine Production - Placement

Swine Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by LA-CO Industries, Inc. Our state level sponsors are Gro Master, Smithfield Hog Production, Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock

1. Ryker Seamer - McCook Central
2. Cole Grasma - McCook Central
3. Clint Van Der Vliet - Flandreau

Turf Grass Management

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

1. Kohl Miller - McCook Central
2. Amanda Knutson - Centerville
3. Brenden Ecklein - McCook Central

Vegetable Production

Vegetable Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is in memory of Bill and Stella Hanson by Clark and Lyla Hanson.

1. Emily Malsom - Garretson
2. Parker Scheier - McCook Central
3. Hunter Mattheai - McCook Central

Veterinary Science

Veterinary Science - Entrepreneurship/Placement is sponsored nationally by the American Veterinary Medical Association and Blue Buffalo Company. Our state level sponsor is Salem Veterinary Service.

1. Kadon Leddy - Milbank
2. Hadley Stiefvater - McCook Central
3. Haley Feldhaus - Howard

Wildlife Management

Wildlife Production and Management - Entrepreneurship/Placement Sponsored nationally by the Yamaha Motor Corporation. Our state level sponsor is Craig and Maure Weinkauf, in memory of Arthur J. Weinkauf.

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2018-2019 South Dakota State FFA Officers Elected

To wrap up the 90th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 17th, six members were elected to serve as the 2018-2019 South Dakota State FFA officer team.

Fifteen 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 presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences, conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association and representing SD at the National FFA Convention.

2018-2019 State FFA Officers

- President - William (Colton) Riley, Rapid City
- Vice President - Sarah Kroeger, Lennox
- Secretary - Marie Robbins, Elkton
- Treasurer - Grady Gullickson, Flandreau
- Reporter - Carolyn Blatchford, Brookings
- Sentinel - Tucker (TJ) Bigge, Parkston

When asked about their year, Colton, Grady & TJ shared, "Our team is proud to represent the goals and interests of SD FFA members and excited to build fun and engaging activities to get them involved. We can't wait to meet everyone and hope that our service will be filled with positive interactions with FFA members, alumni, and supporters. We hope members sign up for Leadership Retreat, joining some of us for our first one, so we can have a blast together! In the words of E.M. Tiffany, we will strive to "exert an influence in our homes and communities that will stand solid for our part in that inspiring task."

