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2014-2015 South Dakota State FFA Officers Elected

To culminate the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 8, 2014, in Brookings, six members – four high school seniors and two freshmen in college - were elected to serve as the 2014-2015 South Dakota State FFA officer team.

Fifteen candidates interviewed for the six South Dakota FFA leadership roles. 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 and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association.

2014-2015 State FFA Officers

• President	Taylin Albrecht	DeSmet
• Vice President	Kaden Eisenbraun	Wall
• Secretary	Ellie Minihan	Brandon Valley
• Treasurer	Nicole Hamilton	Hitchcock-Tulare
• Reporter	Jennifer Emery	Wall
• Sentinel	Andrea Collins	Sturgis

Four individuals interviewed to serve as 2014-2015 State FFA Ambassadors. These individuals will assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year.

2014-2015 South Dakota State FFA Ambassadors

- Skylar Mix Arlington
- Shania Jensen Beresford



2014-2015 South Dakota State FFA Officers:
(L-R) President Taylin Albrecht, De Smet; Vice President Kaden Eisenbraun, Wall; Secretary Ellie Minihan, Brandon Valley; Treasurer Nicole Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare; Reporter Jennifer Emery, Wall; Sentinel Andrea Collins, Sturgis.



2014-2015 SD State Ambassadors:
(L-R) Skylar Mix, Arlington & Shania Jensen, Beresford.

Honorary Degrees Awarded at SD State FFA Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 86th Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to the South Dakota FFA.



(Front L-R) Mark Venhuizen; Jamie Brown; Chad & Rhonda Wosje. (Back, L-R) Sandy Osterday, South Dakota FFA Foundation Representative; Bill VanBeek; Doug O'Neil; Donna Kinsella; Jerry Grace; Patty Larson.

The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees:

- **John & Judy Heisler**, parents of Makayla Heisler, retiring State President
- **Sonja Frerking**, parent of Makayla Heisler, retiring State President
- **Tammy & Mark Bullington**, parents of Breanna Bullington, retiring State Vice President
- **Mike & Robin Strain**, parents of David Strain, retiring State Treasurer
- **T.W. & Faye Schalesky**, parents of Carrietta Schalesky, retiring State Reporter
- **Arlie Larson**, parent of Shala Larson, retiring State Sentinel
- **Rosie Larson**, parent of Shala Larson, retiring State Sentinel
- **Mark Venhuizen**, South Dakota State University
- **Jennifer Lichty**, South Dakota State University
- **Bill VanBeek**, Volga, SD
- **Max & Julie Schwader**, parents of American Star in Ag Placement finalist
- **Jamie Brown**, Harding County Ag Instructor & FFA advisor
- **Donna Kinsella**, Rapid City Ag Instructor & FFA advisor
- **Chad & Rhonda Wosje**, Volga, SD
- **Doug O'Neil**, Arlington, SD
- **Jerry Grace**, Hartford, SD
- **Patty Larson**, Hartford, SD

The following individuals received the Distinguished Service Award:

- **Terry & Cindy Leonhardt**, parents of Cheyenne Leonhardt, retiring State Secretary



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SD FFA Stars Awarded for Outstanding Projects

Five South Dakota FFA members were awarded South Dakota FFA Association Star Awards for project excellence at the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention.

The South Dakota FFA Star Awards recognize FFA members who have demonstrated exemplary work in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (internship) programs. Through their Supervised Agricultural Experience, these FFA members have mastered skills in agriculture production, finance, management and research.

After an extensive review of their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and records, 25 FFA members were selected as South Dakota's finalists for State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriscience and Star Greenhand. The finalists also discussed their projects in an oral interview with a panel of industry judges.

A. State Star Farmer Abby Repenning, Mitchell
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

Finalists: Brandon Jacobson, Howard
Nick Parady, Howard
Taylor Sinkie, Wessington Springs

B. Star in Agribusiness Derek Hight, Viborg-Hurley
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

Finalists: Skylar Mix, Arlington
Shane Mueller, Garretson
Benjamin Snyders, McCook Central

C. Star in Ag Placement Brandon Schwader, Howard
Sponsored by the Dan Streff Family

Finalists: Cooper Eliason, Howard
Andrew Hoffman, Mitchell
Katelynd Whitehead, Lennox-Sundstrom

D. Star in Agriscience Craig Reiter, Florence
Sponsored by Verity Farms

Finalists: Halley Becking, Florence
Tyler Bowen, Harrisburg
Emily Kahnke, Florence

E. Star Greenhand Andrew Streff, McCook Central
Sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative

Finalists: Collin Anson, Wessington Springs
Clayton Keck, Miller
Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

A Day of Advocacy

Carrietta Schalesky and David Strain traveled to the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, SD on March 22 and set up a booth for the South Dakota FFA Association. Their purpose was to educate the many visitors about what agriculture is, why it is important, and what Agricultural Education and FFA is all about.

Carrietta and David spent the day entertaining and educating the kids, parents, and other guests about where food comes from, the purpose of farms and ranches, and why Agricultural Education and FFA is so important in making a difference in the lives of students. The trip was a great experience. As FFA members it is essential to advocate for agriculture and promote how it plays an important role in our everyday lives to everyone.



(L-R) Brian Bye, representative of Farm Credit Services of America; Abby Repenning, Mitchell; Lori & Steven Repenning, parents; Jeff Hoffman, Advisor.



(L-R) Rachel Mehlhaf, representative of Farm Credit Services of America; Derek Hight, McCook Central; Alice & Gregg Hight, parents; John Rist, Advisor.



(L-R) Charlene Weber, Advisor; Joe & Tara Schwader, parents; Brandon Schwader, Howard; Ashley Gelderman, representative of the Dan & Karen Streff Family



(L-R) Terri Malek-Madani, representative of Verity Farms; Craig Reiter, Florence; Cheryl & Bob Reiter, parents; Jim Chilson, Advisor.



(L-R) Terry Rieckman, Advisor; Andrew Streff, McCook Central; Julie & Eugene Streff, parents.

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West Central FFA Alumni

Service Project Geared for Warmth and Comfort



On the second day of the 86th South Dakota FFA Convention, FFA members had the opportunity to participate in a service project. This year's project was making blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus' mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. They do this through the gifts of new, handmade blankets lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." FFA members could come and go anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to serve as a blanketeer. A total of 404 FFA members donated 342 hours and 20 minutes of service, resulting in 295 blankets! The top contributing chapters were Parker with 46 hours and 30 minutes, Arlington with 36 hours and 45 minutes, and Wolsey-Wessington with 34 hours volunteered.

Thank you to all FFA members that participated and showed what it means to live by the FFA motto: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve... Thank you, South Dakota FFA members for making a difference!





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SD FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

College scholarships were awarded at the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, S.D. on April 7, 2014.

The 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.



A
Brenda Weber, Bridgewater-Emery;
Sandy Osterday, South Dakota FFA
Foundation Representative.

A. 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. This year's recipient of the \$750 scholarship is Brenda Weber, Bridgewater-Emery.

B. 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. The year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are: Hattie Cramer, Harding County; Nicole Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare; and Brady Soulek, Wagner.

C. 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 Cole Becker, West Central.

D. Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships

The Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are: Cody Miller, West Central; Shane Mueller, Garretson; Shelby Strand, Harrisburg; and Katelynd Whitehead, Lennox-Sundstrom.

E. Monsanto Scholarships

As a Five Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Monsanto sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are: Andrea Collins, Sturgis; Nathan Duerre, Webster; Lisa Smith, Kimball; Cassie Wilebski, West Central.

F. Northland Ford Scholarships

As a Distinguished Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Northland Ford sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are: Cheyenne Edelman, Menno; Corey Janisch, Clark; Abby Repenning, Mitchell; and Brandon Schwader, Howard.



B
Nicole Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare;
Brady Soulek, Wagner; Hattie Cramer,
Harding County; Sandy Osterday,
SD FFA Foundation Representative



C
Cole Becker, West Central



D
(L-R) Cody Miller, West Central;
Katelynd Whitehead, Lennox-Sundstrom;
Shelby Strand, Harrisburg;
Shane Mueller, Garretson; Sandy
Osterday, SD FFA Foundation
Representative



E
(L-R) Andrea Collins, Sturgis; Nathan
Duerre, Webster; Cassie Wilebski,
West Central; Sandy Osterday,
SD FFA Foundation Representative.
Not Pictured: Lisa Smith, Kimball



F
(L-R) Cheyenne Edelman, Menno;
Corey Janisch, Clark; Abby Repenning,
Mitchell; Brandon Schwader,
Howard; Sandy Osterday, SD FFA
Foundation Representative



G
(L-R) Ida Mae Plate, sponsor
representative; Cassie Binger,
Hitchcock-Tulare



H
(L-R) Jordan Thull, Lake Preston;
Sarah Schoon, McCook Central;
Chad and Rhonda Wosje, Sponsors

G. 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. The recipient of this \$500 memorial scholarship is Cassie Binger, Hitchcock-Tulare.

Marsh Agricultural Scholarship

The Marsh Agricultural Scholarship is a new scholarship sponsored for students studying agriculture, by Doug & Claire Marsh. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship is Penny Speich of Beresford.

H. Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarships

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. The recipients of these \$500 scholarships are: Sarah Schoon, McCook Central and Jordan Thull, Lake Preston.

I. Moeller Agricultural Education Scholarships

The first annual Moeller Agricultural Education Scholarships are sponsored by Dr. Lon Moeller. The recipients are agricultural education majors at South Dakota State University who will be student teaching next fall. The recipients are: Blair Long and Andrew Steiner.

J. Collegiate Agricultural Education Scholarships

South Dakota agricultural education and the FFA awarded four scholarships to current collegiate agricultural education students. The funds are made possible through the South Dakota FFA Foundation Star Partner Program. The recipients are: Jennifer Arkfeld, Sara Colombe, Blair Long and Andrew Steiner.



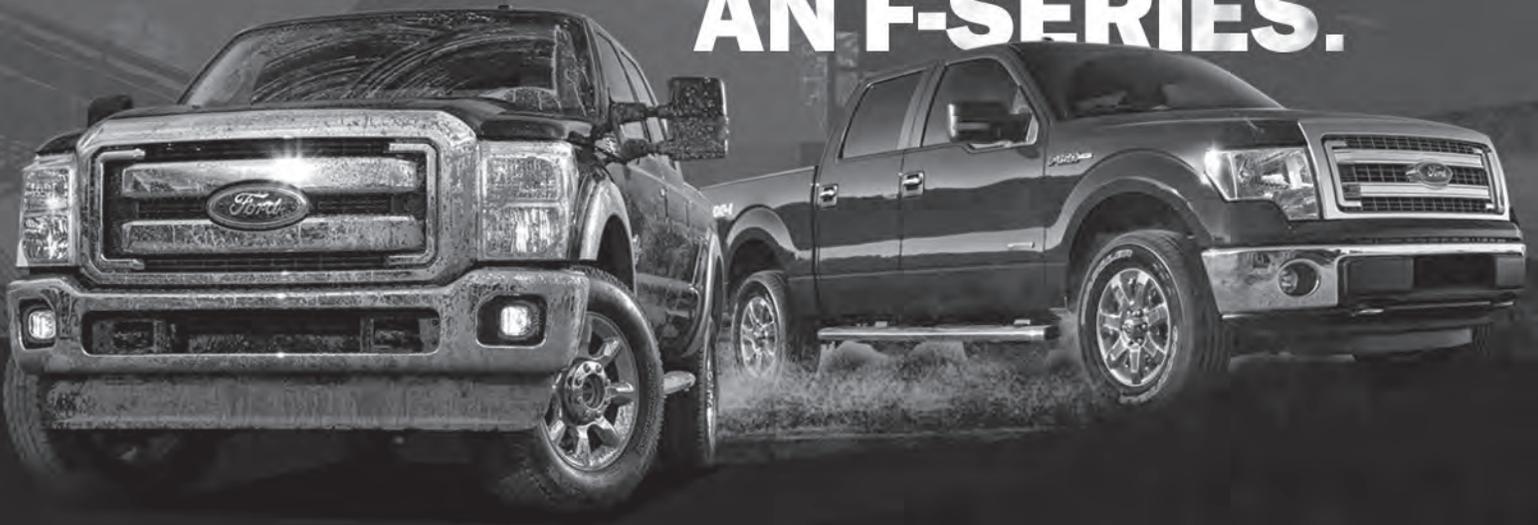
J
(L-R) Andrew Steiner; Blair Long;
Jennifer Arkfeld; Sara Colombe;
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(L-R) Blair Long; Andrew Steiner;
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State FFA Career Development Event Results Announced

Over 2,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention hosted on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, S.D., on April 6-8, 2014. While there, FFA members participated in the State FFA Career Development Events, or CDEs, enable agricultural education students to develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately, succeed in future careers. The results are as follows:

A. Agricultural Business Management

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank of South Dakota.

1st Place Team: Willow Lake
Annie Hervi; Ty Wicks;
Mikayla Prouty; Landon Giles

Top Individual: Mikayla Prouty, Willow Lake

B. Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems

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

1st Place Team: Milbank
Zach Wiese; Melissa Lenards;
Brock Tillma; Mikayla Brakke.

Top Individual: Logan Single, Hyde County

C. Agronomy

Awards sponsored by SD Seed Trade Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Croplan by Winfield and De & Mike Johnson, In Memory of Walt Johnson.

1st Place Team: Redfield
Dalton Howe; Alan Masat;
Tana Muellenberg; Kris Blume

Top Individual: Dalton Howe, Redfield

D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Division of the Midwest Dairy Association; team travel scholarship sponsored by Global Dairy and Sharp's Inc.

1st Place Team: McCook Central
Brandon Stone; Anne Mayrose;
Sarah Schoon; Cole Schock

Top Individual: Alisha Madsen, Milbank

E. Floriculture

Awards sponsored by Gettysburg High School and SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Development; team travel scholarship sponsored by SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department. Supplies sponsored by Hy Vee, Brookings; and North American Wholesale Florists.

1st Place Team: Harrisburg
Sami Cumberland; Amanda
Smeenk; Austin Harris;
Alexandria Flanders

Top Individual: Katie Haigh, Philip

F. Food Science & Technology

Awards sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Candidus and Londa (VanderWal) Nwadike; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke.

1st Place Team: Mitchell
Logan Walters; Shelly Iburg;
Ally Goldammer; Jenna Skinner

Top Individual: Danielle Rang, Parker

Horse Evaluation

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by K Bar J Leather Company.

1st Place Team: Brandon Valley
Natalie Osheim; Allison Poncelet;
Krista Mohror; Karlie Kirkpatrick

Top Individual: Lacey Thompson, Parker

G. Livestock Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Pork Producers Council; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dakotaland Feeds, Inc. and Nelson Farm and Family.

1st Place Team: Sioux Valley
Logan Triebwasser; Collin
VanderWal; Mariah VanderWal;
Alex DeGroot

Top Individual: Julianna Albrecht, De Smet

H. Meats Evaluation & Technology

Awards sponsored by John Morrell & Company; team travel scholarship sponsored by Justin and Crissa Fruechte. Supplies sponsored by Roxanne & Eric Knock, Duane & Ann Wulf, Tyson, Clark Hanson, SD Angus Association, Bruce Paterson, and Tri-Valley FFA Alumni.

1st Place Team: Milbank

Jimmie Berkner; Paige Johnson;
Kaden Leddy; Kiera Leddy;
William Mischel

Top Individual: Kaden Leddy, Milbank

I. Milk Quality and Products

Awards sponsored by Land O' Lakes; team travel scholarship sponsored by The Family of Justin Maass.

1st Place Team: Deuel
Jennifer Mueller; Alissa Krause;
Meaghan Sievers; Nick Cook

Top Individual: Meaghan Sievers, Deuel

J. Natural Resources

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

1st Place Team: Lennox-Sundstrom
Brady Klock; Brianna Johnson;
Alyssa Becker; Brady Jandl

Top Individual: Drew McDonald, Mitchell

K. Nursery/Landscape

Awards sponsored by Intermountain Stihl; team travel scholarship sponsored by SODAK Gardens of Clear Lake and Jenny's Floral. Chainsaw for first place individual sponsored by Intermountain Stihl.

1st Place Team: Mitchell
Abby Repenning; Kaley Nolz;
Andrew Getty; Kylee Geppert

Top Individual: Andrew Getty, Mitchell

L. Range Plant Identification

Awards sponsored by SDSU Range Club.

1st Place Team: Kadoka
Shania Solon; Emily Knutson;
Lindsey VanderMay; Steven
Kiewel

Top Individual: Lindsey VanderMay, Kadoka

M. Veterinary Science

Awards sponsored by Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. and Sioux National Pet Clinic; team travel scholarship sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association.

1st Place Team: Milbank
Nicola Niederreiter; Rebecca
Leddy; Sharon Folk; Patricia
Freire; Micheala Dewald

Top Individual: Hailey Axemaker, Mitchell



Dan Tonak, Advisor; Landon Giles;
Mikayla Prouty; Ty Wicks; Annie Hervi



Zach Wiese; Melissa Lenards;
Brock Tillma; Mikayla Brakke



Dalton Howe; Alan Masat;
Tana Muellenberg; Kris Blume;
Lynn Brace, Advisor



Terry Rieckman, Advisor;
Brandon Stone; Anne Mayrose;
Sarah Schoon; Cole Schock



Todd Marks, Advisor; Sami Cumberland;
Amanda Smeenk; Austin Harris;
Alexandria Flanders



Jeff Hoffman, Advisor; Logan Walters;
Shelly Iburg; Ally Goldammer;
Jenna Skinner



Roxanne Knock, Representative of
Dakotaland Feeds; Logan Triebwasser;
Collin VanderWal; Mariah VanderWal;
Alex DeGroot; Don Sutera, Advisor



Jimmie Berkner; Paige Johnson;
Kaden Leddy; Kiera Leddy;
William Mischel; Krecia Leddy, Coach



Nicola Niederreiter; Rebecca Leddy;
Sharon Folk; Patricia Freire;
Michaela Dewald



Shania Solon; Emily Knutson;
Lindsey VanderMay; Steven Kiewel;
Brandy Knutson, Advisor



Jeff Hoffman, Advisor; Abby
Repenning; Kaley Nolz; Andrew Getty;
Kylee Geppert



Jim Wilson, Advisor; Brady Klock;
Brianna Johnson; Alyssa Becker;
Brady Jandl



Jennifer Mueller; Alissa Krause;
Meaghan Sievers; Nick Cook;
Marie Jaacks, Advisor

Spring Break with FFA!

This spring break the South Dakota state FFA officers traveled across the state to visit with businesses. Through this experience we discovered more about what some of our agricultural businesses do, informed them on what the FFA is, and how the FFA can help their business succeed and grow. We also discussed how their business can help the South Dakota FFA Association to become more successful as an organization. Many people we met with had their own FFA experiences to share. We also learned more about what opportunities they have for internships and scholarships within their company to help ensure that our FFA members will have an ample amount of opportunities to find successful careers in our state.

The people we met during our business and industry visits were hard working and served as leaders for their company. Many of them have partnered with the South Dakota FFA Association and Foundation to make sure our organization continues to be successful. These businesses need future FFA members to lead their company with the great work ethic and passion we have found through our FFA experiences.

Faulkton Wins Creativity Award

Every year the South Dakota FFA offers an opportunity for FFA members to display their creative skills. Throughout the year, chapters from across the state collect pictures and articles of their chapter activities. They take these items and pair them with creative backgrounds and bright colors to showcase their hard work and accomplishments in a chapter scrapbook. At state convention, any chapter can enter the scrapbook contest in the hopes of taking home the award for the top scrapbook in the state. This year the Faulkton FFA Chapter was the winner! Congratulations!

South Dakota FFA Proficiency Winners Recognized

South Dakota FFA members were recognized at the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 6-8, 2014, for excellence in developing career-specific skills through their Supervised Agricultural Experience projects.

The FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards recognize members who have developed their skills and abilities related to employment, internships, apprenticeships and their future careers at agribusinesses or agriculture-related organizations. There are 49 Proficiency areas for FFA members to participate in. The results are as follows:

Agricultural Communications (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Bader Rutter & Associates, Keystone Steel and Wire Company-Red Brand

State Level Sponsor: Tri-State Neighbor

1st Place: Madison Koslowski, Webster

2nd Place: Kiera Leddy, Milbank

3rd Place: Nicole Roth, McCook Central

Agricultural Education (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation and the Tulsa Welding School

State Level Sponsor: Dr. Lon Moeller

1st Place: Amanda Jensen, Arlington

2nd Place: Victoria Krempeges, McCook Central

3rd Place: Megan Knutson, Webster

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by RAM Trucks and

Carry-On Trailers

State Level Sponsor: Cammack Ranch Supply

1st Place: Derek Hight, Viborg-Hurley

2nd Place: Ethan Schallenkamp, McCook Central

3rd Place: Lexi Binger, Hitchcock-Tulare

Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by The Lincoln Electric Company and Parker

State Level Sponsors: Scott Supply Co and the

University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

1st Place: Nathan Duerre, Webster

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (E)

Sponsored Nationally by Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

State Level Sponsors: Butler Machinery Company and Jesse Larson

1st Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

2nd Place: Derek Hight, Viborg-Hurley

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Hobart Welding Products and Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsor: Butler Machinery

1st Place: Alexandria Flanders, Harrisburg

2nd Place: Cooper Eliason, Howard

3rd Place: Andrew Hoffman, Mitchell

Agricultural Processing (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by CHS

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Soybean Processors of Volga

1st Place: Mykah Wiseman, Tri-Valley

2nd Place: Clayton Keck, Miller

3rd Place: Isabelle Becker, Howard

Agricultural Sales (E)

Sponsored Nationally by Crop Production Services and Monsanto

State Level Sponsor: Legend Seeds, Inc.

1st Place: Jordan VanHout, McCook Central

Agricultural Sales (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Fastenal and Vigortone Ag Products

State Level Sponsor: Wilbur-Ellis

1st Place: Brock Anderson, McCook Central

2nd Place: Joey Abrahamson, Howard

3rd Place: McCade Reynolds, Canton

Agricultural Services (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by TransCanada

State Level Sponsors: Midwest Cooperative and Northern Plains Cooperative.

1st Place: Ashley Wilson, Brookings

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Cooper Eliason, Howard

AgriScience Research – Animal Systems

Sponsored Nationally by the National FFA Foundation

State Level Sponsor: CHS Foundation

1st Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

AgriScience Research – Integrated Systems

Sponsored Nationally by the National FFA Foundation

State Level Sponsor: ADM Benson Quinn

1st Place: Craig Reiter, Florence

2nd Place: Taylor Knudson, Florence

3rd Place: Patrick Reiter, Florence

AgriScience Research – Plant Systems

Sponsored Nationally by Monsanto

State Level Sponsor: Monsanto

1st Place: Emily Kahnke, Florence

2nd Place: Brooke Thorson, Florence

Beef Production (E)

Sponsored Nationally by Bayer Animal Health and Rabo Agri Finance

State Level Sponsors: Jensen, Stewart, Odden and Vedvei Charolais and South Dakota Shorthorn Association

1st Place: Abby Repeping, Mitchell

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Halley Becking, Florence

Beef Production (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Midwest PMS and Keystone Steel & Wire Company – Red Brand

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Cattlemen's Assn

1st Place: Jean Skoglund, McCook Central

2nd Place: Cordell Wobig, McCook Central

3rd Place: Haley DeJong, Howard

Dairy Production (E)

Sponsored Nationally by New Holland and DeLaval, LLC

State Level Sponsor: Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

1st Place: Ashley Rennich, Sioux Valley

2nd Place: Cole Schock, McCook Central

Dairy Production (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Kuhn North America and Nasco Division – Nasco International, Inc.

State Level Sponsor: Associated Milk Producers Inc.

1st Place: Jacob Hotchkiss, Tri-Valley

2nd Place: Brandon Stone, McCook Central

3rd Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

Diversified Agricultural Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by the National FFA Foundation

State Level Sponsor: Sioux Nation Ag Center of SD

1st Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

2nd Place: Zachary Bies, McCook Central

3rd Place: Damon Jacobsen, Howard

Diversified Crop Production (E)

Sponsored Nationally by CHS

State Level Sponsor: Cargill, Inc.

1st Place: Nicholas Pardy, Howard

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Kyle Johnson, Webster

Diversified Crop Production (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Crop Production Services

State Level Sponsor: North Central Farmers Elevator

1st Place: Kaleb Haas, Howard

2nd Place: Andrew Streff, McCook Central

3rd Place: Brandon Schwader, Howard

Diversified Horticulture (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and the Toro Company

State Level Sponsors: South Dakota Florist's Association and First Premier Bank

1st Place: Andrew Streff, McCook Central

2nd Place: Jordan Kuhle, Howard

3rd Place: Mark Streff, McCook Central

Diversified Livestock Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Wahl Clipper Corporation and Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsor: McFleeg, Inc.

1st Place: Melissa Nelson, McCook Central

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Shelby Riggs, Mitchell

Emerging Agricultural Technology (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Ag Leader Technologies and BASF

State Level Sponsor: Kimball Livestock Exchange

1st Place: Cooper Eliason, Howard

2nd Place: Zach Grygiel, Florence

3rd Place: Brock Anderson, McCook Central

Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by the Mosaic Company

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts

1st Place: Tanner Henkel, Howard

2nd Place: Thad Henkel, Howard

3rd Place: Cordell Wobig, McCook Central

Equine Science (E)

Sponsored Nationally by Purina Animal Nutrition and Keystone Steel & Wire Company – Red Brand

State Level Sponsor: Amani Arabians – Tim Anderson and Kim Niven

1st Place: Shelby Strand, Harrisburg

2nd Place: Morgan Matthaei, McCook Central

3rd Place: Cara Rabenhorst, McCook Central

Equine Science (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsor: Scott Cammack, Dawn Nagel, Susan Stoterau, Roger DeRouchey and Webster FFA

1st Place: Katelynd Whitehead, Lennox-Sundstrom

2nd Place: Kayla Pardy, Howard

3rd Place: Cole Schneider, Brookings

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Bunge North America

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Soybean Research and Promotion Council

1st Place: Amanda Jandl, Harrisburg

2nd Place: Andrew Streff, McCook Central

3rd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

Food Science and Technology (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Cargill

State Level Sponsors: Candidus & Londa (Vanderwal) Nwadike and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

1st Place: Isabelle Becker, Howard

2nd Place: Megan Olson, Howard

3rd Place: Nicole Shultz, Howard

Forage Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Animal Health Intl, Inc.

State Level Sponsor: Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc. of Webster

1st Place: Derek Hight, Viborg-Hurley

2nd Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

3rd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

Forest Management and Products (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by John Deere

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota FFA Foundation

1st Place: LeAnn Bushar, Harrisburg

2nd Place: Adonis Ruml, Howard

3rd Place: Jim Mayrose, McCook Central

Fruit Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by DuPont Company

State Level Sponsor: MinnTex

1st Place: Sarah Schoon, McCook Central

2nd Place: Mark Streff, McCook Central

Goat Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC. and Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsors: RMH Livestock

1st Place: Andrea Schubloom, De Smet

2nd Place: Nicole Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare

3rd Place: Michaela Jacobsen, Howard

Grain Production (E)

Sponsored Nationally by DuPont Pioneer

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Wheat Commission

1st Place: Mark Streff, McCook Central

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Cody Hall, Arlington

Grain Production (P)

Sponsored Nationally by DuPont Pioneer

State Level Sponsor: McCook Central FFA Chapter

1st Place: Brandon Schwader, Howard

2nd Place: Cordell Wobig, McCook Central

3rd Place: Andrew Streff, McCook Central

Home and/or Community Development (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Carhartt

State Level Sponsor: Monsanto

1st Place: Amanda Smeenk, Harrisburg

2nd Place: Jean Skoglund, McCook Central

3rd Place: Heather Barrie, Hitchcock-Tulare

Landscape Management (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by John Deere, Tractor Supply Co

State Level Sponsor: South Dakota Wheat Growers

1st Place: Bailey Neises, Howard

2nd Place: Brandon Jacobson, Howard

3rd Place: Jordan Kuhle, Howard

Nursery Operations (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by RAM Trucks

State Level Sponsor: Northland Ford

1st Place: Paige Binger, Hitchcock-Tulare

2nd Place: Cassie Binger, Hitchcock-Tulare

3rd Place: Skylar Mix, Arlington

Outdoor Recreation (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Yamaha Motor Corp USA

State Level Sponsors: Jack's Campers, Nedved Guide Service, Central Dakota Guide Service and SD FFA Foundation

1st Place: Cole Cheeseman, McCook Central

2nd Place: Alexandria Flanders, Harrisburg

3rd Place: Kayla Pardy, Howard

Poultry Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Tyson Foods, Inc. and Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsors: Mr. Josh Johnson and Runnings of Pierre

1st Place: Cody Larson, Garretson

2nd Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

3rd Place: Kylar Hansen, McCook Central

Sheep Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Bimeda, Inc.

State Level Sponsor: Newell Ram Sale

1st Place: Dakota Flint, Viborg-Hurley

2nd Place: Shane Mueller, Garretson

3rd Place: Melissa Nelson, McCook Central

Small Animal Production and Care (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Tractor Supply Company.

State Level Sponsors: Robert Rennoloet, Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. and the SD Veterinary Medical Association

1st Place: Lexi Slack, Viborg-Hurley

2nd Place: Karlie Westall, Harrisburg

3rd Place: Emily Schallenkamp, McCook Central

Specialty Animal Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by the National FFA Foundation

State Level Sponsor: R&R Pheasant Hunting

1st Place: Gretchen Rops, Lennox-Sundstrom

2nd Place: Cassie Schultz, Hitchcock-Tulare

3rd Place: Danille Wosje, Sioux Valley

Specialty Crop Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by C.F. Industries, Inc.

State Level Sponsors: Hansmeier & Son, Inc. of Bristol and Howe Seeds of McLaughlin

1st Place: Cody Hall, Arlington

2nd Place: Andrew Streff, McCook Central

3rd Place: Mark Streff, McCook Central

Swine Production (E)

Sponsored Nationally by Tyson Foods, Inc. and LA-Co Markal

State Level Sponsor: SD Pork Producers Council

1st Place: Lane VanHull, Viborg-Hurley

2nd Place: Adam Eichacker, McCook Central

3rd Place: Jordan Genzlinger, Howard

Swine Production (P)

Sponsored Nationally by Provimi North America, Inc.

State Level Sponsors: Murphy-Brown LLC, Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock

1st Place: Cole Lauck, McCook Central

2nd Place: Bo Peterson, McCook Central

3rd Place: Ethan Schallenkamp, McCook Central

Turf Grass Management (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by John Deere

State Level Sponsor: Croplan by Winfield

1st Place: Ben Snyders, McCook Central

2nd Place: Bailey Neises, Howard

3rd Place: Kurt Mentel, McCook Central

Vegetable Production (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and Tractor Supply Company

State Level Sponsor: Clark & Lyla Hanson, in honor of Bill & Stella Hanson

1st Place: Morgan Matthaehi, McCook Central

2nd Place: Curt Rueckert, McCook Central

3rd Place: Matthew Blow, Harrisburg

Veterinary Science (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by American Veterinary Medical Association

State Level Sponsor: Mike McIntyre, DVM of Winfred, SD

1st Place: Zach Sousa, Milbank

2nd Place: Kristina Laska, Centerville

3rd Place: Kayla Pardy, Howard

Wildlife Production and Management (E/P)

Sponsored Nationally by Purina Animal Nutrition, LLC.

State Level Sponsor: Craig & Maure Weinkauff, in memory of Arthur J. Weinkauff.

1st Place: Shelby Stanfield, Hitchcock-Tulare

2nd Place: Tim Gassman, McCook Central

3rd Place: Hannah Noonan, Howard

FFA Members Test Their Safety Knowledge

The South Dakota Farmers Union hosted the 5th annual Team Up to Safety Quiz Bowl at the 86th SD State FFA Convention. This year 18 teams participated, vying for the chance to move on to the final round at the State Fair and cash prizes. Team members needed to know all aspects of the agricultural industry and have extensive knowledge on farm safety and why it is important.

The top four teams earned their seats to compete in the final round at the 2014 South Dakota State Fair. Viborg-Hurley came in fourth with 125 points, Wolsey/Wessington took third with 140 points, Howard finished in second place with 155 points, and in first place was Clark with 170 points. Team members included Nick Young, Kayla Hemmingson, Cheyenne Severson and Haley Meier. Other teams participating included Tri-Valley, Lyman, Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Parker, Lennox-Sundstrom, Deuel, McCook Central, Marion, Platte-Geddes, Hoven, Dell Rapids, Rutland, and Winner.

FFA Chapters Receive National Chapter Awards

Eight South Dakota FFA chapters were recognized with National Chapter Awards at the 86th Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention. The purpose of the National Chapter Awards is to encourage chapters to develop and use a strong Program of Activities. These chapters plan and carry out activities centered around three key areas: student, chapter and community development.

In the area of student development, chapters focus on developing activities to enhance students' life skills. Some examples of these activities include: Career Development Events, scholarship programs, Supervised Agricultural Experience (internship) programs and mentorship activities with elementary students. The area of chapter development stresses the importance of providing opportunities to the chapter's members. Within this area, chapters take part in activities such as hosting recruitment events, developing alumni groups and planting and harvesting crop test plots for both educational and financial purposes. The final area, community development, encourages FFA chapters to give back to their community through service and by developing partnerships with local organizations. In doing this, chapters participate in activities such as developing a community garden, expanding local parks and volunteering to assist with community events.

The Star National Chapter Awards were presented to top three FFA chapters.

1st: Garretson FFA

2nd: McCook Central FFA

3rd: Arlington FFA

Five other FFA chapters were also recognized for outstanding student, chapter and community development.

4th: Lennox-Sundstrom FFA

5th: Viborg-Hurley FFA

6th: Howard FFA

7th: Deubrook FFA

8th: Centerville FFA

Three chapters were also recognized with the Governor's Citation for Community Development. This recognition centers around community development and is given to the FFA Chapters with the top community interaction and activities in South Dakota.

1st: Garretson FFA

2nd: McCook Central FFA

3rd: Lennox-Sundstrom FFA

BE... A Survivor



Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve. Every FFA member knows these words by heart as the FFA motto. During the Sunday night session of the 86th South Dakota FFA Convention, Holly Hoffman gave a whole new meaning to our FFA motto.

Holly was born and raised in Eureka, South Dakota. In 2010, Holly competed on the 21st season of the hit reality TV show *Survivor*. She was the last woman standing and the only member left from her tribe by the end of the season. Now she is a motivational speaker and travels all across the United States talking to people about her experiences on *Survivor Nicaragua*.

Holly spoke to us about six words that define us and how we need to truly be ourselves. She shared with us her experiences on *Survivor* and how hard it is to be on a reality TV show. She shared her six words that took her through the show and then shared with us her six words for FFA: Premier Leadership, Personal Growth, and Career Success. Holly challenges us as FFA members to live up to those words and to come up with our own six words that we can live by.

We were honored to have Holly come and speak to us about her experiences and her personal motivation throughout her life. The keynote speaker is sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.

FFA Members Receive National FFA Scholarships

In 2014, the National FFA organization awarded \$29,000 in scholarships to 18 SD FFA members in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These high school students devoted much time and effort to academic studies, FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, leadership, and community activities. The South Dakota FFA Association commends all of these members for their leadership and hard work. The scholarship recipients are:

Haley Boyer , Alcester-Hudson National FFA Foundation ... \$1,000	Gretchen Rops , Lennox-Sundstrom AGCO, Your Agriculture Company \$2,000
Jasmine Frost , Hoven AGCO Company/Hoefert's Implement, Inc. \$1,000	Joe Schartz , West Central Hormel Foods Corp \$1,500
Nicole Hamilton , Hitchcock-Tulare Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa \$1,500	Matt Sebert , West Central Built Ford Tough/Sioux Falls Ford \$1,000
Anna Hemenway , Huron Built Ford Tough/ Schoenhard Ford. \$1,000	Alex Trautman , Rapid City Built Ford Tough/ McKie Ford Lincoln, Inc. \$1,000
Annie Hervi , Willow Lake John Deere/Schuneman Equipment Co. \$2,000	Logan Triebwasser , Sioux Valley Cooperative Credit Co. \$1,000
Brett Knutson , Deuel John Deere/Schuneman Equipment Co. \$2,000	Ryan Van Tassel , Philip MetLife Foundation \$2,000
Sean Pinkert , Milbank John Deere/Schuneman Equipment Co. \$2,000	Katelynd Whitehead , Lennox-Sundstrom BNSF Railway Foundation .. \$5,000
Michael Rausch , Hoven AGCO Company/Hoefert's Implement, Inc. \$1,000	Cassie Wilebski , West Central John Deere/Schuneman Equipment Co. \$2,000
Abby Repenning , Mitchell AGCO Company/ Mettler Implement, Inc. \$1,000	Bailey Zweber , Hoven AGCO Company/ Hoefert's Implement Inc. ... \$1,000

Considered teaching Agricultural Education?



As a professional teacher, learn and grow with your students every day! If you have enjoyed Agricultural Education classes and the FFA experience as a student, why not share with your own program? Be a teacher! Consider Agricultural Education at SDSU. Contact Dr. Scott Smalley at 605.688.6484, or e-mail scott.smalley@sdstate.edu.



Webster and Deubrook Receive Image Builder Award



SD FFA Foundation member Craig Dybedahl presents the 2014 Image Builder Award to Sandra Vehe, Webster FFA member.

The Webster and Deubrook FFA Chapters were recognized as the 2013-2014 Image Builder Award winners at the 86th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, S.D., on April 6-8, 2014.

Official results were:

1st Place: Webster

2nd Place: Deubrook

The Image Builder Award encourages FFA chapters across South Dakota to develop a strong partnership with the local

media through public relations. This award is given to those FFA chapters that have strived to build a positive image through this partnership.

South Dakota FFA Agriscience Fair Results Announced



FFA members participating in the Agriscience Fair answer questions from the judges.

The South Dakota FFA Association hosted its annual Agriscience Fair during the 86th State FFA Convention, April 6–8, 2014. The Agriscience Fair was sponsored by Grain Millers, Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC; Jim Chilson and the SD FFA Foundation. It included 38 exhibits in six different categories.

The top projects in the junior (grades 7-9) and senior (grades 10-12) divisions for each category will compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, K.Y. 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.

Jr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Wil Knudson, Florence
Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Shane Mueller, Garretson

Environmental Services/Natural Resources

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.

Jr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Seth Bach/Tyler Sumner, Florence
Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Trent Sikkink, Centerville

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.

Jr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Brianna Flemming/Allison Grygiel, Florence
Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Craig Reiter/Patrick Reiter, Florence

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.

Jr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Clay Busskohl/Chase Peterson, Florence
Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Brooke Thorson, Florence

Power, Structural, & Technical Systems

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

Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Landon McGillvrey/Dylan Robbins, Florence

Social Systems

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

Jr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Kadon Leddy, Milbank
Sr. Division 1st Place (Gold) Tyler Brown, Centerville



Summer Fun!

Summer is just around the corner and that means the fun and excitement of FFA Leadership Retreat! Leadership Retreat offers FFA members the chance to gather from all over the state to gain useful leadership knowledge and skills to apply in their local chapters. Along with the practical skills these members will attain, they will have the opportunity to meet a multitude of members and make friends from all parts of the state. 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 knowledge for personal growth and fun to those who attend. There will be two opportunities to attend camp: June 30 - July 2 at Swan Lake in Viborg and July 15-18 at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer. So grab life by the horns and come to FFA leadership retreat! Registration is due June 20 (registrations received by June 10 will guarantee t-shirt sizes). Ask your advisor for more information! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Growing for the Future.



Foundation Feature

Congratulations to all FFA members and chapters on a successful SD State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity! We are fortunate to have the SD Secretary of Agriculture, several legislators, and the SDSU President as supporters who attended. Continue to share the value of agricultural education with them!

Thank you to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA would not be able to provide the opportunities which help members "BE" all they can — passionate, caring, dynamic, agricultural leaders — for the future. In this time of lean school budgets, sponsors are crucial in keeping Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs in our schools.

Interested in supporting a specific FFA event - jackets, state fair, leadership camps, chapter service grants, scholarships, etc? All of these areas are in need of additional funding.

Be sure to "Like" the South Dakota FFA Foundation on facebook, to stay updated on what's happening, and subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter at sdffaoundation.org.



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South Dakota FFA Awards Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships



Washington Leadership Conference Scholarship Recipients: (L-R) Sara Waldner, West Central; Brad Kari, Newell; Jordanne Howe, Redfield. Not Pictured: Samantha Peterson, Harrisburg.

The South Dakota FFA Foundation recently awarded four \$500 travel scholarships to South Dakota FFA members who will be attending the National FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer.

The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is a National FFA program that is completely service-oriented. 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. This year's recipients of the WLC Scholarships are:

- **Brad Kari**, Newell
- **Jordanne Howe**, Redfield
- **Samantha Peterson**, Harrisburg
- **Sara Waldner**, West Central

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

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