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## WE ARE EMPOWERING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Our purpose is to **strengthen agriculture education and the South Dakota FFA**, so each student can develop their potential for personal growth, career success and leadership in a global marketplace. The South Dakota FFA Foundation works passionately behind the scenes to **support students and teachers** with innovative ideas, sponsorship opportunities, and next-level leadership development. **There is no other organization that promotes students the way we do.**

**Do you want to make a positive difference in the life of a young person? Your generous gift** will protect, grow and strengthen the **future of the SD FFA**. Cash or “tax-smart” options are all appreciated and fuel our mission to grow leaders, build communities, and strengthen agriculture.

### OUR GOALS:

- Promote and support South Dakota Team Ag Ed core values of premier leadership, personal growth and career success
- Grow scholarships & chapter service project grants
- Cultivate and retain sponsorships supporting state leadership, state convention, leadership conferences and retreats
- Supply FFA jackets for members and chapters
- Support leadership development and industry networking

Ensure your plans for the future, including the positive impact you want to make for FFA, are keeping up with your life.

### FUND DONATIONS WITH:

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- Appreciated Securities
- Real Estate
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- IRAs – distributions or fund a charitable gift annuity

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#### OPTION 1: RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS

When you name us as the beneficiary of all or part of your retirement plan assets, you don't part with a single penny today. You also protect your estate from taxes down the road. When a nonprofit like ours receives your retirement funds, we pay no income tax. If you leave these hard-earned funds to your loved ones, federal income taxes may erode up to 37% of the assets—significantly reducing the amount of your hard-earned dollars they will actually receive.

#### OPTION 2: A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

A gift in your will or living trust allows you to feel good about your contribution now and part with your assets later. Helpful hint: You can name the South Dakota FFA Foundation as a beneficiary of a percentage of your retirement plan, life insurance policy or will. That way, your gift will remain proportionate to the size of your estate.

#### OPTION 3: LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

A popular option is to name the South Dakota FFA Foundation as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. You'll receive an income tax deduction equal to the policy's fair market value or the total premium paid—whichever is lower—at the time you make the gift.

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Student leaders  
**TODAY**  
Dynamic influencers  
**TOMORROW**

SD FFA members are poised, articulate, passionate young people who make our communities, state, and country a better place to live!

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# Our Mission Matters



**Name:** Steven Zemlicka  
**Home FFA Chapter:** Florence FFA Chapter  
**Year Graduated High School:** 2007  
**College:** SDSU, Bachelors in Agronomy 2011  
**Current Position:** Sales Agronomist, Agtegra Cooperative  
 Forever Blue - FFA is not for high school, it's for life!  
**What did you enjoy most about FFA?** I enjoyed opportunities to compete and build my skill sets through CDEs and SAEs. I also enjoyed interacting with students from other chapters and the travel opportunities earned from my Agriscience Fair Projects.

**In what way did FFA provide you premier leadership?** Not only did I have opportunities to lead a range judging team or lead as an officer in our chapter, I was able to represent our state as a National Star in Agriscience finalist. Through that experience I met several great industry leaders and learned from their premier leadership.

**How did your FFA advisor "Here by the Owl" impact your personal growth?** My Advisor, Jim Chilson, always pushed me to take opportunities. His enthusiasm and support helped me get outside of my comfort zone and learn to enjoy and seek out new challenges as I still do today.

**How did your FFA experience contribute to your career success?** My FFA experience taught me how to conduct myself professionally. I use the tools I learned to collaborate and build healthy relationships with everyone around me. My success is directly related to those relationships.

**What else would you like to share as you reflect on your FFA experience?** It was hard to notice while a student, but in my career, it is amazing to learn of those around me today who were supporting FFA and me specifically then. The fact that I know and conduct business with some of my sponsors today shows the importance and support of FFA in our state.

**What advice would you give FFA members today?** Always say yes to opportunities provided through the FFA. Gaining knowledge is great, but learning how to continue your personal growth will pay dividends in both your personal and professional life. Take the opportunities and thank those around you that help make them possible.



**Taya Kirstine, Belle Fourche FFA** Her advisor, Austin Bishop, pushed her to do new, outside the box things, "Even though bad at doing them, **I ended up growing and being a better person.** I am more outgoing, better at public speaking, believe in myself, and am a better leader. **I still have more to learn.**" Her poultry SAE started with six chickens and **an eagerness to learn.** Gaining skills in budgeting, customer service, problem-solving, and chicken health practices and techniques, she enjoys growing her business. **"I want to be an agriculture teacher and share my passion for agriculture.** Many have listened to my long list of reasons why they should join FFA; I go into depth about opportunities found in FFA: competitions, friends, student leadership, networking, and more. In the end, they love it." **She credits FFA Leadership Retreat, for connecting her with friends and teaching every day skills like working with different types of people, networking, and openly sharing her love for agriculture.** "Believing in others helps them to begin to believe in themselves."

**Ridge Roduner, Wessington Springs FFA** Growing up on the family farm and actively participating in the operation of their two pheasant hunting lodges, which are his SAEs, FFA naturally fit his lifestyle and **provided more agriculture opportunities.** He started FFA with three goals: 1. judge in a CDE at nationals, 2. go to the national land and range contest and 3. be chapter president. He's completed two of the three already. "As a freshman, my former FFA advisor Mr. Shryock, picked me to compete in the creed and I placed at state. He worked with me and inspired me to run for chapter office." **He enjoys planning chapter events and implementing new ideas on the officer team.** "I tell middle school kids that **FFA is for everyone not just farm kids. It gives you a good look at a lot of different real-world skills. It can and will teach you so much,** and you can have a lot of fun." Ridge plans to attend a technical school for an ag degree and **come back and take over the family farm.**



**Madison Lauck, McCook Central FFA** Living in a small community full of others passionate about FFA had a huge impact on her love for it. **She saw members grow in leadership and wanted to be like them.** She especially looks up to her sister, Kayle as inspirational. "Her passion and love for agriculture and FFA that continues to this day, amaze me." She adds that seeing thousands of members in the blue jacket at National Convention was extremely inspiring. "That many people with the same passion and love for an organization is incredible." For her SAE, Madison manages the chapter's rabbit program, **allowing members unable to keep their own rabbits, the opportunity to care for and show rabbits.** She researches breeds and decides which will be the best for the members, manages medical care and expenses, and teaches proper care, public speaking, and team work. She also encourages others, **"Never take an opportunity for granted. You will grow in all skill areas, and the people you meet and the memories you gain will last a lifetime."** Still exploring future career options, she has interest in business in the agriculture industry and functional medicine.

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Every FFA member is on a journey that will define their lives. Each of their experiences looks a little different. Meet past and present FFA members, and see how **FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.**

## SOUTH DAKOTA FFA FOUNDATION, INC. CONTRIBUTION

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