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## SD FFA Members Vie for National Titles

FFA members from across South Dakota are preparing for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the end of October. Along with members competing in Career Development Events and the Agriscience Fair, participating in Band and Chorus, and receiving their American FFA Degrees, **South Dakota has two national finalists competing for top awards at convention - Andrew Streff for American Star in Agricultural Placement and John Loudenburg for the Grain Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award.** Both from the McCook Central FFA Chapter, Streff and Loudenburg are ready to shine as they showcase their years of dedication to their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE).



Andrew Streff is an American Star in Agricultural Placement finalist. His SAE began in 2012 while running the tractor for tillage and grain cart operation to help raise corn and soybeans on his family farm. Throughout the years, he developed skills that allowed him to do every task on the farm, including equipment repair and maintenance, calibrating precision ag technology and helping with marketing the crop. Streff is now in charge of nearly all the farm's precision equipment, ensuring the data they are collecting is accurate, helping make valuable farm decisions. Another part of his placement SAE includes two summer internships. In 2017, with the local cooperative: Central Farmers Coop, his duties included scouting thousands of acres of corn, soybeans and alfalfa for various pests, diseases and weeds. He also helped manage 16 different test plots in southeastern South Dakota. In 2018, he interned with Winfield United, working as a precision technology specialist intern in west central Ohio. He ran trials regarding in-season fertilizer uptake of soybeans and utilized new technology to accurately predict yields and find areas of improvement he could make while still remaining economical. In addition, he provided customer service to farmers using the technology and helped them utilize it to full capacity. Finally, he helped develop and present an education plan for farmers at various test plots throughout the western half of the state and present the data collected to farmers.

**John Loudenburg is a Grain Production Entrepreneurship National Proficiency Award Finalist.** He grew up on a small farm near Spencer, SD, and got his start while riding with his dad in the tractor when cutting alfalfa or hay. "My dad taught me everything I know about farming," Loudenburg said. He had an opportunity to rent two fields totaling 172 acres of crop ground when in high school. This year, Loudenburg grew 69 acres of corn and 103 acres of beans. Buying and repairing equipment is what John described as his biggest challenge in his SAE, because he had to invest in used equipment to get his operation started. As his family farm was involved mostly in small hay production, he looked for deals on older farm equipment and gained experience in dealing with different sellers. The challenges he had with equipment gave him the knowledge to repair his own breakdowns and perform routine maintenance.



Both Streff and Loudenburg are one of four finalists in their category and will interview at National Convention. They work under the guidance of McCook Central FFA advisors Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase. Congratulations to Andrew and John on their achievements for the work they continue to do within South Dakota to strengthen agriculture and youth leadership! **Good luck at National Convention!**

## Inaugural Titan Tire Auction a Success

We are excited to announce that the South Dakota FFA Foundation raised \$14,660 at the first ever benefit auction held at DakotaFest on August 21. We are so grateful for our partnerships with Titan Tire, Graham Tire, C & B Operations and BigIron Auctions for making this possible for us. Titan Tire Corporation donated 16 lots of tires ranging from farm utility to ATV tires. Graham Tire helped coordinate, promote the event, and provided booth space. C & B Operations donated a 36-inch, fully equipped John Deere toolbox. Big Iron Auctions donated their auction services to sell all lots.



FFA members from several chapters, along with the state officer team, promoted the event at DakotaFest August 20 and 21 by visiting Foundation partners, handing out flyers at the gates, and welcoming potential bidders at the Graham Tire booth. Funds provide general support for the South Dakota FFA Foundation to be able to invest in over 4,400 FFA members and their advisors at events such as state leadership banquet, state convention, state fair, chapter service grants, and leadership retreats. Thank you to all those who attended, bid or bought at the first South Dakota FFA Foundation Titan Tire Auction. We hope to make this an annual event!



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## Members Earn Blue Jackets - Bright Futures

To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This October the SD FFA Foundation awarded 332 FFA members from 63 FFA chapters jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program - carrying forward that longstanding tradition of pride, dignity and honor. Thank you to our 2019 jacket sponsors, who welcomed new members into the fabric of FFA:

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## SD FFA Members Earn American FFA

Congratulations to the 49 SD FFA members from 20 chapters who earned the American FFA Degree, the highest degree a member can receive in the National FFA Organization, in 2019. Only FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences are eligible for the American FFA Degree. They exemplify true leaders in agriculture.

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**Willow Lake** - Jennifer Tonak, Reed Tonak



# SD FFA Members Prep for National Competition

National Convention is just around the corner, and South Dakota is gearing up to make a great showing. Several chapters and members will be making the trek to Indianapolis to join the sea of blue corduroy in October. They represent the top students from state level events at State Convention or State Leadership.



**Leadership Delegates:** Shelby Ruland, Tori Rasmussen, Sami Wiseman and Nathan Linke

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## SD FFA Members to Showcase Musical Talents at Nationals

Seven South Dakota FFA members have been selected to perform in the National FFA Band and Chorus at the 92nd National FFA Convention.

### Band:

**Hattie Muellenbach, Milbank, alto saxophone**  
**Noah Mursu, Milbank, alto saxophone**  
**Jackson McFaden, Milbank, bass clarinet**  
**Ericka Dale, Clark, clarinet**

### Chorus:

**Gunner Larson, Lake Preston**  
**Kayle Lauck, McCook Central**  
**Paige Peterson, McCook Central**

When asked about the upcoming honor, Dale shared, "I'm excited! I cannot wait to meet new people from all across the U.S. This is also my first time going to national convention, so I'm excited to see what it is like." Lauck said, "I have done state choir the past two years and am incredibly excited to meet new people and push myself out of my comfort zone!"

FFA members from across the nation sent in audition materials to vie for spots in the national band or chorus. Only 81 chorus and 90 band members were selected, an honor of high prestige. Both groups arrive at convention early to practice together, perform several times throughout convention and receive a travel scholarship through the SD FFA Foundation to assist with costs.



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## New Teams Selected for 2020 Oklahoma Experience

Fall is the time FFA members learn to identify land characteristics and slope, range plants and growth patterns, and how to be good stewards of these resources, managing them for the future. Congratulations to the 5 Land teams: Kadoka, Hitchcock-Tulare, Willow Lake, McCook Central, and Lennox and 3 Range teams: Wessington Springs, Kadoka and Webster that won their Regional FFA events. They will advance to national competition next May in Oklahoma City. Thanks to LeRoy and Cathie Draine, Black

Hawk, SD, for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place range judging individuals (Titus Waldner, Hitchcock-Tulare; T.J. Hamar, Kadoka; Garrett Warkenthien, Willow Lake) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (John Piroutek, Philip; Caden Bottom, Hitchcock-Tulare; Shane Wicks, Willow Lake; Grace DiGiovanni, McCook Central.) **SD FFA Foundation is seeking sponsors for travel scholarships for these teams.**

## South Dakota FFA Members Take on Oklahoma 2019

South Dakota FFA was represented well at the national land and range judging in Oklahoma City, OK, this past May. Members represented South Dakota in the Homesite, Land and Range categories, competing against over 700 experienced judges. Homesite Judging:

### A total of 55 teams and 211 individuals competed in Homesite Judging:

Willow Lake - 32nd Team members: Micah Burke (56), Garrett Warkenthien (124), Stone Burke (137), Morgan Burke (177)  
McCook Central - 36th Team members: Bobby Koepsell (89), Kane Muth (114), Maddy Lunders (144), Griffen Stoeffel (171)  
Wolsey-Wessington - 40th Team members: Logan Zemlicka (113), Landon Cleveland (133), Jacob Kahre (145), Lance Langbehn (154)  
Rutland - 44th Team members: Koby Pust (116), Emily Nold (142), Brianna Primm (175), Orion Albertson (179)

### Land Judging

102 teams and 405 individuals competed in Land Judging:  
Willow Lake - 17th Team members: Morgan Burke (48), Garret

Warkenthien (68), Micah Burke (94), Stone Burke (228)  
Wolsey-Wessington - 59th Team members: Lance Langbehn (122), Landon Cleveland (183), Jacob Kahre (251), Logan Zemlicka (362)  
Lyman - 68th Team members: Wynn Cleveland (117), Isaac Thoms (234), Grant Chester (268), Shil Mowry (378)  
Rutland - 79th Team members: Emily Nold (176), Koby Pust (276), Brianna Primm (304), Orion Albertson (365)  
McCook Central - 92nd Team members: Bobby Koepsell (219), Kane Muth (262), Maddy Lunders (387), Griffen Stoeffel (389)

### Range Judging

25 teams and 97 individuals competed in Range Judging:  
Kadoka - 13th Team members: Steph Ring (37), Luke Keegan (43), Dylan Vandermay (56), Kaelan Block (59)  
Wessington Springs - 16th Team members: Ty Voneye (41), Sierra Burg (60), Chloe Munsen (62), Seth Tebay (66)  
Milbank - 17th Team members: Noah Mursu (48), Wylie Mursu (57), Korbin Leddy (61), Jackson McFaden (67)



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# South Dakota FFA Foundation Awards \$3,000 in Grants for Local FFA Chapter Service Learning Projects

The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, "Living to Serve", making service a core value taught to South Dakota's over 6,000 high school Agriculture Education students through their FFA participation. With budgets tighter all the time, FFA chapters are forced to choose which worthwhile activities they can still participate in.. Sometimes that means service projects do not happen. The SD FFA Foundation recognizes the value of local chapter service learning projects and wants to enable Agriculture Education programs to focus on student and community development. As a result, we started a program providing up to \$500/chapter for service projects in their local communities. Grants are funded as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, with Wilbur Ellis Company, Inc sponsoring two. Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

**Baltic** - restoring and reconditioning the FFA billboard at town entrance

**Brandon Valley** - build and plant flower boxes by area nursing home

**Brookings** - construct and deliver beds and blankets to kids in need

**Chamberlain** - install concrete and make the local football tailgate area handicap accessible

**Doland** - provide first aide and winter survival kits for school vehicles and educate staff on proper use

**Gettysburg** - conduct a hunger banquet for 9-12th grade students

**McCook Central** - hosting a Harvest Meal for local producers

**Miller** - hosting an Ag Safety with industry leaders for area youth and producers

**Wolsey/Wessington** - host a livestock judging and showmanship clinic for area 5th - 12th graders and parents

## FFA Members "Rock On" at Summer Leadership Retreats

South Dakota FFA members "rocked" their corduroy this summer at two leadership retreats, held at Swan Lake near Viborg, SD, and Camp Bob Marshall at Custer, SD. East River Leadership Retreat had 70 members in attendance in addition to special guest National FFA Secretary Layni LeBlanc, with West River Leadership Retreat hosting 140 members along with the National FFA Central Region Vice President Ridge Hughbanks.

Leadership retreat enables FFA members to connect with other members across the state, develop leadership skills and grow in their passion for FFA and agricultural education. This year's theme "Rock On," helped members gain knowledge in motivation, personal strengths, importance of support systems and teamwork through small group sessions. Members also developed SMART goals and created their own action plans to bring back to their home chapters. U.S. Army ROTC representatives also presented a team-building workshop to members at retreats. Other highlights included a dance, Games on the Green, and at West River, a visit to Crazy Horse Memorial.

Both retreats also included a community service project, emphasizing the value of serving others. At East River Leadership Retreat, students helped the city of Centerville prepare for their upcoming Fourth of July celebration, aiding in tasks such as painting picnic tables, assembling street lights, and cleaning ditches.



West River Leadership Retreat's project included assisting Camp Bob Marshall staff in clearing debris from the campground and landscaping around the main hall. Members gained insight, skills and knowledge through the service projects that will affect them and their local home communities.

The 2019 FFA Leadership Retreats would not have been possible without the following sponsors: Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers, CHS Foundation, Bayer, Agtegra, U.S. Army/Army ROTC, South Dakota Department of Agriculture, South Dakota Agri-Business Association, Hoegemeyer Hybrids, Agnition, FarmHouse Fraternity - SDSU, Tractor Supply Company, Latham Hi-Tech Seeds, Kibble Equipment, and SoDak Labs, Inc.

# WLC Celebrating 50 Years

Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019, the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is one of the many ways the National FFA Organization offers members exceptional leadership training designed to serve them for years to come. The conference is designed to teach members about personal strengths, how to embrace diversity and the importance of advocacy and service. Each summer, FFA members from across South Dakota have the opportunity to attend the conference in Washington, D.C.



Winner FFA member Ryder Mortenson attended WLC this past summer. "WLC impacted me by improving my leadership skills, teaching me how to spot possible problems in my community, and showing me ways to help out in my community. This conference taught me to do what I can, with what I have, where I am."

Tri-Valley FFA members Payton Loiseau, Grace Steineke and Rhegan Oberg also traveled to the conference. "WLC was an amazing opportunity where our eyes were opened to the needs of the world and even our own communities, once we learned the needs



we figured out ways to help. We also got to see so many awesome monuments and buildings in the capital and made lifelong friendships," Loiseau said.

The SD FFA Foundation sponsors scholarships members can apply for to assist with registration fees, and in 2020 is assisting in sponsoring a state bus, so more students can attend economically.

## 23 SD FFA Agri-Scientists Advance to National Competition

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is a competition for FFA members interested in the science and technology of agriculture. Students compete in one of six categories: animal systems; environmental services/natural resources systems; food products and processing systems; plant systems; power, structural and technical systems; or social systems. There are Jr. High, 9-10th grade, and 11-12th grade divisions.

State FFA Agriscience Fair winners submit their written research papers to the national level and twelve projects in each division are selected to advance and present their project for competition during the National FFA Convention. National FFA just released the finalists to advance to National FFA Convention, and SD has 23 individual and team projects that will be competing in Indianapolis:

### Animal Systems Category

Ryan Blagg & Will Rotert, McCook Central, Division 2  
Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central, Division 3  
Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central, Division 5  
Mackenzie Stoltenberg and Christine Stoltenberg, Northwestern Area, Division 6

### Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems Category

Jackson Grady, McCook Central, Division 1  
Jake VanHout and Jayden Doane, McCook Central, Division 2  
Megan Nash, Northwestern Area, Division 3  
Megan Stiefvater and Ashtyn Wobig, McCook Central, Division 4  
Hunter Eide, Gettysburg, Division 5  
Collin Kolbeck and Trey Anderson, McCook Central, Division 6

### Food Products and Processing Systems Category

Carter Randall, McCook Central, Division 1  
Aubree Kranz and Samara Wolf, McCook Central, Division 2  
Paige Peterson, McCook Central, Division 3

### Plant Systems Category

Hannah Schentzel, Northwestern Area, Division 3

### Power, Structural and Technical Systems Category

Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern Area, Division 1  
Landon Roling and Brode Dennis, McCook Central, Division 2  
Madison Stroud, McCook Central, Division 3  
Tanner Peterson and Parker Scheier, McCook Central, Division 6

### Social Systems Category

Grace Stoffel, McCook Central, Division 1  
Tayah McGregor and Brianna Even, McCook Central, Division 2  
Matea Gordon, Sturgis, Division 3  
Kiarra Stuck and Hailie Stuck, Northwestern Area, Division 4  
Danika G. Gordon Sturgis, Division 5

Finalists receive a travel stipend to assist with expenses as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, sponsored by Jim Chilson, Jason & Gail Gullickson, Salem Veterinary Service, SD EPSCoR, Next Level Ag, Bayer, SD Biotech Association, Eichacker Simmentals, Meyerink Farm Service, Butler Machinery, Florence FFA, McCook Central FFA, and the SD FFA Foundation.

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# FFA Ag Adventure Center Upgrades and Expands

The FFA Ag Adventure Center had a new look this year at the South Dakota State Fair. A covered breezeway connecting the two FFA buildings created more space for exhibits and enhanced traffic flow and messaging between the FFA member exhibits and the ag advocacy efforts.

The Ag Adventure Center mission: to showcase modern agriculture practices, communicate commitment to natural resources, and demonstrate safe and wholesome food production to the public was achieved this year through a variety of displays, exhibits and booths. A continuous large crowd circulated through the center and enjoyed new exhibits including a live beehive, dairy zone, water to milk display, pig puzzle, grain bin tug of war, and a grain auger leg, engaging both youth and adults in the story of agriculture. Through viewing sows farrowing, chickens laying eggs, or calves being bottle-fed, the center provides those not accustomed to agriculture a glimpse into the importance of the industry. District officers and member volunteers answered questions and shared their own experiences throughout the duration of the state fair to help all those who visited learn more about production agriculture and the industry as a whole.

The Ag Adventure Center would not be as impactful without the countless individuals who volunteer their financial support, time and talents to promoting agriculture. A huge thanks to the agriculture industry leaders who provided exhibits and these sponsors, who through the South Dakota FFA Foundation, made the new addition possible this year: Farm Credit Services of America Working Here fund; SD Agriculture Foundation; South Dakota State Fair; Valley Queen Cheese; Midwest Dairy Association; and Pipestone Systems. We hope to continue growing our impact with new exhibits and displays in the future.



## Sorum Strives Beyond

Clayton Sorum, the 2017- 2018 South Dakota FFA Vice President, will vie for a National FFA officer position at the National FFA Convention in October. As South Dakota's candidate, Sorum is one of 44 seeking to serve as one of the six national officers for the 2019-2020 year. Sorum reflected on how he got to where he is today: "It's always a humbling feeling to stop and realize the position I'm in and the great opportunity I have in front of me to give back to something I'm so passionate about. To think this all started just seven years ago in Russ Swanson's 8th grade ag class is unbelievable to me. This was never the plan back then or even when I got to high school. It's been a fun journey," Sorum said. On that journey, Sorum has left an immense impact on the members of South Dakota as well as those nationwide with his charismatic personality and captivating presence.

Sorum grew up on his family farm south of Canton, SD, and was a member of the Canton FFA chapter. He is the son of Cliff and Janet Sorum, and is a junior at South Dakota State University majoring in Agriculture Education. If selected to serve as one of the six 2019-2020 National FFA Officers, Sorum will begin two

months of training. After those two months, the national officers begin their year of traveling over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and state associations nationwide. A few of their responsibilities include the following: spending up to four weeks at different state FFA conventions presenting workshops, speeches and meeting FFA members; three weeks traveling to, touring and meeting with agricultural businesses and sponsors; and 11 days in Japan touring agricultural industries, schools and learning about cultural similarities and differences. The national officers will also spend time in Washington, D.C., but their home office is in Indianapolis, IN. Sorum will begin interviews on October 26 and will continue with those interviews and candidate activities until the 2019-2020 National FFA Officer Team is announced on Saturday, November 2, at the final session of convention.



# FFA has Record Breaking Numbers at State Fair!

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2019 South Dakota State Fair held August 29-September 2nd in Huron. At the State Fair, there were a record number 358 FFA members who exhibited 1121 exhibits, meaning more FFA shirts were seen everywhere. Results were as follows:

## CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

1st - McCook Central

## CHAPTER EXHIBITS:

1st place - Beresford; 2nd place - Arlington; 3rd place - Parker  
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## TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER:

1st place - McCook Central  
Sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.

## TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS:

1st place - Hadley Stiefvater, McCook  
2nd place - Teagan Mason, Doland  
3rd place - Hunter Eide, Gettysburg  
Sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen.

## BEEF SHOW

Champion Market Steer - Bryce Beitelspacher, Bowdle  
Reserve Champion Market Steer - Ryley Hellmann, Bon Homme  
Champion Market Heifer - McKenzie Gunderson, Harrisburg  
Reserve Champion Market Heifer - Tessa Pederson, Garretson  
Market Beef Showmanship - 1st: Savannah Vogel, Winner; 2nd: Kylie Grace Harriman, Menno; 3rd: Payton Beare, Highmore; 4th: Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area; 5th: Madison Evie, Selby  
Champion English Breeding Heifer - Jady LeDoux, Highmore  
Reserve Champion English Breeding Heifer - Sawyer Styles, Northwestern Area

Champion Exotic Breeding Heifer - Kenidey Effling, Highmore  
Reserve Champion Exotic Breeding Heifer - Kenzy Beare, Estelline  
Overall Grand Champion Breeding Heifer - Jady LeDoux, Highmore  
Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer - Kenidey Effling, Highmore  
Breeding Beef Showmanship - 1st: Logan Zemlicka, Wolsey-Wessington; 2nd: Harlee Heim, Wessington Springs; 3rd: Tate Johnson, Beresford; 4th: Sawyer Naasz, Platte/Geddes; 5th: Drew Pederson, Garretson  
Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen

## SWINE SHOW

Champion Market Gilt - Melanie Calmus, Howard  
Reserve Champion Market Gilt - Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery  
Market Gilt Showmanship - 1st: Jeffrey Paulson, Clark; 2nd: Ashton Ross, Lennox-Sundstrom; 3rd: Abby Blagg, McCook Central; 4th: Brian Feldhaus, Howard; 5th: Ty Van Hull, Viborg-Hurley  
Champion Market Barrow - Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery  
Reserve Market Barrow - Makayla Nelson, Arlington  
Market Barrow Showmanship - 1st: Grace DiGiovanni, McCook Central; 2nd: Delanie Tangen, Sioux Valley; 3rd: Jackson Nordlund, McCook Central; 4th: Preston Mattheis, Parkston; 5th: Rylee Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery  
Swine Showmanship sponsored by Thompson Family, Harrisburg



**Breeding Beef Showmanship**  
Logan Zemlicka, Harlee Heim,  
Tate Johnson (L to R)



**Breeding Beef Heifer Jady LeDoux**



**Beef Market Heifer McKenzie Gunderson**



**Beef Market Steer Bryce Beitelspacher**



**Market Beef Showmanship**  
Savannah Vogel, Kiley Harriman,  
Payton Beare (L to R)



**Breeding Sheep Showmanship**  
Riggen Zelinsky, Mary Nold,  
Logan Slack (L to R)



**Breeding Sheep Ewe Mary Nold**



**Breeding Sheep Ram Camden Miller**



**Sheep Market Lamb Ella Stiefvater**



**Market Sheep Showmanship**  
Jessica Kott, Colton Michalek,  
Raina Johnson (L to R)



**Market Swine Barrow Cash Lehrman**



**Market Swine Gilt Melanie Calmus**



**Market Barrow Swine Showmanship**  
Grace DiGiovanni, Delanie Tangen,  
Jackson Nordlund (L to R)



**Market Showmanship Swine Gilt**  
Jeffery Paulson, Ashton Ross, Abby Blagg  
(L to R)

# FFA has Record Breaking Numbers at State Fair!

## SHEEP SHOW

Champion Breeding Ewe - Mary Nold, Rutland  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe - Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley  
 Champion Ram - Camden Miller, Estelline  
 Reserve Champion Ram - Wesley Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
 Breeding Sheep Showmanship - 1st: Riggen Zelinsky, Brookings; 2nd: Mary Nold, Rutland; 3rd: Logan Slack, Viborg-Hurley; 4th: Raesa Zelinsky, Brookings; 5th: Emily Nold, Rutland  
 Champion Market Lamb - Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central  
 Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Brianna Larson, Brookings  
 Market Lamb Showmanship - 1st: Jessica Kott, Kimball; 2nd: Colton Michalek, Kimball FFA; 3rd: Raina Johnson, Harrisburg; 4th: Tessa Pederson, Garreston; 5th: Taya Chelmo, Kimball  
 Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks, Centerville

## GOAT SHOW

Champion Breeding Meat Goat - Lane Miller, Howard  
 Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat - Hanna Peterson, Howard  
 Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship - 1st: Colton Michalek, Kimball; 2nd: Drew Pederson, Garreston; 3rd: Kahli Gall, Freeman; 4th: Reid Leischner, Parkston; 5th: Parker Johnson, Tri-Valley  
 Champion Market Meat Goat - Riley Larson, Wessington Springs  
 Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat - Hanna Peterson, Howard  
 Market Meat Goat Showmanship - 1st: Ryder Michalek, Kimball; 2nd: Jared Stearns, Hot Springs; 3rd: Tessa Erdmann, Groton; 4th: Riley Larson, Wessington Springs; 5th: Travis Townsend, Groton  
 Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch, Mina

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Overall Champion - Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids  
 Overall Reserve Champion - Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids  
 Champion Milking Doe - Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids  
 Reserve Champion Milking Doe - Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids  
 Champion Dairy Goat - Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids  
 Reserve Champion Dairy Goat - Bailey Schlotterbeck, Florence  
 Dairy Goat Showmanship - 1st: Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids; 2nd: Bailey Schlotterbeck, Florence; 3rd: Ashley Engel, Chamberlain; 4th: Swade Reis, Chamberlain; 5th: Alana Howard, Miller  
 Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms, Arlington

## RABBIT SHOW

Grand Champion Rabbit - Trapper Miklos, Arlington  
 Reserve Champion Rabbit - Avery Miles, Doland

Grand & Reserve inkind awards sponsored by Mark & Staci Schloe Rabbit Showmanship - 1st: Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom; 2nd: Taylor McMartin, West Central; 3rd: Avery Miles, Doland  
 Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Woehl's Rabbits/Randy & Phyllis Woehl

## DAIRY SHOW

Supreme Champion Female - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Champion Holstein Female - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Senior Champion Holstein - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Senior Reserve Champion Holstein - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley  
 Junior Champion Holstein Heifer - Natalie Haase, Parker  
 Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer - Steven Paulson, Groton  
 Champion All Other Breed Female - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Senior Champion All Other Breed - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Senior Reserve Champion All Other Breed - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Junior Champion All Other Breed Heifer - Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg  
 Junior Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer - Skyler Plucker, Lennox Sundstrom  
 Dairy Showmanship: 1st: Natalie Haase, Parker; 2nd: Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley; 3rd: Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg; 4th: Travis Sharp, Aberdeen Central; 5th: Elissa Oyen, Tri-Valley

*Dairy Showmanship and Supreme Champion Dairy Female sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.*  
 Champion Dairy Cattle Handler travel scholarship sponsored by Post-Lane Dairy, Marv & Joy Post.

## ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

1st Place - Raesa Zelinski - Brookings  
 2nd Place - Jessica Kott - Kimball  
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Thanks to our FFA exhibitor shirt sponsors: Cargill, Dakotaland Feeds, Inc., DeJong Ranch, Lazy J Bar Ranch, Midwest Ag & Veterinary Service, Whetstone Commodities, Stangl Shorthorns, Cattle Business Weekly, Peterson Livestock, Wilson Sheep Company, Cobb Creek Cattle, Loy's Farrier Service, Sleepy Hollow Farm, Custom Genetics Solutions, Antelope Pass Ranch, Stengl Oils, Gullickson Family Livestock, 605 Sires + Donors, and Pulse Electric, Inc.



*Dairy Showmanship 2nd and 3rd Bethany Rennich, Jordan Zoellner*



*Dairy Showmanship Winner Natalie Haase*



*Dairy Supreme Champion Overall Jordan Zoellner*



*Dairy Goat Showmanship Trevon Cross, Bailey Schlotterbeck, Ashley Engel (L to R)*



*Dairy Goat Champion Milking Doe, Grand Champion Overall Trevon Cross*



*Meat Goat Breeding Goat Showmanship Colton Michalek, Drew Pederson, Kahli Gall (L to R)*



*Meat Goat Champion Breeding Goat Lane Miller*



*Meat Goat Champion Market Goat Riley Larson*



*Meat Goat Market Goat Showmanship Ryder Michalek, Jared Stearns, Tessa Erdmann (L to R)*



*Rabbit Showmanship Corissa Sweeter, Taylor McMartin, Avery Miles (L to R)*



*Rabbit Champion Trapper Miklos*

# Welcome Our New State Officers and Ambassadors!



**Shelby Ruland**  
State President

- Majors: Political Science and Agriculture Education
- Home Chapter : Wall
- Favorite animal: Llama
- Favorite CDE: Agriculture Issues
- SAE: Food Production
- Fun Fact: My favorite horse's name is Patrick Star!



**Sadie VanderWal**  
State Reporter

- Majors: Animal Science & Agriculture Communication
- Home Chapter: Northwestern Area
- Favorite Animal: Giraffe
- Favorite CDE(s): Employment Skills & Livestock Evaluation
- SAE: Beef Entrepreneurship & Agriscience Research
- Fun Fact: I have a double-jointed thumb!



**Blake Pulse**  
State Vice President

- Major: Agriculture Education
- Home Chapter: McCook Central
- Favorite Animal: Goat
- Favorite CDE: Dairy Cattle Evaluation
- SAE: Goat Production, Agriscience Research & Specialty Animal Production
- Fun Fact: I have a llama named Jackson!



**Sami Wiseman**  
State Sentinel

- Major: Nursing
- Home Chapter: Tri-Valley
- Favorite Animal: Turtles
- Favorite CDE(s): Natural Resources & Prepared Public Speaking
- SAE: Agricultural Education
- Fun Fact: If we are at a restaurant, chances are I am ordering chicken strips with ranch



**Tori Rasmussen**  
State Secretary

- Major: International Relations, Pre-Law
- Home Chapter: Alcester-Hudson
- Favorite Animal: Sloth
- Favorite CDE: Food Science
- SAE: Food Production & Community Service
- Fun Fact: Lasagna is my favorite meal



**Randi Tivis**  
State Ambassador

- Major: Rangeland Ecology and
- Home Chapter: Sturgis Management
- Favorite Animal: Large dogs
- Favorite CDE: Land and Range judging
- SAE: Sheep Production
- Fun Fact: I'm a world traveler! I've been to 4 different European countries, and plan to visit many more!



**Nathan Linke**  
State Treasurer

- Major: Mechanical Engineering
- Home Chapter: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
- Favorite Animal: Angus heifer
- Favorite CDE: Agronomy
- SAE: Diversified Agricultural Production Entrepreneurship and Placement
- Fun Fact: My favorite ever pet was a badger!



**Anna Schwader**  
State Ambassador

- Major(s): Nonprofit Administration and Digital Media and Design at DWU
- Home Chapter: Howard
- Favorite Animal: Penguin
- Favorite CDE: Floriculture
- SAE: Home and/or Community Development
- Fun Fact: I have traveled to 41 out of the 50 states!

## South Dakota Welcomes New Agriculture Educators

Agricultural educators are the core to the FFA program. This year, South Dakota welcomes several new teachers to new or existing programs throughout the state. Meet our new teachers and see what has some of them excited about teaching ag!

### Breanna Mueller-Iroquois

"I am most excited to offer opportunities to students that they have never had before! Ag Education and FFA has never been offered at Iroquois and kids are very excited to get their own FFA Jackets and represent our school in the community and at contests."

### Jaclynn Knutson-Canton

"I look forward to watching students grow in and out of my classroom. I am also excited to continue to grow Canton FFA for our members and community."

### Star Schipper - Wilmot

"Our chapter is excited about heading to National Convention in October. We are getting lots of members to join, and expanding our opportunities."

### Tia Baumberger - Timber Lake

"Our FFA chapter is looking forward to having agriculture classes offered in our school and becoming a part of such a great organization."

### Morgan Ackerman - Parkston

"Parkston is excited for another year of competition and looking forward to our National Convention trip."

### Additional new educators:

Maleri McCloud - Aberdeen Central  
Sarah Manderfeld - Colome  
Dusty Dykstra - Montrose  
Jennifer Perryman - Flandreau  
Mike Baldwin - Rapid City  
Jim Kaufman - Bridgewater-Emery  
Courtney Schaefer - Sisseton  
Reuben TenBrink - Deubrook

# Chapter Chatter

**Beresford FFA** is preparing for our annual pumpkin patch festivities. Every weekend in October we will be open to the public for families, students, and community members to come out to our pumpkin patch just west of Beresford. We will have food/drinks available as well as different activities throughout the weekends.

**Faulkton FFA** hosted our 4th Annual Ag Olympics Competition during our homecoming week in the beginning of October! It was a fun way to get students grade 7th-12th and teachers involved in activities related to agriculture and a little friendly competition!

**Harrisburg FFA** had a member draft, where officers choose members from our chapter to be on their team. Each team will compete for fun prizes throughout the year. Some of the things we do for competing as a team include the team with most lettering members receive a \$5 Subway card, most fruit sales get a pizza party, and most LDE participants get a pop socket. We are trying this to increase participate of members.

**Harrisburg FFA** served supper at the Olde Towne Dinner Theater in Worthing, South Dakota on Friday, September 6. Student serve coffee/water and the meal to those attending the community play. At the end of the evening we help clear all the tables. For volunteering, we also get to enjoy the meal and watch the show.

**Howard FFA** is preparing for Elementary Farm Safety Day where we will teach the importance of safety during harvest. The FFA Chapter is also planning a Chapter BBQ Kickoff with leadership activities and chapter bonding exercises.

**Iroquois FFA** officially chartered on August 13th, 2019! This is the first Ag Ed & FFA Program to ever be offered at Iroquois. We have started our new program strong by having over 35 kids taking Agricultural Education classes and participating in FFA Activities.

**McCook Central FFA** is preparing for its Harvest Meal event. The chapter serves lunch to the farmers in our community as a thank you for all they do. We also partnered with Montrose FFA to conduct our annual Save Our Farm Youth (S.O.F.Y.) Day. Sophomores of the chapter taught 3rd graders the importance of farm safety.

**Parker FFA** hosted a Land Judging CDE practice for area chapters and it was a beautiful. We will be hosting a Trailer Wash to help our farmers clean out their trailer. The Hope Harbor group in town has asked us to help with cleanup of their building in October for some community service fun!! Congratulations to our member Natalie Haase on qualifying for the dairy handling contest at National FFA Convention.

**Pierre FFA** is super excited to be starting are new chapter. The members are looking forward to the first Fruit Sales, getting to compete in some leadership activities and practice for CDE's.

**Scotland FFA** is excited to have 8th graders join us this year. Last year, there were 29 members. There are 23 new FFA members this year to have 52 total members for the 2019-2020 school year.

**West Central FFA** hosted their annual Homecoming brat feed before coronation on Monday, September 16th. We will be hosting a petting zoo during the annual elementary Carnival on September 30th

**Wilmot FFA** had our first meeting on September 23rd with a great turnout. We are expecting a great year ahead!

**Winner FFA** hosted their annual Run for a Reason 5K event and raised \$300 to be donated to the Burke School District which was damaged in a tornado in August.



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# South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. Annual Report - July 1, 2018-June 20, 2019

## President's Message

### To Remember or to Forget



The year that spanned this annual report was definitely a year those of us in the agriculture industry will remember and yet want to forget. From the winter that seemed to go on forever to the continued rains and storms thru the spring and summer, causing devastation of crops, livestock, land and structures within our own and neighboring states.

For those of us who memorized and recited The FFA Creed as a greenhand FFA member the words of the creed could never be more true or more inspiring then this year.

The second paragraph states *I believe that to live and work on a good farm or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.*

Your support of the South Dakota FFA Foundation and the South Dakota FFA Association this year is certainly an inspiration and testament that we live and work in the greatest industry - American agriculture. As goes the final paragraph of the creed *I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.*

As a supporter and contributor to the SD FFA Foundation you are giving our youth the education, skills and desire to become the leaders, producers and agri-business men and women who will continue to grow this great industry.

I extend a sincere thank you to each of you on behalf of the South Dakota FFA Foundation board of directors, staff, and the South Dakota FFA advisors and members. It is because of contributions and support from you that we can offer many wonderful opportunities to our FFA members.

I can't think of a better way to close this message then with the words of the first paragraph of the creed *... I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds-achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.*

Sincerely;

*Sandy Osterday*

Sandy Osterday

South Dakota FFA Foundation Board President



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## Our Mission

The South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization that generates financial support for the 4,400 plus South Dakota FFA members in 90 high school programs. Through the South Dakota FFA Foundation, we help fund leadership development programs and activities for all South Dakota youth in agriculture education, as well as scholarships and awards for successful FFA members.



## THANK YOU!

There are so many great causes to support. **We are very grateful you chose the SD FFA Foundation.** Without you we cannot accomplish our mission, but with you we can!

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As a donor you helped FFA members learn that **Just One** moment of courage, **Just One** risk or **Just One** ag class taken makes a difference! Your donation allowed us to provide **Just One** more opportunity, jacket, scholarship, and experience for our members. Thank you!

## SD FFA Foundation actions:

- **Raised** \$384,624,68 through corporate & private financial contributions
- **Started** five new agriculture education programs in South Dakota
- **Advocated** for agriculture with new technology exhibits at the FFA Ag Adventure Center at the state fair.
- **Received** numerous in-kind donations benefiting our events
- **Gave** funds to 35 local FFA chapters to build their programs and educational resources
- **Supported** regional leadership and career development events
- **Provided** state fair programming, district officer training, summer leadership retreats, State Leadership Career Development Events, state officer travel to chapters, state convention programming, and funds for instructor training
- **Presented** 319 FFA members their own jackets
- **Awarded** scholarships to graduating seniors, postsecondary ag students and student teachers
- **Granted** chapters community service grants for local projects
- **Recognized** outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience programs, outstanding teachers, champion teams advancing to nationals, Washington Leadership Conference attendees
- **Hosted** beginning teacher conference, alumni events, professional teacher development conference, iTeach U - a recruitment event for high school students considering agriculture education as a career
- **Connected** students with industry career opportunities and leadership development activities around the globe, building their leadership skills



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# Our Year at a Glance

## Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2019 (unaudited)

### CURRENT ASSETS

Checking.....	149,523.17
Savings.....	25,103.18

**Total Current Assets .....\$174,626.35**

### INVESTMENT ASSETS

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Bob Bell Endowment.....	\$122,441.03
Ernie Wingen Memorial Endowment .....	\$24,471.82
Gary Grey Endowment .....	\$11,494.30
Mary Hanson Endowment .....	\$80,104.48
SD FFA Foundation Endowment.....	\$347,789.27
Walt Johnson Endowment.....	\$38,203.18
SD Community Foundation .....	\$11,692.28

**Total Investment Assets..... \$636,196.36**

**TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$810,822.71**

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Restricted Equity (Fund Balances).....	\$810,822.71
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY ..... \$810,822.71**

## Annual Contribution History

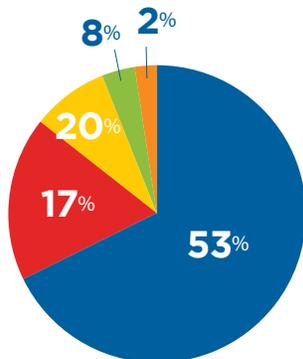
<b>2009-10</b> .....	\$98,995.36	<b>2014-15</b> .....	\$260,436.84
<b>2010-11</b> .....	\$115,142.26	<b>2015-16</b> .....	\$325,179.43
<b>2011-12</b> .....	\$208,381.54	<b>2016-17</b> .....	\$388,855.45
<b>2012-13</b> .....	\$249,478.45	<b>2017-18</b> .....	\$412,489.91
<b>2013-14</b> .....	\$256,578.20	<b>2018-19</b> .....	\$384,624.68

## In-Kind Support:

- Agropour** - Milk Quality & Products training
- Agtegra** - grain for State Fair Ag Adventure Center
- BonHomme FFA** - labor to build AAC Grain Leg display
- Brookings HyVee Floral** - flowers and supplies for Floriculture CDE
- City of Centerville** - East River Leadership retreat transportation
- Dakota Layers** - chickens, feed, eggs, incubator, chicks for Ag Adventure Center
- DeLaval** - robotic milking demo for Ag Adventure Center
- Karl's TV & Appliance** - TVs for Ag Adventure Center
- Land O'Lakes/Dean Foods** - Milk for Conv. Snack break
- Millborn Seeds** - seeds for Agronomy CDE identification included in instructional packets
- National Pork Board** - Pig Head, virtual farm tour for Ag Adventure Center
- North American Wholesale Florists** - flowers and supplies for Floriculture CDE
- Pipestone Systems** - Ag Adventure Center
- Riverview LLP** - Ag Adventure Center
- Salem Vet Services** - Poultry CDE supplies
- SDARL** - Strategic Planning for SD FFA Association
- SD Beef Industry Council** - Ag Adventure Center
- SD Beef Industry Council** - Beef jerky for Career Carnival booth
- SD Cattlemens Association** - meal coupons for State Fair FFA beef exhibitors
- SD Farm Bureau Women** - Ag Adventure Center
- SD Pork Producers** - meal coupons for State Fair, pig ears for Ag Adventure Center
- SD State Fair** - Ag Adventure Center
- SD Wheat Commission** - facilities for Board training meeting
- SDSU** - hosting State FFA Convention
- SDSU CAFES** - pens and folders for leadership retreat
- Stihl** - chainsaw for Nursery Landscape CDE
- USDA NRCS** - Ag Adventure Center

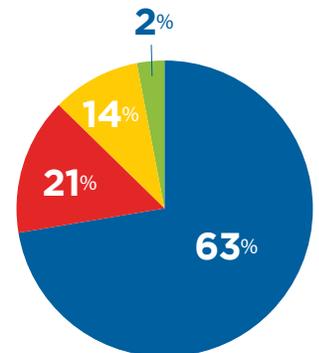
## 2018-2019 Revenue

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



## 2018-2019 Expenses

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





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## SD FFA Facts & Figures

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#### 4702 Members

1946 Females  
2704 Males

#### 91 FFA Chapters

29 include middle & high school students, 62 have only high school  
72 Chapters are rural, 16 located in towns, and 1 located in a city

#### 107 Agriculture Education teachers (55 are female, 52 are male)

### SD FFA member involvement:

**SD State Fair** - 328 members exhibited 1009 projects

**State Leadership Development** - 496 competitors

**2019 State Convention** - 2161 members attended

597 Career Development teams

267 State FFA Degree recipients

**State Leadership Retreat** - 174 attended

**223 Proficiency Award applicants**

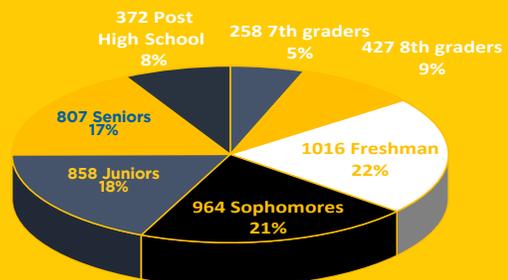
**150 Agriscience projects** - 175 students involved

### Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

#### Pathways Students are Studying

Pathway	Student %
Multiple Pathways	32.87%
Power, Structural and Technical Systems	20.53%
Animal Systems	16.43%
Environmental Service Systems	8.25%
Agribusiness Systems	8.10%
Natural Resource Systems	7.60%
Plant Systems	5.33%
Food Products and Processing Systems	0.87%

### SD FFA MEMBERSHIP BY GRADE LEVEL



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

# State Officer \$1/Year Club

**1949-50**  
Allen Schornack

**1952-53**  
Deane Antoine  
Leroy Friedrichsen

**1953-54**  
Paul Engbrecht

**1954-55**  
David Bogue  
Curtis Brudos

**1956-57**  
Harlan Palo  
Loyal Saugstad

**1959-60**  
Terry Gere  
Jerry Hauck  
Marvin Wastell

**1960-61**  
Errol Johnson  
George Twitero

**1961-62**  
Leonard Sigdestad  
Wayne Weishaar

**1962-63**  
Larry Headrick

**1963-64**  
Gary Pribyl  
Myron Sonne

**1964-65**  
Robert Stolte

**1965-66**  
Dwayne Griese

**1967-68**  
Rod Peterson

**1969-70**  
Lester Moeller  
Dewayne Siebrasse

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

**1971-72**  
Mark Christensen

**1972-73**  
Kendal Thompson

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

**1974-75**  
Jerry Schmitz  
Chuck Sutton

**1976-77**  
Alan Vedvei  
Douglas Wevik

**1977-78**  
Craig Dybedahl  
Loren Wieting

**1980-81**  
Wesley Bingham

**1981-82**  
Sheree Christensen

**1982-83**  
Chris Nelson

**1983-84**  
Nancy Krull

**1984-85**  
Jeff Hoffman  
Shannon Rausch

**1985-86**  
Paula Hamilton  
Brad Ruden

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

**1989-90**  
Gerri Eide

**1990-91**  
Kindra Gordon

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

**1993-94**  
Scott  
Cammack  
Joel DeRouchev  
Jason Knutson  
Chad Wosje

**1994-95**  
David Leheska  
Dawn Nagel  
Susan Stoterau

**1995-96**  
Craig Winquist

**1996-97**  
Tara Beitelspacher  
Ryan Cammack  
Sheri Kahnke  
Kelly Roseland

**1997-98**  
Jennifer Jacobson  
Barry Jacobson  
Tracy Kaltvedt  
Michael Leheska  
Jon Minor

**1998-99**  
Shane Reis  
Nathan Sanderson

Tiffany Sanderson

**1999-00**  
Tanse Herrmann  
Roxanne Knock

**2000-01**  
Clay Edwards

**2001-02**  
Brad Bies

**2002-03**  
Ryan Brunner  
Mary Christensen  
Kelly Keller  
Jared Knock  
Sarah Lambert

**2003-04**  
Crystal Pazour  
Jessie VanderPoel  
Arne Harstad

**2004-05**  
Nick Fosheim  
Alex Kahnke

**2005-06**  
Molly Peterson

**2006-07**  
Dani Herring  
Ashley Konechne  
Matt Tollefson

**2007-08**  
Erin Andry  
Sara Bauder  
Matt Dybedahl  
Lauren Gilbertson  
Brett Monson  
Noelle Swanson

**2008-09**  
Maria Buus  
Shad Christman  
Wyatt DeJong  
Brian Gottlob

Shane Gross  
Josh Johnson

**2009-10**  
Rebecca Christman  
Trent Thompson

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**2011-12**  
Connor Powell

**2012-13**  
Kelli Clark  
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Andy Rausch  
Tyler Swan  
Savanna Washburn  
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**2013-14**  
Breanna Damm  
MaKayla Hunt  
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**2015-16**  
Jordanne Howe  
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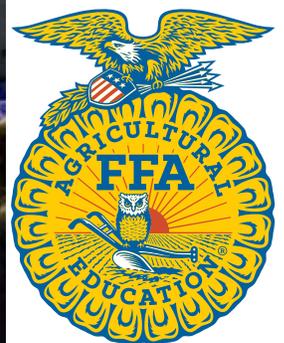
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**Brian Bjordal**, *RDO Equipment Store Manager (FFA Member and 1987 Graduate of Centerville High School)*



"We are honored to be a part of the future generation of agriculture. FFA is the building block for young agriculture leaders and SD Corn is proud to support them."

**Lisa Richardson**, *SD Corn Utilization Council, Star Partners*



"There's no way I could ever repay FFA for all that it has given me, but supporting the work of the Foundation allows me to play a small role in making sure future generations of FFA members have those same opportunities."

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