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STARS Honored for Outstanding FFA Agricultural Projects

The State FFA Degree, the highest degree conferred by the South Dakota FFA, was presented to 283 agricultural education students at the 2017 South Dakota FFA Convention. Certain students rise to the top as star finalists. These individuals spend countless hours working on their projects and enhancing their potential for future jobs by gaining hands-on experience and developing technical skills. After a review of the students' supervised agricultural experience program and records, plus an oral interview, the most outstanding were selected to be the State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Placement, and Star in Agriscience. Each State Star will receive a \$300 cash award and the finalists each receive \$75. ***Congratulations to the SD FFA Stars!***

A. State Star Farmer

sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

Cole Schock of McCook Central pictured with Brian Bye of Farm Credit Services of America his parents.

Finalists: Hanna Peterson, Howard; Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley; and Chase Peterson of Florence.

B. State Star in Agribusiness

sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

Clayton Keck of Miller FFA pictured with Brian Bye of Farm Credit Services of America, his advisor, Mark Ketelhut and parent.

Finalists: Logan Slack; Viborg-Hurley, Dalton Larson, West Central; and Brenden Ecklein; McCook Central

C. State Star in Placement

sponsored by the Dan Streff Family

Caleb Wobig of McCook Central FFA with sponsor Ashley Streff and advisor Tracy Chase.

Finalists: Keaton Peterson; Beresford; Ty Ziebart, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; and Brittany Knutson, Deuel.

D. State Star in Agriscience

sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy

Kadon Leddy of Milbank FFA pictured with his advisor, Jerry Janisch and parent, Krecia Leddy.

Finalists: Kaycee Szymanski, Sturgis; Alec Paulson, Florence; and Nickolas Blare, Winner.

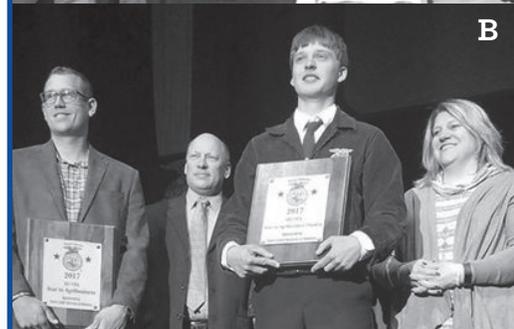
E. Star Greenhand

sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative

Star Greenhand's were also recognized for their accomplishments as first year members with a plaque and \$100 for the winner and \$25 for each finalist.

Kayla Smeenk of Harrisburg FFA pictured with her parent Ryon & Sharon Smeenk, parents and Lonna Smeenk, Grandmother.

Finalists: Lily Ruhd; Deubrook; Shania Knutson, Viborg-Hurley; and Grant Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare.





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State Officers Elected to Lead Organization Forward



To wrap up the 89th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 25, 2017, in Brookings, six members were elected to serve as the 2017-2018 South Dakota State FFA officer team.

Twenty-eight 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.

2017-2018 State FFA Officers

- **President** - Dalton Larson, *West Central*
- **Vice President** - Clayton Sorum, *Canton*
- **Secretary** - April Hamilton, *Hitchcock-Tulare*
- **Treasurer** - Aaron Linke, *Sanborn-Central/Woonsocket*
- **Reporter** - Avery Gilcheist, *Winner*
- **Sentinel** - Elle Moon, *Wall*

State FFA Ambassadors will assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year.

2017-2018 State FFA Ambassadors

- Martee Larson, *Stanley County*
- Heather Kirkpatrick, *Brandon Valley*

National FFA Awards SD FFA Members Scholarships

In 2017, the National FFA awarded \$32,500 in scholarships to 22 SD FFA members. These high school students devoted much time and effort to academic studies and FFA Supervised Agricultural Experiences, leadership and community activities. Recipients are:

NAME/FFA CHAPTER	SPONSOR/SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT
Riley Binger , <i>Hitchcock Tulare</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Matthew Bogue , <i>Beresford</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Skye Chaplin , <i>Hitchcock Tulare</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Elisebeth Dickson , <i>Huron</i>	Built Ford Tough/Iverson Ford	\$1,000.00
Moriah Flanagan , <i>Garretson</i>	Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM)	\$1,000.00
April Hamilton , <i>Hitchcock Tulare</i>	BNSF Railway Foundation	\$5,000.00
Braedon Hinker , <i>Huron</i>	Hormel Foods Corporation	\$1,500.00
Jennifer Hurlbert , <i>Clark</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Alison Knutson , <i>Viborg-Hurley</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Riley Ladwig , <i>Hoven</i>	AGCO Dealer/Hoefert's Implement, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Dalton Larson , <i>West Central</i>	Built Ford Tough/Sioux Falls Ford	\$1,000.00
Kadon Leddy , <i>Milbank</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Aaron Linke , <i>Sanborn Central/Woonsocket</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Jared Miller , <i>West Central</i>	Fastline Media Group	\$1,000.00
Sydney Peters , <i>Winner</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Chase Peterson , <i>Florence</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Hanna Peterson , <i>Howard</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Matthew Rausch , <i>Watertown Area</i>	Chevy Trucks/Sharp Automotive Inc.	\$1,000.00
Shelby Riggs , <i>Mitchell</i>	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Ashlee Weber , <i>Watertown Area</i>	Chevy Trucks/Sharp Automotive Inc.	\$1,000.00
Caleb Wobig , <i>McCook Central</i>	SD America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund	\$1,500.00
Tyler Zuschlag , <i>Rapid City</i>	D Built Ford Tough/McKie Ford Lincoln, Inc.	\$1,000.00

Outstanding Volunteers Recognized at Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 89th Annual South Dakota State FFA Convention. These awards recognize individuals and businesses who make outstanding contributions of time and talent to the South Dakota FFA.

The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees:

- Dr. Scott Smalley
- Nora Kohlenburg
- Charlene Weber
- Shirley Thompson
- Maureen Wobig
- Suzanna Sousa
- Kevin and Patty Larson
- Jason and Alicia Knutson
- Eugene and Julie Streff
- Allen Schmeichel
- Kira Schmeichel
- Jeff and Deanna Hoffman
- Steve and Darcie Peters

The following individuals received the Distinguished Service Awards:

- Sylvia Wolters, *Sioux Falls, SD*
- Brookings High School, *Brookings, SD*
- Kendal Thompson, *Everly, IA*
- Security State Bank of Chancellor, *Chancellor, SD*
- Darin and Troy Zoellner, *Groton, SD*
- Marvin Wastell, *Omaha, NE*
- Heidi Selken, *Colton, SD*
- Mitchell Technical Institute, *Mitchell, SD*



Webster-Waubay FFA Receives Image Builder Award

The Webster-Waubay FFA Chapter was recognized as the 2017 Image Builder Award winner at the 89th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, S.D., on April 23-25, 2017.

The Image Builder Award encourages FFA Chapters across South Dakota to develop a strong partnership with the local media through public relations. Paulsen Marketing of Sioux Falls sponsored this award, given to those FFA chapters that have strived to build a positive image through this partnership.

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Science is at the Heart of Agriculture

The SD FFA Agriscience Fair features exhibits in six different categories (Animal Systems; Environmental and Natural Resource Systems; Food Products & Processing Systems; Plant Systems; Power, Structural & Technology Systems; Social Systems) and involves extensive research as well as writing a written report including information on previous studies related to the topic, and their research and findings. This year there were 88 projects, with 111 SD FFA members competing in Division 1-2 (7-8th), Division 3-4 (9-10th graders) and Division 5 & 6 (11-12th graders). The event was sponsored by Jim Chilson, Eichacker Simmentals, Monsanto, Florence FFA, McCook Central FFA, Grain Millers, and the South Dakota FFA Foundation. The Agriscience Fair was held on April 4th in Mitchell.

The top projects in each division will advance for a chance to compete at the National FFA Agriscience Fair at National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall. The top exhibits are as follows:

Animal Systems

The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing, through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses, and/or poultry.

- Division 1-** Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
- Division 2-** Abby Blagg and Sophia Kaffar, McCook Central
- Division 3-** Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
- Division 4-** Summer School and Blake Pulse, McCook Central
- Division 5-** Callie Mueller, Florence
- Division 6-** Trenton Weber and Jared Tiede, Parkston

Environmental and Natural Resource Systems

The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment.

- Division 1-** Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
- Division 2-** Gabby Feterl and Sadye Roesler, McCook Central
- Division 3-** Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
- Division 4-** Trey Anderson and Cole Grasma, McCook Central
- Division 5-** Morgan Kohl, Watertown
- Division 6-** Rachel Muth and Brianna Schock, McCook Central

Food Products & Processing Systems

The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance and food service within the food science industry.

- Division 1-** Griffin Stoffel, McCook Central
- Division 2-** Catherine Whaler and Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central
- Division 3-** Shelby Ruland, Wall
- Division 5-** Elvie Kahnke, Florence
- Division 6-** Lee Kampshoff and Hunter Matthaiei, McCook Central

Plant Systems

The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants

- Division 1-** Hannah Schentzel, Northwestern Area
- Division 3-** Nathan Buisker, Sioux Valley
- Division 5-** Will Knudson, Florence
- Division 6-** Faith Houghtaling and Danielle Houghtailing, Doland

Power, Structural & Technology Systems

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

- Division 1-** Jace Haven, Northwestern Area
- Division 3-** Kobe Doane, McCook Central
- Division 4-** Tanner Peterson and Rylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central
- Division 5-** Tyler Braun, Northwestern Area
- Division 6-** Seth Keszler and Logan Barker, Sturgis

Social Systems

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

- Division 1-** Madisen Koepsell, McCook Central
- Division 2-** Sydney Grasma and Emma Heinz, McCook Central
- Division 3-** Brandon Lauer, McCook Central
- Division 4-** Makayla Busskohl and Kaylee Sumner, Florence
- Division 5-** Kadon Leddy, Milbank

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Animal Systems - Division 1



Animal Systems - Division 2



Animal Systems - Division 3



Animal Systems - Division 4



Animal Systems - Division 5



Animal Systems - Division 6



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 1



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 2



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 3



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 4



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 5



Environmental and Natural Resource Systems - Division 6



Food Products & Processing Systems - Division 1



Food Products & Processing Systems - Division 2



Food Products & Processing Systems - Division 5



Food Products & Processing Systems - Division 6



Plant Systems - Division 1



Plant Systems - Division 3



Plant Systems - Division 5



Plant Systems - Division 6



Power, Structural & Technology Systems - Division 1



Power, Structural & Technology Systems - Division 3



Power, Structural & Technology Systems - Division 4



Power, Structural & Technology Systems - Division 5



Power, Structural & Technology Systems - Division 6



Social Systems - Division 1



Social Systems - Division 2



Social Systems - Division 3



Social Systems - Division 4



Social Systems - Division 5

Winner FFA Chapter Wins SD National Chapter award

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

Overall, sponsored by Reinke-Gray Wealth Management:

1st: Winner

2nd: McCook Central

3rd: Viborg-Hurley

In the area of **Growing Leaders**, sponsored by Larry & Sandra Nelson (pictured at right), the results were:

1st: McCook Central

2nd: Winner

3rd: Viborg-Hurley

In the area of **Building Communities**, sponsored by Larry & Sandra Nelson (pictured at right), the results were:

1st: Winner

2nd: Arlington

3rd: Viborg-Hurley

In the area of **Strengthening Agriculture**, sponsored by Patsy Reickman & daughters, the results were:

1st: Winner

2nd: McCook Central

3rd: Viborg-Hurley



Winner



McCook Central



Viborg-Hurley

Three New Chapters for SD

The South Dakota FFA Association officially chartered three new chapters- Aberdeen Roncalli FFA, Northwestern Area FFA and Colome FFA - at the recent State FFA Convention. The addition of these three chapters brings the total number of chapters in South Dakota to 84 with over 4,000 active members.

The FFA is an integral part of agricultural education by helping make classroom instruction come to life through realistic, hands-on applications. FFA members embrace concepts taught in agricultural science classrooms, build valuable skills through hands-on experiential learning and each year demonstrate their proficiency in competitions based on real-world agricultural skills. FFA membership

helps prepare students for more than 300 careers in the agricultural industry, including business, marketing, science, communications, education, horticulture, production, natural resources, forestry and many other diverse fields.

The Three-Circle Model of Agricultural Education

Provides students opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career success. Agricultural education instruction is delivered through three major components, referred to as the Three Circle Model - classroom/laboratory instruction (contextual learning), supervised agricultural experience programs (work-based learning) and student-leadership organizations (FFA).

Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships



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 upcoming 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. Approximately 40 SD FFA members will attend this conference in 2017, bringing important knowledge and skills home to their local chapters.

This year's recipients of the WLC Scholarships are:

- **Danika Gordon**, *Sturgis*
- **Kaylen Stearns**, *Hot Springs*
- **Alicia VanDerWal**, *Sioux Valley*
- **Dalton Howe**, *Redfield*

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

Foundation Feature

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Congratulations to all FFA members and chapters on a successful State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity. Miss it and want to watch still?

Sessions are archived:

Sunday Night - <http://thecube.com/e/620477>;

Monday Night - <http://thecube.com/e/620479> ;

Tuesday Morning - <http://thecube.com/e/620480>

Thank you to all of the individual and business sponsors that made all aspects of convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA members would not be able discover and experience the opportunities to build their leadership, grow their communities and strengthen agriculture for the future. In this time of lean school budgets and a down ag economy, sponsors are crucial in keeping Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs in our schools.

Invest in the future of agriculture - The SD FFA Foundation is adding hands on exhibits to the SD FFA Ag Adventure Center! Last year we completed much needed structural updates and improvements to make it more vibrant, interesting and relevant to fair goers. Now we are working to add interactive educational displays. Our vision is to have a forum that will empower consumers to value agricultural practices capable of feeding the world's growing population. **We need your help!**

Interested in providing members jackets, leadership retreats, chapter service grants, scholarships, etc? All of these areas are in need of additional funding.

Be sure to **"Follow"** the South Dakota FFA Foundation on facebook, twitter or Instagram, to stay updated on what's happening, and subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, at:

<http://www.sdffafoundation.org/>



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FFA Focuses on Developing Career Skills

Over 2,000 FFA members, advisors, and guests attended the 89th South Dakota State FFA Convention on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, S.D., on April 23-25, 2017. While there, FFA members participated in the state FFA Career Development Events (CDE's).

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.

Agricultural Business Management

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Wells Fargo. Team travel scholarship was also sponsored by FarmHouse Fraternity at SDSU.

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

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

1st Place Team: Brookings - Nick Rudnik, Peder Haugan, Brock Mahanke, and Heath Bullington

Top Individual: Andrew Hoffman, Sunshine Bible Academy

Agronomy

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

1st Place Team: Highmore - Taylor Ashdown, Jhareth Bloomenrader, Blake Farstveet, and Halle Kroeplin

Top Individual: Kyle Butzke, McCook Central

Biotechnology

Awards sponsored by SD FFA Foundation.

1st Place Team: Milbank - Korinne Roggenbuck, Magally Aburto, Madison Liebe and Sarah Jarman

Top Individual: Madeline Loewe, Lennox Sundstrom

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Cait McGregor, Tanner Peterson, Blake Pulse, and Brianna Schock

Top Individual: Cait McGregor, McCook Central

Floriculture

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

1st Place Team: Garretson - Nobel Nothstine, Emily Malsom, and Angel Larson

Top Individual: Magan Vaughn, Sturgis

Food Science and Technology

Awards sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Aurora Cooperative; team travel scholarship sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke and Aurora Cooperative.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Natalie Gottlob, Emily Bies, Ciara Rother, and Jacy Pulse

Top Individual: Natalie Gottlob, McCook Central

Horse Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: Florence - Evie Kahnke, Allison Grygiel, Chantel Nelson, Callie Mueller

Top Individual: Claire Longhenry, Garretson



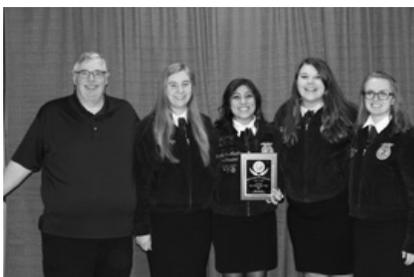
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Livestock Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: Lennox Sundstrum - Sarah Kroeger, Denver Nordmann, Sami Nordmann, and Layne Lundstra

Top Individual: Alexa Montagne, Viborg

Meats Evaluation and Technology

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

1st Place Team: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket - Aaron Linke, Nathan Linke, Jared Goldamme, and Austin Schmit

Top Individual: Aaron Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

Milk Quality and Products

Awards sponsored by Agropur Inc-Cheese and Whey Products, Lake Norden, South Dakota and Hull, Iowa. Team travel scholarship sponsored by Lynn and Brenda Maas in memory of their son Justin Maass and Agropur Inc- Cheese and Whey Products, Lake Norden, South Dakota and Hull, Iowa.

1st Place Team: Willow Lake - Mason Burke, Cutler Michalski, Abbie Bratland, and Cade Pedersen

Top Individual: Mason Burke, Willow Lake

Natural Resources

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

1st Place Team: Parkston - Jared Tiede, Trenton Weber, Brady Albrecht, and Nate Doering

Top Individual: Avery Gilchrist, Winner

Nursery/Landscape

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

1st Place Team: Redfield -Dalton Howe, Alan Masat, Zach Jordan, and Blaine Rothacker

Top Individual: Dalton Howe, Redfield

Range Plant Identification

Awards sponsored by SDSU Range Club

1st Place Team: Sturgis- Lisa Williamson, Sydney Shaw, Breezy Paul, and Abigail Anderson

Top Individual: Lisa Williamson, Sturgis

Veterinary Science

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. and Sioux National Pet Clinic.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Kally Pulse, Janelle Kobernusz, Kayla Mentele, and Phoebe Kaffar

Top Individual: Kally Pulse, McCook Central



Food Science and Technology



Horse Evaluation



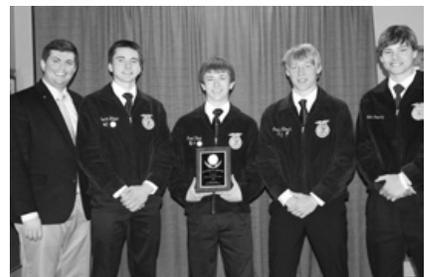
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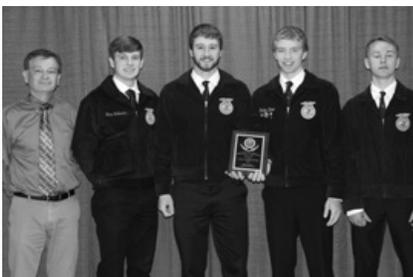
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South Dakota FFA is dedicated to career success and proud to support South Dakota FFA members in their post-secondary education. The following scholarships were awarded by the South Dakota FFA Foundation

The Gary Grey Agricultural Education Scholarship

The Agricultural Education Scholarship is awarded to a senior FFA member who intends to study Agricultural Education at a post-secondary institution. This year's recipient of the \$1000 scholarship is **Sadie Bingham, Deuel**.

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. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

Matthew Bogue, Beresford

Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

Elle Moon, Wall

Aaron Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

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 **Colin Pommer, Willow Lake**.

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:

Matthew Bogue, Beresford

Clayton Sorum, Canton

McKenzie Henning, West Central

Dalton Larson, West Central

Monsanto Scholarships

As a Four Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Monsanto sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are:

Allison Grygiel, Florence

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Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Scholarships

As a Distinguished Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Twin Cities Region Northland Ford sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are



Faith Houghtailing, Doland

Paige Stofferahn-Muck, Rapid City

Taylor Ruhoff, Rapid City

Dalton Larson, West Central

Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship

The Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship is given by his state officer team 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 **Scott Halverson, Canton**.

Marsh Agricultural Scholarship

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

Jennifer Hurlbert, Clark

Karley Litterick, Howard

Sydney Swanson, Webster

Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship

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

Becca Bauman, Deuel

McKenzie Henning, West Central

Postsecondary Star Partner Scholarships

South Dakota postsecondary and agricultural education scholarships are for students entering at least their second year of postsecondary education and are made possible through funding provided by the SD FFA Star partner program, as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation

Star Partner Postsecondary Ag Ed scholarship

recipients are: Mercedes Lemke, Lindsey Kaufmann, Hanna Hartman, Kasey Schmidt, Kourtney Miller, Cassandra Niska, Jacob Johnson, Madelyn Regier, Kayla Kutzke, Alecia Hansen, Stephanie Hauger, Dusty Dykstra, Tammy Putz, Haley Wollmuth, Amie Carter, and Breanna Vogel.

Star Partner Post-Secondary Ag Scholarship

recipients are: Hannah Noonan, Jaclynn Knutson; Andrea Schubloom; Sydnie Peters; Madelyn Regier, Kayla Kutzke; Alecia Hansen; Haley Wollmuth, Amie Carter, and Breanna Vogel

South Dakota FFA Proficiency Winners Recognized

Agricultural Communications

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

1. Mercedes Peterson- McCook Central



Agriculture Education

Agriculture Education (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation and the Tulsa Welding School. Our state level sponsor is Dr. Lon Moeller.

1. Karley Litterick- Howard
2. Lindsey Berg- Bridgewater-Emery
3. Bridger Gordon- Sturgis



Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication

Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Carry-On Trailer and Lincoln Electric. Our state level sponsor is Cammack Ranch Supply, Union Center.

1. Patrick Petree- McCook Central
2. Warren Jenkins- Sioux Valley
3. Paul Lauck- McCook Central



Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Association of Equipment Manufacturers and Briggs and Stratton Corporation. Our state level sponsors are Scott Supply Company and Tri Valley FFA Alumni.

1. Anthony Jaeger- Bridgewater-Emery
2. Andrew Streff- McCook Central



Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement

Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Co. Our state level sponsor is DeGeest Manufacturing.

1. Nate Kremppes- McCook Central
2. Ethan Roth- Harrisburg
3. Tanner Peterson-McCook Central



Ag Processing

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

1. Josh Hidalgo- McCook Central
2. Janelle Kobernusz-McCook Central
3. Hunter Kloos- Deuel



Ag Sales – Entrepreneurship

Agricultural Sales - (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Crop Production Services. Our state level sponsor is Legend Seeds, Inc of DeSmet.

1. Clayton Keck- Miller
2. Jordan Scheier- McCook Central



Ag Sales – Placement

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

1. Rowdy Hillmer- Harrisburg
2. Cole Stevens- Howard
3. Cara Rabenhorst- McCook Central



Ag Services

Agricultural Services (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are Midwest Cooperatives of Pierre and Northern Plains Cooperative of Gettysburg.

1. John Eilertson- Rutland
2. Carter Carruthers- Tri-Valley
3. Jensina Davis- Brookings



Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

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

1. Will Knudson- Florence
2. Hadley Stiefavater- McCook Central



Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems

Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is ADM Benson Quinn.

1. Morgan Kohl- Watertown
2. Kadon Leddy- Milbank
3. Alec Paulson- Florence



Beef Production – Entrepreneurship

Beef Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Bayer Animal Health and Rabo Agri Finance. Our state level sponsors are Jensen, Stewart, Odden and Vedvei Charolais Breeders, Mike McIntyre, DMV of Winfred, and the South Dakota Shorthorn Association.

1. Kadon Leddy- Milbank
2. Hanna Peterson- Howard
3. Joe Eichacker- McCook Central



Beef Production – Placement

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

1. Jacob Rausch- Hoven
2. Carolyn Koepsell- Howard
3. Caleb Wobig- McCook Central



Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Bethany Rennich- Sioux Valley
2. Stephanie Ponto- Deuel
3. Mikalyn Pershing- Deuel



Dairy Production – Placement

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

1. Cole Schock- McCook Central
2. Brianna Schock- McCook Central
3. Brittany Knutson- Deuel



Diversified Ag Production

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

1. Dylan Fulton- Miller
2. Cole Schock- McCook Central
3. Aaron Linke- Sanborn Central/Woonsocket



Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship

Diversified Crop Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by CHS Foundation. Our state level sponsor is South Dakota Wheat Growers.

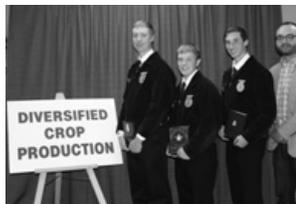
1. Andrew Streff- McCook Central
2. Trevor Parmley- Miller
3. Joe Eichacker- McCook Central



Diversified Crop Production – Placement

Diversified Crop Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by National Crop Insurance Services and Valent USA Corporation. Our state level sponsor is North Central Farmers Elevator.

1. Kyle Winberg- McCook Central
2. Cole Schock- McCook Central
3. Alexander Auch- Harrisburg



Diversified Horticulture

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

1. Kohl Miller- McCook Central
2. Braydon Johnson- West Central
3. Sam Bergeson- West Central



Diversified Livestock Production

Diversified Livestock Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wahl Clipper Corporation and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is McFleg Inc.

1. Allison Schallenkamp- McCook Central
2. Carolyn Koepsell- Howard
3. Haley Feldhaus- Howard



Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management

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

1. Matthew Leiferman- Elkton
2. Andrew Streff- McCook Central
3. Tyler Hoffman- Howard



Equine Science – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Morgan Koepsell- McCook Central
2. Rebecka Hoffman- Bridgewater-Emery
3. Ciara Rother- McCook Central



Equine Science – Placement

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

1. Carolyn Blatchford- Brookings
2. Megan Cramer- Lennox Sundstrom
3. Cole Schneider- Brookings



Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

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

1. Carter Schwader- Howard
2. Trevor Parmley- Miller
3. Joe Eichacker- McCook Central



Food Science and Technology

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

1. Tyler Hoffman- Howard
2. Hannah Noonan- Howard
3. Andrea Hodom- Harrisburg



Forage Production

Forage Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc. of Webster.

1. Evan Steers- Miller
2. Caleb Wobig- McCook Central
3. Kyle Winberg- McCook Central



Forest Management and Products

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

1. Jarden Ries- McCook Central



Fruit Production

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

1. Andrew Streff- McCook Central
2. Benjamin Olson- Harrisburg



Goat Production

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

1. Hanna Peterson- Howard
2. Allison Schallenkamp- McCook Central
3. Bridger Gordon- Sturgis



Grain Production – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Jaclynn Knutson- Viborg-Hurley
2. Joe Eichacker- McCook Central
3. John Loudenberg- McCook Central



Grain Production – Placement

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

1. Caleb Winberg- McCook Central
2. Kyle Winberg- McCook Central
3. Logan Eide- Deuel



Home and/or Community Development

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

1. Grace Aasheim- Harrisburg
2. Michelle Moore- McCook Central
3. Connor McAllister- Harrisburg



Landscape Management

Landscape Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by John Deere and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is the Farm House Fraternity at SDSU.

1. Julia Loudenberg- McCook Central
2. Clayton Sorum- Canton
3. Sydney Swanson- Webster-Waubay



Nursery Operations

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

1. Braydon Johnson- West Central
2. Sam Bergeson- West Central



Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation (Entrepreneurship/ Placement) is sponsored nationally by Yamaha Motor Corporation USA. Our state level sponsors are Jack's Campers of Mitchell, Central Dakota Guide Service and South Dakota Walleye Charters.

1. Matthew Bogue- Beresford
2. Nathan Harmer- Harrisburg
3. Brittany Greene- Deuel



Poultry Production

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

1. Carolyn Koepsell- Howard
2. Nathan Linke- Sanborn Central/ Woonsocket
3. Hadley Stiefvater- McCook Central



Sheep Production

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

1. Jennifer Hurlbert- Clark
2. Hanna Peterson- Howard
3. Alison Knutson- Viborg Hurley



Small Animal Production and Care

Small Animal Production and Care (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Co. Our state level sponsors are Robert Rennolet of Menno, Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. of Winfred and the SD Veterinary Medical Association.

1. Samantha Peterson- Harrisburg
2. Bri Hotzler- Watertown
3. Corissa Sweeter- Lennox Sundstrom



Specialty Animal Production

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

1. Taylor Ruhoff- Rapid City
2. Carter Ulrich- West Central
3. Kacey Lias- Harrisburg



Specialty Crop Production

Specialty Crop Production (Entrepreneurship/ Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are Hansmeier & Son, Inc. of Bristol and Howe Seeds of McLaughlin.

1. Hunter Matthaei- McCook Central



Swine Production – Entrepreneurship

Swine Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by LACO Markal. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

1. Haley Feldhaus- Howard
2. Karley Litterick- Howard
3. Rylee Klinkhammer- McCook Central



Swine Production – Placement

Swine Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Provimi North America. Our state level sponsors are Gro Master, Smithfield Hog Production, Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock

1. Ryker Seasmer- McCook Central
2. Cole Grasma- McCook Central



Turf Grass Management

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

1. Kayla Mentele- McCook Central
2. Kohl Miller- McCook Central
3. Benjamin Ostebee- Harrisburg



Vegetable Production

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

1. Jaden Flanagan- Garretson
2. Hunter Mattaei- McCook Central
3. Emily Malsom- Garretson



Veterinary Science

Veterinary Science - Entrepreneurship/ Placement is sponsored nationally by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Our state level sponsor is Mike McIntyre, DVM of Winfred, SD.

1. Joslyn Hurlburt- Clark
2. Myca Cantrell- Hot Springs
3. Kadon Leddy- Milbank



Wildlife Management

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

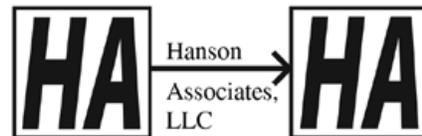
1. Hannah Noonan- Howard
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3. Peder Haugan- Brookings



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SD FFA members package 52,032 meals for those in need

The blue corduroy jacket is a familiar symbol of the FFA organization, worn as part of official dress during most FFA activities. On April 24th at the South Dakota FFA convention in Brookings, as part of a SD FFA Living to Serve Day, members removed their jackets and replaced it with an apron, hair net and plastic gloves to help fight hunger.

DuPont Pioneer donated \$5000 toward the SD FFA Living to Serve Day as part of the DuPont Pioneer sponsorship program. This service project exemplified the portion of the FFA motto which states "Living to Serve" by teaming up with the DuPont Pioneer to fund a Meals of Hope, hands-on project that combats hunger. SD FFA members measured, poured, sealed and boxed 52,032 meals in assembly line fashion throughout the day-long event. Members stopped in between workshops and competitive events throughout convention and left the event knowing that by giving a few minutes of their time they would make a significant difference in the life of a person less fortunate than themselves.

For less than \$.25/meal, Meals of Hope food packages include a comforting bowl of Macaroni and Cheese or Beans and Rice (both fortified with soy protein and 21 vitamins and minerals). The 52,032 meals will be distributed across SD by accredited food bank partners. Meals of Hope recognizes the need to start with charity at home, and focus on offering more than nutrition, providing a bit of hope to carry those in need through another day.

"The FFA organization believes strongly in the fourth line of the FFA Motto "Living to Serve", which is why we are very excited to receive this grant from DuPont Pioneer," says Sandy Osterday, SD FFA Foundation President. Osterday shares, "The past few years we have incorporated a community service event into our annual South Dakota FFA state convention. The event gives students the opportunity to work together with FFA members from across the state to make items that will help those in need, and DuPont's grant allowed us to do a larger project." Pioneer makes contributions to community-based organizations on behalf of the business and employees.

