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Star Finalist Works His Way To Nationals

BY JACKSON MCFADEN



Cole Schock, McCook Central FFA member, from Salem SD, is an American Star in Agricultural Placement finalist.

The American Star Awards are the FFA's highest achievement awards and represent the best of the best among thousands of American FFA Degree recipients. The award recognizes FFA members who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through the

completion of a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program.

Schock's SAE began at Schock's Dairy, in 2012, where he worked until he started as an assistant to a South Dakota Select Sires representative in 2018. He went to work with Select Sires because he knew he wanted to continue to be involved with dairy. He earned his A.I. certificate in 2018, attended a 1-month training in Colorado, and then worked as a relief A.I. technician in South Dakota and Minnesota. In May 2019, he became a full-time A.I. service technician in North Central Colorado, and also began working at Mile High Dairy, in Mead, CO. He worked both of these jobs until May, 2020, when he returned to the family farm and continues as a Select Sires A.I. technician.

Schock's lifelong goal is to have his own dairy farm, but he recognizes the challenge of pursuing this dream, so decided beginning a career in the dairy industry would be a good first step. Schock says his favorite part is helping customers solve reproductive problems in their operations. "If I had to choose a least favorite part," Shock replied, "I would say the weather. Not all the weather conditions I've worked in are pleasant, like the extreme heat of Colorado summers and the crazy South Dakota winters."

The most challenging part for Schock was working through the increasingly diverse languages and cultures barriers of the agricultural workforce. Many employees of his Select Sires clients and coworkers at Mile High Dairy spoke little or no English. They struggled to communicate with one another, but eventually learned to show one another what they were trying to say. He has grown more knowledgeable of their language and picked up phrases that make understanding possible.

Schock is excited to represent South Dakota FFA as a American Star in Agriculture Placement finalist, showcasing the work he put into his SAE. As a finalist, Schock recorded and submitted a summary of his SAE and answers to several questions. National FFA has a panel of judges selecting the winner, which will be announced during the Virtual 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo, October 27-29th.

Proficiency Finalist Capitalizes on Experience, Strives for Gold

BY JACKSON MCFADEN



Hunter Eide, Gettysburg FFA, was selected as one of four national finalists in the Agriculture Research- Animal Systems proficiency area.

Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward future careers.

Eide started conducting research four years ago, after a family visit to McNenny Fish Hatchery, near Spearfish. While there, he met biologist Dr. Mike Barnes, who was looking for motivated high school students to do research outside of the hatchery environment for biosecurity reasons. Eide shares, "My SAE includes four research experiments on landlocked fall Chinook Salmon eggs. The focus varied from testing disinfectant rates on egg survival to testing the ability to delay egg fertilization for transportation to the hatchery, which would increase survival rates."

In addition to lots of research, Eide spent ten weeks for each of the four experiments incubating the eggs, and regularly recording mortality, eye up, and hatch rates.

Eide is most proud of being published in three peer reviewed, international, industry journals while in high school. His studies were shared with South Dakota fisheries biologists, and are changing the spawning industry of landlocked fall Chinook Salmon eggs, by reducing the cost and labor needed to fertilize the eggs as well as when and where biologists can fertilize eggs.

Eide shares, "Take it from me - I started out with no idea how to do a research project, what the scientific method was, or how to write a research paper. Here I am, four years later, a three time international peer reviewed published author, and a National FFA proficiency finalist! Anything is possible if you work for it."

Eide sent a five minute video to compete at nationals. Results will be announced Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm EDT, during the Virtual National FFA Convention.



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Funds assist local FFA chapters through COVID-19

Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) provided \$4,310 to the South Dakota FFA Foundation to assist local FFA chapters experiencing financial challenges as a result of Covid-19. Social distancing requirements prevented many local FFA chapters from hosting the fund-raisers they depend on to support educational activities and trips. FCSAmerica's contribution helped to fill some of the resulting funding gaps, allowing chapters to continue their programming for the benefit of students and their rural communities.

FFA chapters impacted by Covid-19 completed a grant application process through the South Dakota FFA Foundation. The following FFA chapters will each receive a \$500 FFA grant thanks to FCSAmerica: Andes Central, Chamberlain, Ethan, Harrisburg, Howard, Kadoka, Lemmon, Philip, and Webster/Waubay.

South Dakota FFA Foundation Executive Director Gerri Ann Eide says, "The pandemic has reinforced the importance of a safe, abundant food supply. Agriculture has not shut down during this pandemic and the need to educate our future workforce is more important than ever. Farm Credit Services of America has always been a strong supporter of the South Dakota FFA. We are so thankful they recognize the need to help local agriculture education programs and FFA chapters through this difficult time."

Over \$17,000 Raised Online for FFA Members

This August, the SD FFA/Titan Tire benefit auction looked a little different. Although hosted entirely online by BigIron Auctions, instead of at Dakotafest, the auction raised \$17,341 to support the events, programs, and activities for the South Dakota FFA throughout the year. Hunter Eide, State FFA Secretary says, "We are so grateful that even though Dakotafest was cancelled, and Titan International, Graham Tires, and BigIron Auctions could have said, sorry - we'll try again next year, they didn't. They just found a new route to have the auction and support FFA."

Without the following businesses who donated total of 26 lot items to the auction, our event would not have been possible: Titan International, Inc., Graham Tires, BigIron Auctions, C & B Operations, Butler Machinery Company, Vern Eide of Mitchell, Scott Supply Co., Push Play Photography, Millborn Seeds, Big E Auto, and SDSU CAFES. Thank you to all those who donated, bid, or bought from the South Dakota FFA Foundation Titan Tire Auction.

SD FFA Foundation Awards \$5,600 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 SD'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 in which worthwhile activities they can still participate. 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 sponsorship from Wilbur Ellis Company, Inc and TransCanada. Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

Baltic - Restoring and repairing their community garden storage shed and planting beds

Brookings - constructing and delivering beds and blankets to kids in need

Deubrook - implementing a mentor program with elementary, addressing leadership and life skills including healthy lifestyles, developing good habits, and environmental responsibility.

Doland - installing landscaping around our new school's front entrance

Ethan - building raised garden beds for K-5 classrooms to teach gardening and being sustainability

Harrisburg - supporting the local community by sponsoring a holiday Angel Tree

Hitchcock-Tulare -repairing and painting swings, tables, shelters and playground equipment to revitalize the city park

Kadoka - build metal framed, wood topped picnic tables to use for the school lunch program and the baseball/softball complex

Kimball - provide and deliver a Feeding Our Local Farmers appreciation meal to area producers

Lemmon - beefing up the elementary with new agriculture reading books and activities

Philip - building wooden picnic areas for the community

Webster/Waubay - building an announcer stand for the Day County Fairgrounds

Yankton - purchasing and planting a variety of tree species to replace Ash trees at the city golf course.

Welcome Our New State Officers and Ambassadors

Samantha Olson

State President

Major: Agricultural Education

Hometown: Aberdeen

Favorite Animal: Sea Turtles

Favorite CDE/

LDE: Agricultural Communications

SAE: Beef Production Entrepreneurship/ Placement

Fun Fact: Collects snow globes and has 33 from different states.



Elizabeth DeBoer

State Treasurer

Major: Music Education

Hometown: Clear Lake

Favorite Animal: Dog/ Elephant

Favorite CDE/LDE:

Floriculture

SAE: Forestry Placement

Fun Fact: I am double jointed in both shoulders.



Ryder Mortenson

State Sentinel

Major(s): Agricultural Business and Business Economics

Hometown: Winner

Favorite Animal:

Pheasant

Favorite CDE/LDE:

Floriculture

SAE: Beef Entrepreneurship

Fun Fact: I am partially deaf in my left ear.



Jackson McFaden

State Vice President

Major: Agricultural Education

Hometown: Milbank

Favorite Animal: Okapi

Favorite CDE/LDE: Veterinary Science

SAE: Agricultural Sales Placement

Fun Fact: I play racquetball.



Dirby Bawek

State Reporter

Major: Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering

Hometown: Doland

Favorite Animal:

Favorite CDE/LDE:

Agriculture Business Management

SAEs: Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement

Fun Fact: Currently holds highest points scored at Daisy BB gun on a single target at Nationals.



Beth Nagel

State Ambassador

Major: Ag Communications

Hometown:

Gettysburg

Favorite Animal: Panda

Favorite CDE/LDE: Veterinary Science

SAE: Diversified Horticulture Placement

Fun Fact: I like marvel movies.



Hunter Eide

State Secretary

Major: Human Biology (Pre-Medicine)

Hometown: Gettysburg

Favorite Animal: Pigs

Favorite CDE/LDE: "

Food Science and

Parliamentary Procedure

SAEs: Agriscience Research- Animal Systems, Vegetable Garden Production, Swine Placement, Outdoor Recreation, and Agriculture Education

Fun Fact: I attended my first FFA camp when I was one month old.



Caitlin Barse

State Ambassador

Major(s): Special Education and Elem. Education

Hometown: Pierpoint

Favorite Animal:

Teacup Pig

Favorite CDE/LDE:

Veterinary Science

SAE: Beef Placement

Fun Fact: I broke my pointer finger and middle finger by doing a cartwheel and now I do cartwheels lopsided.



Chapter Chatter

Bridgewater-Emerly - had a Chapter Officer Leadership Training in Platte, with team and skill building activities, personal SAE goal setting, creating a chapter program of activities, and revising the Chapter Constitution. At the state fair, we received 2nd in the Chapter Sweepstakes, 1st in chapter exhibits, and had six exhibitors that competed in livestock shows and entered agricultural exhibits. We conducted an adopt-a-highway community service event on HWY 42, September 12th and have planned a Harvest Meal Fundraiser to support local farmers.

Doland - is kicking off their year with a new school and a new Ag classroom. During homecoming, the FFA members helped the community install new playground equipment. They also partnered with the Doland Parent Teacher Organization to serve lunch to the other volunteers. The chapter is currently working on a community service project that involves donating winter "survival kits" to the school for their winter vehicles. Everyone is excited for the national convention and fall leadership development activities.

Garretson - was busy this summer with our annual sweet corn fundraiser; we grew two acres of sweet corn on donated land from caring for the soil to harvesting. We also assisted our local Legion Chapter by maintaining the lawn for the Memorial Day service and picking up fireworks after the 4th of July Celebration. We are looking forward to the holiday season as we prepare to trace, cut out, and paint Christmas lane signs and partake in 'Lighting up the park' for Garretson's Hometown Christmas - Chapter Reporter, Sarah Welch

Harrisburg - had a successful week running Old MacDonald's Farm at the Sioux Empire Fair. It was fun for members to practice leadership skills and they are excited to volunteer again next year. September 14th, they held a New Member Night where they introduced officers, modeled Leadership Development Events, and welcomed members and freshmen to the chapter. They planned a fundraising event for homecoming week to kick off the year. They are striving to stay healthy and positive, and look forward to lots of activities.

Hoven - successfully conducted our first chapter meeting of the year. Chapter members built an FFA themed float to celebrate homecoming. We celebrated "Teach Ag" day by playing games and serving snacks to students. - member, Callie Hartung

McCook Central - has jumped full swing into fall activities including land judging, LDE preparation, and state fair exhibits. Additionally, they are preparing for the virtual National FFA Convention and the activities that are included. National AgriScience Fair competitors have prepared their presentations for submission, and STAR In Ag Placement finalist Cole Schock has continued the interview process. - Chapter Reporter, Ella Stiefvater

Webster/Waubay - inducted the 2020-2021 chapter officers at the August 3rd banquet with the assistance of State FFA President, Samantha Olson. The retiring FFA Chapter Officers were presented a token of appreciation. The elected officers: President - Bri Duerre, VP - Cade Roerig, Secretary - Sarah Sippel, Treasurer - Matt Mork, Reporter - Teagan Miller, Sentinel - Avery Wyffels, Student Advisor - Andy Johnson. The chapter is excited and hopes to see everyone at Soils and Range events and district LDE's.

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Vander Wal Selected for National Nominating Committee

BY SAMANTHA OLSON



This year at the Virtual National Convention, Sadie Vander Wal will be one of nine student members on the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee. Vander Wal will face the task of selecting the 2020-2021 National Officer Team.

Vander Wal, daughter of Jeff and Beth Vander Wal of Brentford, SD, is a member of the Northwestern Area FFA chapter and served as the 2019-2020 FFA State Reporter. Vander Wal said, "Serving on this committee is about continuing my service to the organization that has provided me with so much, and through this next journey, I, along with the rest of the committee, will find those six influential people who all members can count on to lead them, guide them, and have influence on the organization's future."

There is a lot of mental preparation involved as a committee member: taking an eight-week course, researching different topics, journal reflection questions, a book study, coaching calls, and interacting on discussion boards. Although a big responsibility that will look very different this year, Vander Wal is up for the challenge. "The virtual aspect of this selection process will have its challenges, but I think it also is very applicable to how the world has been forced to operate virtually in the past several months," said Vander Wal. This is a very big honor to be selected to serve on the National Nominating Committee, and Vander Wal is excited.



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Agriculture Comes to Life in the FFA Ag Adventure Center

BY ELIZABETH DEBOER



The FFA Ag Adventure Center welcomed the public to explore modern agriculture, as well as showcased where food comes from. From a live bee hive to sows farrowing on site, there were many exhibits for people to explore. **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 with new and old exhibits.** New this year, was a “Farm to Home” exhibit sponsored by Agtegra. People of all ages could come through and scan different food

items from out of the cupboards and refrigerator and learn facts about where they came from. The exhibit also included a closet with items, such as clothing and boots, and had a description of the materials used to make products like these. For the first time, the FFA Ag Adventure Center also featured a herd of goats and a flock of sheep for fair goers to learn and interact with, in addition to swine, chickens, beef and dairy cattle.

Scattered throughout the Ag Adventure Center were Agriscience Fair projects, static exhibits, and chapter exhibits that displayed FFA members’ work to the public. New this year, the State Officers organized activities for the youth coming through the barn. These included a milking contest,



egg toss, bacon and pie eating contests, watermelon pop, and corn bobbing. These activities were a hit among the youth that participated and the district officers were very helpful in making them possible. District FFA officers and member volunteers worked in the center throughout the week, sharing their experiences and asking questions. South Dakota Senator John Thune made an appearance at the FFA Ag Adventure Center on Friday of the State Fair. Thune discussed the importance of communicating the significance of agriculture with the public.

The FFA Ag Adventure Center would not be possible without all of the sponsors. The Helping Hands wall was added to acknowledge those who donate their time, treasures, and talents to advocating agriculture.

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FFA members highly visible at State Fair

2020 was an example of how FFA members meet the challenges. Despite the pandemic, South Dakota FFA members continued to hone their skills, work on agricultural projects and showcase them at the South Dakota State Fair. FFA members participated in a wide range of educational events during the fair, September 3rd - 7th, in Huron. At the State Fair, there were 329 FFA members who exhibited 949 exhibits. Results were as follows:

CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

1st - McCook Central; 2nd - Bridgewater-Emery

CHAPTER EXHIBITS:

1st place - Bridgewater/Emery; 2nd place - Wolsey-Wessington; 3rd place - Beresford

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TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER:

1st place - Freeman

Sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.

TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS:

1st place - Colton Steifvater, McCook Central; 2nd place - Avery Miles, Doland; 3rd place - Lauren Roling and Maddy Lauck, McCook Central

Sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen.

BEEF SHOW



Champion Market Steer

Champion Market Steer - Brady Beitelspacher, Bowdle

Reserve Champion Market Steer - Chesney Effling, Highmore



Champion Market Heifer

Champion Market Heifer - Payton Beare, Highmore

Reserve Champion Market Heifer - Spencer Skatvold, Centerville



Market Beef Showmanship

Market Beef Showmanship - 1st: Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area; 2nd: Cassandra Twedt, Beresford; 3rd: Sarah Welch, Garretson



Champion Breeding Heifer

Champion Breeding Heifer - Paislee Carlson, Canton

Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer - Kenidey Effling, Highmore



Breeding Heifer Showmanship

Breeding Beef Showmanship - 1st: Drew Pederson, Garretson; 2nd: Sawyer Naasz, Platte-Geddes; 3rd: Paislee Carlson, Canton

Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen

SWINE SHOW



Champion Market Gilt

Champion Market Gilt - Avery Miles, Doland

Reserve Champion Market Gilt - Melanie Calmus, Howard



Market Gilt Showmanship

Market Gilt Showmanship- 1st: Ashton Ross, Lennox-Sundstrom; 2nd: Jovie Wirt, Lennox-Sundstrom; 3rd: Carter Ross, Lennox-Sundstrom



Champion Market Barrow

Champion Market Barrow - Kenzy Beare, Estelline

Reserve Market Barrow - Kenzy Beare, Estelline



Market Barrow Showmanship

Market Barrow Showmanship - 1st: Cash Lehrman, Bridgewater-Emery; 2nd: Kenzy Beare, Estelline; 3rd: Tanner Calmus, Howard

Swine Showmanship awards sponsored by Thompson Family, Harrisburg

SHEEP SHOW



Champion Breeding Ewe

Champion Breeding Ewe - Raesa Zelinsky, Brookings

Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe - Joseph Grady, McCook Central



Champion Breeding Ram

Champion Ram - Tyson Miller, Estelline

Reserve Champion Ram - Blake Peskey, Huron



Breeding Sheep Showmanship

Breeding Sheep Showmanship - 1st: Kasi Knutson, Viborg/Hurley; 2nd: Raesa Zelinsky, Brookings; 3rd: Tyson Miller, Estelline



Champion Market Lamb

Champion Market Lamb - Hunter Miller, Estelline

FFA members highly visible at State Fair *continued*

Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Raina Johnson, Harrisburg



Market Lamb Showmanship – 1st: Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central; 2nd: Raina Johnson, Harrisburg; 3rd: Jovie Wirt, Lennox-Sundstrom

Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks, Centerville

DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Champion Doe- Brityn Davies, Lake Preston

Reserve Champion Doe- Ashely Engel, Chamberlain

Champion Milking Doe- Corwin Mohr-Eymer, Lyman

Reserve Champion Milking Doe- Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids

Overall Champion Dairy Goat-Corwin Mohr-Eymer, Lyman

Overall Reserve Dairy Goat- Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids



Dairy Goat Showmanship-1st: Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain; 2nd: Lane Thompson, Elkton; 3rd: Corwin Mohr-Eymer, Lyman

Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms of Arlington.

MEAT GOAT SHOW



Champion Breeding Meat Goat – Lincoln Dikoff, Faulkton

Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat – Carley Crist, Beresford



Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – 1st: Tessa Pederson, Garretson; 2nd: Emma Pierce, Estelline; 3rd: Ryder Michalek, Kimball



Champion Market Meat Goat- Riley Larson, Wessington Springs

Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat- Kaylen Stearns, Hot Springs



Meat Goat Showmanship-1st: Matea Gordon, Sturgis; 2nd: Danika Gordon, Sturgis; 3rd: Kaylen Stearns, Hot Springs

Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch of Mina.

RABBIT SHOW

Grand Champion Rabbit – Avery Gilchrist, Winner

Reserve Champion Rabbit – Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom



Rabbit Showmanship – 1st: Hunter Masterson, Menno; 2nd: Avery Miles, Doland; 3rd: Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom

Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Woehl's Rabbits of Menno. Best of Show and Reserve sponsored by Mark and Staci Schloe.

DAIRY SHOW



Supreme Champion Female – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Champion Holstein Female – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Senior Champion Holstein – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Senior Reserve Champion Holstein – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Junior Champion Holstein Heifer – Natalie Haase, Parker

Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Champion All Other Breed Female – Jordan Zoeller, Harrisburg

Senior Champion All Other Breed – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Senior Reserve Champion All Other Breed – Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom

Junior Champion All Other Breed Heifer – Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg

Junior Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer – Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom



Dairy Showmanship: 1st: Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom; 2nd: Jordan Zoellner, Harrisburg; 3rd: Steven Paulson, Groton

Dairy Showmanship sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.

Funding for these events are made possible as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. FFA Livestock Show premiums are sponsored Kent Show Feeds, Biozyme/VitaFerm/Sure Champ, Prangers Feed Mill, Platte and SD Cattlemen's Foundation. Exhibitor show t-shirts are sponsored by: Kent Nutrition Group; Prangers Feed Mill; Biozyme/Vita Ferm; Cargill; Dakotaland Feeds, Inc.; DeJong Ranch; Gullickson Family Livestock; Lazy J Bar Ranch; Midwest Veterinary Service; Whetstone Commodities; Custom Genetic Solutions; Stangl Shorthorns; Cattle Business Weekly; Peterson Livestock; Wilson Sheep Company; Cobb Creek Cattle; Loy's Farrier Service; Sleepy Hollow Farm; and 605 Sires + Donors.

New Faces in SD FFA Intern Program

BY SAMANTHA OLSON & RYDER MORTENSON



This year the South Dakota FFA Association has two interns. Elizabeth Risacher, is a sophomore at South Dakota State University, from Wright, Minnesota, majoring in Agricultural Education. Upon finishing her degree, she plans to teach high school agricultural classes and become an FFA advisor. Risacher shared, "I am looking forward to working with FFA for the first time in my life! I am

also looking forward to learning more about FFA and working with the State Officers." Risacher said her favorite part about FFA is, "the potential for members to go out of their comfort zone and learn about a new topic and expand their knowledge on something they are familiar with. The opportunities are endless!" Risacher attended a high school that did not have an FFA program so unfortunately, she was unable to be an FFA member. Still, she sees the lasting impact it has had on her peers. She says, "I applied for this internship to take a deeper look at



FFA from an administrative standpoint. I want to learn more about the ins and outs of the program to be able to apply it to my future career as a teacher and an FFA advisor."

The South Dakota FFA's second intern is Colbey Luebbe. Luebbe is a senior at South Dakota State University, from Seward, Nebraska, majoring in Agricultural Education. After she graduates, she plans to become an agriculture teacher in Nebraska. Luebbe credits FFA for shaping her into the individual she is today and inspiring her to pursue a degree in agriculture education. Looking back Luebbe's favorite part was participating in competitions where she got to meet new people, learn life long skills, and go to the National FFA Convention. As an intern, Luebbe hopes to become more involved within the FFA and gain more knowledge about the South Dakota FFA Association to be the best advisor possible for her future students.

State Officers Kick Off the Year with Statewide Zoom

BY HUNTER EIDE

The South Dakota FFA conducted a statewide zoom meeting. Since there was no leadership retreat this year, a statewide zoom meeting allowed members to network with each other and learn new ideas to implement into their chapters. There were six different breakouts conducted by the state officers: FFA opportunities; growth; fundraising and community service ideas; agricultural advocacy; SAE's, proficiencies, and scholarships; and how to get your chapter involved. Chapters

present included: McCook Central, Gettysburg, Canton, Northwestern Area, Milbank, Winner, Scotland, Iroquois, Hoven, Doland, and Webster/ Waubay. Kathryn Rausch, a junior at Hoven FFA shared, "The State Officer Zoom was a lot of fun! Sure it would've been great to meet everyone in person but this was a good alternative in these unsure times. FFA is about learning but also making good memories along the way and I definitely won't forget this one!"

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20 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 ten projects in each division are selected to advance as national agriscience finalists. National FFA just released the finalists to advance to the National FFA Convention, and SD has 20 individual and team projects that will submit a five minute video for the judges to select a winner for the virtual National FFA Convention.

Animal Systems Category

Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central, Division 1
Ali Zacharias, West Central FFA, Division 3
Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central FFA, Division 5
Maria Schaefer and Zach Brown, West Central, Division 6

Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems Category

Dylan McGregor, McCook Central FFA, Division 1
Ryan Blagg and Will Rotert, McCook Central, Division 2
Megan Nash, Northwestern Area FFA, Division 3
Megan Stiefvater and Ashtyn Wobig, McCook Central FFA, Division 4

Food Products and Processing Systems Category

Vivian Koepsell and Grace Stoffel, McCook Central, Division 2

Plant Systems Category

Lane Deutsch, McCook Central, Division 1
Lauren Roling and Madison Lauck, McCook Central, Division 2
Regan LaBrie and Greeley LaBrie, Doland, Division 4

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Category

Jackson Remmers and Kolt Koepsell, McCook Central FFA, Division 2
Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern Area FFA, Division 3
Madison Stroud, McCook Central FFA, Division 5

Social Systems Category

Abbie Chase, McCook Central FFA, Division 1
Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central FFA, Division 3
Hallie Kueter and Katelyn Lueth, Montrose, Division 4
Kayle Lauck, McCook Central, Division 5
Danika Gorkon and Matea Gordon, Sturgis, Division 6

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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State Winners ... No National Competition

South Dakota FFA members showcased their talent and skills across a variety of Leadership and Career Development Events at the state level over the past year. In past years, individual winners and first place teams from each category would get the chance to compete head to head with members from across the country at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and no in-person National FFA Convention, all national Leadership and Career Development Events have been canceled. South Dakota FFA is proud of the accomplishments of these competitors and would like to encourage members to actively participate in the coming year's activities.

Leadership Development Events:

Agricultural Communications: West Central; Epiphany Hammer, Grace Harden, Josslin Jarding, Bennett Sebert, and Advisor Linda Petersen

Ag Broadcasting: Mason Mansfield, Philip

Ag Issues: Sanborn Central/Woonsocket; Aiden Wormstadt, Carter Linke, Megan Linke, Devyn Senska, Josie Weber, Katie Schmit, Samantha Dean, and Advisor Jessica Ronning.

Ag Sales: Watertown Area; Samantha Thyen, Allison Endres, Samantha Jenc, Josi Solsaa, and Advisor Ashley Wiekamp.

Conduct of Meetings: Highmore; Colby Aasby, Tucker McCauley, Bryce Bourk, Treyton Knox, Jeff Zeigler, Gunner Brueggeman, Tate Hoffman, and Advisor Ken Jones.

Creed Speaking: Colton Trooien, Deubrook

Employment Skills: Megan Nash, Northwestern

Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Caleb Weiland, Beresford

Marketing Plan: Lennox Sundstrom; Autumn Wittstruck, Maddie Luuvas, and Kaylee Bosma. Advisor is Jim Wilson.

Parliamentary Procedure: Willow Lake; Kasey Michalski, Grace Peterson, Trinity Peterson, Saylor Burke, Gwyneth Warkenthien, Morgan Burke, Maggie Hovde and Jaycie Forbes. Advisor is Dan Tonak

Prepared Public Speaking: Kayle Lauck, McCook Central

Career Development Events:

Agriculture Business Management: Gettysburg; Hunter Eide, Madelynn Matson, Ethan Pitlick, and Advisor Mercedes Lemke

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems: Webster; Jared Schlotte, Matt Mork Mason Peckham, and Advisor Fred Zenk

Agronomy: Hot Springs: Rachel Rickenbach, Megan Sanders and William Kuhl, and Advisor Tanna White

Dairy Cattle Evaluation: McCook Central; Sophia Kaffar, Griffin Stoffel, Paige Peterson, Jordan Schock, and Advisors Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

Floriculture: Brookings; Ellen Fitzpatrick, Abby Fitzpatrick, Morgan White and Kaitlin Feldhus, and Advisor is Joshua Johnson

Food Science and Technology: McCook Central; Jacob Wagner, Lauren Stiefvater, Abby Blagg, Rachel Schallenkamp, and Advisors Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

Horse Evaluation: Aberdeen Central; Gabi Siefkes, Jenna Otterstetter, Anna Moser, and Advisor Maleri McCloud

Livestock Evaluation: Brookings; Liberty Thompson, Kestlyn Willert, Raesa Zelinsky, Cody Larson, and Advisor Joshua Johnson

Meats Evaluation & Technology: McCook Central; Kayle Lauck, Isaac McCormick, Corbin Montreal and Avery Feterl, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

Milk Quality & Products: Sioux Valley; Gabriel Papiernik, Preston VanderWal, Merick Olson, Michael Larson, and Advisor is Don Sutera

Natural Resources: Brookings; Braden Tilly, Gabe Boyer, Denae Baker, Wim Reuvekamp, and Advisor Joshua Johnson

Nursery Landscape: McCook Central; Megan Stiefvater, Sydney Grasma, Joseph Loudenburg, Sadye Roesler, and Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

Poultry: McCook Central; Grace DiGiovanni, Gracie Wurtz, Ashtyn Wobig, Maddy Lunders, and Advisors Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

Veterinary Science: McCook Central; Hadley Stiefvater, Ella Stiefvater, Madison Stroud, Katelyn Winberg, and Advisors Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

SD FFA Members Earn American Degree

Congratulations to the 26 South Dakota FFA members, from 12 different chapters, for earning their American FFA Degree:

Alcester - Hudson - Brigita Pearl Rasmussen and Tori Rasmussen

Bridgewater - Emery - Katelyn Kotas, Kristin Kotas, and Nicholas Thon

Doland - Caleb Rasmussen and Kadin LaBrie

Hot Springs - Kaylen Stearns

Howard - Haley I Feldhaus

Groton - Cassandra Townsend, Josie LaMee, and Miranda Hanson

McCook Central - Blake W Pulse, Cole Charles Grasma, Cole James Schock, Kyle John Butzke, and Rylee William Klinkhammer

Mitchell - Leah DiPippo

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket - Nathan Linke

Tri-Valley - Samantha Wiseman

Wall - Shelby Ruland

West Central - Clay Farmer, Gabe Lorang, Kady Nolz, Megan Schoeneman, and Taylor McMartin

The American degree is the highest degree an FFA member can receive in the National FFA Organization. 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. Members must have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500, or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 and worked 2,250 hours beyond scheduled school hours through their SAEs. They exemplify true leaders in the agriculture industry.

Rasmussen Looks to Grow through National Officer Interview Experience

BY: HUNTER EIDE



This October, Tori Rasmussen, the 2019-2020 South Dakota FFA Secretary, will vie for a National Officer position at the 93rd National FFA Convention. When asked what the biggest influence was to her FFA career Rasmussen responded with “The people. They are definitely the reason why I am, where I am today.

They have pushed and encouraged me through this organization.” When reflecting on her decision to run for national office she stated, “I have had the unique opportunity to be impacted by FFA members from my home area, and across the state, and would like to extend that to a national level. The passion, work ethic, and joy that I get to see within our organization’s members is so incredibly empowering and inspiring. I want to meet more members and be impacted by their FFA journeys.”

Rasmussen is the daughter of Tonya and Stacy Rasmussen,

and member of the Alcester-Hudson FFA chapter. She grew up on a small family farm that mostly produces row crops. She is currently a sophomore at Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, and is majoring in International Relations. If selected to serve as one of the six 2019-2020 National FFA Officers, Rasmussen would start her year out with two months of training. After that, the national officers travel over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and state associations nationwide. Responsibilities include but not limited to: presenting workshops, speeches and meeting FFA members at different state FFA Conventions; traveling to tour, and meet with agricultural businesses and sponsors; and touring Japanese agricultural industries, schools and learning about cultural similarities and differences. The national officers also spend time in Washington, D.C., but their home office is in Indianapolis, IN. Rasmussen will begin interviews virtually on October 17th and will continue with candidate activities until the 2020-2021 National FFA Officer Team is announced, on Saturday, October 31st, at the final National FFA Convention session.

Foundation Feature – October 2020

We hope this message finds you and your family safe during this difficult time for many. As always, thank you so much for your support for young people in agriculture.

Many FFA members have spent the last five months home, finishing up their school year virtually and also working hard on their Supervised Agriculture Experiences. They are getting real hands-on experiences in the industry through these experiences. Teachers worked with little resources to figure out a way to virtually continue teaching and connecting with their members. We commend both students and teachers for their hard work.

As we look to the new reality of South Dakota FFA for 20-21, it is clear it will not be a “standard” school year. Although some things may look a little different, still, **We Are FFA:**

- **Changing lives and prepare members** for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
- **Developing members’ potential** and helping them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.
- **Helping the next generation rise up** to meet challenges by developing each student’s unique talents and having them explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways.

FFA members are **our future** chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers, farmers and premier professionals in many career fields. We couldn’t support them without you. **Thank you for continuing to invest in agriculture and its future through the South Dakota FFA Foundation.** Please consider supporting if you can.

1. **Sponsor a jacket** for \$80.
2. **The FFA Ag Adventure Center** at the SD State Fair is educating and empowering the public to value today’s agriculture. We’re not done - we need to engage consumers more regarding ag’s message with new exhibits.
3. **Sponsor an Award** - at convention, state fair, state leadership, or leadership retreat
4. **Fund Chapter Service grants** to aide chapters in their action.
5. **Leave a Legacy with FFA** - options to consider include - charitable IRA rollovers, appreciated land or securities, personal property, cash, or leave a life insurance benefit to the SD FFA Foundation.
6. Get active again by judging, coaching, mentoring, or financing local and state FFA activities. Many of which are done virtually: <http://www.sdffaoundation.org/> or follow **South Dakota FFA Foundation on facebook.**

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New Teams Selected for 2021 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: Philip, Highmore, Willow Lake, McCook Central, and Parker 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 (Quinten Christiansen, Wessington Spring; Kash Block, Kadoka; Matthew Mork, Webster) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (Noah Johnson, Philip; Mark Hague, Highmore; Gwyn Warkentien, Willow Lake; Brode Dennis, McCook Central.) **We are seeking sponsors for travel scholarships for these teams.**

RDO helps Celebrate 50 Years of Women in FFA with SD Blue Jackets Donation

RDO Equipment Co. is helping celebrate 50 years of the inclusion of women in FFA, with a special partnership with the SD FFA Foundation. RDO Equipment Co. is donating 175 jackets for female members of the SD FFA through the Foundation's Blue Jackets Bright Futures program.

The blue corduroy FFA jacket has been an iconic symbol of the national FFA organization since 1933, when delegates to the national convention voted to make the jacket part of the organization's official attire, thus creating the long-standing tradition.

Each year, the SD FFA Foundation's Blue Jacket Bright Futures program provides FFA jackets to members who may not have the financial resources as well as to those who have demonstrated leadership qualities and personal growth. This year, thanks to RDO and all the following donors, we will provide over 400 Blue Jackets to SD FFA members

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South Dakota Highlights New and Returning Agriculture Educators

BY: SAMANTHA OLSON

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 why some of them are excited about teaching ag!

Deanna Maxon- Hot Spring

"I am new to teaching ag and FFA. I am looking forward to working with all the students in Hot Springs and getting to know them. I hope to have a successful year learning and growing with them. We have a great bunch of hard working students."

Susan Roudabush- Ethan

"I am super excited about starting a program in Ethan. The community has been so receptive to adding the program. I am the first Ag teacher at Ethan. The kids are so very respectful and knowledgeable about Agriculture. I am hoping to get the FFA going and active in hopes of building a top notch program."

Additional new educators:

Wylie Scalise - Flandreau
Bradley Cihak - Redfield
Jim Kaufman - Freeman
Bobbie Jo Donovan - Rapid City
Jennifer Mueller - Canton

Elke King - Faith
Falyn Hempel - Faulkton
Shane Gross - Hitchcock-Tulare
Brady Duxbury - Lennox
Tia Nehl - McIntosh

Amie Carter - Menno
Meagan Jensen - Sturgis
LeDean Quinnett - Timber Lake
Mary Sauber - Wilmot

Todd Welch - Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

"I am excited about working in a smaller school and getting to know my students. I enjoy getting to know each of them and helping them grow into adults."

Sarah McClure- Edmunds Central

"I'm looking forward to building a program where one has not been before. The students are so excited about all of the new opportunities, and it makes coming to school every morning worth all of the work."

Kaden Eisenbraun- Wall

"I am looking forward to the innovative ideas that will be brought into fruition by FFA members, not only from the Wall FFA chapter, but from chapters throughout the state. I am excited to be able to help FFA members in my chapter reach their full potential and achieve some of their goals."

Rachel Rohrbach- Bowdle

"I'm looking forward to getting to know my students. Being a first-year teacher, this is one of the things that I'm excited about."

State Officers Take On Business & Industry Visits

BY: RYDER MORTENSON

August 5th-7th, the State FFA Officer team got to finally conduct FFA business in person and collectively visited 75 different South Dakota agricultural businesses & industries across the state. Split into three groups, each group visited different regions of the state (Western, Eastern, and Central). They were joined by local FFA members on some visits, which allowed members to learn about businesses in their backyards. There were three main goals of these visits:


1. Learn more about businesses as a component of South Dakota agriculture.
2. Learn about the future needs of industries in their field.
3. Share what agriculture education classes/FFA are doing to help meet the needs of South Dakota's future.

Each visit provided wonderful knowledge and takeaways, but some were extremely memorable. The officer team will use the knowledge learned to help motivate and connect members with agricultural opportunities throughout the year.

Hunter Eide and Elizabeth DeBoer visited locations in Wall, Phillip, Winner, Platte, and Kimball. They shared "Wall Meats was memorable because of how much the business is involved in their community. They have a Farm to Plate Model, where they process meat from local producers, and sell it at their local restaurant. This model allows the whole meat process to come full circle, as well as ensure a quality, local product." They also provide local meat to 13 local schools through a program called Beef to School. DeBoer remarked, "It was neat to see a business in a small town do so much for the surrounding community." The officers were accompanied by Lilly Wagner from the Wall FFA chapter.

Ryder Mortenson and Jackson McFaden ventured to central South Dakota and visited businesses in Seneca, Faulkton, Redfield, Bowdle, Hoven, Gettysburg, and Onida. They had a blast talking with professionals in their respective industries and learning about what they do. Seed cleaning was a new industry that sparked the pair's interest. McFaden was amazed how big an industry birdseed is in our state. Conversing with Matt Leisinger, owner of the seed cleaning business, the pair learned how smaller grains grown in our state are used for many purposes, including birdseed. Another business with a high learning curve for the pair was AMPI - Hoven Cheese Factory. Joined by Hoven FFA members, Mortenson and McFaden, saw cheese being made and took away the captivating bit of knowledge of how the smallest quality change in milk affects the quality of cheese.

Samantha Olson and Dirby Bawek traveled to the eastern side of the state, visiting Watertown, Milbank, Clear Lake, White, Volga, and Lake Benton, MN. At Ashgrove Dairy, like many other locations, they learned about all of the moving pieces on their operation, as well as opportunities they offer youth. For Olson and Bawek, their favorite part was being able to actively see the process of milk production, and all of the work that goes into the process. Olson also noted that Ashgrove Dairy offers a direct internship with South Dakota State University, allowing students to get hands-on experience in dairy production. At Stengel Seed and Grain, in Milbank, the officers were accompanied by Jessica Pillatzki, Milbank member. They learned about the expensive process in which seeds go through to be cleaned. Bawek shared, "I enjoyed learning how they take a different approach to seed and grain cleaning, since they work exclusively with organic seeds."



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South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. Annual Report July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

President's Message

In school, in life, your support helps FFA members go further and do more.



Greetings treasured donors,

Where does one begin to recap the 2019-2020 year?

With our fiscal year running July to June, our year was half normal – half not at all normal with the entire world being in the middle of a pandemic caused by the Covid-19 virus. In a matter of weeks, things changed in ways none of us had ever experienced. But in the world of agriculture some things didn't change. Producers continued to do what they do day in and day out to provide the world with food, fuel and fiber. We didn't have to be told we were an essential industry; we've known that forever. Thankfully we were deemed that, and for most of us our life's work and agri-business jobs have sustained through the pandemic. Over the decades, agriculture has gone through the worst and the best of times, but we always seem to find ways to pull through and continue.

Our South Dakota FFA members are a shining example of pulling through and continuing when their school year was thrown into a totally new form of education with classes and FFA events held virtually the last months of the school year. It's for these FFA members that YOU as donors and we the SD FFA Foundation do what we do. We are growing the next generation of agricultural producers, researchers, scientists, educators, essential workers and leaders who will change the world.

Whether a first-time donor, or a long-time donor, we THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for helping us raise \$416,331.12. You will find in this annual report how those funds were used for SD FFA educational activities and events.

When we become an FFA member one of the first things we learn is the FFA Creed. As high school freshman, we usually just memorize the words, not fully understanding the meaning. Later in life those words, written 92 years ago, can sure bring light to what's happening in our world. I leave you with the first paragraph of the creed below, to ponder as we continue navigating through our changed lives.

Thank You from myself, the SD FFA Foundation board of directors and staff, to each and every one of you who believes in the future of the South Dakota FFA and agricultural education programs. Your continued support each year is a true inspiration to us, no matter what struggles come our way. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Sandy Osterday

Sandy Osterday
South Dakota FFA Foundation Board President

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.

2019-2020 STAR Partners



The SD FFA star partner program allows sponsors to provide one larger annual donation, supporting several designated team ag ed programs. Thanks to our star partners!

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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!

As a donor you helped FFA members both inside and outside their classrooms. In a time of uncertainty, members continued to learn leadership, perseverance, and agricultural skills. They gained courage and kept hopeful because of your constant support. Thank you!

We're growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world. We:

- **Raised** \$416,331.12 through corporate & private financial contributions
- **Started** six new agriculture education programs in south dakota (Estelline, Timber Lake, Iroquois, Andes Central, Pierre, Dupree)
- **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 40 local FFA chapters to build their programs and educational resources
- **Supported** regional leadership and career development events
- **Organized** a virtual career carnival and online workshops for members
- **Assisted** in development and delivery of virtual state FFA convention
- **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** 332 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



The South Dakota FFA foundation, inc. Is a non-profit organization that generates financial support for the 4,600 plus South Dakota FFA members in 94 high school programs. We build partnerships with individuals, business and industry, and organizations to secure resources for the future of agricultural education and FFA. We fund leadership development programs and activities for all South Dakota youth in agriculture education, as well as scholarships and awards for successful FFA members.

Our Year at a Glance

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2020 (unaudited)

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking.....	\$235,504.78
Savings.....	\$25,115.54
Total Current Assets	\$260,620.32

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Reinke-Gray Wealth Management	
Bob Bell Endowment.....	\$123,948.09
Ernie Wingen Memorial Endowment	\$32,742.35
Gary Grey Endowment	\$13,482.37
Mary Hanson Endowment	\$82,653.05
SD FFA Foundation Endowment.....	\$364,476.52
Walt Johnson Endowment.....	\$40,085.45
SD Community Foundation	\$12,347.51
Total Investment Assets.....	\$669,735.34

TOTAL ASSETS **\$930,355.66**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Restricted Equity (Fund Balances).....	\$930,355.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$930,355.66

Annual Contribution History

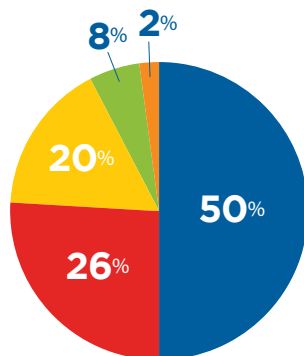
2010-11	\$115,142.26	2016-17	\$388,855.45
2011-12	\$208,381.54	2017-18	\$412,489.91
2012-13	\$249,478.45	2018-19	\$384,624.68
2013-14	\$256,578.20	2019-20	\$416,331.12
2014-15	\$260,436.84		
2015-16	\$325,179.43		

In-Kind Support

- Agropur** - Milk Quality & Products training
- BigIron** - FFA Auction
- Brookings HyVee Floral** - flowers and supplies for Floriculture CDE
- C & B Operations** - FFA Auction
- Dakota Layers** - chickens, feed, eggs, incubator, chicks for Ag Adventure Center
- Geffdog** - backpacks for State Officers and Ambassadors
- Graham Tire** - FFA Auction
- Mark & Staci Schloe** - painted clipboards for FFA Rabbit Best of Show and Reserve @ SD State Fair
- Midwest Dairy** - 360 Dairy Farm video for Ag Adventure Center
- Millborn Seeds** - seeds for Agronomy CDE identification included in instructional packets
- North American Wholesale Florists** - flowers and supplies for Floriculture CDE
- Pipestone Systems** - Ag Adventure Center
- Pipestone Systems** - Dairy Display for Ag Adventure Center
- Randy Peterson** - 10 shares of Caterpillar stock
- Riverview LLP** - Ag Adventure Center
- SD Beef Industry Council** - Ag Adventure Center
- 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 Foundation Board training
- SD Wheat Growers** - grain for State Fair Ag Adventure Center
- SDSU CAFES** - pens and folders for leadership retreat
- Stihl** - chainsaw for Nursery Landscape CDE
- Titan Tire** - FFA Auction
- USDA NRCS** - Ag Adventure Center

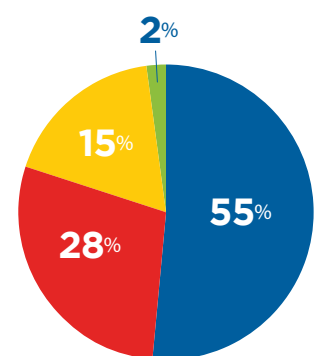
2019-2020 Revenue

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



2019-2020 Expenses

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



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4868 Members

2189 Females
2679 Male

99 FFA Chapters

34 include middle & high school students, 65 have only high school
80 Chapters are rural, 18 located in towns, and 1 located in a city

107 Agriculture Education teachers (56 are female, 51 are male)

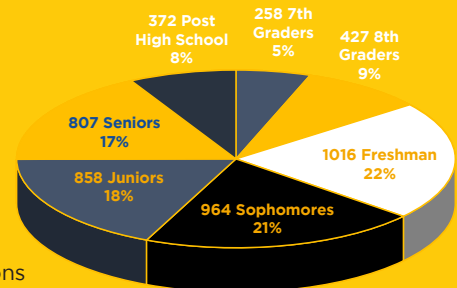
SD FFA member involvement:

SD State Fair - 358 FFA members exhibited 1121 exhibits
State Leadership Development - 496 competitors
2020 Virtual State Convention - 3290 people that streamed the convention sessions
2020 Foundation Virtual Convention Career Carnival & workshops - 1615 views
335 State Career Development teams
282 State FFA Degree recipients
State Leadership Retreat - Cancelled because of Covid
State Officer Zoom Meeting on FFA Opportunities - 11 chapters participated
171 Proficiency Award applicants
114 Agriscience projects - 175 students involved

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Pathways Students are Studying % of Grade 9-12 Students

Power, Structural and Technical Systems	21.20%
Natural Resources/Environmental Systems Pathway	20.40%
Animal Systems	19.90%
Multiple Pathways	18.66%
Agribusiness Systems	8.87%
Plant Systems	8.23%
Food Products and Processing Systems	2.75%

SD FFA MEMBERSHIP BY GRADE LEVEL



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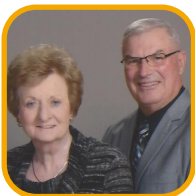
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