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Bosma, Gordon Compete for Top National Proficiency Honors

BY HADLEY STIEFVATER



Kaylee



Matea

This year two South Dakota seniors, Kaylee Bosma and Matea Gordon were selected as National FFA Proficiency Finalists and will compete virtually through interviews for national honors. **Kaylee Bosma of the Lennox Sundstrom FFA Chapter** is one of four finalists in the Poultry Production Entrepreneurship proficiency. Her Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) project includes a flock of 14 different poultry breeds and varieties, totaling over 250 birds. When asked about her favorite part of the project, Kaylee said, "My favorite parts are hatching chicks (they are just so cute!), and helping other kids become more interested in poultry."

Matea Gordon, of the Sturgis FFA Chapter, is a top-four finalist in Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems. Her Research SAE consists of two in-depth Social Systems research projects. Matea's research began as a high school freshman when she studied Eastern Red Cedar tree infestations and landowner perceptions of this invasive species. Sophomore year, Matea and her sister Danika teamed up to survey South Dakota citizens and their support for or against legalizing hemp as a crop to be grown within the state. Both projects won the state Agriscience Fair competition and advanced to receive national honors at the National FFA Convention. Matea's advice to other FFA members is, "I would like to encourage other FFA students to consider participating in the agriscience fair. Choose a project that you are interested in - and a question that you are curious to know the answer to. Then, find a mentor to help you break the research process into manageable steps. Science is important, and it can be fun."

Good luck to both Kaylee and Matea!

Eide Seeks National Officer Title

BY ALEXIS HUGHES



This October, Hunter Eide is giving his all, in hopes of hearing his name called as a 2021-22 National FFA officer. Eide, a sophomore SDSU Human Biology major, originally from Gettysburg, South Dakota, has been involved in FFA all his life. He remembers attending convention at age four and the impact various state and national officers had on him at that event and many others.

Last year, Eide served as the 2020-2021 State Secretary, and he wants to continue to impact young people. When asked why he's putting so much effort into preparing, Eide said, "Through my time in the blue jacket, I pushed myself to grow, found my home away from home in the organization, and was able to see how helping others find their passion created a ripple effect, growing the organization. Serving as a National FFA Officer would allow me to share the endless possibilities with our nation's youth and empower them to aspire to more than what they think is possible. Additionally, I love connecting with industry leaders and sharing success stories of FFA members and the impact it makes on their communities."

This year's National Officer interviews will be in person. Candidates send in a written application and short video introducing themselves before interviews start. Once they arrive in Indianapolis, IN, there will be seven rounds of interviews (a stand and deliver extemporaneous speech, two personal rounds, facilitation, media, key state holder round robin, and a one-on-one with all nine committee members). If selected to serve as one of the six National FFA Officers, Eide would start his year with two months of training. The national officers travel over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and state associations nationwide, advocating for agriculture, agriculture education and FFA nationally and internationally. Responsibilities include presenting workshops, giving speeches, and meeting FFA members at different state FFA conventions and camps; meeting leaders in Washington, D.C.; and planning at their home base in Indianapolis, IN.

Eide, as one of 38 candidates, will begin interviews in person October 21st in Indianapolis and continue with candidate activities until the 2021-2022 National FFA Officer team is announced, on Saturday, October 30th, at the final National FFA Convention session. **Good luck Hunter!**



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SD New Ag Teachers and Programs

New Faces - New Places

Agriculture educators are the heart of every classroom and FFA chapter. This year, South Dakota welcomes eight new ag teachers and three new programs. Meet our new teachers and FFA chapters that are excited to start their journey in the FFA!



Cody Rausch - Highmore

"I developed a passion for agriculture through family, friends, and FFA. My former ag teacher: Genetie Hendrix sparked my interest and pushed me outside of my comfort zone. I am excited to educate students and advocate for the agriculture industry."



Heidi Rogness - Watertown Area

"I grew up in New Salem, ND on a dairy farm. I taught for 10 years in Mandan, ND, 4 years in Pipestone, MN, and this is my 1st year at NTHS. I reside in Astoria, SD with my husband and my two stepkids. In my free time, I enjoy working on the farm fixing fence, hauling bales, and working calves."



Leah Hofer - Wolsey-Wessington

"I became an ag and business teacher because I wanted to help high schoolers become better problem-solvers and leaders. Our ag industry needs leaders who are innovative, teachable and seek to better those around them. We also need citizens who solve problems in their own communities, counties, and states. My goal is to help students develop these skills so vital to the future of the ag industry."



Mollie Andrews - Gregory County

"I am an alternative certified teacher that started a new agriculture education program between Burke and Gregory High Schools, located in South Central South Dakota. I grew up on a ranch in this area, and after college I realized how important agriculture education classes and FFA opportunities are in high school. I am teaching classes like Animal Science, Natural Resources, Ag Fabrication, and adding more next year. With agriculture classes established, I chartered the new Gregory County FFA Chapter this past spring - the first chapter in either school in over 60 years! The communities are amazingly supportive of this new endeavor and we are busy helping at several different events. Over 20 members have read ag safety books in the elementary classrooms, hosted a petting zoo, served meals at community events, and had entries in local parades. I am excited to have so many students step up and be involved, and can't wait to see what the future of Gregory County FFA Chapter has in store!"

Additional new ag teachers and FFA chapters:

Wayne Hanson- Herreid

Brady Joseph- Edgemont

"My experience with FFA would include that I was an officer for the Eaton FFA Chapter (where I attended high school). I attended college at Chadron State College which is what brought me up north from Colorado. The biggest goal I have for this year is to have members attend the LDEs and CDEs so they can gain the experience."

Tammy Peterson- Dupree

Karley Litterick- Lake Preston

Day of Giving Just Weeks Away

FFA members, friends, supporters, and alumni: mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday, November 30th. This day marks the 4th annual South Dakota Day of Giving and the FFA Foundation is raising money to award an additional 21 FFA jackets to members. Jackets are \$80 each, but donations of every size count! Jacket donations on Giving Tuesday will be doubled thanks to a match by our generous star partners. Give at <http://sdfoundation.org/>, through our Facebook fundraiser, or mail a check to the SD FFA Foundation.

26 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 and present their project for competition at the national level. Finalists will give a presentation on their project over zoom to judges and the top three in each division will be announced and recognized on stage during the National FFA Convention. SD has 17 individual and team projects, consisting of 26 FFA members that will be competing at the national level:

Animal Systems Category

Mandi Schock, McCook Central, Division 1
Joseph Grady and Dylan McGregor, McCook Central, Division 2
Avery Miles, Doland, Division 3
Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area, Division 5

Environmental Services/ Natural Resource Systems Category

Megan Nash, Northwestern Area FFA, Division 5
Andrew Rick and Bennett Sebert, West Central FFA, Division 6

Food Products and Processing Systems Category

Alexa Pulse, McCook Central FFA, Division 1
Quinn Schmeichel and Faith Montreal, McCook Central, Division 2
McKenna Sichmeller and Josslin Jarding, West Central FFA, Division 6

Plant Systems Category

Jackson Schmidt and Lane Deutsch, McCook Central, Division 2
Tanner Eide, Gettysburg, Division 3
Karlie Stiefvater and Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central, Division 6

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Category

Ruby Huiten and Hallie Kueter, Montrose, Division 6

Social Systems Category

Lauren Roling, McCook Central FFA, Division 1
Mason Sabers and Jaxon Koch, McCook Central FFA, Division 2
Korbin Leddy, Milbank, Division 5
Kayle Lauck and Madison Lauck, McCook Central, Division 6

Finalists receive a travel stipend to assist with expenses as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation, sponsored by Eichacker Simmentals, Salem Veterinary Service, Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic, DeTye Vet Supply, Fall River Feedyard, Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic, Fall River Veterinary Clinic, Buffalo Ranch Supply, First Dakota National Bank, Ducks Unlimited, Koupal Lazy EY Angus Ranch, Dry Creek Farm & Ranch, the Pennington County Conservation District, ProAg Engineering, Inc., the South Dakota Retailers Association, McCook Central FFA, Next Level Ag, Central Farmers Cooperative, The First National Bank in Sioux Falls, Brian and Codi Mills, Carl and Kari Sanders, Jim Chilson, Meyerink Farm Service, Butler Machinery, CTE Global, Inc., South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Bayer, SD Biotech Association, Farmers Mutual of Nebraska, Pioneer-Corteva, and BankWest.

SD FFA Members Earn American Degree

Congratulations to the 28 South Dakota FFA members, from 15 different chapters, for earning their American FFA Degree. Recipients will be recognized October 30th, during National FFA Convention, in Indianapolis.

Arlington - Makayla Nelson,

Brookings - Patrick White, Rebekah White

Chester - Bailee Maye Anderson, Lily Claire Kenton

De Smet - Daniel Bradley DeDeyne, Makayla DeDeyne

Gettysburg - Hunter Eide

Harrisburg - Jessica L. Cain, Makoy M. Ivarsen, Slader

Niewenhuis, Benjamin Olson

Howard - Anna M. Schwader

Lemmon - Aubrey Anna Weishaar

McCook Central - Colin Kolbeck, Tanner Peterson, and Blake Gessner

Montrose - Mary Katherine Huiten

Northwestern - Samantha Olson, Sadie Vander Wal

Rapid City - Morgan Elizabeth Monroe

Sturgis - Danika G. Gordon

West Central - Zach Brown, Caden Farmer, Alisha

McMartin, Jersie Reese

Winner - Ryder Mortenson, Heather Rowe

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.

Back in Action! National Convention Returns to Indianapolis

BY: HADLEY STIEFVATER

It's been two years since the last in-person National FFA Convention, and it's time to head back to Indianapolis! The 2021 National FFA Convention is set to be held October 27th - 30th, but will include some changes - with members experiencing both in-person and virtual components. Student workshops and the FFA Blue Room events have transitioned to an online only format. However, the shopping mall, career expo, and general sessions remain in-person. Another change includes exclusively online interviews in September for Agriscience Fair and National Proficiency competitors, although the top 3 finalists will still be recognized on the convention stage. Students in Career and Leadership Development Events from across the nation, including the SD state champion teams, have also competed in virtual portions throughout August and September. Instead of 30-50 teams or individuals in a specific national event, this year, many CDE and LDE teams had to qualify in the top 50% of teams across the nation or make the semi-finals (top 16) to compete in the in-person components during the convention. Members, advisors, and supporters are invited to help us celebrate the return of the beloved National FFA Convention and Expo through livestreamed general sessions as well as in-person sessions and events. Check out convention.ffa.org or ffa.org for livestream links and updates on convention.

Qualified teams and individuals who advanced through prelims and will be competing in-person at National FFA Convention are:

Flag Bearer: Paige Lehrkamp

Leadership Delegates: John Petersen, Trinity Peterson, Hadley Stiefvater, Tessa Erdmann, Alexis Hughes

- Ag Business Management: **Willow Lake** - Grace Peterson, Trinity Peterson, Gwyneth Warkenthien, & Maggie Hovde, Advisor: Dan Tonak
- Ag Issues: **Iroquois**- Logan Pekron, Harley Nelson, Katie Dubro, Sierra Kogel, Kaylee Morehead, Lily Blue, and Lexi Burma, Advisor: Breanna Mueller
- Ag Sales: **McCook Central** - Joe Grady, Maddy Lauck, Karlie Stiefvater and Lauren Roling Advisors: Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase
- Ag Mechanics: **Philip** - Dane Daly, Alex Skow, Kelton Quinn, Carson Daly, Advisor: Reed Johnson
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation: **Sunshine Bible Academy** - Jakki Burma, Charity Freed, Nolan Triebwasser, Taylor Michaelis, Advisor: Jason Burma
- Dairy Cattle Handler's Activity: Skyler Plucker, **Lennox-Sundstrom**
- Environmental & Natural Resources: **West Central** - Connor Siemonsma, Jack Linneman, Bennett Sebert and Andrew Rick. Advisor Linda Petersen
- Food Science and Technology: Paul Kaffar, **McCook Central**
- Horse Evaluation: **Chamberlain** - Megan Marone, Melaya Dominguez, Keeleigh Elwood, and Buster Reis, Advisor: Justin Graves
- Livestock Evaluation: **McCook Central** - Ryan Blagg, Max Nordlund, Colton Stiefvater, Lane Deutsch, Coach: Carie Stiefvater, Advisors: Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase
- Meats Evaluation & Technology: **Harrisburg** - Cayl Rolling, Levi Danielson, Ben Loos and Braxton Boer, Advisors: Tara Fastert and Josh Christiansen
- Milk Quality & Products: **McCook Central** - Bobby Koepsell, Avery Feterl, Tayah McGregor, Aubree Kranz, Advisors: Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase
- Poultry Evaluation: **Chester Area** - Raegan Hoff, Emily Brown, Chase McDonald, Ashton Olivier, Coach: Dr. Evan VanBeusekom, Advisor: Andy Jensen
- Veterinary Science: **McCook Central** - Ella Stiefvater, Grace DiGiovanni, Ashtyn Wobig, Hadley Stiefvater, Coaches: Dr. Mike and Carie Stiefvater, Advisors: Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase

The Sounds of National Convention

BY PAIGE LEHRKAMP

Five SD FFA members have been selected to play in the elite National FFA Band or sing in the National FFA Chorus as the National FFA Convention comes back as an in-person event. Members representing South Dakota in the band are Hattie Muellenbach, Milbank and Ruby Mannes, Harrisburg; and in the chorus are Caleb McGregor, Webster; Grace Starr, Harrisburg; and Amanda Blare, Winner. These members get to sing or play on stage during sessions of the National FFA Convention. This is a fantastic opportunity for members to attend the National Convention and meet new friends from across the country, while doing something they enjoy. When asked what it means to be part of something so special, Grace Starr said, "I am excited and honored to attend the National Convention and better yet have the opportunity to sing with members from around the nation. I look forward to new friendships and bonds with fellow National FFA chorus members. It is even more special because it is my first convention in person and I look forward to all the amazing

things nationals has in store!"

When asked why she is so excited to play at convention, Ruby Mannes said, "I have wanted to play in the National FFA Band since I was a freshman and finally had the courage to apply. It is a great way to blend two things I love: playing trumpet and agriculture. This will be my first time flying on a plane. I am also excited to explore my future career path of veterinary medicine more while at the National Convention career show."

Members from across the nation sent in audition materials to get a spot in the national band or chorus. Being chosen to perform is an incredible honor. Band and chorus members will travel to the convention early to practice and will perform many times throughout convention. They each receive a travel scholarship from the South Dakota FFA Foundation to assist with costs.

FFA Members Rise Above at the State Fair

Rise Above was the 2021 theme for FFA members at the South Dakota State Fair, September 2-6th, in Huron. Members participated in a wide range of educational activities showcasing modern agriculture and their personal desire to “rise above the norm as the cream of the crop”. 361 FFA members exhibited a record number 1232 exhibits. Results were as follows:

CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

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

CHAPTER EXHIBITS:

1st place – Wolsey-Wessington; 2nd place – Beresford; 3rd place – Deuel

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TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER:

1st place – McCook Central

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TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS:

1st place – Kacy Goehring, Parkston; 2nd place – Jackson Harberts, Bridgewater-Emery; 3rd place – Tessa DeWitt, Bridgewater-Emery

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BEEF SHOW



Champion Market Steer

Champion Market Steer – Cody Eich, Howard

Reserve Champion Market Steer – Rachel Derksen, Huron



Champion Market Heifer

Champion Market Heifer – Cody Eich, Howard

Reserve Champion Market Heifer – Janae Olson, Parker



Market Beef Showmanship

Market Beef Showmanship – 1st: Bryce Beitelspacher, Bowdle; 2nd: Kaitlyn Micheel, Huron; 3rd: Makayla Simmerman, Tri-Valley; 4th: Rachel Derksen, Huron; 5th: Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area



Champion Breeding Heifer

Champion Breeding Heifer – Jady LeDoux, Highmore

Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer – Elizabeth Albrecht, Howard



Breeding Beef Showmanship

Breeding Beef Showmanship – 1st: Sarah Welch, Garretson; 2nd: Wyatt James, Estelline; 3rd: Drew Pederson, Garretson; 4th: Sawyer Naasz, Platte/Geddes; 5th: Paislee Carlson, Canton

Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen

SWINE SHOW



Champion Market Gilt

Champion Market Gilt – Tyler Fastnacht, Wessington Springs

Reserve Champion Market Gilt – Ryker Johnke, Madison Central



Market Gilt Showmanship

Market Gilt Showmanship - 1st: Tate Johnson, Beresford; 2nd: Rylee Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery; 3rd: Ryker Johnke, Madison Central; 4th: Lacie Weber, Rutland; 5th: Jocelyn Wagner, Hitchcock-Tulare



Champion Market Barrow

Champion Market Barrow – Tanner Calmus, Howard

Reserve Market Barrow – Ryker Johnke, Madison Central



Market Barrow Showmanship

Market Barrow Showmanship – 1st: Ashton Ross, Parker; 2nd: Tanner Calmus, Howard; Estelline; 3rd: Braelyn Balous, Lennox-Sundstrom; 4th: Carter Ross, Parker; 5th: Jovie Wirt, Lennox-Sundstrom

Swine Showmanship awards sponsored by Thompson Family, Harrisburg

FFA Members Rise Above at the State Fair (continued)

SHEEP SHOW



Champion Breeding Ewe

Champion Breeding Ewe - Tyson Miller, Estelline

Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe - Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley



Champion Ram

Champion Ram - Josie Nold, Rutland

Reserve Champion Ram - Emily Nold, Rutland



Breeding Sheep Showmanship

Breeding Sheep Showmanship - 1st: Emily Nold, Rutland; 2nd: Bailey Weegar, Viborg-Hurley; 3rd: Logan Tlam, Mitchell; 4th: Carissa Scheel, Wessington Springs; 5th: Emily Robbins, Elkton



Champion Market Lamb

Champion Market Lamb - Cody Larson, Brookings

Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Trevor Bergh, Florence



Market Lamb Showmanship

Market Lamb Showmanship (pictured left to right 3,2,1) - 1st: Raina Johnson, Harrisburg; 2nd: Taya Chelmo, Kimball; 3rd: Sydney Tlam, Mitchell; 4th: Jessica Kott, Kimball; 5th: Trevor Bergh, Florence

Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks, Centerville

DAIRY GOAT SHOW



Champion Doe

Champion Doe - Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids

Reserve Champion Doe - Alana Howard, Miller

Champion Milking Doe - Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain

Reserve Champion Milking Doe - Jaycee Tebay, Dell Rapids

Overall Champion Dairy Goat - Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain

Overall Reserve Dairy Goat - Jaycee Tebay, Dell Rapids



Dairy Goat Showmanship

Dairy Goat Showmanship - 1st: Lane Thompson, Elkton; 2nd: Alana Howard, Miller; 3rd: Makayla Cross, Dell Rapids; 4th: Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain; 5th: Trevon Cross, Dell Rapids

Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Boldt Farms of Arlington.

MEAT GOAT SHOW



Champion Breeding Meat Goat

Champion Breeding Meat Goat - Riley Larson, Wessington Springs

Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat - Carley Christ, Freeman



Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship

Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship (no picture) - 1st: Kahli Gall, Freeman; 2nd: Will Benson, Tri-Valley; 3rd: Jada Severson, Lennox-Sundstrom; 4th: Max Nordlund, McCook Central; 5th: Lincoln Dikoff, Faulkton

Champion Market Meat Goat - Layne Lunstra, Lennox-Sundstrom

Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat - Danika Gordon, Sturgis



Market Meat Goat Showmanship

Market Meat Goat Showmanship - 1st: Matea Gordon, Sturgis; 2nd: Bennett Gordon, Sturgis; 3rd: Kaylen Stearns, Hot Springs; 4th: Carley Christ, Beresford; 5th: Jana Stearns, Hot Springs

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

FFA Members Rise Above at the State Fair (continued)

RABBIT SHOW



Grand Champion Rabbit

Grand Champion Rabbit - Braelyn Berens, Parker

Reserve Champion Rabbit - Braelyn Berens, Parker



Rabbit Showmanship

Rabbit Showmanship - 1st: Noah Schloe, Baltic; 2nd: Kiarra Stuck, Northwestern Area (not pictured); 3rd: Hunter Masterson, Menno; 4th: Madison Lauck, McCook Central; 5th: Julieann Freeman, Brookings

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

Supreme Champion Female - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

Champion Holstein Female - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

Senior Champion Holstein - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

Senior Reserve Champion Holstein - Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

Junior Champion Holstein Heifer - Neil Haase, Parker

Junior Reserve Champion Holstein Heifer - Paige Haase, Parker

Champion All Other Breed Female - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

Senior Champion All Other Breed - Sydney Triebwasser, Sunshine Bible Academy

Senior Reserve Champion All Other Breed - Steven Paulson, Groton

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

Junior Reserve Champion All Other Breed Heifer - Gabe Mattson, Deuel



Dairy Showmanship

Dairy Showmanship: 1st: Natalie Haase, Parker; 2nd: Skyler Plucker, Lennox-Sundstrom; 3rd: Katelynn Scherff, Dell Rapids; 4th: Blake Klitzke, McCook Central; 5th: Geoff Dunkelberger, Parker

Dairy Showmanship sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese, Milbank.

2020 ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP



2020 Round Robin Showmanship

(sponsored by Odden Cattle Company and Odden Trucking, Ree Heights) Because of COVID regulations, members were not able to show each other's animals at the 2020 fair, so we held Round Robin Showmanship finals in 2021 for the 2020 qualifying individuals. (pictured right to left)

1st Place - Mitchell VanderWal, Northwestern Area

2nd Place - Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain

Round Robin Showmanship sponsored by Odden Cattle Company and Odden Trucking, Ree Heights.

2021 ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP



2021 Round Robin Showmanship

(sponsored by Odden Cattle Company and Odden Trucking, Ree Heights)

1st Place - Alana Howard, Miller

2nd Place - Raina Johnson, Harrisburg

Round Robin Showmanship sponsored by Odden Cattle Company and Odden Trucking, Ree Heights.

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, TexKota Panel, and SD Cattlemen's Foundation. Exhibitors show t-shirts are sponsored by: Midwest Veterinary Service; Dakotaland Feeds, DeJong Ranch, Gullickson Family Livestock, Stangl Shorthorns, Peterson Livestock, Cattle Business Weekly, Cobb Creek Cattle, Loy's Farrier Service, Sleepy Hollow Farm, 605 Sires + Donors, Custom Genetics Solutions, Wilson Sheep Company, Whetstone Commodities, Cargill, Lazy J Bar Ranch, TexKota Panel, SD Cattlemen's Foundation, BioZyme/SureChamp and Kent Nutrition Group

Ag-vocating In The Ag Adventure Center

BY: JOHN PETERSEN

The FFA Ag Adventure Center was once again the place to be at the South Dakota State Fair! The Ag Adventure Center provides the public the opportunity to discover South Dakota agriculture and where their food comes from in a safe and comforting way. From farrowing sows and babydoll sheep to baby chicks and a farm to home shopping experience, the Ag Adventure Center had an exhibit for everyone. New this year was a grain bin gazebo on the south east corner of the building, sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America and the SD FFA Star Partners. The gazebo provided a great outdoor space for activities for children, helped draw in the public to want to learn more and go through the building, and offered a place for fair goers to get out of the sun and learn about South Dakota agriculture.

The Ag Adventure Center was also home to static exhibits,

agriscience projects, chapter displays, and member projects, who displayed their creativity and skills. Striving to involve the community, state officers arranged activities for the public to participate in. The activities included a frozen T-shirt contest, an iron man contest, a pie-eating contest, and a daily "farm-ily" feud. The youth and district officers left with a smile on their faces and some FFA SWAG. Throughout the week, district officers and members from across the state volunteered their time working in the Ag Adventure Center, answering questions and sharing their ag experiences with the public.

The Ag Adventure Center wouldn't be possible without the generous support of all of our sponsors. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Ag Adventure Center and shared how they're impacted by agriculture.



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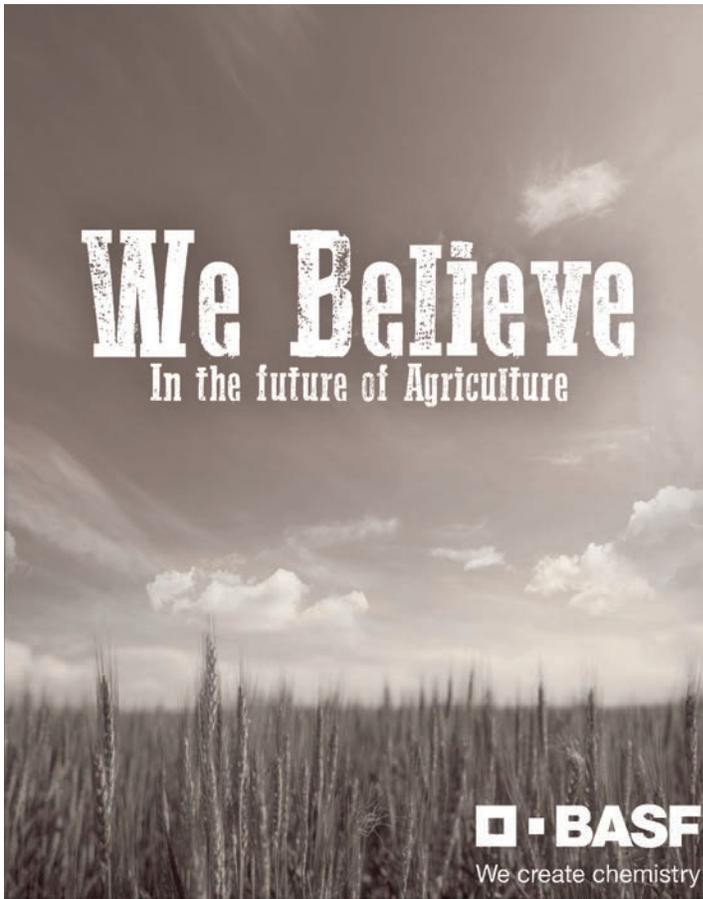
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Members Level Up Their Leadership Skills

BY TRINITY PETERSON

On Saturday, September 18th, the South Dakota FFA Association hosted a leadership day, a brand new event sponsored by CHS Foundation. The intense leadership event was hosted in two locations: Harrisburg and Belle Fourche. Members “leveled up” their leadership skills by participating in sessions led by state officers and past state officers about influence, passion, values, focus, and more. In addition, the opportunity to interact and network with other members helped motivate everyone there. Each member left the conference with a plan to improve their chapter and community. The FFA advisors in attendance were not left out, as they received Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) for All program training. This program gives advisors the resources to ensure every student has access to an SAE. Both the students and advisors enjoyed “leveling up” their knowledge.



Foundation Feature – October 2021

What does it mean to leave a legacy?

Legacy is a gift now that creates a better future. It is not bound by age or time served. Let your legacy support SD FFA programs, activities and awards for members and chapters and all of Team Ag-Ed, who provide agriculture education for SD youth.

We understand family comes first. After making your family's needs a priority, your legacy can live on and continue to support SD FFA programs and awards important to you, long after you are gone, through a planned gift:

1. Name the South Dakota FFA Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets or life insurance policy. You don't need to part with assets today, but your future gift ensures we can continue our work for generations to come.
2. Leave the South Dakota FFA Foundation in your will. With just one sentence, you extend your support of the South Dakota FFA Foundation into the future.

You can Designate your Legacy to help future generations meet the challenges of the ag industry by supporting the core mission or specifying a specific program - jackets; awards or scholarships; chapter service grants; district or state officer training; events like State Convention, State Fair or Leadership Retreats; ag advocacy efforts; and more! Don't wait!



FFA's Mission in Action



The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

This newsletter we feature a current leader who exemplifies career success.

Name: Matt Cronin

Home FFA Chapter: Gettysburg, FFA

Year Graduated High School: 1983

College: BBA - Finance, University of Notre Dame, 1987

Current Position:

President and Co-owner, C&B Operations, LLC, a John Deere dealership business. Also has been involved in many business and community organizations, including Catholic Foundation for Eastern SD, SD/MN Equipment Dealer Assn, Gettysburg Rotary, Potter County Fair Board, Farm Credit Market Place Advisor, Gettysburg School Board, Gettysburg Economic Development Corp, and Gettysburg Healthcare Foundation

What did you enjoy most about FFA?

I enjoyed all of the memories - State convention, farming our local FFA Ag plot with classmates, and being led by our Ag instructor and FFA advisor, Bill Lehman. It was very special when Bill also taught my children years later.

How did your FFA experience contribute to your career success?

My FFA experience helped me build interaction skills, confidence, and overall leadership qualities. The areas I was exposed to in FFA developed skills I have continued to build on throughout my entire life.

What advice do you have for FFA members?

Be honest, have a sense of urgency, respect others, and treat every day as a gift. It is imperative that you get involved with organizations in your community and serve your government when possible. Your involvement and voice make a difference!

Donors & Bidders Make Online Auction Outstanding

BY TRINITY PETERSON

BigIron Auctions hosted an inkind online auction September 15th, raising \$8879 for the South Dakota FFA Foundation. All proceeds will go to fund events and activities as part of our core mission.

Without the following businesses who donated 38 lot items to the auction, our event would not have been possible: C & B Operations, Butler Machinery Company, Vern Eide of Mitchell, Push Play Photography, Millborn Seeds, Amanda Radke, Rebekah Scott Designs, The Rock Block, Ty Littau Leather Company, John Green Studios, Allevery Entertainment, Southern Meadows Photography, Runnings, James Valley Nursery, Tractor Supply Company,

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to all those who donated, bid, or bought from the South Dakota FFA Foundation

Online Auction.

Members Earn Blue Jackets - Bright Futures

To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This October the SD FFA Foundation awarded 318 FFA members from 75 FFA chapters jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program to members who may not have the financial resources as well as to those who have demonstrated leadership qualities and personal growth. Thank you to our 2021 jacket sponsors, who welcomed new members into the fabric of FFA:



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National Land & Range Events

BY: JOHN PETERSEN

As the summer comes to an end, members from across the state competed in the land and range evaluation competitions. The NRCS organized four regional contests with the winners moving on to the national contest in Oklahoma City, OK this coming spring. The land & homesite judging contest focused on soil properties, runoff, land capability, and limiting factors concerning soil health, while the range judging contest allowed members to identify plants, provide adequate livestock carrying capacity, and assess habitat suitability for the given ecological site. Congratulations to the 5 Land teams: Philip; Hitchcock Tulare, Willow Lake, McCook Central, and West Central and 3 Range teams: Hitchcock-Tulare, 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 Christensen, Wessington Springs; Emily Zickrick, Kadoka; Mattew Mork, Webster) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (Rowdy Moore, Winner; Harlee Nielson, Hitchcock-Tulare; Jack Brathland, Willow Lake; Andrew Rick, West Central) Striving for as normal of a year as possible, the NRCS had limited contact with students to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the members. We are seeking sponsors of travel scholarships for the winning teams.

FFA Members "Survived" at Annual Leadership Retreat

BY TESSA ERDMANN

Roughly 140 SD FFA members attended the "Survivor" themed Summer Leadership Retreat. Hosted by state officers in June and July, Leadership Retreat is a highlight for many FFA members, and this summer was even more special. After not hosting a leadership retreat in 2020 due to COVID-19, members were excited to be back together, developing leadership skills and making new friends. Two camps were held; one at Swan Lake by Viborg, SD, and a second at Storm Mountain, near Rapid City, SD. Members grew their leadership skills by attending sessions led by the state officers on: Individual Strengths, Mindset and Influence, Advocacy, Teamwork, and Resolving Conflict. They also put everything they learned into action and make a difference. In addition, Army ROTC held a breakout session at each retreat, developing member's teamwork skills and the South Dakota Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers came and spoke about the importance of advocacy. At the

retreat, members put into action the "living to serve" part of our motto and gave back to the Centerville community and the Central States Fair with some community service, helping them clean up and update a few things where needed.





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Get to Know State Officers



Paige Lehrkamp
Office: Treasurer
Hometown: Hermosa, SD
Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite FFA Contest: Livestock Evaluation

SAE: Cattle Production
Major: Agriculture Education
Favorite FFA Memory: My freshman year my livestock judging team got the opportunity to compete at the Little International in Brookings.



Tessa Erdmann
Office: President
Hometown: Groton, SD
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite FFA Contest: Employment Skills
SAE: Goat Production

Major: Agriculture Business and Agriculture Economics
Favorite FFA Memory: Getting stuck in Pierre at the State Leadership Development Event my freshman year, because of a snowstorm.



Trinity Peterson
Office: Sentinel
Hometown: Willow Lake
Favorite Color: Purple
Favorite FFA Contest: Parliamentary Procedure

SAE: I worked at Camp NeSoDak and grew a vegetable garden.
Major: Political Science/Ag Business
Favorite FFA Memory: I attended the Washington Leadership Conference after my sophomore year. I loved developing my leadership skills, exploring Washington, D.C., and conversing with members from all over the country.



John Petersen
Office: Vice President
Hometown: Sturgis
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite FFA Contest: Parliamentary Procedure

SAE: Ag Construction
Major: Human Biology/Pre Med
Favorite FFA Memory: Playing card games with the State Officers and members at the State Leadership Development Events.



Alexis Hughes
Office: Reporter
Hometown: Rapid City
Favorite Color: Pink
Favorite FFA Contest: Horse Evaluation

SAE: Barrel Horse Training
Major: Human Biology/Pre Med
Favorite FFA Memory: going to the National Convention to compete in Horse Evaluation with my best friends and placing 4th.



Hadley Stiefvater
Office: Secretary
Hometown: Salem, SD
Favorite Color: Light blue or light pink
Favorite FFA Contest: Veterinary Science

SAE: Sheep Production, Veterinary Science Placement, Agriscience Research
Major: Animal Science and Agriculture Leadership
Favorite FFA Memory: My favorite FFA memory was the 2019 West River Leadership Retreat where I got to learn how to dance with state officers and National FFA Officer Ridge Hughbanks, and I got a very special note from a fellow camper at the end of camp. A treasured memory that will stick with me far beyond my FFA career!

Chapter Chatter

Alcester-Hudson - held a petting zoo for the grades school. Also, the FFA sponsored an ice cream social in honor of our 75th Anniversary of FFA in Alcester-Hudson. (1946-2021).

Bridgewater-Emery - has participated in a wide variety of events, including livestock shows, the BE Bash, Chapter Officer Leadership Training, SD Summer Spotlight, Achievement Days for different counties, Sioux Empire Fair, DakotaFest, and held a BBQ for FFA and non-FFA members. The officers had a four-day leadership training to go over duties, discussed events for the year, and helped with the school open house BBQ.

Harrisburg - went to Thunder Road, September 9, playing arcade games, bowling, laser tag, bumper cars, and riding go karts. The purpose of these fun nights is for our officers and members to meet each other while having fun.

Madison Central - is planning a SOFY safety day for 3rd graders. FFA members prepared an all-day event for the students to learn about safety with large animals, pets, equine, lawnmowers, ATVs, hunting, tractors, and harvest. The chapter is also looking forward to being a part of community events including a homecoming parade, drive in movie, and The Madison Bacon Bash.

McCook Central - is collaborating with the Bridgewater-Emery and Montrose FFA chapters, preparing for our annual Safe Our Farm Youth Day, where we educate the 3rd grade classes of McCook County about farm safety. Freshman and Sophomores are working diligently in preparation for state land judging, and our national qualifying teams are working on the required materials for the National Convention.

Milbank - sponsored a Cap-Shorts-Torn Jeans Day for Hurricane Ida relief fund on Sept 2 for the Milbank Middle and High School students. \$458 was raised and was donated to Lafourche Parish Public School FFA Chapter for their use.

Rapid City - had an annual Chapter Picnic September 7th. Maddie Fairchild said, "It was successful, and I am excited to see what's next for our chapter." Chloe Thornton mentioned, "I thought it was great [to see] how many people came out to see what FFA is about. The games were successful too, everyone participated and worked well together." Malakhi Spint said, "We met members, built team efficiency, and helped members better understand FFA." They also volunteered at a Youth and Family Services Harvest Festival September 11th.

Wagner - is starting off strong. The officers attended FFA Summer Leadership Retreat in Rapid City. In August the officer team met to discuss and plan future events. August 20th, they hosted a welcome back barbeque - although the food didn't last all night, the smiles sure did. They love to bring chapter and community members together. September 4th, they held a tailgate fundraiser. They are getting ready for fall LDEs, multiple members hope to attend National FFA Convention, and they hope to keep up the hard work, growing the chapter.

Wilmot - is planning on hosting burger and brat feeds at our home football games this year. The money raised will support students attending camps and conferences.

Wolsey Wessington - is doing harvest lunches for fall 2021, selling raffle tickets for people to nominate farmers and whichever farmers gets chosen gets a free lunch!

SD FFA Foundation Awards \$4,000 in Local FFA Chapter Service Project Grants



The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, "Living to Serve", making service a core value taught to SD's over 8,000 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 the TC Energy Foundation. Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

Congratulations to the following chapters receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

Webster- building wooden flower box holders for Bethesda Care Center.

Gettysburg- landscaping Loitwood Park in the downtown area.

Lemmon- creating a frisbee golf course for Lemmon's North Park.

Madison- hosting a farm safety event for the 3rd graders around the area.

McCook Central- hosting a SOFY day camp for all 3rd graders in the county.

Philip- building memorial flag boxes for community veterans, making a local golf course sign, restoring steps for the local historic schoolhouse, and restoring picnic tables and shades at the local campground.

Miller- updating the community daycare playground and providing an AED machine for the football/track complex.

West Central- assist with education and promotion at Humboldt Old Fashioned Threshing Show.

Howard- create and distribute semester exam survival kits to 7-12 grade students.

Visits Across the State

BY PAIGE LEHRKAMP

August 2nd - 5th the state officers hit the road, visiting nearly 75 SD ag businesses and industries. The experience started with all six officers meeting with the South Dakota Retailers Association and Reinke Grey Wealth Management in Pierre. Then in three teams, they traveled to various parts of the state to learn as much as possible about the diversity of SD agriculture and discover how FFA connects to what is happening in industry. Frequently joined by local FFA members, they visited businesses in the Rapid City, Sturgis, Hot Springs, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen and Huron areas. The state officers are excited to share what they learned with the members. Hadley Stiefvater, State Secretary said, "Trinity and I had many engaging interactions with business owners and leaders in the agriculture industry. I loved seeing the diversity and learning about the different facets of South Dakota agriculture. From meeting with bison ranch managers and livestock auction employees to visiting with bank executive board members and floral shop owners, it was an incredible experience with many connections and lasting memories."





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Erdmann and Petersen Attend First In-Person National Event Since 2019

BY TESSA ERDMANN



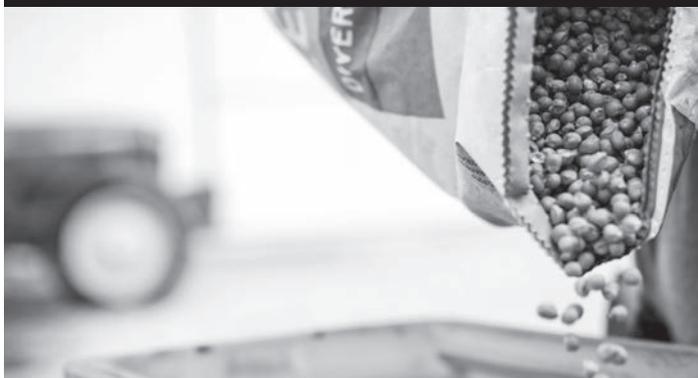
In person was the way to go when talking about the State Officer Leadership Summit. July 18th - 22nd each state sent two State Officers to the in-person event in Washington D.C. State President, Tessa Erdmann, and State Vice President, John Petersen attended for South Dakota. Each state could also have the rest of the team participate virtually, and State Secretary, Hadley Stiefvater, and State Reporter, Alexis Hughes joined that way.

Summit pushed the state officers attending to become more effective advocates, reflect on our amazing country's history, and use our networking skills to talk to legislators about issues important to us. They connected with other state officers and learned about their state programs, which gave them some awesome ideas to bring back to South Dakota!



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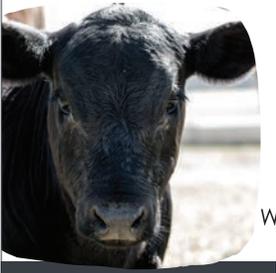


Funds Assist Local FFA chapters in Need

The TC Energy Foundation provided \$2000 to the South Dakota FFA Foundation in 2021 to assist local SD FFA chapters in need. Agriculture Education programs serve communities across SD. Unusual circumstances in recent years have prevented many chapters from carrying out fundraising, to support valuable continuing educational activities for ag ed students, as well as fund needed local community service and development projects. Chapters are short of funds, and this grant provided much-needed assistance in meeting that need.

FFA chapters completed a grant application process through the SD FFA Foundation. **The following FFA chapters will each receive up to a \$500 grant thanks to the TC Energy Foundation to assist in meeting their needs-Highmore, Andes, Lennox, Kadoka, and Lemmon.**

SD FFA Foundation Executive Director, Gerri Ann Eide says, "The importance of a safe, abundant food supply is more important than ever. The ag industry is growing and the need to educate our future workforce is critical for the future. Providing modern technologies and updated curriculum for our agriculture education programs is sometimes beyond local school district budgets. We are so thankful the TC Energy Foundation recognizes the need to help local agriculture education programs and FFA chapters meet these needs."





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South Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. Annual Report July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

President's Message

Changes and Choices



Life is all about changes and choices, but never more so than the past year and a half. 2020-2021 brought changes across the world due to a virus pandemic.

Changes we all experienced in different ways and varying levels. Even though we are each getting through it differently, we are all going through a historical time in our world.

Changes can be trying, but changes can be good; it's all how we chose to look at it. In agriculture we know change, we see it on a daily basis. No two days are alike on the farm, ranch or in agribusiness, but that's part of why we love this industry and why we chose to be a part of it.

Our South Dakota FFA members endured many changes in their events and activities this year, but that didn't stop them from learning, serving and succeeding. They chose to make the best of every situation.

Some of the events took place virtually. The state convention changed a long-time location & tradition to a new venue so members could attend and participate in person. Safety protocols were followed and those pictures of masked students will be part of this time in history. The South Dakota FFA had another note of historical mention this year, we surpassed 100 chapters in our schools. What a great testimony of the impact agricultural education can be and is making on our youth and securing a future for the agricultural industry by building leaders, producers, researchers, educators and more.

Your support of the South Dakota FFA and South Dakota FFA Foundation through these changing times has been an inspiration to our board of directors and staff. We choose to give our time to this organization, many of us because we are former members and know the difference it made in our own lives, some saw how it grew their children, but we all have a passion for this organization and want to do our best to use your donations effectively and within areas of the organization for which you hold a passion.

Our sincere THANK YOU for choosing to give so graciously to the South Dakota FFA Foundation. Without a doubt your continued support gives our youth opportunities to make choices that will change our state, country and world.

Sincerely,

Sandy Osterday

Sandy Osterday
South Dakota FFA Foundation Board President

2020-21 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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- SDSU Ag Education
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This past year, so much looked different ... there were historic changes in school, work, activities, and even the SD FFA. There were so many great causes to support. We are grateful you chose the SD FFA Foundation, and meeting the pronounced need of building leaders, growing communities and strengthening agriculture. 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 historic changes, members continued to learn leadership, creative problem solving, 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** \$455,637.84 through corporate & private financial contributions
- **Started** four new agriculture education programs in South Dakota (Faith, McIntosh, Ethan, Edmunds Central)
- **Advocated** for agriculture with new technology exhibits at the FFA Ag Adventure Center at the state fair and a new Ag Adventure Zone at the Black Hills Stock Show.
- **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
- **Funded** virtual National FFA Convention chapter activities and awards
- **Organized** a Career Carnival "in a box" to connect members and chapters to industry
- **Assisted** in development of virtual State Leadership Events
- **Provided** state fair programming, district officer training, Fall Leadership training, State Leadership Career Development Events, state officer travel to chapters, state convention programming, and funds for instructor training
- **Funded** and assisted in planning a historical move of State FFA Convention so it could be in-person
- **Presented** 404 FFA members their own jackets
- **Awarded** scholarships to graduating seniors, postsecondary ag students and student teachers
- **Granted** chapters community service grants for local projects
- **Provided** COVID grants to 9 chapters, assisting with financial burdens caused by COVID 19
- **Recognized** outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience programs, outstanding teachers, champion teams advancing to nationals, Washington Leadership Conference attendees
- **Supported** the hosting of in-person and virtual events for beginning teachers, alumni, professional teacher development, pre-service teachers, Ag-Ed recruitment, and FFA leadership
- **Remained** positive and creative about dealing with challenges and connecting 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, 2021

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking.....	\$320,224.45
Savings.....	\$25,117.85
Total Current Assets	\$345,342.30

INVESTMENT ASSETS

Reinke-Gray Wealth Management	
Bob Bell Endowment.....	\$151,482.25
Ernie Wingen Memorial Endowment ...	\$60,789.39
SD FFA Foundation Endowment.....	\$455,853.24
Gary Grey Endowment	\$14,794.98
Mary Hanson Endowment	\$98,150.90
Walt Johnson Endowment.....	\$49,142.44
SD Community Foundation	\$14,981.26
Total Investment Assets.....	\$845,194.46

TOTAL ASSETS..... \$1,190,536.76

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Restricted Equity (Fund Balances)....	\$1,190,536.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$1,190,536.76

Annual Contribution History

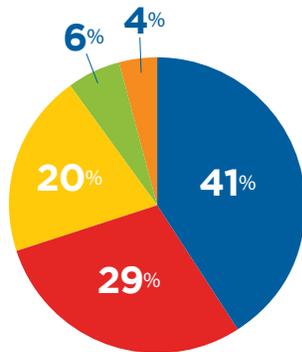
2011-12	\$208,381.54	2016-17	\$388,855.45
2012-13	\$249,478.45	2017-18	\$412,489.91
2013-14	\$256,578.20	2018-19	\$384,624.68
2014-15	\$260,436.84	2019-20	\$416,331.12
2015-16	\$325,179.43	2020-21	\$455,637.84

In-Kind Support

- Absolute Productions - State Convention sound & lights
- Agropur - Milk Quality & Products training
- Army ROTC - Retreat pens and water bottles
- Big E Auto - FFA Auction
- BigIron - FFA Auction
- Butler Machinery Company - FFA Auction
- C & B Operations - FFA Auction
- Dakota Layers - chickens, feed, eggs, incubator, chicks for Ag Adventure Center
- FFA Promotional Videos - Tiffany Sanderson and Chris Nelson
- Geffdog - backpacks for State Officers and Ambassadors
- Graham Tire - FFA Auction
- Lazy J Dairy, Wolsey - 2 calves for Ag Adventure Center
- Lincoln Electric - welder for FFA chapter in need
- Mark & Staci Schloe - painted clipboards for FFA Rabbit Best of Show and Reserve @ SD State Fair
- Midwest Dairy - Ag Adventure Center
- Millborn Seeds - FFA Auction, seeds for Agronomy CDE identification included in instructional packets
- NewsCenter1/ConnectCenter1 - streaming and promoting convention
- North American Wholesale Florists - flowers and supplies for Floriculture CDE
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- Pipestone Systems - Ag Adventure Center, Dairy Display for Ag Adventure Center
- Push Play Photography - FFA Auction
- QC Supply and GroMaster - 4 fans for Ag Adventure Center
- Randy Peterson - 10 shares of Caterpillar stock
- Riverview LLP - Ag Adventure Center
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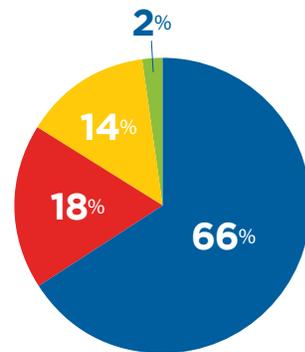
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SD FFA Facts & Figures

4870 Members

- 2048 Females
- 2267 Male
- 555 Undisclosed

102 FFA Chapters

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

112 Agriculture Education teachers (58 are female, 54 are male)

SD FFA member involvement:

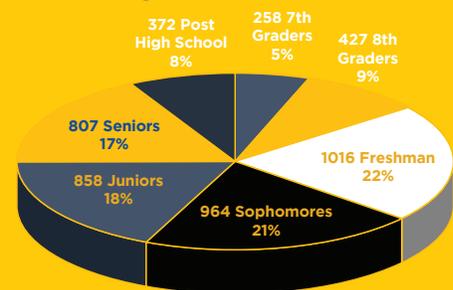
- SD State Fair - 361 FFA members exhibited 1232 exhibits
- Virtual State Leadership Development Events - 496 competitors
- 2021 State Convention - 3290 people that streamed the convention sessions
- 2021 Career Carnival & workshops - 1615 views
- 335 State Career Development teams
- 282 State FFA Degree recipients
- State Leadership Retreat -
- State Officer Zoom Meeting on FFA Opportunities - 11 chapters participated
- 197 Proficiency Award applicants
- 111 Agriscience projects - 150 students involved
- Ag Adventure Zone - 8 chapters 70 students volunteered

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Pathways Students are Studying

% of Grade 9-12 Students

Ag Ed Students	10,925
Multiple Pathways	18.10%
Power, Structural and Technical Systems	22.46%
Animal Systems	18.22%
Environmental Service Systems	8.64%
Agribusiness Systems	6.29%
Natural Resource Systems	10.03%
Plant Systems	7.53%
Food Products and Processing Systems	1.50%
Cluster Skills	7.23%

SD FFA MEMBERSHIP BY GRADE LEVEL



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

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- **Make a difference** in the lives of young people - *attend FFA events, promote corporate contributions, encourage a friend to match your personal gift, like the South Dakota FFA Foundation on Facebook*
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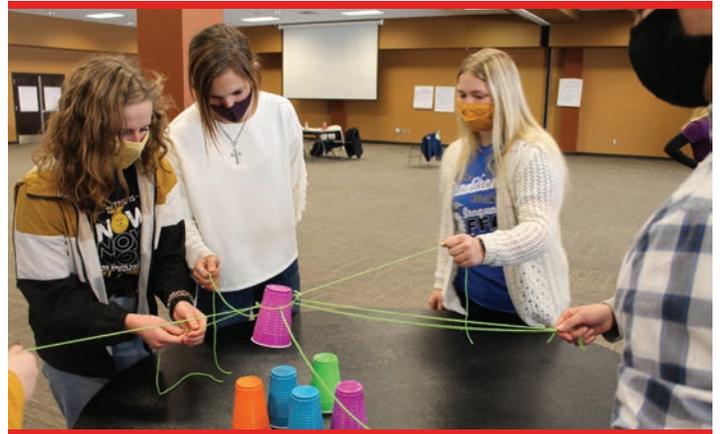
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