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Stars Rise and Shine

The State FFA Degree, the highest degree conferred by the South Dakota FFA, was presented to 282 agricultural education students at the 2020 South Dakota FFA Convention. Certain students rise to the top as star finalists. These individuals spend countless hours working on their projects and enhancing their potential for future jobs by gaining hands-on experience and developing technical skills. After a review of the students' supervised agricultural experience program and records, four finalists were selected in each category prior to state convention. The finalists interviewed in front of a panel and the most outstanding were selected to be the State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Placement and Star in Agri-Science. Each State Star will receive a \$300 cash award and the finalists each receive \$75.

Congratulations to the SD FFA Stars! The results are as follows:



State Star Farmer - Landon Wolter, Wessington Springs; sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.



State Star in Agribusiness - Aidan Friesen, Menno; sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America.



State Star in Ag Placement - Logan Schlim, Howard; sponsored by the Dan Streff Family.



State Star in Agri-Science - Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central; sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy.

Additional Finalists in all 4 areas (photos):



Star Farmer finalists - Liberty Thompson, Brookings; Trevor Johnson, Beresford; Riley Larson, Wessington Springs



Star in Ag Placement finalists - Landon Wolter, Wessington Springs; Trevor Johnson, Beresford; Collin Kolbeck, McCook Central



Star in Agri-Science finalists - Hunter Eide, Gettysburg; Danika Gordon, Sturgis; Brook Geiken, Lennox Sundstrom

Star in Ag Business finalists - Hunter Eide, Gettysburg

District Star Greenhands are sophomores who were recognized for an outstanding start to their Supervised Agriculture Experience Project as being top in each of their FFA districts. These awards were sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative and the 7 FFA Districts.

District Star Greenhands are:



Korbin Leddy, Milbank-District 1;



John Callies, Howard-District 2;



Jason Ebeling, Parker-District 3;



Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central-District 4;



Megan Sanders, Hot Springs-District 5;



Alana Howard, Miller-District 6;



Andrew Rick, West Central-District 7.



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Virtual Convention

The South Dakota FFA Association met the challenge and proceeded with a condensed, virtual convention, themed "The Time is Now" in order that members and chapters who submitted awards applications could be recognized for their efforts, including proficiency awards, Agriscience Fair, National Chapter awards, Career Development Events, and Stars. We also honored those students who completed the requirements and received the State FFA Degree. The virtual setting also provided the backdrop for the State FFA Association to elect a new set of state FFA officers, and bid farewell to the 2019-20 officers who completed their year of service. This event took place May 11-15, 2020. We conducted lots of social media posts, web interaction, and emailed press releases showcasing South Dakota FFA members.



Please help us continue to celebrate South Dakota FFA by recognizing the hard work and dedication of our members and officers. Retiring officers include: Treasurer - Nathan Linke, Woonsocket; Secretary - Tori Rasmussen, Hudson; Sentinel - Sami Wiseman, Crooks; Reporter - Sadie VanderWal, Brentford; Vice President - Blake Pulse, Salem; and President Shelby Ruland, Wall. It might not have been our usual celebration, but we are certainly impressed by all that these young leaders have been able to accomplish! You can still watch all sessions and recognition ceremonies archived at: <https://www.sdaged.org/watch-live>

Chapter Chatter

Bridgewater-Emery FFA had a FFA Plant Sale that took place the middle of May. Students in the agriculture classes were sent home potting soil, seeds, and planting trays to monitor the starting of plants at home. This helped keep students engaged in hands on learning and provide the FFA Chapter an opportunity to help out those wanting to plant a garden in the social distancing time.

Brookings FFA had originally planned to build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that helps ensure that no child has to sleep on the floor. However, socially distancing restricted their ability to make the beds this year, so instead, they have donated their service project funds to their school district's backpack project and their community food shelf.

Deubrook FFA did not let a pandemic put a halt to their service projects. Instead, they utilized their creativity and social media to engage their town in a community cleanup.


McCook Central made history in South Dakota for hosting the first virtual career development event in the state. Over 70 chapters participated in the event with over 1,100 students competing in Ag Mechanics, Agronomy,

Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Farm Management, Floriculture, Food Science, Horse Evaluation, Livestock Evaluation, Milk Quality and Products, Natural Resources, Nursery Landscape, Poultry Evaluation and Veterinary Science CDEs. They also hosted a virtual awards banquet where new chapter officers and awards were announced.

Webster FFA had 9 Agricultural Education students from the Webster Area school toured the Watertown ethanol bio refinery on 1-16-20. Students learned about water quality, corn moisture content, enzymes, emulsifiers, pH controls and that each plant has its own recipe to make the alcohol. The plant is getting about 2.95 gallons of alcohol per bushel of corn. The plant has a goal of taking in 200,000 bushel of corn per day. The plant then markets its alcohol, dried distillers' grain, corn syrup and corn oil. Thank you for allowing us to visit your biological refinery.

Winner FFA hosted a #WinnerWalkWednesday challenge to encourage the community to get out and breathe some fresh air every Wednesday during the month of April. Each post with the hashtag received an entry into a drawing for a free FFA t-shirt. It was an awesome success and it was fun seeing the creativity of people out taking walks or runs.

Considered teaching Agricultural Education?



As a professional teacher, learn and grow with your students every day! If you have enjoyed Agricultural Education classes and the FFA experience as a student, why not share with your own program? Be a teacher! Consider Agricultural Education at SDSU. Contact Dr. Scott Smalley at 605.588.6484, or e-mail scott.smalley@sdstate.edu.

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Long time Ag Teachers Retire

Successful agriculture education programs and FFA chapters are only possible because of our amazing agriculture instructors. These dedicated individuals put in countless hours above and beyond the school day to educate, inspire, and motivate the future workforce of SD. Saying “thank you” is not enough. We want to honor two teachers retiring this year after more than 30 years each of serving “Here by the Owl” and with them well on their next endeavors.



Mr. Jim Wilson began his career as an Agriculture Education Teacher the fall of 1985 when he became the Ag-Ed teacher in Marion, SD. He taught in Marion for 10 years and then had a two-year break, took the Lennox position and has remained there for the past 23 years.

He has had a lot of success with his students in addition to being named Ag Teacher of the year twice and was also awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the state CTE Association.

One of the biggest accomplishments recently is the addition of the learning lab in Lennox that was actually a project designed by his daughter, Erin (Lennox '09) from her Master's program. The learning lab has opened up a whole new dimension to the Ag-Ed/FFA program in Lennox. A Hoop building for livestock, a greenhouse, and an outdoor classroom have given the students new opportunities they might not have been able to experience without its existence.

Being an Agriculture Education teacher and FFA Advisor is unique in comparison to other classroom teachers because it is an opportunity to build lifelong relationships with the students. Watching students grow and learn throughout their Ag-Ed/FFA experiences and opportunities are the most satisfying.

Future plans include getting some projects done around the acreage, fishing, and working with his sheep.

Advice to FFA members: Take advantage of all the opportunities the FFA has to offer and don't be afraid to try something new.



Mr. Doug Hawk taught from 1976-2020 for Haakon County School District, in Philip, SD.

Some of his achievements include: Outstanding Agriculture Education program in 2020, Outstanding Agriculture Science Teacher in 1999, Society of Range Management Outstanding Service Award, SDAAE 40 Year Service Award, coaching 24 state champion FFA teams, and two national champion FFA teams.

Under Mr. Hawk's leadership, FFA members developed the Kiddie park by the pool, completed the dirt work for the park contour, and built and installed the playground equipment. Philip FFA developed the Lake Waggoner Camp Ground - designed the layout, presented the plan to the county for approval to use the land for the campground, installed the electrical hook ups and concrete camping pads, built picnic tables, purchased gravel for the parking areas, built and installed the camp shades, and constructed the metal campground and beach sign. FFA members constructed the shade cover at the shooting range, built and installed the signs, and constructed the scoring stand

and sitting benches at the trap range. Much of the funding was possible by grants written and applied for by FFA members. The FFA chapter built the retaining wall and leveled the soil, installed erosion mesh, planted grass and spruce trees and installed irrigation behind the “Lasting Legacy” Monument. They constructed raised flower beds and flower containers at the nursing home/hospital court yard and apartments, where they donate and plant flowers yearly. The Philip FFA chapter was recognized numerous times as a Gold level Building Our South Dakota Community chapter.

Mr. Hawk is heavily involved in the community: announcing for school activities, auctioneering community events and fundraisers, on the MTI advisory board, on boards for the Bad River Rural Water System, Philip Arena Association, Lake Waggoner Golf Course, and National Mutual Benefit Insurance Co., a Jaycee, baseball coach, and Hunt Safe instructor.

Mr. Hawk is excited to have the opportunity to go hunting and fishing on the good days, not just the available days. HE will continue to raise cattle, spoil the grandkids(more), and build his own green house.

Advice for future FFA members: Take advantage of all the opportunities that FFA offers, the more activities you are involved in the higher the caliber of opportunities that arise for you.



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SD FFA Members Earn National Scholarships

There is a need to fill the pipeline of leaders in the agriculture industry, and industry is stepping up to help students meet that need. In 2020, the National FFA awarded \$54,500 in scholarships, to 24 SD FFA members, through the National FFA Scholarship program. Scholarships are sponsored by businesses and individuals through the National FFA Foundation and are given for a wide variety of experiences, career goals and higher education plans. These students devoted much time and effort to FFA involvement, work experience, supervised agricultural experience (SAE), community service, leadership skills and academics, making them likely future leaders in agriculture. Recipients are:

First Name	Last Name	FFA Chapter Name	Award Name	Award Amount
Kestlyn	Willert	Brookings	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Blake	Johnson	Centerville	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - Henson Ford Inc	\$1,000.00
Daniel	DeDeyne	De Smet	Darling Ingredients Inc. Scholarship	\$10,000.00
Makayla	DeDeyne	De Smet	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Avery	Alvarado	Harrisburg	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Chesney	Effling	Highmore	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - Pioneer Garage Inc	\$1,000.00
Ryan	Smith	Huron	Darling Ingredients Inc. Scholarship	\$10,000.00
Isaac	McCormick	McCook Central	Fleet Farm Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Hadley	Stiefvater	McCook Central	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Raygen	Randall	McCook Central	BNSF Railway Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Katelyn	Winberg	McCook Central	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Emily	Bies	McCook Central	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - McCormick Motors	\$1,000.00
Grant	Handel	Menno	Domino's Pizza LLC Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Aidan	Friesen	Menno	MetLife Foundation Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Kadon	Leddy	Milbank	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Kadon	Leddy	Milbank	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - Milbank Ford Inc	\$1,000.00
Sadie	Vander Wal	Northwestern Area	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Austin	Bartelt	Parkston	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Shana	Bender	Rapid City	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough Scholarships - Mckie Ford Lincoln Inc	\$1,000.00
Nathan	Linke	Sanborn Central/Woonsocket	Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Iowa Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Danika	Gordon	Sturgis	Ford Trucks/Built Ford Tough - FFA Scholarship National Program	\$1,000.00
Teigan	Clark	Sunshine Bible Academy	Domino's Pizza LLC Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Iver	Paul	Sunshine Bible Academy	Tractor Supply Company Endowment	\$2,000.00
Jalen	King	Winner	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00
Cole	Rumsey	Yankton	America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship Program	\$1,500.00

Students Shine in FFA Career Development Events

One of the hallmarks of agricultural education and the FFA is the opportunity to showcase skills learned in classrooms and spotlighted through competitive events. We know that this is a source of pride and students look forward to the state-level events each year to determine who will represent South Dakota at the national level in the fall. This year, South Dakota agricultural teachers explored options to safely conduct these events – and determined it was best to proceed with a virtual event versus conducting them in a more traditional manner. Those events happened May 6 & 7 and were announced May 14th during our virtual State Convention.

We understand this is not ideal for students, teachers or industry, however, the covid-19 pandemic only reinforced the importance of a safe, abundant food supply to feed people in our communities and globally. Agriculture has not shut down during this pandemic and student learning is not ending either. Students are still preparing for careers, and it is our hope that they'll take a second look at careers in the agriculture industry when they understand the role agriculture plays in times like this. FFA's Career Development Events are built around ag industry careers, expose members to many of the opportunities and needs in the agriculture sector, and enable them to develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately, succeed in future careers. Congrats to our state Career Development Event winners:

Agricultural Business Management

Awards and team travel scholarship sponsored by Wells Fargo and United Animal Health. Team travel scholarships are sponsored by FarmHouse Fraternity at SDSU and United Animal Health.

1st Place Team: Gettysburg - (photo) Ethan Pitlick, Hunter Eide, and Madelynn Matson. Advisor is Mercedes Lemke



2nd - Highmore
3rd- Northwestern Area
1st Place Individual: Ethan Pitlick, Gettysburg

Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Awards, drills for each of the top 10 individuals and team travel scholarships are sponsored by the CHS Foundation.

1st Place Team: Webster - (photo) Jared Schlotte, Matt Mork and Mason Peckham, Advisor is Fred Zenk



2nd - Tri-Valley
3rd- Kimball
1st Place Individual: Bradley Dangel, Andes Central FFA



Agronomy

Awards are sponsored by Wilbur Ellis and the team travel scholarships are sponsored by Wilbur Ellis, Croplan by Winfield United, De & Mike Johnson, In Memory of Walt Johnson, and Hoegemeyer Hybrids.

1st Place Team: Hot Springs - Rachel Rickenbach, Megan Sanders and William Kuhl, Advisor is Tanna White



2nd- McCook Central
3rd- Lemmon
1st Place Individual: Rachel Rickenbach, Hot Springs

Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Awards sponsored by SD Division of the Midwest Dairy Association and the team travel scholarships are sponsored by Sharps, Inc. Bath and Global Dairy of Brookings.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - (photo) Sophia Kaffar, Griffin Stoffel, Paige Peterson, and Jordan Schock, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase



2nd- Sunshine Bible Academy
3rd- Howard
1st Place Individual: (photo) Paige Peterson, McCook Central



Floriculture

Awards and travel scholarships are sponsored by Dr. David Graper, Kari Rogers, and Gettysburg FFA. Supplies sponsored by North American Wholesale Florists and Hy-Vee of Brookings.

1st Place Team: Brookings - Ellen Fitzpatrick, Abby Fitzpatrick, Morgan White and Kaitlin Feldhus, Advisor is Joshua Johnson



2nd - Beresford
3rd- Hot Springs
1st Place Individual: Abbygail Bingham, Rapid City

Food Science and Technology

Awards sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and the team travel scholarships are sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke and Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - (photo) Jacob Wagner, Lauren Stiefvater, Abby Blagg, and Rachel Schallenkamp. Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase



2nd- Gettysburg
3rd- Lennox Sundstrom
1st Place Individual: Rachel Schallenkamp, McCook Central



Horse Evaluation

Awards sponsored by K Bar J Leather Company, and team travel scholarships are sponsored by Rodney Yost Horsemanship and K Bar J Leather Company.

1st Place Team: Aberdeen Central - Gabi Siefkes, Jenna Otterstetter and Anna Moser, Advisor is Maleri McCloud



2nd - Parkston
3rd- McCook Central
1st Place Individual: Gabi Siefkes, Aberdeen Central



Livestock Evaluation

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

1st Place Team: Brookings - Liberty Thompson, Kestlyn Willert, Raesa Zelinsky and Cody Larson, Advisor Joshua Johnson.



2nd - Beresford
3rd- Estelline
1st Place Individual: Cash Voegele, Lennox Sundstrom



Meats Evaluation & Technology

Awards are sponsored by Smithfield Foods of Sioux Falls, and travel scholarships are sponsored by Tri-Valley FFA Alumni, Tyson Foods and Smithfield Foods. Supplies are sponsored by Tyson Foods and Luke and Jordyn Eide.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - (photo) Kayle Lauck, Isaac McCormick, Corbin Montreal and Avery Feterl, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase



2nd- Harrisburg
3rd- Highmore
1st Place Individual: (photo) Braxton Boer, Harrisburg



Milk Quality & Products

Awards sponsored by Agropur Inc-Cheese and Whey Products, and the team travel scholarships are sponsored in memory of Justin Maass and by Agropur Inc- Cheese and Whey Products.

1st Place Team: Sioux Valley - (individual photos of team members) Gabriel Papiernik, Preston VanderWal, Merick Olson and Michael Larson, Advisor is Don Sutera



2nd - McCook Central
3rd- Lennox Sundstrom
1st Place Individual: (photo) Gabriel Papiernik, Sioux Valley



Environment and Natural Resources

Awards sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition, and the team travel scholarships are sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition, Jeff Vander Wilt and John Lentz.

1st Place Team: Brookings - Braden Tilly, Gabe Boyer, Denae Baker and Wim Reuvekamp, Advisor is Joshua Johnson



2nd - Belle Fourche
3rdplace - McCook Central
1st Place Individual: Braden Tilly, Brookings



Nursery/Landscape

Awards sponsored by Midwest Stihl and the team travel scholarships are sponsored by Northland Plains Landscaping, SODAK Gardens and South Dakota Nursery and Landscape Association. Midwest Stihl also sponsors the chainsaw purchased for the first place individual.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Megan Stiefvater, Sydney Grasma, Joseph Loudenburg and Sadye Roesler, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase



2nd - Milbank
3rd- Lennox Sundstrom
1st Place Individual: (photo) Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central



Poultry

Awards and team travel scholarships sponsored by the South Dakota Poultry Industries Association. The supplies are sponsored by Dakota Layers and the Salem Veterinary Service.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Grace DiGiovanni, Gracie Wurtz, Ashtyn Wobig and Maddy Lunders, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase.



2nd - Chester
3rd- Garretson
1st Place Individual: Grace DiGiovanni, McCook Central

Veterinary Science

Awards sponsored by Susan A. Stoterau, DVM and Alice Harty, DVM. The travel scholarships are sponsored by Susan A. Stoterau, DVM & Alice Harty, DVM, and the SD Veterinary Medical Association.

1st Place Team: McCook Central - Hadley Stiefvater, Ella Stiefvater, Madison Stroud and Katelyn Winberg, Advisors are Terry Rieckman and Tracy Chase



2ndplace team - Brookings
3rd- Chester
1st Place Individual: Kallen Kafka, Wagner

Supplies needed to make all the events possible are sponsored by Bruce & Kim Paterson, Duane & Ann Wulff, Clark & Lyla Hanson, Eric & Roxanne Knock, and the SD Nursery and Landscape Association.

South Dakota FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

South Dakota FFA is dedicated to premier leadership, personal growth, and career success and is therefore proud to support South Dakota FFA members in their post-secondary education. The following scholarships were awarded at the 92nd South Dakota State FFA Convention, broadcast virtually as part of the South Dakota FFA Foundation's collegiate scholarship program. Watch the archived results at: <http://sdffaoundation.org/conv2020/>.

The Gary Grey Agricultural Education Scholarship

The Agricultural Education Scholarship is awarded to a senior FFA member who intends to study Agricultural Education at a post-secondary institution. The scholarship is sponsored in part by Kelvin and Carol Grey, and Nickolas Grey, in honor of Kelvin's brother and Nickolas's dad, Gary. This year's scholarship recipients are:

\$750: Samantha Jenc, Watertown Area;
\$500: Lindsey Vander Wal, Sioux Valley



Jenc



Vander Wal

Blue & Gold Scholarships The South Dakota FFA offers Blue and Gold Scholarships to any graduating senior who is planning to enroll in an agriculture-related field in one of South Dakota's institutions. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

Megan Linke, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket
Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
Elizabeth Brandt, Wolsey-Wessington
Ryder Mortenson, Winner
Trevor Johnson, Beresford



Linke



Stiefvater



Mortenson



Johnson

Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship The Bob Titus Memorial Scholarship, which is sponsored by Sioux Falls Ford, was established in memory of Bob Titus, father of past state FFA officer Jenny Titus-Jacobson. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship is

Mitchell Schmidt, Willow Lake.



Schmidt

Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships The Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are:

Brook Gieken, Lennox Sundstrom
Jacob Schmidt, Garretson
Trevor Johnson, Beresford
Zach Brown, West Central



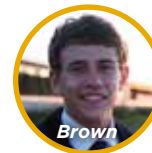
Gieken



Schmidt



Johnson



Brown

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

Christine Stoltenberg, Northwestern Area
Robert Guy Davis, Belle Fourche
Bailee Anderson, Chester
Liberty Thompson, Brookings



Stoltenberg



Anderson



Thompson

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

Natasha Allerdings, Doland
Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
Frank Huber, Bennett County
Kestlyn Willert, Brookings
Bailey Binger, Hitchcock-Tulare



Allerdings



Eide



Huber



Willert

Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship The Wade Lang Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Wade Lang who served as the South Dakota State FFA Treasurer from 1991-1992. This \$500 memorial scholarship was presented to

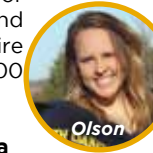
Kiley Klein, Madison Central.



Klein

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

Claire Olson, Deubrook
Samantha Jenc, Watertown Area



Olson



Jenc

Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship The Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarships are sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje, South Dakota State University graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members sponsor these \$750 scholarships for:

Danika Gordon, Sturgis
Emily Nold, Rutland



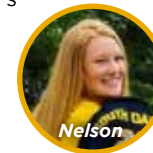
Nold



Gordon

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

Makayla Nelson, Arlington
Rebekah White, Brookings
Grace Kock, Parker
Sydney Berens, Parker
Samantha Dean, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket



Nelson



White



Kock



Berens



Dean

SD FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships *continued*

WLC Scholarships The WLC Scholarships aid high school members in attending the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington DC. Because WLC has been cancelled for 2020, all these \$500 scholarships will be held for recipients to attend in 2021.

Jordan and Ashley Wiesen sponsor one WLC scholarship, with preference given to FFA members from District 2. Congratulations to **Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central**.

Todd and Terry Marks, in Memory of Carl Ashdown, Terry's father, sponsored one WLC scholarship for a member from District 6. Congratulations to **Jordyn Schock, Bowdle**.

The SD FFA Foundation sponsors four addition WLC scholarships. The recipients are:

Korbin Leddy, Milbank
Hattie Muellenbach, Milbank
John Peterson, Sturgis
Madaline Watzel, Winner

Ernie Wingen Scholarship The Ernie Wingen Scholarship is sponsored by Fred DeRouche and Pat Wingen. The recipient of this scholarship is **Beth Nagel, Gettysburg**.



Continuing Agriculture Education Scholarships

These scholarships assist students currently studying agricultural education at South Dakota State University as they continue their pursuit in a career as an ag teacher. They are made possible through funding provided by SD FFA Star partners: Twin City Region Northland Ford, Bayer, Agtegra, CHS Foundation, BankWest, and Butler Machinery as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are:

Lauralee Eaton
Jacey Edlin
Matthew Bogue
Sarah Kroeger

Post-Secondary Ag Scholarships

These scholarships are for students currently studying any area of agriculture at a SD postsecondary school. They are made possible through funding provided by SD FFA Star partners: Twin City Region Northland Ford, Bayer, Agtegra, CHS Foundation, BankWest, and Butler Machinery as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. Recipients are:

Makayla DeDeyne
Sadie VanderWal
Paul Schlotman
Emily Cap
Marie Robbins
Cara Teigum
Brooke Hoffbeck



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What a year 2020 is shaping up to be! With all the uncertainty and unknowns across the country, one thing is for certain – South Dakota FFA members and agricultural education professionals are rising to the occasion and making lemonade (and focusing on agricultural education) in ways that will be remembered for years to come. This newsletter highlights how Team AgEd met the challenge, continued to teach students, supported their communities, provided competitive events in a new format, and recognized South Dakota FFA members and FFA chapters for their hard work – as well as selected the individuals and teams that will represent South Dakota at national FFA events next fall – showcasing the skills learned in our traditional (and in these last several weeks “untraditional”) classrooms.

Congratulations to all FFA members and chapters on a successful State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity. Check out the archived sessions and activities: <http://sdffafoundation.org/conv2020/>

Thank you to all of the individual and business sponsors that continued to support us and make convention possible! Without dedicated sponsors, the SD FFA members would not be able discover and experience the opportunities to build their leadership, grow their communities and strengthen agriculture for the future.

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

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Career Carnival

We recognize that the Career Carnival, as part of the South Dakota FFA Convention is a highlight for students and companies alike. With nearly 40 booths registered before the pandemic hit, the SD FFA Foundation put our thinking caps on to get creative, and reached out to vendors who stepped up to the challenge. We offered a Virtual Career Carnival, for students to hear important messages from our industry supporters and gain insight into potential postsecondary school options. <http://sdffaoundation.org/conv2020/>

We also hosted virtual workshops where students were able to interact with leadership in the agricultural industry throughout the entire week of the virtual convention. These provided students the opportunity to learn and ask questions of industry leaders, and served as great resources for our teachers to use in their classrooms the final weeks of school.



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Proficiency Awards recognize Outstanding SAE's

South Dakota FFA members were recognized at the virtual South Dakota State FFA Convention for excellence in developing career-specific skills through their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Proficiency projects. Watch the archived sessions at: <https://www.sdaged.org/watch-live>

FFA Proficiency Awards recognize members who have developed their skills and abilities related to employment, internships, apprenticeships and their future careers at agribusiness or agriculture-related organizations. There are 47 Proficiency areas for FFA members to participate in and the 1st place member in each category will send their application on for national competition. The results are as follows:

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

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1. **Katelyn Winberg, McCook Central**
2. **Samantha Frickson, Bowdle**
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Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Carry-On Trailer and Lincoln Electric. Our state level sponsor is Cammack Ranch Supply, Union Center.

1. **Blake Eldeen, Parker**
2. **Blake Gessner, McCook Central**



Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Placement is sponsored nationally by WD-40. Our state level sponsor is Scott Supply Co. and Jeremy and Laura Nettifee.

1. **Colin Reif, McCook Central**
2. **Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area**
3. **Austin Pillsbury, Menno**



Agricultural Processing (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are the SD Soybean Processors of Volga and Candidus and Londa (Vander Wal) Nwadike.

1. **Joslyn Gonzalez, Wolsey-Wessington**
2. **Avery Feterl, McCook Central**
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Agricultural Sales - Entrepreneurship is sponsored nationally by Nutrien Ag Solutions and Valent USA Corporation. Our state level sponsor is Legend Seeds, Inc. of De Smet.

1. **Christine Stoltenberg, Northwestern Area**



Agricultural Sales - Placement is sponsored nationally by Fastenal and Provimi North America, Inc. Our state level sponsor is LG Seeds.

1. **Kane Muth, McCook Central**
2. **Mitchell Healy, Harrisburg**
3. **Isabel Roth, Harrisburg**



Agricultural Services (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Red Brand Wire. Our state level sponsors are Midwest Cooperatives of Pierre and Northern

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1. **Ethan Kueter, West Central**
2. **Alvena Batin, Miller**
3. **Blake Johnson, Centerville**



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

1. **Hunter Eide, Gettysburg**
2. **Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central**
3. **Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area**



Agriscience Research - Integrated Systems is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are D & D Crop Service, LLC and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.

1. **Sophia Kaffar, McCook Central**
2. **Kayle Lauck, McCook Central**
3. **Madison Stroud, McCook Central**



Agriscience Research - Plant Systems is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is SoDak Labs, Inc.

1. **Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area**
2. **Lauren Steifvater, McCook Central**



Beef Production - Entrepreneurship is sponsored nationally by Merck Animal Health and Rabo Agri Finance. Our state level sponsors are Jensen, Stewart, Odden and Vedvei Charolais Breeders, Millborn Seeds, and the South Dakota Shorthorn Association.

1. **William Rentz, Howard**
2. **Abby Blagg, McCook Central**
3. **Trevor Johnson, Beresford**



Beef Production - Placement is sponsored nationally by Zoetis. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association.

1. **Logan Schlim, Howard**
2. **Jacob Schmidt, Garretson**
3. **Tate Johnson, Beresford**



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

1. **Derek Schock, McCook Central**



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

1. **Kennedy Houghton, Garretson**
2. **Zach Brown, West Central**
3. **Jordan Schock, McCook Central**



Proficiency Awards recognize Outstanding SAE's *continued*

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



1. Collin Kolbeck, McCook Central
2. Logan Hurlbert, Clark
3. Elliott Chase, McCook Central

Diversified Crop Production - Entrepreneurship is sponsored nationally by CHS Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Agtera.



1. Elliott Chase, McCook Central
2. Landon Roling, McCook Central

Diversified Crop Production - Placement is sponsored nationally by AgReliant Genetics. Our state level sponsor is D & D Crop Service, LLC.

1. Samuel Magedanz, Deuel (not pictured)
2. Jaedon Wobig, McCook Central

Diversified Horticulture (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by The Toro Company. Our state level sponsor is South Dakota Soil Health Coalition.



1. Beth Nagel, Gettysburg
2. Heather Rowe, Winner
3. Riley Phillips, Chester Area

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

1. Kasandra Knutson, Viborg-Hurley (not pictured)
2. Abby Blagg, McCook Central
3. Rylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central

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



1. Mia Glanzer, Howard
2. Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central
3. Matt Schock, McCook Central

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



1. Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg
2. Madisen Koepsell, McCook Central
3. Rhiannon Allen, Hot Springs

Equine Science - Placement is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Co and Tarter Farm & Ranch Equipment. Our state level sponsors are Scott Cammack, Dawn Nagel, Susan Stoterau, Roger DeRouchev and the Webster FFA chapter.



1. Charles Marshall, Brookings
2. Destiny Fox, Bowdle
3. Ciara Rother, McCook Central

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



1. Collin Kolbeck, McCook Central
2. Elliott Chase, McCook Central

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



1. Elliott Chase, McCook Central
2. Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area
3. Jaedon Wobig, McCook Central

Fruit Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is MinnTex of Windom, Minnesota.



1. Perri Liedtke, Sioux Valley
2. Dakota Buck, McCook Central

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

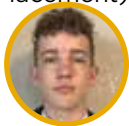
1. Paige Frensko, Deuel (not pictured)
2. Danika Gordon, Sturgis
3. Tessa Erdmann, Groton

Grain Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Valent USA Corporation and Wilbur Ellis. Our state level sponsor's are the South Dakota Wheat Commission and Bayer Crop Science.



1. Jaedon Wobig, McCook Central
2. Elliott Chase, McCook Central
3. Evan Bly, Garretson

Landscape Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Briggs and Stratton and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is FarmHouse Fraternity at SDSU.



1. Tisyn Spader, Howard
2. Jacob Cheeseman, McCook Central

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



1. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
2. Kayla Smeenk, Harrisburg

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



1. Grant Handel, Menno
2. Emma Muth, McCook Central

Proficiency Awards recognize Outstanding SAE's *continued*

Service Learning (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are BankWest and the Harrisburg FFA Chapter.

1. Paige Peterson, McCook Central
2. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
3. Bailey Hansen, Centerville



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

1. John Callies, Howard
2. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
3. Jessica Kott, Kimball



Small Animal Production and Care (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tractor Supply Company and Elanco. Our state level sponsors are Salem Veterinary Service, SD Veterinary Medical Association, and Robert Rennolet of Menno.

1. Mia Berndt, Deuel (not pictured)
2. Ashtyn Wobig, McCook Central
3. Rachel Schallenkamp, McCook Central

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

1. Brook Geiken, Lennox Sundstrom
2. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central



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

1. Mason Peckham, Webster/Waubay



Swine Production - Entrepreneurship is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor's are the South Dakota Pork Producers Council and DNA Genetics.

1. Abby Blagg, McCook Central
2. Carter Calmus, Howard
3. Riley Genzlinger, Howard



Swine Production - Placement is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsors are Gro Master, Smithfield Hog Production, Lester Moeller, United Animal Health, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock.

1. Brie Duerre, Webster/Waubay
2. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
3. Jayden Wolf, McCook Central



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

1. Kieffer Klinkhammer, Howard
2. Tisyn Spader, Howard
3. Abby Blagg, McCook Central



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

1. Geoff Dunkelberger, Parker
2. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
3. Kamrynn Sveeggen, Beresford



Veterinary Science (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Salem Veterinary Service.

1. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
3. Destrie Morris, Miller



Wildlife Production and Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Craig and Maure Weinkauf, in memory of Arthur J. Weinkauf.

1. Morgan Terveen, Bridgewater-Emery
2. Braden Tilly, Brookings



New Leadership for SD FFA Association



Dani Herring, recent Wall FFA advisor, will be starting in late June as the SD FFA Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary is located on the SDSU campus and is responsible for planning and organizing all state level FFA activities, working with ag instructors and supervising the state officer team.

Ms. Herring has been the ag instructor in Wall since 2010. One of her successes includes serving on the local Economic

Development Board where she reached out to the local meat plant to begin the Beef to School program, which has grown across SD. She also served as the SD FFA Career Development Events committee chair since 2018, is President Elect for SDAAE, has been advisor to 4 past state offi-

cers, been district representative on the Foundation board, served as State FFA Sentinel, and was a high school FFA member from Newell, SD.

With her new position, she is most excited about getting to work with state officers to grow the South Dakota FFA Association, and work with chapters to promote agriculture throughout the state. She hopes to create more visibility and name recognition for the SD FFA Association in non-FFA/Ag circles. Herring states, "We have to get in front of all people-it's becoming increasingly important to promote the food system to consumers and FFA is in a great place to help with that education."

Welcome to Ms. Herring, and thanks to Jeanette Klein and Jonathan Linke for filling the interim position since January as the hiring process was completed.

South Dakota FFA Agri-Scientists Recognized

The SD FFA Agriscience Fair featured exhibits in six different categories (Animal Systems; Environmental and Natural Resource Systems; Food Products & Processing Systems; Plant Systems; Power, Structural & Technology Systems; Social Systems) and involves extensive research as well as writing a written report including information on previous studies related to the topic, their research and findings. The divisions are as follows: Division 1-2 (7-8th graders), Division 3-4 (9-10th graders) and Division 5 & 6 (11-12th graders). The Agriscience Fair was sponsored by Florence FFA, McCook Central FFA, Jason and Gail Gullickson and the South Dakota FFA Foundation

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

Animal Systems

The study of animal systems, including life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management and processing, through the study of small animals, aquaculture, livestock, dairy, horses, and/or poultry. The sponsors for this area are Eichacker Simmentals, Salem Veterinary Service and Jim Chilson.

Division 1:

1. Colton Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Marah Schock, McCook Central
3. Joe Grady, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Ali Zacharias, West Central
2. Avery Miles, Doland
3. Keeleigh Elwood, Chamberlain

Division 4:

1. Emma Kuhlman and Hailey Overby, West Central
2. Karlye Maras and Maddie Leasure, West Central
3. Keighlor Nolz and Maia Kennedy, West Central

Division 5:

1. Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Hunter Eide, Gettysburg
3. Mitchell Vander Wal, Northwestern Area

Division 6:

1. Zachary Brown and Maria Schaefer, West Central
2. Kiara Stuck and Hailie Stuck, Northwestern Area
3. Ethan Kueter and Isak Edwards, West Central

Environmental Service/Natural Resource Systems-

The study of systems, instruments and technology used in waste management; the study of the management of soil, water, wildlife, forests and air as natural resources and their influence on the environment. The sponsors for this area are Ducks Unlimited and Black Hills Forest Resource Association.

Division 1:

1. Dylan McGregor, McCook Central
2. Mason Sabers, McCook Central
3. Jamie Sabers, McCook Central

Division 2:

1. Ryan Blagg and Will Rotert, McCook Central
2. Mary Whaler and Isabela Jimenez, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Megan Nash, Northwestern Area
2. Shane Johnson, Doland
3. Jack Linneman, West Central

Division 4:

1. Megan Stiefvater and Mason Pulse, McCook Central
2. Andrew Rick and Bennett Sebert, West Central

Division 5:

1. Caycee Schneider, Doland
2. Jace Haven, Northwestern Area

Food Products and Processing Systems-

The study of product development, quality assurance, food safety, production, sales and service, regulation and compliance and food service within the food science industry. The sponsor for this area is the South Dakota Retailers Association.

Division 1:

1. JD Adam, McCook Central
2. Emma Schneider, Doland
3. Katrina Hiles, Doland

Division 2:

1. Vivian Koepsell and Grace Stoffel, McCook Central
2. Abby Wagner and Jasmine Krempges, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Grace Harden, West Central

Division 4:

1. Randa Haak and Taryn Guinn, Chamberlain
2. Chase Olson and Connor Siemonsma, West Central
3. McKenna Sichmeller and Josslin Jarding, West Central

Division 5:

1. Paige Peterson, McCook Central
2. Natasha Allerdings, Doland
3. Mackenzie Grauel, West Central

Plant Systems -

The study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants. The sponsors for this area are Next Level Ag and Central Farmers Cooperative.

Division 1:

1. Lane Deutsch, McCook Central
2. Jodynn Bawek, Doland
3. Haley Gilbertson, McCook Central

Division 2:

1. Lauren Roling and Maddy Lauck, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Emma Husman, West Central
2. Hannah Davis, West Central
3. Sammie Mallinger, West Central

Division 4:

1. Regan LaBrie and Greeley LaBrie, Doland
2. Ruby Huiten and Natalie Grocott, Montrose
3. Chelsea Shumaker and Melissa Anderson, West Central

Division 5:

1. Samantha Pappas, Grotton
2. Alisha McMartin, West Central

Division 6:

1. Mason Oyen and Abigail VanRuler, Montrose
2. Bre Bossman and Epiphany Hammer, West Central
3. Micah Mellema and Clayton Starnes, West Central

Power, Structural, and Technical Systems -

The study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources and precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding and project planning for agricultural structures. The sponsors for this area are Butler Machinery and Meyerink Farm Service.

Division 1:

1. Mason Tschetter, Doland

Division 2:

1. Jackson Remmers and Kolt Koepsell, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Ethan Boekelheide, Northwestern Area
2. Grace DiGiovanni, McCook Central
3. Nicholas Troske, Northwestern Area

Division 5:

1. Madison Stroud, McCook Central
2. Dirby Bawek, Doland
3. Jesse Holdahl, West Central

Division 6:

1. Luke Nichols and Noah Pressler, West Central

Social Science -

The study of human behavior and the interaction of individuals in and to society, including agricultural education, agribusiness economics, agricultural communications, agricultural leadership and other social science applications in agriculture, food, and natural resources. The sponsors for this area are Bayer and the South Dakota Biotech Association.

Division 1:

1. Abbie Chase, McCook Central
2. Jaxon Koch, McCook Central
3. Karlie Stiefvater, McCook Central

Division 2:

1. Layla Stroud and Kaizha Blase, McCook Central
2. Carter Randall and Haden Stoffel, McCook Central

Division 3:

1. Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central
2. Max Matson, Gettysburg
3. Sawyer Styles, Northwestern Area

Division 4:

1. Hallie Kueter and Katelyn Lueth, Montrose
2. Caleb Kinzley and Christina Jimenez, McCook Central

Division 5:

1. Kayle Lauck, McCook Central
2. Kiara Ebbinga, West Central
3. Emma Grocott, West Central

Division 6:

1. Danika Gordon and Matea Gordon, Sturgis
2. Beth Nagel and Sasha Cordell, Gettysburg
3. Abby Blagg and Sophia Kaffar, McCook Central



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To wrap up the 92nd South Dakota State FFA Convention, six members were elected to serve as the 2020-2021 South Dakota State FFA officer team and two members were elected to serve as the 2020-2021 South Dakota State FFA ambassadors.

Candidates vied for the six South Dakota leadership roles and went through extensive interviews. The individuals elected to the South Dakota State FFA officer team will travel across the state throughout the next year presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association. They will also represent the state of South Dakota at the National FFA Convention. When asked about their year of service, they shared, "We didn't start the year in a traditional way, or as planned; however, this unique experience has prepared our officer team to take on any challenge that we may encounter. We are very excited to be able to represent South Dakota FFA and continue sharing the importance of agricultural education."



Caitlynn Barse,
Groton



Beth Nagel,
Gettysburg

2020-2021 State FFA Ambassadors

State FFA Ambassadors assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year and are a crucial part of the South Dakota FFA Association.