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**SD FFA Members Earn American Degree**

Congratulations to 40 South Dakota FFA members, from 20 chapters, for earning their American FFA Degree. Recipients will be recognized during the 97th National FFA Convention, Saturday, October 26, during the 7:30am (EST) session. All sessions will be broadcast on RFD-TV.

**Belle Fourche –** Dustin Kolb

**Bridgewater Emery –** Jackson Harberts, Morgan Terveen,

**Brookings** – Raesa Zelinsky

**Centerville** – Shane Rist,

**Elkton** – Emily Robbins,

**Harrisburg** – Ruby Mannes, McKenzie Putnam,

**Hot Springs** – Megan Sanders,

**Lennox Sundstrom** – Autumn Wittstruck

**McCook Central** – Aubree Kranz, Kayle Lauck, Tayah McGregor, Mason Pulse, Jonathon Schock, Ella Stiefvater, Samara Wolf

**Miller** – Destrie Morris, Trevor Werdel

**Northwestern Area –** Ethan Boekelheide, Ella Haven, Mitchell VanderWal,

**Parker** – Ashton Ross,

**Parkston** – Kacy Goehring, Ashlyn Tapio

**Rapid City Stevens** – Jessica Joens,

**Scotland** – Tori Dvorak,

**Sioux Valley** – Gabrielle Rebelein,

**Tri Valley** – Mya Dissing,

**Webster** – Caleb McGregor,

**Wessington Springs** – Austin Schimke,

**West Central –** Addison Bahrenfuss, Madison DeMent, Jesse Kline, Shayne Luzmoor, Dalton Mulder, Chase Olson, Connor Siemonsma, Alison Zacharias

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.