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2016-2017 South Dakota State FFA Officers Elected

To culminate the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention on April 12th, 2016, in Brookings, six members – all high school seniors – were elected to serve as the 2016-2017 South Dakota State FFA officer team.

Ten candidates interviewed for the six South Dakota FFA leadership roles. The individuals elected to the South Dakota State FFA officer team will travel across the state throughout the next year presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association.

2016-2017 State FFA Officers

- **President** – Alison Simon, Gettysburg
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- **Sentinel** – Sydnie Peters, Winner



(L to R): Alison Simon, Kaitlyn Schmichel, Logan Hoffman, Andrew Streff, Jaclynn Knutson, Sydnie Peters

These individuals will assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year.

2016 – 2017 State FFA Ambassadors

- Nathan Harmer, Harrisburg
- Peyton DeJong, Philip



(L to R): Peyton DeJong, Nathan Harmer

SD FFA Stars Awarded for Outstanding Projects

Five South Dakota FFA members were awarded for project excellence at the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention. The South Dakota FFA Star Awards recognize FFA members who have demonstrated exemplary work in their Supervised Agriculture Experience; these FFA members have mastered skills in agriculture production, finance, management and research.

After an extensive review of their Supervised Agricultural Experience program and records, the following members were selected as finalists for State Star Farmer, Star in Agribusiness, Star in Ag Placement, Star in Agriscience and Star Greenhand. On April 10th, 2016, the finalists met in Brookings where they discussed their projects in an oral interview with a panel of industry judges.

- **State Star Farmer:** Collin Anson, Wessington Springs Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America
Finalists: Alex Toupal, Kimball Allison Hasart, Miller Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg Hurley

- **Star in Agribusiness:** Andrew Streff, McCook Central Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America
Finalists: Samantha Peterson, Harrisburg Alex Toupal, Kimball Jordan Van Hout, McCook Central
- **Star in Ag Placement:** Andrew Streff, McCook Central Sponsored by the Dan Streff Family of Salem
Finalists: Cole Stevens, Howard Branden Stone, McCook Central Andrew Leber, Parker
- **Star in AgriScience:** Morgen Bunde, Florence Sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC.
Finalists: Jordan Scheier, McCook Central Janie Fritz, Sturgis
- **Star Greenhand:** Blake Kontz, Flandreau Sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative
Finalists: Haley Feldhaus, Howard Joe Eichacker, McCook Central Travis Leber, Parker



Farmer



Ag Placement



Ag Business



AgriScience



Greenhand



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Upcoming Events

May	15	American Degree Applications Due
	20	Leadership Retreat Scholarship Applications Due
June	10	Leadership's Retreat Registration Deadline
	28-30	East River Leadership Retreat: Swan Lake

July	12-15	West River Leadership Retreat: Camp Bob Marshall
	1-5	South Dakota State Fair

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Foundation Feature

Congratulations to all FFA members and chapters on a successful State FFA Convention! What an exciting way to promote FFA, agriculture, and our diversity. Miss it and want to watch still? Sessions are archived: Sunday night- <http://thecube.com/e/620477>; Monday night- <http://thecube.com/e/620479>; Tuesday morning- <http://thecube.com/e/620480>

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

Invest in the future of agriculture - The SD FFA Foundation is **reinventing the SD FFA Ag Learning Center at the State Fairgrounds!** The current structure is dated and needs multiple physical improvements and technology additions in order to make it more vibrant, interesting and relevant to fair goers. In addition, we wish to add video and sound systems, and add interactive educational displays. Our vision is to have a forum that will empower consumers to value agricultural practices capable of feeding the world's growing population. **We need your help!**

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

Be sure to "Like" the South Dakota FFA Foundation on **Facebook**, to stay updated on what's happening, and subscribe to our monthly **e-newsletter**, at: <http://www.sdffaafoundation.org/>



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Honorary Degrees Awarded at SD State FFA Convention

The South Dakota FFA Honorary State Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards were presented at the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention. These awards recognize outstanding contributions to the South Dakota FFA.

The following individuals received Honorary State Degrees:

- Alan Machmiller: former FFA member, Renner, SD
- Mr. Daniel Robbins: Agriscience instructor and FFA Advisor, Elkton, SD
- Betty Brink: Redfield, SD
- Chris Howard: Miller, SD
- Ann Price: Ag in the Classroom program
- Terry and Brenda Hansen: Redfield, SD
- Ed and Julie Mueller, parents of a state officer

- Stuart and Janelle Schubloom, parents of a state officer
- Paula and Henry Linke, parents of a state officer
- Joe and Nicole Klein, parents of a state officer
- Donnie and Krecia Leddy, parents of a state officer
- Lance and Shirley Howe, parents of a state officer

The following individuals received the Distinguished Service Awards:

- Sioux Empire Fair Association, Sioux Falls, SD
- Madison Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, Madison, SD
- Brookings County Extension and 4-H Office, Brookings, SD
- Steve Winter, Redfield, SD
- Carmen Grace, Hartford, SD



(L to R): Dan Robbins, Ann Price, Chris Howard, Alan Machmiller, Betty Brink

FFA Members Test Their Safety Knowledge

The South Dakota Farmers Union hosted the 7th annual Team Up to Safety Quiz Bowl at the 88th SD State FFA Convention. Team members needed to know all aspects of the agricultural industry and have extensive knowledge on farm safety and why it is important. The top four teams earned their seats to compete in the final round at the 2016 South Dakota State Fair. Lyman came in fourth place, Sunshine Bible took third place, McCook Central finished in second place, and in first place was Viborg Hurley.



Where can you continue your ag leadership and involvement after FFA?

Through South Dakota Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers!

The Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) program is for SDFB members between the ages of 18 and 35 who are enthusiastic about agriculture and want to grow into leadership roles in Farm Bureau.

YF&R develops leadership skills in these areas:

- Public speaking & media training
- Issue advocacy
- Business development
- Networking
- Service leadership
- Telling the story of agriculture!

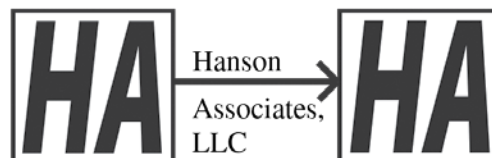


To learn more about SDFB's YF&R program, visit the website at www.sdfbf.org/programs.

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.



FFA Chapters Receive National Chapter Awards

Three South Dakota FFA chapters were recognized with National Chapter Awards at the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention. The purpose of the National Chapter Award is to encourage chapters to develop and use a strong Program of Activities. These chapters plan and carry out activities centered around three key areas: student, chapter and community development.

In the areas of student development, chapters focus on developing activities to enhance students' life skills. Some examples of these activities include: CDE's, scholarship programs, SAE's, and mentorship activities with elementary students. The area of chapter development stresses the importance of providing opportunities to the chapter's members. Within this area, chapters take part in activities such as hosting recruitment events, developing alumni groups, and planting and harvesting crop test plots for both educational and financial purposes. The final area, community development, encourages FFA chapters to give back to their community through service and by developing partnerships with local organizations. In doing this, chapters participate in activities such as developing a community garden, expanding local parks and volunteering to assist with community events.

The Star National Chapter Awards were presented to the top three FFA Chapters:

1. McCook Central
2. Garretson
3. Arlington

Five other FFA chapters were also recognized for outstanding student, chapter and community development.

- Viborg-Hurley
- Howard
- Beresford
- Harrisburg
- Winner

Three chapters were also recognized with the Governors Citation for Community Development. This recognition centers around community development and is given to the FFA chapters with the top community interaction and activities in South Dakota.

1. McCook Central
2. Garretson
3. Arlington



*National Chapter
1st Place*



*National Chapter
2nd Place*



*National Chapter
3rd Place*

Mark Your Calendars for Leadership Retreat!

Summer is just around the corner and that means the fun and excitement of FFA Leadership Retreat! Leadership Retreat offers FFA members the chance for students from all areas of the state to gather and gain useful leadership knowledge and skills to apply in their local chapters and meet a multitude of friends from different chapters. From working in small groups to the excitement of the dance and games on the green, this is an experience of a lifetime. FFA Leadership Retreat provides the experiences needed for personal growth and the opportunity to grow connections that will last beyond high school. There will be two opportunities to attend camp: June 28-30th at Swan Lake in Viborg in Custer and July 12-15th at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer. Ask your advisor for more information and register by June 10th! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

South Dakota FFA Awards Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships

The South Dakota FFA Foundation recently awarded four \$500 travel scholarships to South Dakota FFA members who will be attending National FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. this summer.

The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is a National FFA program that is completely service-orientated. In addition to taking part in community service activities while at the conference, FFA members also leave WLC with a better understanding of their own personal leadership styles and a community service action plan to implement in their own home communities. This year's recipients of the WLC travel scholarships are:



- Tanner Peterson**, McCook Central
- Mary Dybedahl**, Tri-Valley
- Hannah Renken**, Alcester-Hudson
- April Hamilton**, Hitchcock-Tulare

The South Dakota FFA Foundation sponsors these awards.

State Officers Tour South Dakota Businesses!

This spring break, the South Dakota state FFA officers traveled across the state to visit with agricultural businesses. Through this experience, they discovered more about what some of our agricultural businesses do, informed them on what FFA is, and how the FFA can help their business succeed and grow. They also discussed how their business can help the South Dakota FFA Association as an organization. Many industry leaders had their own stories of their FFA experience to share and what opportunities their organization may have in terms of internships and scholarships to ensure that FFA members will have an ample amount of opportunities to find successful careers within South Dakota.

The people the state officers met during their business and industry visits were hard working and served as leaders within their areas. Many of them have partnered with the South Dakota FFA Association and Foundation to ensure our organizations continued success. These businesses realize that FFA members are skilled in areas that will help lead their companies in the future with a strong work ethic and passion toward the agricultural industry honed through FFA experiences.



South Dakota FFA Agriscience Fair Results Announced

The South Dakota FFA Association hosted its annual Agriscience Fair during the 88th State FFA Convention. Grain Millers, the McCook Central FFA Chapter, Central Farmers Cooperative, Monsanto, Mr. Jim Chilson and the South Dakota FFA Foundation sponsored the Agriscience Fair. This event features exhibits in six different categories. This year there were 70 projects, with 88 members competing from 12 different chapters.

The top projects in the junior (grades 7-9) and senior (grades 10-12) divisions for each category will advance for a chance to compete at the National FFA Agriscience Fair at National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this fall. The top exhibits are as follows:

Animal Systems

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

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place
– Hadley Stiefvater,
McCook Central

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Callie Mueller, Florence

Jr. Team – 1st Place – Caitlyn Eich and Paige Peterson, McCook Central

Sr. Team – 1st Place – Danille Hansen and Nicole Bies, McCook Central

Environmental and Natural Resource Systems

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

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place – Julia Larson, McCook Central

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Ally Goldammer, Mitchell

Food Products & Processing Systems

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

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place – Katelynn Winberg, McCook Central

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Anne Mayrose, McCook Central

Sr. Team – 1st Place – Conner Graves
and Taygen Knippling, Chamberlain

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.

Jr. Indv. – 1st place - Angelina Krempges, McCook Central

Jr. Team – 1st Place – Brian and Briana Jorgenson, Florence

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Will Knudson, Florence

Sr. Team – 1st Place – Nick Blare and Lucas Jedlicki, Winner

Power, Structural & Technology Systems

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

Jr. Indv. – 1st Place - Madison Stroud, McCook Central

Sr. Indv. – 1st Place – Morgan Kohl, Watertown Area

Sr. Team – 1st Place – Chase Peterson and Clay Busckohl, Florence

Social Systems

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

Sr. Indv. – Kadon Leddy, Milbank

Sr. Team – Ryan Wilen and Bridger Gordon, Sturgis



Nicole Bies, Danille Hanson



Anne Mayrose



Nick Blare, Lucas Jedlicki



Kadon Leddy



Webster Receives Image Builder Award

The Webster FFA Chapter was recognized as the 2015-2016 Image Builder Award winner at the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention. The Image Builder Award encourages FFA chapters across South Dakota to develop a strong partnership with the local media through public relations. This award is given to those FFA chapters that have strived to build a positive image through their partnership. This award is sponsored by Paulsen Marketing of Sioux Falls.

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FFA Members Receive National FFA Scholarships

The National FFA Organization has had a long history of a dedicated and generous scholarship program. This past year, 30 South Dakota FFA members received scholarships in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. These students have devoted time and effort to their academic studies, FFA, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, leadership, and community activities. The South Dakota FFA Association commends all of these members for their leadership and hard work. The scholarship recipients are:

Baillie Beer, Lemmon

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Chase Bixler, Hichcock Tulare

NAPA Auto Parts...\$1,000.00

Jesse Carlson, Faulkton

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Calah Covey, Winner

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Dusty Dykstra, Parker

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Megan Fiala, Miller

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

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Hailey Hanson, Groton

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Tess Heidenreich, Faulkton

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Abby Hora, Viborg Hurley

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Johnna Jorgensen, Mitchell

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Alex Klein, West Central

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Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg Hurley

Cooperative Credit Company...\$1,000.00

Molly Kroeger, Lennox Sundstrom

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Andrew Leber, Parker

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Kiera Leddy, Milbank

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

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America's Farmer's Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Haley Meier, Clark

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Hannah Noonan, Howard

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Benjamin Ostebee, Harrisburg

America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders/Monsanto Fund...\$1,500.00

Sydney Peters, Winner

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Career Development Event Results

Over 2,000 FFA members, advisors and guests attended the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention hosted on South Dakota State University's campus in Brookings, SD. While there, FFA members participated in the State FFA Career Development Events. FFA Career Development Events, or CDE's, enable agricultural education students to develop and refine their abilities to critically evaluate, effectively communicate and ultimately succeed in future careers. The top team in each CDE area will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October. The results are as follows:

A. Agricultural Business Management Teams

Production CDE and travel scholarships sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank South Dakota

1. Willow Lake (L to R): Victoria Blachford, Wells Fargo, Mackenzie Schmidt, Jake Edleman, Reis Bruley, Jennifer Tonak, Mr. Dan Tonak
2. Viborg Hurley
3. Miller

Top Individual: Clayton Keck, Miller

B. Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems Teams

Production CDE and travel scholarships sponsored by CHS Foundation

1. Tri-Valley (L to R): Dylan Meyer, Levi Burggraff, Grant Burggraff, Carter Warne
2. Watertown
3. Brookings

Top Individual: Levi Burggraff, Tri-Valley

C. Agronomy Teams

Production CDE sponsored by SD Seed Trade Association. Travel scholarships sponsored by Mike & De Johnson, In memory of Walt Johnson, Croplan by Winfield, and Curry Seed.

1. Harrisburg (L to R): Nolan Hoback, Kassidy Rippentrop, Regan Yseth, Brady Samuelson
2. Willow Lake
3. Hyde County

Top Individual: Kaitlyn Hague, Hyde County

D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation Teams

Production CDE sponsored by SD Div. of the Midwest Dairy Assn. Travel scholarships sponsored by Global Dairy, Royalwood Farms, and Sharp's Inc.

1. Groton (L to R): Miranda Hanson, Nicholas Achen, John Achen, Breanna Johnson, Roger Scheib, Midwest Dairy
2. Lennox Sundstrom
3. Tri-Valley

Top Individual: John Achen, Groton

E. Floriculture Teams

Production CDE sponsored by Gettysburg High School and SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department. Travel scholarships sponsored by SDSU Horticulture, Forestry, Landscape and Parks Department.

1. Milbank (L to R): Magally Arbuto, Madison Liebe, Korinne Roggenbuck, Tera Hanson, Sandy Christensen
2. Philip
3. Arlington

Top Individual: Cenzi Glanzer, Huron

F. Food Science and Technology Teams

Production CDE sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc. and Aurora Cooperative. Travel scholarships sponsored by Dan and Sheri Kahnke and Aurora Cooperative.

1. McCook Central (L to R): Taylor Johnson, Anne Mayrose, Rachael Laetsch, Nicole Bies, Leslie Kolbeck
2. Milbank
3. Harrisburg

Top Individual: Anne Mayrose, McCook Central

G. Horse Evaluation Teams

Production CDE and travel scholarships sponsored by K Bar J Leather, Co.

1. West Central (L to R): Mrs. Linda Peterson, Braden Pirrung, Blair Lammers, Reece Ullerich, Lauryn Riepma
2. Florence
3. Kadoka

Top Individual: Claire Longhenry, Garretson

H. Livestock Evaluation Teams

Production CDE sponsored by SD Pork Producers Council. Travel scholarships sponsored by Dakotaland Feeds, Inc. CDE Travel scholarships sponsored by Kimball Livestock Exchange.

1. Hyde County (L to R): Travis Hoffman, Mr. Ken Jones, Gideon Jessen, Olivia Knippling, Colin Weidenbach, Cagney Effling
2. Wolsey Wessington
3. Lennox Sundstrom

Top Individual: Colin Weidenbach, Hyde County

I. Meats Evaluation & Technology Teams

Production CDE sponsored by John Morrell & Co. Travel scholarships sponsored by John Morrell & Co., TriValley FFA Alumni, and the Meat Wagon.

1. Hitchcock Tulare (L to R): Mr. Mike Brink, Camryn Binger, Ally Binger, Bailey Cole, Anthony Anderson, Paul Connor
2. McCook Central
3. Lennox Sundstrom

Top Individual: Anthony Anderson, Hitchcock Tulare

J. Milk Quality and Products Teams

Production CDE sponsored by Land O' Lakes. Travel scholarships sponsored by Lynn and Brenda Maass.

1. Harrisburg (L to R): Marianne Bishop, Chase Jensen, Alybia Ahnberg, Connor McAllister
2. Bridgewater Emery
3. Willow Lake

Top Individual: Connor McAllister, Harrisburg

K. Natural Resources Teams

Production CDE sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition. Travel scholarships sponsored by SD Grasslands Coalition and Jeff VanderWilt.

1. Redfield (L to R): Dalton Howe, Blaine Rothacker, Alan Masat, Tana Muellenberg
2. West Central
3. Milbank

Top Individual: Alan Masat, Redfield

L. Nursery/Landscape Teams

Production CDE sponsored by Intermountain Stihl (1st place chainsaw). Travel scholarships sponsored by SODAK Gardens and Northern Plains Landscaping.

1. McCook Central (L to R): Mr. Terry Reikman, John Loudenburg, Natalie Gottlob, Mercedes Peterson, Allison Schellenkamp
2. Harrisburg
3. West Central

Top Individual: Austin Harris, Harrisburg

M. Range Plant Identification Teams

1. Kadoka (L to R): Kyler Ferguson, Seth Patterson, Savannah Solon, Jackie Thayer, Mr. Brandy Knutson
2. Lemmon
3. Webster/Waubay

Top Individual: Aubrey Weishaar, Lemmon

N. Veterinary Science Teams

Production CDE sponsored by Mike McIntyre, D.V.M. and Sioux Nation Pet Center. Travel scholarships sponsored by SD Veterinary Medical Association and Mike McIntyre, D.V.M.

1. Mitchell (L to R): Hailey Axemaker, Lily Hoffman, Ally Goldammer, Grace Phinney
2. Hyde County
3. McCook Central

Top Individual: Joslyn Hurlbert, Clark



SD Proficiency Finalists

Winners are in order from left to right for all proficiencies.

Agriculture Communications

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

1. Ellie Krizan – West Central
2. Mercedes Peterson – McCook Central
3. Kiera Leddy - Milbank



Agriculture Communications

Agriculture Education

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

1. Nathan Harmer - Harrisburg
2. Jordanne Howe - Redfield
3. Kiera Leddy - Milbank



Agriculture Education

Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication

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

1. Jordan Leuth – West Central
2. Tate Ketelhut - Miller
3. Matthew Leiferman- Elkton



Ag Mechanics Design & Fabrication

Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Emily Malson - Garretson
2. Mark Streff – McCook Central
3. Andrew Streff – McCook Central



Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Entrepreneurship

Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement

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

1. Bo Peterson – McCook Central
2. Nate Krempeges – McCook Central



Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance – Placement

Ag Processing

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

1. Alex Klein- West Central
2. Clayton Keck – Miller
3. Erica Lorang- West Central



Ag Processing

Ag Sales – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Jordan VanHout – McCook Central
2. Jordan Scheier – McCook Central



Ag Sales – Entrepreneurship

Ag Sales – Placement

Agricultural Sales – (Placement) is sponsored nationally by Fastenal and Provimi North America. Our state level sponsor is the Wilbur-Ellis Company.

1. Ashley Wilson – Brookings
2. Cara Rabenhorst – McCook Central
3. Rowdy Hillmer – Harrisburg



Ag Sales – Placement

Ag Services

Agricultural Services (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by TransCanada. Our state level sponsors are CHS Midwest Cooperative of Pierre and CHS Northern Plains Cooperative, of Gettysburg.

1. Samantha Peterson – Harrisburg
2. Quinn Hanisch – West Central
3. Andrew Streff – McCook Central



Ag Services

Agriscience Research – Animal Systems

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

1. Bailey Schlotterbeck – Watertown Area



Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems

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

1. Taylor Knudson – Florence
2. Kadon Leddy – Milbank



Beef Production – Entrepreneurship

Beef Production – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Calah Covey – Winner
2. Joseph Eichaker – McCook Central
3. Scott Halverson - Canton



Beef Production – Placement

Beef Production – Placement

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

1. Kaysee Christensen - Beresford
2. Dylan Fulton - Miller
3. Matthew Leiferman - Elkton



Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship

Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Cole Schock – McCook Central
2. Stephanie Ponto – Deuel
3. Mikalyn Pershing – Deuel



Dairy Production – Placement

Dairy Production – Placement

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

1. Kylar Hansen – McCook Central
2. Andrew Leber - Parker
3. Brittany Knutson - Deuel



Diversified Ag Production

Diversified Ag – Production

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

1. Jaclynn Knutson – Viborg Hurley
2. Caleb Wobig – McCook Central
3. Dylan Wilson – Miller



Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship

Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship

Diversified Crop Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by CHS. Our state level sponsor is Cargill, Inc.

1. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
2. Adam Eichacker – McCook Central
3. Jaclynn Knutson – Viborg Hurley

Diversified Crop Production – Placement

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

1. Amanda Jandl - Harrisburg
2. Brock Anderson - McCook Central
3. Matt Dellman - West Central



Diversified Crop Production

Diversified Horticulture

Diversified Horticulture (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Wilbur-Ellis Company and the Toro Company. Our state level sponsor is First Premier Bank of Watertown.

1. Sydney Gibson - Harrisburg
2. Brooke Gortmaker - McCook Central
3. Ryan Titus - West Central



Diversified Horticulture

Diversified Livestock Production

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

1. John Eilertson - Rutland
2. Adam Eichacker - McCook Central
3. Allison Schallenkamp - McCook Central



Diversified Livestock Production

Environmental Science & Natural Resources Management

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

1. Kyle Winberg - McCook Central
2. Mark Streff - McCook Central
3. Andrew Streff - McCook Central



Environmental Science & Natural Resources

Equine Science – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Sawyer Strand - Harrisburg
2. Morgan Koepsell - McCook Central
3. Peyton Eagle - Winner



Equine Science – Entrepreneurship

Equine Science – Placement

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

1. Cara Rabenhorst - McCook Central
2. Braden Pirrung - West Central
3. Cole Schnieder - Brookings



Equine Science – Placement

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

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

1. Mark Streff - McCook Central
2. Adam Eichacker - McCook Central
3. Jaclynn Knutson - Viborg Hurley



Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production

Food Science and Technology

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

1. Joshua Hidalgo - McCook Central
2. Andrea Hodom - Harrisburg



Food Science & Technology

Forage Production

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

1. Bailey Johnson - Centerville
2. Kyle Winberg - McCook Central
3. Evan Steers - Miller

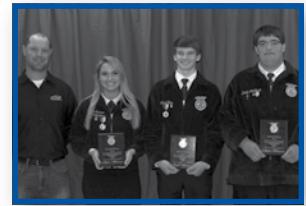


Forage Production

Forest Management and Products

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

1. Sydney Swanson - Webster - Waubay
2. Jared Ries - McCook Central
3. Jordan Michlitsch - Hitchcock



Forest Management & Products

Fruit Production

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

1. Andrew Streff - McCook Central
2. Mark Streff - McCook Central



Fruit Production

Goat Production

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

1. Martee Larson - Stanley County
2. Bridger Gordon - Sturgis
3. Allison Schallenkamp - McCook Central



Goat Production

Grain Production – Entrepreneurship

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

1. Adam Eichacker - McCook Central
2. Jaclynn Knutson - Viborg Hurley
3. Andrew Streff - McCook Central



Grain Production – Entrepreneurship

Grain Production – Placement

Grain Production (Placement) is sponsored nationally by the National FFA Foundation. Our state level sponsor is Bayer Crop Science.

1. Brock Anderson - McCook Central
2. Mark Streff - McCook Central
3. Caleb Wobig - McCook Central



Grain Production – Placement

Home and/or Community Development

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

1. Ann Mayrose - McCook Central
2. Kiera Leddy - Milbank
3. Michelle Moore - McCook Central



Home and/or Community Development

Landscape Management

Landscape Management (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by John Deere and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Wheat Growers.

1. Patrick Reiter - Florence
2. Julia Loudenburg - McCook Central



Landscape Management

Nursery Operations

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

1. Brooke Gortmaker - McCook Central
2. Sydney Gibson - Harrisburg



Nursery Operations

Outdoor Recreation

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

1. Cory Smith - West Central
2. Matthew Bogue - Beresford
3. Nathan Harmer - Harrisburg



Outdoor Recreation

Poultry Production

Poultry Production (Entrepreneurship/Placement) is sponsored nationally by Tyson Foods, Inc and Tractor Supply Company. Our state level sponsors are Mr. Josh Johnson and Salem Veterinary Service.

1. Joseph Hanisch – West Central
2. Rachel Muth – McCook Central
3. Alex Toupal – Kimball



Poultry Production

Sheep Production

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

1. Kyle Vockrodt – West Central
2. Jaclynn Knutson – Viborg Hurley
3. Heather Rist – Centerville



Sheep Production

Small Animal Production and Care

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

1. Allison Schallenkamp – McCook Central
2. Samantha Peterson – Harrisburg
3. Brianna Becher – Brookings



Small Animal Production & Care

Specialty Animal Production

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

1. Jake DeBoer – Deuel



Specialty Animal Production

Specialty Crop Production

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

1. Hunter Matthaei – McCook Central
2. Andrew Streff – McCook Central
3. Mark Streff – McCook Central



Specialty Crop Production

Swine Production – Entrepreneurship

Swine Production (Entrepreneurship) is sponsored nationally by Tyson Foods, Inc and LA-Co Markal. Our state level sponsor is the South Dakota Pork Producers Council.

1. Haley Brown – Deuel



Swine Production – Entrepreneurship

Swine Production – Placement

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

1. Ryker Seamer – McCook Central



Swine Production – Placement

Turf Grass Management

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

1. Kurtis Mentele – McCook Central
2. Benjamin Ostebee – Harrisburg
3. Kayla Mentele – McCook Central



Turf Grass Management

Vegetable Production

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

1. Jordan Scheier – McCook Central
2. Hunter Matthaei – McCook Central
3. Andrew Streff – Miller



Vegetable Production

Veterinary Science

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

1. Allison Hasart – Miller
2. Rylie Rasmussen – Doland
3. Kadon Leddy – Milbank

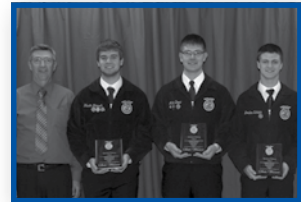


Veterinary Science

Wildlife Management

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

1. Weston Hanisch – McCook Central
2. Matthew Bogue – Howard
3. Jordan Scheier – McCook Central



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SD FFA Awards Collegiate Scholarships

College scholarships were awarded at the 88th South Dakota State FFA Convention in Brookings, SD on April 11th, 2016.

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 as part of the South Dakota FFA Foundation's collegiate scholarship program.

A. The Gary Grey Agricultural Education Scholarship

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

B. 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 Benjamin Ostebee, Libbey Miles, Erica Lorang, and Martee Larson.

C. 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 Calah Covey.

D. Mary Hansen Memorial Scholarships

The Mary Hanson Memorial Scholarships are intended for FFA members who are residents in Minnehaha or Lincoln counties. This year's recipients of the \$750 scholarships are Mackenzie Halverson, Samantha Peterson, Molley Kroger, and Erica Lorang.

E. Monsanto Scholarships

As a Four Star Team Ag Ed Partner with the South Dakota FFA Foundation, Monsanto sponsors four \$500 scholarships. This year's recipients are Haley Meier, Hannah Noonan, Alex Toupal, and Megan Fiala.

F. 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 Sydnie Peters, Leslie Zubke, Mackenzie Halverson, and Logan Hoffman.

G. 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. The recipient of this \$500 memorial scholarship is Rachel Kapperman.

H. 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 Kathryn Paulson, and Krista Harringa.

I. Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarship

The Wosje Agricultural Business Scholarships are sponsored by Chad and Rhonda Wosje. Chad and Rhonda are South Dakota State University graduates and Sioux Valley FFA Alumni members. The recipients of these \$500 scholarships are Andrew Leber, and Brooke Thull.

J. Agricultural Education, South Dakota State University and SD FFA Foundation Scholarships

South Dakota agricultural education scholarships are made possible through funding provided by the SD FFA Star partner program, as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. The recipients of these scholarships are Hanna Hartman, Lindsey Kaufman, Mercedes Lemke, Kylie Lessman, Kyla Mauk, Elizabeth Naviaux, Kassandra Niska, and Kasey Schmidt.



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