

# 89<sup>th</sup> South Dakota FFA CONVENTION



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**SOUTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY**  
BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
*April 23 - 25, 2017*

# South Dakota FFA Association 2016-2017 State FFA Officers



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the 89<sup>th</sup> South Dakota State FFA Convention!  
 Join us, the 2016-2017 State FFA Officer Team, as we celebrate the accomplishments of South Dakota's over 4,000 FFA members and 84 FFA chapters. Throughout this busy and exciting year, we have seen South Dakota's FFA members excel. These three days will be filled with achievement, inspiration and a passion for agriculture.



### THE FFA MISSION

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

### THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION MISSION

Agriculture education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resource systems.

# Career Development Events (CDE)

## Sunday, April 23, 2017

3 - 5:30pm **Registration for teams, participants & FFA Delegates**  
 HPER Center, East Hall

4:00pm **Natural Resources** ..... Volstorff Ballroom

4:00pm **Bio-Tech** ..... Northern Plains Bio-Stress Lab 184

5:00pm **Veterinary Science** ..... Intramural Building

6:00pm **Agricultural Mechanics Team Problems**  
 Ag Engineering 125

**Food Science & Technology (Individual Events)**  
 Intramural Building

## Monday April 24, 2017

8am - 4:30pm **Food Science Presentations** ..... Wagner 429

8:00am **Nursery/Landscape** ..... USU Volstorff Ballroom, West Half

**Milk Quality & Products (Team Problems & CA Mastitis Test)**  
 Intramural Building, West Side Dairy Cattle Judging (Test)

**Dairy Cattle Judging (Test)** ..... Intramural Building, East Side

**Livestock Judging** ..... Animal Science Arena

**Agronomy Judging (Entire Event, Test First)**  
 USU Volstorff Ballroom East Half

**Agricultural Mechanics Hands-On**.... Ag Engineering 125

**Agricultural Business Mgmt (Session 1)**  
 Lutheran Student Center, 1404 8th St.

**Meats Evaluation & Technology (Session 1)**  
 Animal Science Complex, Meat Lab

10:00am **Dairy Foods (Session 1 Hands-On)**  
 Dairy Microbiology 114, 116

**Floriculture** ..... Intramural Building, East Side

11:00am **Dairy Foods (Session 2 Hands-On)**  
 Dairy Microbiology 114, 116

**Range Plant ID (Session 1)** ..... USU 250

**Meats Evaluation & Technology (Test)**  
 Intramural Building, East Side

12:00pm **Dairy Foods (Session 3 Hands-On)**  
 Dairy Microbiology 114, 116

**Horse Judging** ..... Intramural Building, East Side

1:00pm **Meats Evaluation & Technology (Session 2)**  
 Dairy Microbiology 114, 116

**Meats Evaluation & Technology (Session 2)**  
 Animal Science Complex, Meat Lab

**Agricultural Business Mgmt (Session 2)**  
 Lutheran Student Center, 1404 8th St.

1:30pm **Range Plant ID (Session 2)** ..... USU 250

2:30pm **Range Plant ID (Session 3)** ..... USU 250

# CONVENTION

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

1:00pm **State FFA Officer** .....Ag Engineering 100  
**Candidate Interviews**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

10am - 5pm **State FFA Officer** .....Ag Engineering 100  
**Candidate Interviews**

2pm **Star Greenhand Interviews** ..... USU 258  
**Star Farmer Interviews** ..... USU 250  
**Star Agribusiness Interviews** ..... USU 253  
**Star Placement Interviews** ..... USU 269  
**Star AgriScience Interviews** ..... USU 265  
(holding in USU 263)

2:30pm **State FFA Student** ..... USU 273  
**Ambassador Interviews**

4:30pm **Past State Officer Reception** ..... HPER 104

5:00pm **Auditing, Program of Activities, Resolutions**  
**Committee Meetings** ..... HPER, Frost Arena

5:30-6:45pm **District Officer** .....Frost Arena, SW Corner  
**Gathering**

6:15pm **Sponsor & VIP Reception** ..... HPER Upper Level

*Please be respectful and turn off all electronic devices during all sessions, workshops and CDEs.*

7:00pm **FIRST SESSION** ..... HPER, Frost Arena

**Reflections** ..... 2016-2017 State Officer Team

**Opening Ceremonies**

**Reflections** ..... Jordanne Howe  
2015-2016 State President

**Greetings**

**Past State Officer Recognition**

**Proficiency Awards – Part 1**

**Retiring Address** ..... Sydnie Peters  
"Find Your Balloon"

**National Chapter Awards**

**Governor's Citation for Community Development**

**American FFA Degree Recognition**

**Proficiency Awards – Part 2**

**Retiring Address** ..... Jaclynn Knutson  
"Fill Your Pockets"

**SD FFA Foundation Presentation**

**Keynote Speaker** ..... Hugh Weber

**Closing Ceremonies**



# CONVENTION

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

9:00am **SD Farmers Union Farm Safety Quiz Bowl** ..... USU 260

9am - 4pm **Ag Career Carnival** ..... USU Upper Level,  
Gallery & Prairie Lounges

9am - 4pm **Workshops** ..... (Schedule on page 13 & 14)

11:30am **Instructors' Luncheon** ..... Campanile, USU 169  
(Invitation Only)

**Sponsored by SDSU College of  
Agriculture & Biological Sciences**

2:00pm **SECOND SESSION (BUSINESS)** ..... HPER, Frost Arena

**Opening Ceremonies** ..... Alison Simon, Presiding

**Roll Call of Delegates**

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Committee Reports**

**National Convention Report**

**New Business**

**Closing Ceremonies**

2:00pm **State FFA Officer** ..... USU 253  
**Candidate Interviews**

5:00pm **State FFA Degree Banquet** ..... Volstorff Ballroom



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# CONVENTION

**Monday, April 24, 2017** (continued)

6:30pm **PRE-SESSION: 1st Annual Teach Ag Signing Day Event**

7:00pm **THIRD SESSION** ..... HPER, Frost Arena

## Opening Ceremonies

Greetings

FFA Family of the Year

Retiring Address ..... Andrew Streff  
"Where Will You Sit?"

Presentation of Scholarships

Recognition of State Officer Advisors

State Star Pageant

Introduction of State FFA Officer Candidates

Retiring Address ..... Alison Simon  
"One Life"

Distinguished Service Presentation

Honorary State Degree Presentation

Speaker ..... Trey Elizondo,  
Western Region Vice President

Year in Review

Conferring of State FFA Degrees

Closing Ceremonies



# CONVENTION

**Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

8:30am **FOURTH SESSION** ..... HPER, Frost Arena

## Opening Ceremonies

Agriscience Fair Results

Retiring Address ..... Kaitlyn Schmeichel  
"A Life of Service is a Life That Counts"

Image Builder Awards

Recognition of State Officer Parents

2017 Convention in Review

Retiring Address ..... Logan Hoffman,  
"Explore The Cave"

Career Development Event Results

Ambassador Recognition ..... Peyton DeJong  
Nathan Harmer

New Ambassadors Announced

Election and Installment of

2016-2017 State FFA Officers

Presentation of Past State Officer Plaques

Recognition of State Advisors

Closing Ceremonies



12:30pm **State FFA Officers & Parents Luncheon**  
(Invitation Only)..... Campanile, USU 169

# Thank You

SD FFA thanks South Dakota State University faculty and students from the Ag-Bio Clubs for their time and assistance in making Career Development Events possible!



**WE WORK FOR THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE AND THOSE WHO WANT TO BE A PART OF IT.**

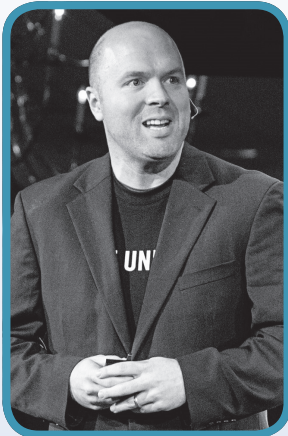
The future of agriculture is our future too. That's why we're working with nearly 9,000 young and beginning producers — providing guidance, scholarships, youth programs and more.



YOUNGANDBEGINNING.COM

## Featured Speakers

### Hugh Weber



A native of Milbank, SD, Hugh Weber is host and creator of The Potluck Society, a podcast and radio series on South Dakota Public Radio that celebrates ordinary people who are building an extraordinary community and connects them with each other and people, places and ideas around the world.

Since 2009, Hugh has served as Founder and Curator for OTA, a for-purpose organization focused on sparking regional transformation

through creative connections and collisions in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Hugh lives in the OTA states with his beautiful, intelligent and extremely patient wife, Amy; his daughter, Emerson; and his son, Finn.

### Trey Elizondo

Western Region Vice President



Trey Elizondo was elected to the 2016-17 National FFA Officer Team as western region vice president at the 89th National FFA Convention & Expo. Upon graduating from college at Texas A & M, Elizondo plans to pursue a career as an agricultural education teacher and eventually within leadership development for the Texas FFA Association. Elizondo notes that FFA has helped him grow as an individual, team member and servant leader.

Watch live streaming of convention sessions:

Sunday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm  
Monday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm  
Tuesday, 8:00 - 11:30 am

Special thanks to the McCook Central FFA Chapter.  
visit [sdaged.org](http://sdaged.org) for video link

## Featured Entertainment

### Jerry Carroll

Monday, April 24th

Performing Arts Center immediately following session  
**Wristbands Required for the show!**



Country comedian Jerry harvests a bumper crop of high hilarity in his fast-paced, high-energy show about everyday life. His relatable topics crack up the most hard-to-please crowds. Jerry found comedy growing up on his family's farm. For 20 years, he worked the farm before finally pursuing his life's dream of entertaining people and making them laugh. When he's not on the road making people laugh, Jerry still works the fields of his family's farm.

Learning to Do

Doing to Learn

Earning to Live

Living to Serve



# BE ENGAGED!

**Support the FFA!** Anyone who believes in the importance of FFA & agricultural education can be a member. Even if you never wore a blue jacket yourself, you're welcome to join the **South Dakota FFA Alumni Association** as we prepare students for a brighter future.

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# 2017 State Degree Recipients

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## Alcester-Hudson

Brigita Rasmussen

## Arlington

Brodie Miklos  
Kyann Wallace  
Krislyn Norgaard  
Elizabeth Wringler  
Sydney Norgaar

## Beresford

Angela Jensen  
Emilee Caspersen  
Keaton Peterson  
Matt Bouge

## Bon Homme

Alec Johnson  
Braven Boska  
Cody Rous  
Dakota Pisano  
Clay Wittmeier

## Brandon Valley

Heather Kirkpatrick

## Bridgewater-Emerly

Abbie Bartscher  
Jacob Eddy  
Brittany Heezen  
Brandon Hofer  
Anthony Jaeger  
Cole Potter  
Miah Schallenkamp  
Maggie Weber  
Camden Weeldreyer

## Brookings

Riggen Zelinsky  
Fernanda Flores  
Kyle Woodall

## Canton

Ally Carpenter  
Ariann VanBockern

## Centerville

Tyler Knutson

## Chamberlain

Conner Graves

## Clark

Audrey Hanson  
Jospeh Streff  
Micheala Flora  
Gustaf Carlson  
Jocce Nelson  
Joslyn Hurlbert  
Jess Karber  
Jennifer Hurlbert  
Jay Foster

## DeSmet

Emma Gehm  
Hallie Tolzin  
Blake Koelmoos

## Deuel

Tristen Kwasniewski  
Haley Dearing  
Mikalyn Pershing  
Justin Freese  
Brexton TeGantvoort  
Michael Engebretson  
Eric Puetz  
Becca Bauman  
Danita Dahl  
Tori Adkins

## Doland

Dalton McNutt  
Tavian Moss  
Faith Houghtaling

## Flandreau

Brock Belkham  
Alexander Peterson

## Florence

Allison Grygiel  
Briana Flemming  
Clay Busskohl  
Charles Kahnke  
Chase Peterson  
Jacey Moe  
Alec Paulson  
Will Knudson  
Morgan Busskohl

## Garretson

Allison Longhenry  
Claire Longhenry  
Moriah Flanagan

## Gettysburg

Carl Cronin  
Brady Swier  
Sydney Senyak  
Hannah Flatt  
Joseph Mangin

## Groton

Patrick Gengerke  
Kate Helmer  
Trey Wright  
Emmalea Watje

## Harding County

Ace Giannonatti

## Harrisburg

Rowdy Hillmer  
Andrea Hodom  
Nicole Hudson  
Chase Jensen  
Grace Aasheim  
Ashlynn Beninga  
Alexander Auch  
Elizabeth Clyde  
Isaak Darbe  
Kylee Gronseth  
Conner McAllister  
Jerica Warwick  
Marianne Bishop  
Sydney Wood  
McKenzye Gunderson  
Austin Harris

## Hitchcock-Tulare

Riley Binger  
April Hamilton  
Skye Chaplin

## Hoven

Kathryn McClure  
Shawanda Rausch  
Macy Lecklider  
Brooke DeRouchey  
Jacob Rausch

## Howard

Jenna Barnhardt  
Tyler Hoffman  
Karley Litterick  
Michaela Wipf

## Huron

Taylor Paye  
Elisabeth Dickson  
Brooke Mallon  
Eryn Schlotte

## Jones County

Jake Lolley

## Lake Preston

Tayla Doyle

## Lemmon

Kelly Schopp  
Raechael Seidel

## Lennox Sunstrom

Abbie Strasser  
CarLee Mechels  
Corissa Sweeter  
Haley Mendel  
Jacob Ziegler  
Jessica Birgholtz  
Katie Daughtery  
Megan Cramer

## Madison

Luke Palmquist  
Kyle Ebdrup  
Cole Leighton  
Nate Guthmiller

## McCook Central

Trevor Wilkinson  
Stephen Oyen  
Colin Sabers  
Lee Kampshoff  
Michael Deters  
Rachel Schwans  
Kailey Roesler  
Rachael Laetsch  
Danielle Hanson  
Janelle Kobernusz  
Kayla Mentele  
Michelle Moore  
Allison Schallenkamp  
Kenny Gassman  
Nathaniel Krempges  
Kohl Miller  
Joshua Hildago

## McCook Central

### (continued)

Joey Eickman  
Nicole Bies  
Kally Pulse  
Cole Schock  
Brenden Ecklein  
Caleb Wobig

## Menno

Dominick Lehr  
Eli Huber  
Jacob Hertz  
Jacob Mehlhaf  
Jordan Mehlhaf  
Zachary Zanter

## Milbank

Kadon Leddy  
Trevor Schmidt  
Clayton Keck

## Miller

Evan Steers  
Trevor Parmely  
Dylan Fulton

## Mitchell

McKenzie Patton  
Mahayla Foes  
Jared Sorenson  
Hailey Axemaker  
Shalynn Klunder

## Parker

Emily Berens  
Sami Menning

## Parkston

Kyler Holzbauer  
Tiffany Watembach

## Philip

Nick Donnelly  
Clayton Fosheim  
Dalton Kinsley  
Coy Kramer  
Paige Slovek  
Cooper West  
Kyle Wheeler  
Ashley Williams  
Christine Womack

## Platte-Geddes

Kordell DeHaan  
Ramsey Standy

## Rapid City

Michaela Laughlin  
Cody Rausch  
Taylor Ruhoff  
Tyler Zuschlag

## Rutland

Noah Wicks

## Sanborn Central/

### Woonsocket

Shaun Snedeker  
Trevor Olson  
Garrett Dean  
Colton Hotchkiss  
Kyla Morgan  
Ty Ziebart  
Aaron Linke

## Sioux Valley

Nathan Christensen  
Sterling Johnson  
Caden Koerlin  
John Papiernik  
Spencer Schulte  
Michael Triebwasser  
Tayton Vincent

## Sisseton

Mitch Hansen  
Logan Schaunaman  
John Toelle

## Sturgis

Logan Barker  
Molli Hayes  
Dalton Jones  
Victor Jorae  
Seth Keszler  
Kaycee Szymanski  
Magen Vaughn  
Baylee Vollmer

## Sunshine Bible

### Academy

Cassidy Clark  
Andrew Hoffman

## Tri Valley

Madison Page  
Levi Rundby  
Levi Burggraff  
Cater Warne  
Mary Dybedahl  
Lane Hillman  
Conner Farr  
Willie Heiberger

## Viborg-Hurley

Alison Knutson  
Logan Slack

## Wall

Katy Bielmaier  
Jessica Casjens  
Savanna Deutscher  
Jaco Linn  
Elle Moon  
Cameron Richter  
Taylor Richter

## Watertown

Ashlee Weber

## Webster

Riley Johnson  
Caitlyn Schlotte  
Levi Johnson  
Taylor Ryan

## Wessington Springs

Whitney Reider  
Allen Schaller  
Aryan Schooler  
Lane Knipfer  
Wyatt Stevens  
Nathan Huisman

## West Central

Grant Linneman  
Carson Ulrich  
Tyndall Petterson  
Aaron Mallingner  
Devin DeMent  
Jared Miller  
Braydon Johnson  
Emma Lewis  
Joe Hanisch  
Nichole Axelson  
Trey Struck  
Ellie Krizan  
McKenzie Henning  
Dalton Larson

## Willow Lake

Mikenna Burke  
Reis Bruley  
Alyssa Evenson  
Colin Pommer

## Winner

Bethany Cable  
Avery Gilchrist  
Kayleb Brozik  
Nickolas Blare  
Payton Antoine  
Cody Amidon

## Wolsey-Wessington

Austin Kemnitz  
Darin Tschetter  
Aaron Dikhoff  
Abbey Tschetter  
Bennett White  
Dylan Hines  
Logan Schiltz  
Riley Gohn  
Darian Ogunjemilusi  
Jadyn McCready  
Parker VanBuskirk  
Jayden Kahre  
Jacob Sievers  
Tanner Zemlicka  
Caleb Brandt

# 2017 STAR Award Finalists

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### STAR Farmer Finalists

Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

- Chase Peterson ..... Florence
- Cole Schock ..... McCook Central
- Hanna Peterson ..... Howard
- Alison Knutson ..... Viborg-Hurley

### STAR Placement Finalists

Sponsored by The Dan Streff Family, Salem

- Caleb Wobig ..... McCook Central
- Keaton Peterson ..... Beresford
- Brittany Knutson ..... Deuel
- Ty Ziebart ..... Sanborn Central/Woonsocket

### STAR in Agribusiness Finalists

Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

- Clayton Keck ..... Miller
- Dalton Larson ..... West Central
- Logan Slack ..... Viborg-Hurley
- Brenden Ecklein ..... McCook Central

### STAR in Agriscience Finalists

Sponsored by Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC

- Kaycee Szymanski ..... Sturgis
- Nickolas Blare ..... Winner
- Alec Paulson ..... Florence
- Kadon Leddy ..... Milbank

### STAR Greenhand Finalists

Sponsored by Central Farmers Cooperative

- Lily Ruhd ..... Deubrook
- Kayla Smeenk ..... Harrisburg
- Grant Hamilton ..... Hitchcock - Tulare
- Shania Knutson ..... Viborg-Hurley

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South Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators  
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# Convention Workshops Monday, April 24, 2017

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## Interactive Soil Health Workshop

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
**USU Lewis & Clark Room 262**.....9am, 11am, 2pm

Come see this hands-on demonstration of the effects of good soil health practices. The rainfall simulator will be run to show what happens on the soil surface when it rains. There are millions of living organisms in the soil that aid in growing crops and grasses. Come and see what you can do to improve soil health whether you are a farmer/rancher or live in town. We can all play a role in keeping the soil healthy.

## Soybean Science – Elementary Interactives

South Dakota Soybean Association  
**USU Pasque Room 255**.....9am, 11am, 2pm

If teaching agriculture to young is something you enjoy, come explore this new tool designed to teach 3rd through 5th grade students about scientific concepts that effect South Dakota agriculture every day! Our workshop will dive into a set of twelve interactive mini-lessons, each accompanied with a student worksheet and teacher guide. This is the perfect tool to support an FFA Food for America or similar outreach program.

\*\*Please bring a device (computer, tablet, phone) to the workshop to explore the virtual interactives for yourself! This workshop brought to you by the South Dakota Soybean Farmers through the South Dakota Soybean Association.

For additional Soybean Science educational resources, check out

## Grow your SAE in South Dakota FFA

**Herold Crest 253** .....9am & 12pm  
 Your Supervised Agricultural Experience is what you make it! Learn about how to start your project, or grow it on an even larger scale! We will also be exploring tips on keeping thorough record books and writing strong applications.

## Put the FUN in Fundraising

**Herold Crest 253** ..... 10am  
 Raising money for causes you are passionate about can be hard, but it doesn't have to be! Come learn about new and exciting ways to raise money for bettering your community and your FFA chapter.

## Advocating - It's a Snap!

Ag United for South Dakota  
**Pioneer Room 265**.....10am, 1pm, 3pm

Did you Snap a friend that you were coming to FFA convention, or add a photo of your favorite CDE to your Snap story? Do want to learn how to be an advocate for agriculture? If you answered "YES!" to any of these questions, this work shop is for you. Join us to learn how to share your ag story through many people's favorite method of communication - Snapchat! You already have the tools to be an advocate for agriculture right at your fingertips. Phones are welcome.

## First Dakota FARM-OPOLY

First Dakota National Bank  
**USU Walder Room 269**.....10am, 1pm, 3pm

Learn about responsible financial management as you and your team try to grow your farm or ranch while playing Farm-Opoly. Understand how unexpected events can affect your game plan and your financial position, and how a good lender can help you survive the game. game plan and your financial position, and how a good lender can help you survive the game. concepts to play and win!

## Work Smarter

**Herold Crest 253** ..... 11am  
 FFA members are BUSY! Time management and organizational skills are a MUST for anyone who wants to become a leader within any area, and we'll teach you tricks of the trade, as well as share some awesome resources that anyone can utilize!

## Masters of Self-Confidence

Trey Elizondo  
**VSU VBR West**..... 2pm

In this workshop members will take a journey to discover the importance of the person inside the blue and gold jacket, how our qualities make us unique, and how together we all make up this great organization.

# Live<sup>2</sup>Serve

## DuPont Pioneer FFA Day of Service

During the convention, give back. Live to serve.  
 Take some time to serve others and dedicate your free time to making a difference in the lives of those in need.



Monday, April 24  
 9:00am-3:00pm  
 HPER Center,  
 2nd Floor Lobby





# Thank You

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## Career Carnival Exhibits Monday, April 24, 2017

9:00am — 3:00pm

Student Union, Upper Level Gallery, Prairie,  
& Crazy Horse Lounges

## Fun & Interactive Games!

Ag Centric  
Association Motor Club Marketing  
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Chadron State College  
Central Wyoming College  
Christensen Farms  
Lake Area Technical Institute  
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*in the Upper Level of the SDSU Student Union*

Talk to exhibitors to earn  
tickets for the drawing.

*Two prizes will be drawn at Monday night's session.*

## State FFA Convention Sponsors

<b>Agriscience Fair</b> .....	Jim Chilson; SD FFA Foundation, Inc.; McCock Central FFA; Florence FFA; Monsanto Food Products & Processing Systems Division.....	Grain Millers Animal Systems Division.....	Eichacker Simmentals
<b>American Degree Momento</b> .....	Wilmot FFA; Kent & Faye Frerichs		
<b>Beef Jerky</b> .....	SD Beef Industry Council		
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<b>Convention Screen</b> .....	South Dakota State University College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences		
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<b>Honorary State Degree Plaques</b> .....	SD FFA Foundation, Inc.		
<b>Keynote Speaker</b> .....	Farm Credit Services of America		
<b>Live 2 Serve Project</b> .....	DuPont Pioneer		
<b>Monday Afternoon Milk Break</b> .....	Land O' Lakes		
<b>National Chapter Awards</b> .....	Reinke Gray Wealth Management		
<b>Growing Leaders</b> .....	Larry & Sandra Nelson		
<b>Building Communities</b> .....	Larry & Sandra Nelson		
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<b>New Officer C.O.D.</b> .....	'06-'07 State Officers		
<b>New Officer FFA Jackets</b> .....	'11-'12 State Officers		
<b>New Officer Ties &amp; Scarves</b> .....	'14-'15 State Officers		
<b>Past State Officer Gathering</b> .....	Jerry Schmitz; Loren Wieting		
<b>Public Relations Awards</b> .....	Paulsen Marketing		
<b>Retiring State Officer Pins &amp; Plaques</b> .....	Mark & Susan Geib		
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<b>State Degree Banquet Milk</b> .....	Midwest Dairy Association; First Premier Bank		
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<b>Cordless Drills for Top Ten Individuals</b> .....	CHS Foundation
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<b>Biotechnology CDE</b> .....	SD FFA Foundation
<b>Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE</b> .....	SD Div. of Midwest Dairy Assn.
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	Sharp's, Inc., Bath; Global Dairy, Brookings; Royalwood Farms, Brandon SD
<b>Milk Quality &amp; Products CDE</b> .....	Agropur Inc.- Cheese & Whey Products, Lake Norden, SD & Hull, IA
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	The Family of Justin Maass, Agropur Inc.- Cheese & Whey Products, Lake Norden, SD & Hull, IA
<b>Environment &amp; Natural Resources CDE</b> .....	SD Grassland Coalition
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	SD Grassland Coalition; Jeff VanderWilt
<b>Floriculture CDE</b> .....	Dr. David Graper; SDSU Horticulture; Forestry; Landscape and Parks Department
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	Dr. David Graper
<b>Supplies</b> .....	Hy-Vee, Brookings; North American Wholesale Florists
<b>Food Science &amp; Technology CDE</b> .....	Aurora Cooperative; Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc., Milbank
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	Dan & Sheri Kahnke; Aurora Cooperative
<b>Horse Evaluation &amp; Selection CDE</b>	
<b>&amp; Travel Scholarship</b> .....	K Bar J Leather, Newell
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<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	Dakotaland Feeds, Huron;
<b>Meats Evaluation &amp; Technology CDE</b> .....	John Morrell & Co., Sioux Falls
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	The Meat Wagon, Patrick & Melissa Minihan
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<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	SODAK Gardens; Northern Plains Landscaping
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<b>Veterinary Science CDE</b> .....	Sioux Nation Pet Clinic Mike McIntyre, DVM;
<b>Travel Scholarship</b> .....	SD Veterinary Medical Association; Mike McIntyre, DVM
<b>CDE Supplies</b> .....	Roxanne & Eric Knock; Duane & Ann Wulf; Tyson; Clark Hanson; Bruce & Kim Paterson;

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State = State-Level National = National-Level  
E = Entrepreneurship P = Placement Blue = Finalists

## Ag Communications — E/P

State ..... Tri-State Neighbor, Sioux Falls  
National ..... Bader Rutter & Associates; Red Brand  
Mercedes Peterson ..... McCook Central

## Agricultural Education

State ..... Dr. Lon Moeller  
National ..... The James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation;  
Tulsa Welding School

Lindsey Berg ..... Bridgewater-Emery  
Karley Litterick ..... Howard  
Bridger Gordon ..... Sturgis

## Ag Mechanics Design & Fabrication — E/P

State ..... Cammack Ranch Supply, Union Center  
National ..... Carry-On Trailer; Lincoln Electric

Paul Lauck ..... McCook Central  
Warren Jenkins ..... Sioux Valley  
Patrick Petree ..... McCook Central

## Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance — E

State ..... Scott Supply Co.; Tri Valley FFA Alumni  
National ..... Association of Equipment Manufacturers;  
Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Andrew Streff ..... McCook Central  
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## Ag Mechanics Repair & Maintenance — P

State ..... DeGeest Manufacturing  
National ..... Tractor Supply Co.

Tanner Peterson ..... McCook Central  
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Ethan Roth ..... Harrisburg

## Ag Processing — E/P

State ..... SD Soybean Processors, Volga  
National ..... CHS

Hunter Kloos ..... Deuel  
Josh Hidalgo ..... McCook  
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## Ag Sales — E

State ..... Legend Seeds, Inc. De Smet  
National ..... Crop Production Services

Jordan Scheier ..... McCook  
Clayton Keck ..... Miller

## Ag Sales — P

State ..... Producers Hybrids  
National ..... Fastenal; Provimi North America

Cara Rabenhorst ..... McCook Central  
Cole Stevens ..... Howard  
Rowdy Hillmer ..... Harrisburg

## Ag Services — E/P

State ..... Midwest Cooperatives, Pierre;  
Northern Plains Cooperative, Gettysburg  
National ..... National FFA Foundation

Carter Carruthers ..... Tri-Valley  
John Eilertson ..... Rutland  
Jensina Davis ..... Brookings

## AgriScience Research — Animal Systems

State ..... CHS Foundation  
National ..... National FFA Foundation

Will Knudson ..... Florence  
Hadley Stiefavter ..... McCook Central

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## AgriScience Research — Integrated Systems

State ..... ADM-Benson Quinn  
National ..... National FFA Foundation

Alec Paulson ..... Florence  
Kadon Leddy ..... Milbank  
Morgan Kohl ..... Watertown

## Beef Production — E

State ..... Jensen, Odden, Stewart & Vedvei Charolais Breeders;  
Mike McIntyre, DVM, Winfred; SD Shorthorn Association  
National ..... Bayer; Rabo Agri Finance

Hanna Peterson ..... Howard  
Kadon Leddy ..... Milbank  
Joe Eichacker ..... McCook Central

## Beef Production — P

State ..... SD Cattlemen's Association  
National ..... Midwest PMS; Red Brand

Carolyn Koepsell ..... Howard  
Jacob Rausch ..... Hoven  
Caleb Wolbig ..... McCook Central

## Dairy Production — E

State ..... Associated Milk Producers, Inc.  
National ..... New Holland

Stephanie Ponto ..... Deuel  
Bethany Rennich ..... Sioux Valley  
Mikalyn Pershing ..... Deuel

## Dairy Production — P

State ..... Associated Milk Producers, Inc  
National ..... Kuhn North America; Nasco

Brittany Knutson ..... Deuel  
Brianna Schock ..... McCook Central  
Cole Schock ..... McCook Central

## Diversified Ag Production — E/P

State ..... Sioux Nation Ag Centers of SD  
National ..... Ram Trucks

Cole Schock ..... McCook Central  
Aaron Linke ..... Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
Dylan Fulton ..... Miller

## Diversified Crop Production — E

State ..... South Dakota Wheat Growers  
National ..... CHS

Andrew Streff ..... McCook Central  
Trevor Parmely ..... Miller  
Joseph Eichacker ..... McCook Central

## Diversified Crop Production — P

State ..... North Central Farmers Elevator  
National ..... Valent USA Corporation;  
National Crop Insurance Services

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Kyle Winberg ..... McCook Central  
Cole Schock ..... McCook Central

## Diversified Horticulture — E/P

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National ..... Wilbur-Ellis Company; The Toro Company

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Kohl Miller ..... McCook Central

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## Diversified Livestock Production

State ..... McFleeg Feeds  
National ..... Wahl Clipper Corporation; Tractor Supply Co.

Carolyn Koepsell ..... Howard  
Allison Schallenkamp ..... McCook Central  
Haley Feldhaus ..... Howard

## Environmental Sciences & Natural Resources Mgmt — E/P

State ..... SD Association of Conservation Districts  
National ..... CHS

Tyler Hoffman ..... Howard  
Andrew Streff ..... McCook Central  
Matthew Leiferman ..... Elkton

## Equine Science — E

State ..... Amani Arabians,  
Tim Anderson & Kim Niven, Milbank  
National ..... Red Brand

Rebecka Hoffman ..... Bridgewater-Emery  
Ciara Rother ..... McCook Central  
Morgan Koepsell ..... McCook Central

## Equine Science — P

State ..... Scott Cammack; Dawn Nagel;  
Susan Stoterau; Webster FFA; Roger DeRouchey  
National ..... Tractor Supply Co.

Megan Cramer ..... Lennox Sundstrom  
Carolyn Blatchford ..... Brookings  
Cole Schneider ..... Brookings

## Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production — E/P

State ..... SD Soybean Research & Promotion Council  
National ..... Bunge North America;

Carter Schwader ..... Howard  
Joseph Eichacker ..... McCook Central  
Trevor Parmely ..... Miller

## Food Science & Technology — E/P

State ..... Candidus & Londa (Vander Wal) Nwadike;  
Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.  
National ..... Pilgrim's

Hannah Noonan ..... Howard  
Tyler Hoffman ..... Howard  
Andrea Hodom ..... Harrisburg

## Forage Production — E/P

State ..... Kuecker Seed Farm, Inc., Webster  
National ..... National FFA Foundation

Kyle Winberg ..... McCook Central  
Evan Steers ..... Miller  
Caleb Wolbig ..... McCook Central

## Forest Management & Products — E/P

State ..... SD FFA Foundation  
National ..... John Deere

Jared Ries ..... McCook Central

## Fruit Production — E/P

State ..... MinnTex, Windom, MN  
National ..... DuPont Company

Benjamin Olson ..... Harrisburg  
Andrew Streff ..... McCook Central

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## Goat Production — E/P

State ..... Hamilton Farms, Hitchcock, SD  
National ..... Tractor Supply Co.

Bridger Gordon ..... Sturgis  
Allison Schallenkamp ..... McCook Central  
Hanna Peterson ..... Howard

## Grain Production — E

State ..... SD Wheat Commission  
National ..... Valent USA Corporation

Joe Eichacker ..... McCook Central  
Jaclynn Knutson ..... Viborg-Hurley  
John Loudenburg ..... McCook Central

## Grain Production — P

State ..... Bayer Crop Science  
National ..... BASF

Grace Aasheim ..... Harrisburg  
Connor McAllister ..... Harrisburg  
Michelle Moore ..... McCook Central

## Home and/or Community Development — E/P

State ..... Dakota Resources  
National ..... Carhartt

Sydney Swanson ..... Webster/Waubay  
Julia Loudenburg ..... McCook Central  
Clayton Sorum ..... Canton

## Landscape Management — E/P

State ..... Farm House Fraternity - SDSU  
National ..... John Deere; Tractor Supply Co.

Sydney Swanson ..... Webster/Waubay  
Julia Loudenburg ..... McCook Central  
Clayton Sorum ..... Canton

## Nursery Operations — E/P

State ..... Twin Cities Region Northland Ford Dealers  
National ..... NuFarm & Valent USA Corporation

Sam Bergeson ..... West Central  
Braydon Johnson ..... West Central

## Outdoor Recreation — E/P

State ..... Jack's Campers, Mitchell;  
Central Dakota Guide Service; SD Walleye Charters  
National ..... Yamaha Motor Corporation USA

Nathan Harmer ..... Harrisburg  
Matthew Bogue ..... Beresford  
Brittany Greene ..... Deuel

## Poultry Production — E/P

State ..... Josh Johnson; Salem Veterinary Service  
National ..... U.S. Poultry & Egg Association; Tractor Supply Co.

Nathan Linke ..... Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
Hadley Stiefvater ..... McCook Central  
Carolyn Koepsell ..... Howard

## Sheep Production — E/P

State ..... Newell Ram Sale  
National ..... National FFA Foundation

Alison Knutson ..... Viborg Hurley  
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Hanna Peterson ..... Howard

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## Small Animal Production & Care — E/P

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**Corissa Sweetser**..... Lennox Sundstrom  
**Samantha Peterson**..... Harrisburg

## Specialty Animal Production — E/P

**State**..... R&R Pheasant Hunting  
**National**..... National FFA Foundation

**Kacey Lias**..... Harrisburg  
**Carter Ulrich**..... West Central  
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## Specialty Crop Production — E/P

**State**..... Howe Seeds, Inc. McLaughlin;  
 Hansmeier & Son, Inc., Bristol

**National**..... National FFA Foundation

**Hunter Matthaei**..... McCook Central

## Swine Production — E

**State**..... SD Pork Producers Council  
**National**..... LACO Markal

**Haley Feldhaus**..... Howard  
**Karley Litterick**..... Howard  
**Rylee Klinkhammer**..... McCook Central

## Swine Production — P

**State**..... Gro Master; Smithfield Hog Production  
 Lester Moeller, Kevin & Sandy Ortberg and Wally & Kathy Knock

**National**..... Provimi North America

**Cole Grasma**..... McCook Central  
**Ryker Seamer**..... McCook Central

## Turf Grass Management — E/P

**State**..... Millborn Seeds  
**National**..... John Deere

**Benjamin Ostebee**..... Harrisburg  
**Kayla Mentele**..... McCook Central  
**Kohl Miller**..... McCook Central

## Vegetable Production — E/P

**State**..... In Memory of Bill & Stella Hanson  
**National**..... Wilbur-Ellis Company, Tractor Supply Co.

**Hunter Matthaei**..... McCook Central  
**Jaden Flanagan**..... Garretson  
**Emily Malsom**..... Garretson

## Veterinary Medicine — E/P

**State**..... Mike McIntyre, DVM, Winfred  
**National**..... American Veterinary Medical Association

**Kadon Leddy**..... Milbank  
**Joslyn Hurlbert**..... Clark  
**Myca Cantrell**..... Hot Springs

## Wildlife Production & Management — E/P

**State**..... Craig & Maure Weinkauf;  
 In Memory of Arthur J. Weinkauf

**National**..... Yamaha Motor Corporation US

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**Hannah Noonan**..... Howard  
**Peder Haugan**..... Brookings

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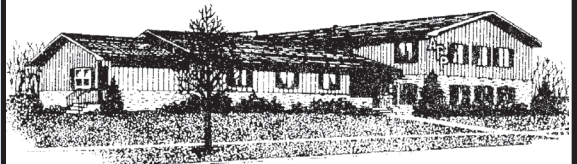
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- Centerville
- Chamberlain
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## Monday, April 24, 2017

### WORKSHOPS

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#### ***Interactive Soil Health Workshop***

USU Lewis & Clark Room 262.....9am, 11am, 2pm

#### ***Soybean Science – Elementary Interactives***

USU Pasque Room 255 .....9am, 11am, 2pm

#### ***Grow your SAE in South Dakota FFA***

USU Pasque Room 255 .....9am & 12pm

#### ***Put the FUN in Fundraising***

Herold Crest 253 .....10am

#### ***Advocating – It’s a Snap!***

Pioneer Room 265 .....10am, 1pm, 3pm

#### ***First Dakota FARM-OPOLY***

USU Walder Room 269.....10am, 1pm, 3pm

#### ***Work Smarter***

Herold Crest 253 .....11am

#### ***Masters of Self-Confidence***

VSU VBR West .....2pm

#### ***Team Up to Safety Quiz Bowl***

Student Union State Room 260 .....9am - 4pm

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#### ***Career Carnival***

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Student Union, Upper Level .....9am - 3pm

Gallery, Prairie, & Crazy House Lounges

#### ***DuPont Pioneer “Live 2 Serve” Project - Meals of Hope***

HPER Center, 2nd Floor .....9am - 3pm

#### ***State FFA Degree Banquet***

Volstorff Ballroom.....4:45pm

### SDSU Campus Scavenger Hunt

SDSU is South Dakota’s LARGEST college campus, and home to some pretty cool spots! Snap a photo with friends showing off these locations and share on social media with the hashtag **#SDFFALovesSDState** – we may select your photo as the Scavenger Hunt winner!

- Weary Wil and Dirty Lil Statues
- Coughline Campanile
- SDSU Bummobile
- Wenona Hall – Home of SD FFA
- Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium
- Sylvan Green & Theater
- Ag Heritage Museum

### FFA Store

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HPER Southwest Corner.....Su-M Opens @ 5pm

Tues Opens @ 8am