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## RECORD NUMBER OF FFA JACKETS AWARDED BY SOUTH DAKOTA FFA FOUNDATION

Bath, SD (September 30, 2015) - **To its owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy.** This fall 239 South Dakota FFA members from 44 chapters, a record number, earned their own FFA jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program - **carrying forward that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity and honor.** Jackets were sponsored by various individuals through the SD FFA Foundation program, **welcoming new members into the fabric of FFA.** FFA members filled out the Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program application, answering four short essay questions about their FFA experience and goals, competing to earn their own FFA jacket instead of purchasing one. 2015 recipients are:

| chapter           | first name | last name   |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Alcester Hudson   | Luke       | Christensen |
| Alcester Hudson   | Sara       | Kemner      |
| Alcester Hudson   | Tori       | Rasmussen   |
| Alcester Hudson   | Heidi      | Renken      |
| Beresford         | Kaitlyn    | Knudson     |
| Brookings         | Pam        | Dahl        |
| Brookings         | Rylee      | Iversen     |
| Brookings         | Bella      | Kappenman   |
| Bowdle            | Jon        | Grismer     |
| Bowdle            | McKlay     | Pettigrew   |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Lucas      | Berg        |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Ashley     | Horvath     |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Darby      | Hurd        |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Phoebe     | Kaffar      |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Kristin    | Kotas       |
| Bridgewater-Emery | Abbie      | Bartscher   |
| Canton            | Emma       | Arce        |
| Canton            | Maizy      | Baldwin     |
| Canton            | Kassidy    | Benson      |
| Canton            | Paislee    | Carlson     |

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| Canton       | Kenzy     | Dominisse    |
| Canton       | Tracy     | Eich         |
| Canton       | Morgan    | Fullerton    |
| Canton       | Brooklyn  | Knudson      |
| Canton       | Hannah    | Merkle       |
| Canton       | Skyler    | Wolfe        |
| Centerville  | Amanda    | Knutson      |
| Centerville  | Lee       | Wesche       |
| Chester Area | Taylor    | Anderson     |
| Chester Area | Aden      | Baumberger   |
| Chester Area | Zachary   | Dorow        |
| Chester Area | Pete      | Fods         |
| Chester Area | Aaron     | Goodale      |
| Chester Area | Ella Jane | Schmidt      |
| Chester Area | Alex      | Tammen       |
| Clark        | Tavie     | Guzman       |
| Clark        | Bret      | Lehna        |
| Clark        | Jeffrey   | Paulson      |
| Clark        | Gunner    | Sanderson    |
| Dell Rapids  | Cheyenne  | Adams        |
| Dell Rapids  | Joshua    | Chase        |
| Dell Rapids  | Timothy   | Jaycox       |
| Dell Rapids  | Katelyn   | Jaycox       |
| Dell Rapids  | Kenyon    | Shellum      |
| Deubrook     | Maddison  | Christiansen |
| Deubrook     | Abbey     | Selleck      |
| Deuel        | Payton    | Bauman       |
| Deuel        | Logan     | Eide         |
| Deuel        | Zachary   | Fieber       |
| Deuel        | Colter    | Zellner      |
| Doland       | Tavian    | Moss         |
| Elkton       | Rachel    | Colgrove     |
| Elkton       | Kayla     | Engwicht     |
| Elkton       | Taryn     | Krog         |
| Elkton       | Carter    | Peake        |
| Elkton       | Tiffany   | Rouge        |
| Flandreau    | Jaycie    | Pulscher     |
| Flandreau    | Harley    | Steinhauer   |
| Florence     | Mindy     | Engle        |
| Florence     | Hannah    | Huppler      |
| Florence     | Brianna   | Jorgenson    |
| Florence     | Jenna     | Peterson     |
| Florence     | Mykel     | Sprung       |

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| Freeman          | Josie    | Fuhrmann     |
| Freeman          | Sarah    | Wipf         |
| Freeman          | Karen    | Schamber     |
| Garretson        | Jaden    | Flanagan     |
| Garretson        | Myranda  | Folland      |
| Garretson        | Allison  | Longhenry    |
| Garretson        | Claire   | Longhenry    |
| Gettysburg       | Felicia  | Charging Elk |
| Gettysburg       | Calen    | Decker       |
| Gettysburg       | Amber    | Flatt        |
| Gettysburg       | Taylor   | Frost        |
| Gettysburg       | Brody    | Genzler      |
| Gettysburg       | Allicia  | Head         |
| Gettysburg       | Kolton   | Kirby        |
| Gettysburg       | Bishop   | Meinke       |
| Gettysburg       | Cole     | Nafziger     |
| Gettysburg       | Shad     | Sharp        |
| Gettysburg       | Dawson   | Simon        |
| Gettysburg       | Loretta  | Simon        |
| Gettysburg       | Aaron    | Smith        |
| Gettysburg       | Paige    | Worth        |
| Gettysburg       | Preston  | Worth        |
| Gettysburg       | Igracio  | Zuauzo       |
| Harding County   | Rebeca   | Tilus        |
| Harrisburg       | Logan    | Bunkers      |
| Harrisburg       | Mia      | Cherry       |
| Harrisburg       | Rilyn    | Fox          |
| Harrisburg       | Jade     | Hewer        |
| Harrisburg       | Kenneth  | Hodom        |
| Harrisburg       | Julie    | Hopes        |
| Harrisburg       | Noah     | Hovorka      |
| Harrisburg       | Jalee    | Krueger      |
| Harrisburg       | Chloe    | Kunkel       |
| Harrisburg       | Claire   | McDowell     |
| Harrisburg       | Ryan     | Meyer        |
| Harrisburg       | Kenzie   | Nord         |
| Harrisburg       | Benjamin | Olson        |
| Harrisburg       | Isabella | Saunders     |
| Harrisburg       | Kayla    | Verley       |
| Harrisburg       | Lauren   | Volk         |
| Harrisburg       | MaKenzie | Voss         |
| Harrisburg       | Regan    | Yseth        |
| Hitchcock-Tulare | Kodee    | Anderson     |

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| Hitchcock-Tulare | Chelsea  | Hofer       |
| Hitchcock-Tulare | Ty       | Hofer       |
| Hitchcock-Tulare | Isabelle | Kloss       |
| Hitchcock-Tulare | Tyler    | Schone      |
| Hot Springs      | Will     | Allison     |
| Hot Springs      | Brandon  | Baker       |
| Hot Springs      | Kassie   | Bloom       |
| Hot Springs      | Josie    | Bogner      |
| Hot Springs      | Myca     | Cantrell    |
| Hot Springs      | McKenzie | Cope        |
| Hot Springs      | Lexy     | Deering     |
| Hot Springs      | Nina     | Disher      |
| Hot Springs      | Kailyn   | Fischer     |
| Hot Springs      | Kody     | Hagen       |
| Hot Springs      | Olivia   | Hayes       |
| Hot Springs      | Elena    | Henry       |
| Hot Springs      | Amber    | Hulse       |
| Hot Springs      | Myra     | McLaughlin  |
| Hot Springs      | Cheyenne | Mudget      |
| Hot Springs      | Sydney   | Mutter      |
| Hot Springs      | Kaylen   | Stearns     |
| Hot Springs      | Jessica  | Steinmetz   |
| Hoven            | Kendra   | Kaiser      |
| Hoven            | Courtney | Krueger     |
| Hoven            | Peter    | Rausch      |
| Hoven            | Kayla    | Sautner     |
| Hoven            | April    | Simon       |
| Hoven            | Ashton   | Simon       |
| Howard           | Cassidy  | Gosmier     |
| Howard           | Cailey   | Hinker      |
|                  | Anna     |             |
| Howard           | Marie    | Schwader    |
| Howard           | Jenna    | Barnhart    |
| Kimball          | Lolita   | Erickson    |
| Kimball          | Caitlin  | Gakin       |
| Kimball          | Drakkar  | O'Neal      |
| Kimball          | Cody     | Westendorf  |
| Lennox-Sundstrom | Cooper   | Benning     |
| Lennox-Sundstrom | Nathan   | Renz        |
| Lennox-Sundstrom | Makyah   | Seguin      |
| McCook Central   | Rylie    | Klinkhammer |
| McCook Central   | Trey     | Anderson    |
| McCook Central   | Kyle     | Butzke      |

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| McCook Central | Morgan   | Erikson     |
| McCook Central | Martin   | Flood       |
| McCook Central | Cole     | Grasma      |
| McCook Central | Cody     | Hawk        |
| McCook Central | Dylan    | Klinkhammer |
| McCook Central | McKenna  | Kranz       |
| McCook Central | Melissa  | Lauck       |
| McCook Central | Brandon  | Lauer       |
| McCook Central | Tanner   | Peterson    |
| McCook Central | Blake    | Pulse       |
| McCook Central | Taylor   | Reif        |
| McCook Central | Ciara    | Rother      |
| McCook Central | Summer   | Schoon      |
| McCook Central | Zach     | Westhoff    |
| Menno          | Justin   | Edelman     |
| Menno          | Hailey   | Handel      |
| Menno          | Megan    | Lemme       |
| Menno          | Jaedyn   | Oplinger    |
| Milbank        | Sara     | Capp        |
| Milbank        | Kellie   | Christians  |
| Milbank        | Jessica  | Fenhaus     |
| Milbank        | Morgan   | Kowalski    |
| Milbank        | Nathan   | Loutsch     |
| Milbank        | Claire   | Mischel     |
| Milbank        | Spencer  | Raffety     |
| Milbank        | Kendra   | Schweer     |
| Miller         | Torrey   | Anson       |
| Miller         | Blade    | Forman      |
| Miller         | Eli      | Jones       |
| Miller         | Cassidy  | Keck        |
| Miller         | Garrett  | Knox        |
| Miller         | Erin     | Moncur      |
| Miller         | Haley    | Schnathorst |
| Mitchell       | Clay     | Jorgensen   |
| Mitchell       | Edana    | Mahrt       |
| Mitchell       | Grace    | Phinney     |
| Mitchell       | Annika   | Vermuelen   |
| Parker         | Camden   | Bialas      |
| Parker         | Hannah   | Even        |
| Parker         | Jacob    | Hoffmeister |
| Parker         | Joseph   | Joffer      |
| Parker         | Blake    | Olson       |
| Parker         | Cheyenne | Paweltzki   |

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| Parker                 | Breanna  | Reynolds     |
| Parker                 | Nick     | Thon         |
| Parkston               | Ryan     | Ripp         |
| Parkston               | Kailee   | Schnabel     |
| Parkston               | Jonah    | Zwinger      |
| Philip                 | Jada     | Jones        |
| Philip                 | Mikayla  | Addison      |
| Philip                 | Bobbi    | Antonsen     |
| Platte                 | Sydney   | Antonsen     |
| Platte                 | Beau     | Dean         |
| Platte                 | Molly    | Muilenberg   |
| Platte                 | Kaitlyn  | Slaba        |
| Platte                 | Jessica  | Vanderheiden |
| Rutland                | Micah    | Schiffer     |
| Rutland                | Jared    | Timm         |
| Sturgis                | Brian    | Duran        |
| Sturgis                | Kaycee   | Szymanski    |
| Sully Buttes           | Braeden  | Bruning      |
| Sully Buttes           | Phillip  | Gilliland    |
| Sully Buttes           | Brady    | Hill         |
| Sully Buttes           | Rachel   | Hill         |
| Sully Buttes           | Maris    | Hofer        |
| Sully Buttes           | Morgan   | Johnson      |
| Sully Buttes           | Coulton  | Lentz        |
| Sully Buttes           | Gracie   | Weinheimer   |
| Sully Buttes           | Hannah   | Weinheimer   |
| Sully Buttes           | Racquel  | Wientjes     |
| Sully Buttes           | Nick     | Wiley        |
| Sunshine Bible Academy | Cassidy  | Clark        |
| Sunshine Bible Academy | Susan    | Wilken       |
| Viborg-Hurley          | Shania   | Knutson      |
| Webster/Waubay         | Sara     | Hemmingson   |
| Webster/Waubay         | Kendra   | Johnson      |
| West Central           | Samantha | Bergeson     |
| West Central           | Clay     | Farmer       |
| West Central           | Elijah   | Hanisch      |
| West Central           | Donovan  | Hohn         |
| West Central           | Sean     | Husman       |
| West Central           | Sydney   | Kurtz        |
| West Central           | Blair    | Lammers      |
| West Central           | Taylor   | McMartin     |
| West Central           | Cassia   | Olson        |
| West Central           | Megan    | Schoeneman   |

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| West Central | Hunter  | Wilebski |
| Winner       | Kenzie  | Bachmann |
| Winner       | Elijah  | Blare    |
| Winner       | Shea    | Connot   |
| Winner       | Brandon | Volmer   |

“When you zip up your FFA jacket, you become something much larger than yourself. You become one of over 600,000 FFA members developing leadership, bettering their communities, and working for a better tomorrow. Thank you to the sponsors who helped welcome members into an organization that reaches far beyond the limits of a high school classroom,” said Woonsocket FFA member Jonathan Linke.

When students join the FFA, they typically purchase or borrow jackets to compete in the many Career Development Events offered through FFA. The jacket is their team "uniform" to be worn at all official FFA events. The blue corduroy FFA jacket has been the status symbol of the national FFA organization since 1933, when delegates to the national convention voted to make the jacket part of the organization's official attire, thus creating the long standing tradition.

Individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring an FFA jacket for a SD FFA member should contact Gerri Ann Eide, SD FFA Foundation Executive Director at 605-765-4865 or [gerri@sdfoundation.org](mailto:gerri@sdfoundation.org). Sponsorships are \$65 per jacket.

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