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Keaton Nelsen, Leesburg
Kimberly Nelsen, Leesburg
Reganne Ritterman, Leesburg
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Gavin Reinke, Lisbon
Hadley McDaniel, Lisbon
Hayden McDaniel, Lisbon
Kalli Lautt, Lisbon
Levi Schwab, Lisbon
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Armond Mayer, Mandan
Bailey Schock, Mandan
Brittany Barnhardt, Mandan
Claire Graner, Mandan
Faith Gress, Mandan
Kaitlin Dixon, Mandan
Miranda Clarys, Mandan
Sierra Ellingson, Mandan
Tyrel Clarys, Mandan
Christina Bingham, Max
Jacob Strobel, McClusky
Abby Carlson, Medina
Carlee Moser, Medina
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Isaac Gross, Napoleon
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Tyler Long, Napoleon
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Matthew Mills, Powers Lake
Bailey Adams, Richland 44
Dain Anderson, Richland 44
Kariann Sahl, Richland 44
Parker Crooks, Richland 44
Emma Mitchell, Rolla
Grant Munro, Rolla
Collin Kraft, Rugby
Halie Schmailz, Rugby
Holly Vetsch, Rugby
Katherine Filler, Rugby
Lilli French, Rugby
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton
Hannah Remington, South Prairie
Mikayla Wolfe, Tioga
Brooke Bailey, Towner
Kaylee Follman, Towner
Ryleigh Laib, Turtle Lake Mercer
Bailee Williams, Velva
Brad Lawson, Velva
Dakotah Aaseth, Velva
Emily Howe, Velva
Grace Ransier, Velva
Hope Brewer, Velva
Kutter Blumhagen, Velva
Kylie Hildre, Velva
Rachel Mack, Velva
Christian O‘Hara, Wahpeton
Hunter Boll, Wahpeton
Jonah Enochson, Wahpeton
Lianna Seibold, Wahpeton
Stuart Bowar, Wahpeton
Winston La Jesse, Wahpeton
Cayu Hartel, Watford City
Gracie Dahl, Watford City
Casey Buskohl, Wyndmere
Jessica Kuchera, Wyndmere
Laiken David, Wyndmere
STATE STAR IN AGRI-BUSINESS FINALISTS

Sierra Ellingson, Mandan
Brian Friedt, Harvey
Sean Gierke, Beulah
Keaton Nelsen, Leeds

The 2019 North Dakota Star of Agri-business is Keaton Nelsen of the Leeds FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR FARMER FINALISTS

Bethany Anderson, Harvey
Christina Bingham, Max
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Ryan Muggli, Grant County

The 2019 State Star Farmer is Ryan Muggli of the Grant County FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT FINALISTS

Stuart Bowar, Wahpeton
Casey Buskohl, Wyndmere
Conner Fike, Fessenden/Bowdon
Ivy Klusmann, New Salem

The 2019 State Star in Agricultural Placement is Stuart Bowar of the Wahpeton FFA Chapter.

STATE STAR IN AGRI-SCIENCE FINALISTS

Teegan Henke, Center
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton
Anna Stoppleworth, Kindred

The 2019 State Star of Agri-Science of Abbigale Steeke of the Scranton FFA Chapter.
HONORARY FFA STATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Ted and Sarah Pietron
Desi Severance
Mary Schneider
William Ongstad
Jaden Schmidt
Adam Marx
Justin Benz
Cody Warnder
Jean Johnson
Bill Zingg

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE NOMINEES

Taylor Mathern, Edgeley-Kulm
Katelyn Youngs, Garrison
Kelsey Stumvoll, Garrison
Kimberly Kolden, Garrison
Lane Sayler, Garrison
Cory Schmaltz, Harvey
Kevin Friedt, Harvey
Bethany Keller, Harvey
Alicia Hellman, Harvey
Zane Woroniecki, Hebron
Katelin Chinn, Killdeer
Lily McFadden, Killdeer
Brianna Maddock, Kindred
Taylor Foss, Maddock
Stetson Ellingson, Mandan
Hope Scheresky, Max
Maddie Kleven, Medina
McKenzy Dockter, Medina
Alex Irlmeier, Medina
Dalton Dockter, Medina
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina
Cierra Dockter, Medina
Cody Mack, Medina
Ashley Wolff, Medina
Jeremiah Heupel, Medina
Cassidy Jernigan, Minot
Katie Horner, Napoleon
Sidney Sanderson, Parshall
Billie Lentz, Rolla
Alex Abrahamson, Rolla
Hunter Allickson, Rugby
Colbey Steeke, Scranton
Taylor Bergquist, Wilton
Alexander Ruff, Wishek
Madeline Schauer, Wishek

APPRECIATION AWARD

Pete Hetle, Grant County
State Proficiency Finalists & Winners

**Agricultural Education**
Carson Houser, McClusky  
Aubrey Black, Max  
Kylee Bitz, Napoleon  
Tucker Hermes, Wahpeton

The winner is Carson Houser of the McClusky FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Mechanics Design & Fabrication**
Nathan Ball, Minot

**Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance~Placement**
Taylor Johnson, Garrison  
CJ Simon, Center  
Christopher Seedorf, Wahpeton

Winner of the award is Taylor Johnson of the Garrison FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Processing**
Jonah Enochson, Wahpeton  
Austyn Rafteseth, Grant County

Winner of the award is Jonah Enochson of the Wahpeton FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Sales-Placement**
Emily Scheresky, Washburn  
Skyla Folden, Garrison  
Abigail Deile, Wishek

Winner of the award is Emily Scheresky of the Washburn FFA Chapter.

**Agricultural Services**
Connor Blessum, Minot  
Parker Crooks, Richland 44  
Cassie Faul, Harvey  
Payton Haas, Napoleon

Winner of the award is Parker Crooks of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter.

**Agriscience Research-Animal Systems**
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton  
Mykaela Jacobson, Center

Winner of the award is Mykaela Jacobson of the Center FFA Chapter.

**Agriscience Research-Integrated Systems**
Teanna Hintz, Center  
Brianna Maddock, Kindred  
Teegan Henke, Center  
Emma Howe, Velva

Winner of the award is Brianna Maddock of the Kindred FFA Chapter.
**Agriscience Research-Plant Systems**

Kari Ann Hammons, Center

Winner of the award is **Kari Ann Hammons** of the Center FFA Chapter.

**Beef Production-Entrepreneurship**

Hope Scheresky, Max
Iris Dukart, Killdeer
Bethany Anderson, Harvey
Taylor Bergquist, Wilton

Winner of the award is **Hope Scheresky** of the Max FFA Chapter.

**Beef Production-Placement**

Justin Lee, Carrington
Taylor Bergquist, Wilton
Shelby Meckle, Center
Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer

Winner of the award is **Justin Lee** of the Carrington FFA Chapter.

**Dairy Production-Placement**

Jacklyn Pazdernik, New Salem
Fayth Hoger, New Salem

Winner of the award is **Fayth Hoger** of the New Salem FFA Chapter.

**Diversified Agriculture Production**

John Rath, Bismarck
Brady Kallenbach, Maddock AS Gibbens
Collin Kraft, Rugby
Cody McClean, Carrington

Winner of the award is **Brady Kallenbach** of the Maddock AS Gibbens FFA Chapter.

**Diversified Crop Production-Entrepreneurship**

Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Isaac Gross, Napoleon
Ryan Muggli, Grant County

Winner of the award is **Ryan Muggli** of the Grant County FFA Chapter.

**Diversified Crop Production-Placement**

Camden Johnson, Max
Stuart Bowar, Wahpeton
Ryan Muggli, Grant County
Trace Beumer, Carrington

Winner of the award is **Camden Johnson** of the Max FFA Chapter

**Diversified Horticulture**

Skyla Folden, Garrison
Dain Anderson, Richland 44
Regan Hartwig, Minot
Sean Gierke, Beulah

Winner of the award is **Dain Anderson** of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter.
Diversified Livestock Production
Ryleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer
Robert Fitterer, Beulah
Mara Bornemann, New Salem
Abbigale Steeke, Scranton

Winner of the award is Abbigale Steeke of the Scranton FFA Chapter.

Equine Science-Entrepreneurship
Amanda Huber, Center
Shelby Schenfisch, Garrison
Jaeden Thompson, Fessenden/Bowdon
Teresa Wald, Napoleon

Winner of the award is Amanda Huber of the Center FFA Chapter.

Equine Science-Placement
Emily Beck, Fessenden/Bowdon
Claire Graner, Mandan
Brooklyn Berg, New Salem

Winner of the award is Emily Beck of the Fessenden/Bowdon FFA Chapter.

Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Bret Hegseth, Richland 44

Winner of the award is Aaron Johnson of the Garrison FFA Chapter.

Forage Production
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44
Evan Friesz, Grant County
Taylor Bergquist, Wilton
Cade Majeres, Garrison

Winner of the award is Evan Friesz of the Grant County FFA Chapter.

Fruit Production
Christina Bingham, Max

Winner of the award is Christina Bingham of the Max FFA Chapter.

Goat Production
Alison Betz, Garrison
Samantha Johnson, New Salem
Christy Finck, Grant County
Grace Bachmeier, Granville

Winner of the award is Christy Finck of the Grant County FFA Chapter.

Grain Production-Entrepreneurship
William Rice, Maddock AS Gibbens
Aaron Johnson, Garrison
Clay Bendickson, Garrison

Winner of the award is William Rice of the Maddock AS Gibbens FFA Chapter.
Grain Production-Placement
Connor Fike, Fessenden/Bowdon
Camden Johnson, Max
Quinn Mellmer, Scranton
Abby Carlson, Medina

Winner of the award is Connor Fike of the Fessenden/Bowdon FFA Chapter

Home and/or Community Development
Caleb Boehm, Richland 44
Lianna Seibold, Wahpeton
Samantha Mogard, Bismarck

Winner of the award is Caleb Boehm of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter

Landscape Management
Caleb Boehm, Richland 44
Nathan Ball, Minot
Kariann Sahl, Richland 44
Charmaine Haas, Napoleon

Winner of the award is Nathan Ball of the Minot FFA Chapter

Outdoor Recreation
Caleb Boehm, Richland 44
Brookelynn Dahme, Washburn
Tayden Soupir, New Salem

Winner of the award is Brookelynn Dahme of the Washburn FFA Chapter.

Poultry Production
Kalie Gudmestad, Medina
Madison Jones, Fessenden/Bowdon
Cora Sicble, New Salem

Winner of the award is Kalie Gudmestad of the Medina FFA Chapter.

Sheep Production
Allison Cross, Granville
Chayla Kuss, Carrington
Rebecca Schmidt, Center
Casey Buskohl, Wyndmere

Winner of the award is Chayla Kuss of the Carrington FFA Chapter.

Specialty Animal Production
Kaitlyn Bartholmy, Scranton
Mikayla Lacher, Richland 44

Winner of the award is Mikayla Lacher of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter.

Swine Production-Entrepreneurship
Kaitlyn Bartholmy, Scranton
Carlee Moser, Medina

Winner of the award is Carlee Moser of the Medina FFA Chapter.
Turf Grass Management

Brian Friedt, Harvey
Allen Farrell, Larimore
Nathan Ball, Minot
Bryce Mutschelknaus, Grant County

Winner of the award is Brian Friedt of the Harvey FFA Chapter.

Vegetable Production

Billie Lentz, Rolla
Alexa Young, Napoleon
Jayden MacDonald
Evan Friesz, Grant County

Winner of the award is Jayden MacDonald of the Bismarck FFA Chapter.

Veterinary Science

Madison McRae, Minot
Justin Johnson, New Salem

Winner of the award is Madison McRae of the Minot FFA Chapter.

Wildlife Production and Management

Hunter Boll, Wahpeton
Hunter Moore, Garrison
Jake Sanders, New Salem

Winner of the award is Hunter Boll of the Wahpeton FFA Chapter.
**BASIC AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**

**Gold**
*Thatcher Volk, Rugby  
Jayden Whanger, Max  
Isaac Binstock, Dickinson  
Ethan Schaffner, Napoleon  
Shayden Schiele, Velva  
Dillon Reis, Belfield  
Sam Brumfield, Edgeley/Kulm  
William Schmidt, New England  
Samantha Hermes, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Zachary Stute, Turtle Lake/Mercer

**Silver**
Braden Schlatter, Glen Ullin  
Ben Knopp, Bowman County  
Jack Steffan, Lakota  
Kurtis Nelsen, Leeds  
Collin Peterson, Wilton  
Tyler Kulzer, Washburn  
Benjamin Lindbo, South Prairie  
Kenneth Porter, Park River  
Caiti Hennessy, Stanley  
Douglas Geier, Finley/Sharon  
Isaac Lagge, Hazen  
Lance Kostelecky, South Heart

**Bronze**
Case Thompson, Bottineau  
Jayce Rivinius, Gackle/Streeter  
Curtis Sauer, Des Lacs/Burlington  
Mason Kraft, Minot  
Jayden Morgan, Bismarck  
Aaron Fuchs, Ashley  
Garin Opdahl, Fessenden/Bowdon  
Jaden Kuntz, Mandan  
Tyler Weisser, Harvey  
Libby Weisser, Harvey  
Carter Bonogofsky, Flasher  
Joshua Olin, New Salem  
Rayden Wanner, McClusky  
Aydan Swanson, North Sargent

* High Individual receives the Traveling Trophy, a $100 Scholarship, and a Baby Bison Trophy.

**INTERMEDIATE AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS**

**Gold**
*Connor Blessum, Minot  
Stetson Urlacher, New England  
Kordell Kraft, Rugby  
Lucien Peterson, Wishek  
Reagan Hildre, Velva  
Gage Yellowbird, Max  
Brennan Wiederrich, Edgeley/Kulm  
Billy VanEpps, Medina  
Isaiah Throener, Oakes/Sargent Central  
Dawson Erber, Washburn

**Silver**
Haeden Bullinger, Dickinson  
Ian Lacina, Carrington  
Roman Steffan, Lakota  
Ethan Arnold, Harvey  
Aaron Ripplinger, Beulah  
Kacey Wanner, Hebron  
ShiAnne Boehm, Mandan  
Griffin Kessel, Belfield  
Cantrel Peterson, Wilton  
Hayes Kracht, North Sargent  
Trevor Kershaw, Wing

**Bronze**
Cole Felchle, McClusky  
Adrian Wanchic, Kidder County  
Zane Vandaveer, Richland 44  
Jonathan Anderson, Enderlin  
Austin Roth, Hazen  
Adam Roden, Central Cass  
Jeran Anderson, Scranton  
Hunter Schultz, Lisbon  
Cooper Hill, Grafton

*High Individual receives a $100 Scholarship, a Baby Bison Trophy and the Traveling Trophy.
## ADVANCED AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS TEAM

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- Madeliene Nichols, Carrington
- Anna Stoppleworth, Kindred
- Eve Stegner, New England

**Silver**
- Madison McRae, Minot
- Christian O’Hara, Minot
- Emma Arstein, Rolette
- Abbi Steeke, Scantons
- Evan Christian, Finley/Sharon

**Bronze**
- Sean Gierke, Beulah
- Calli Hennessy, Stanley
- Jake Sanders, New Salem
- Tucker Satterlund, Grafton

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- Eric Moen, Richland 44
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- Jack Stoppleworth, Kindred
- Isaac Huber, Edgeley-Kulm
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- Gracie Wagner, Rugby
- Jake Doll, Finley-Sharon
- Hunter Bolt, Wahpeton
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- Lillian Nahsen, Finley-Sharon
- Cora Sicble, New Salem
- Kiersten Boehm, Richland 44
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- Jacob Rexin, Carrington
- Mack Buckmier, Hettiger
- Victoria Moreno, Dickinson
- Jaxon Fike, Fessenden-Bowdon
- Jacob Hanson, Berthold
- Elizabet Poplick, Finley-Sharon
- Rylie Doehrmann, Dickinson
- Zach Ringdahl, Richland 44
- Kell Helmuth, Watford City
- Grace Ransier, Velva
- Haden Quitschreiber, Northern Cass
- Nicholas Wulfekuhle, Richland 44
- Ben Knopp, Bowman County
- Emma Howe, Velva
- Emma Dragseth, Towner

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- Cort Mcdonald, Kindred
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- Goldie Loepp, Oakes-Sargent Central
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- Nathan Friedt, Harvey
- Adam Newman, South Prairie
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Erich Scheffert, Oakes-Sargent Central
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Garret Wallender, Hazen

**EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT**

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Amber Selesnky, Rugby
Theodore Mayer, Mott/Regent
Jayden MacDonald
Ana Berger, Mandan
Bryce Grabanski, Kindred
Isaac Huber

**Silver**
Lydia Lyons, Lisbon
Brooke Loen, Harvey
Will Rice, Maddock
Aubrey Black, Max
Ian Lewis, Watford City
Ryeleigh Laib, Turtle Lake/Mercer

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Kyla Larson, Northern Cass

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Cauy Ellingson, Edgeley-Kulm

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Mckenzie Haas, Napoleon
Morgan Takala, Granville
Garin Opdahl, Fessenden-Bowdon
Mollie Robbins, David Lloyd Lamoure
Brooke Dahme, Washburn
Sadie Good, Rolla
Seth Wolf, Wishek
Neil Dahl, Watford City
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Zoe Mckinven, Harvey
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Calli Mack, Medina
Peyton Schantz, Glen Ullin
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Sadie Magnuson, Carrington
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Alison Betz, Garrison
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Laney Hartel, Watford City
Layne Driscoll, Mohall
Matthew Mills, Powers Lake
Alexis Meyer, Oakes-Sargent Central
Holly Vetsch, Rugby
Baylee Rolle, South Prairie
Trista Henderson, Rolla
Quinn Melli, Scranton
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Chase McCon, Hebron
Kendra Myers, Lisbon
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Maria Forbes, Grafton
Maria Steichen, Mcclusky
Jerze Jorgenson, Mohall
Alician Garcia, Watford City
Mitchell Wibe, Rolette
## MEATS CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

### Gold
- Munich: Edgeley/Kulm
- Kidder County: Carrington
- New Salem: Dickinson

### Silver
- Minot: Rugby
- Beulah: Granville
- Turtle Lake/Mercer: South Prairie
- New England: 

### Bronze
- Medina: Watford City
- McClusky: Max
- Grant County: Velva
- Oakes/Sargent Central: Garrison

### Individual

#### Gold
- Dawson Biby, Munich
- Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake Mercer
- Caleb Woodrow, Munich
- Lucas Nitschke, Edgeley-Kulm
- Bradyn Lachenmeier, Kidder County
- Logan Becker, New Salem
- Drew McArthur, Munich
- Evan Bornemann, New Salem
- Austin Weippert, Kidder County
- Caleb Hauck, Oakes-Sargent Central
- Kia Ward, Dickinson
- Madelyn Schmidt, Kidder County
- Jolie Sanders, New Salem
- Chayla Kuss, Carrington
- Victoria Trochez, Dickinson
- Samantha Johnson, New Salem
- David Scheresky, Minot
- Karlee Sailer, Beulah
- Garrett Anderson, Minot
- Amy Volk, Rugby
- Jacob Klaudt, Beulah
- Mathias Kubal, Carrington
- William Schmidt, New England
- Taylor Downing, South Heart
- Tate Novodvorsky, South Prairie
- Carson Houser, McClusky

#### Silver
- Austin Schmidt, Kidder County
- Jakob Van Berkom, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Alex Huber, Edgeley-Kulm
- Addie Urness, Carrington
- Jared Lovro, Granville
- Kell Helmuth, Watford City
- Jessica Evenson, Granville
- Alexis Vandeberghe, Medina
- Shadera Burian, Killdeer
- Wyatt Kersten, Max
- Wyatt Dormer, New England
- Brennan Wiederrich, Edgeley-Kulm
- Skyla Folden, Garrison
- Connor Cross, Watford City
- Sam Brunfield, Edgeley-Kulm
- Morgan Pedersen, Harvey
- Hayden Thingvold, Rugby
- Halle Rivinius, Grant County
- Kaden Korgel, South Prairie
- Mason Kraft, Minot
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- Lauren Baril, Munich
- Micha Thomas, Velva
- Justin Kathrein, New England
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- Victoria Moreno, Dickinson
- Shayden Schiele, Velva
- Logan Reister, Medina
- Zachary Stute, Turtle Lake Mercer
- Andrew Duchscher, Rugby
- Rayden Wanner, McClusky
- Cody McLean, Carrington
- Colt Kersten, Max
- Robert Fitterer, Beulah

#### Bronze
- Max Muggli, Oakes-Sargent Central
- Ryan Muggli, Grant County
- Cade Korslien, South Prairie
- Luke Newman, South Prairie
- Jebb Gerszewski, Larimore
- Haeden Bullinger, Dickinson
- Ben Heeg, Garrison
- Aaron Bahnsen, Minot
- Beth Lee, Carrington
- Bailey Heinrich, New Salem
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- Jamie Geyer, Lisbon
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- Colin Adam, Rugby
- Brendon Rasmussen, Bowman County
- Eric Hoffmann, Larimore
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- Kaylee Blumhagen
- Reagan Hanson
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- Jasper Roth
- Payton Haas
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## NURSERY/LANDSCAPE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

### TEAM

**Gold**
- Des Lacs/Burlington: Napoleon
- Kindred: Hebron

**Silver**
- Velva: Minot

**Bronze**
- Medina: Granville

### INDIVIDUAL

**Gold**
- *Olivia Svanes, Napoleon
- Ben Van Berkom, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Jon Twedt, Kindred
- Jakob Van Bekom, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Jack Stoppleworth, Kindred
- Braxton Rolle, Hebron
- Grayson Pease, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Tevyaa Vogle, Hebron
- Grace Dinius, New England
- Amber Vanepps, Medina
- Jack Schaefer, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Garrett Snyder, Des Lacs-Burlington
- Faith Gress, Mandan
- Breanna Hosman, Hebron
- Kaitlyn Larsen, Velva
- Charmain Haas, Napoleon

**Silver**
- Remi Hartwig, Minot
- Elliot Mathias, Kindred
- Nathan Gross, Napoleon
- Samantha Mogard, Bismarck
- Marissa Tien, Harvey
- Mckenzie Haas, Napoleon
- Bryson Haman, Velva
- Grady Duschcher, Minot
- Hailey Wright, Velva
- Makenna Vollmer, Harvey
- Jessica Evenson, Granville
- Seth Bettenhausen, Wishek
- Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake
- Kiley Kvanne, Kindred
- Kelly Zimmerman, Napoleon
- Rylie Dohrmann, Dickinson

**Bronze**
- Jade Lohnes, Velva
- Kasey Kolden, Garrison
- Brooke Loen, Harvey
- Lillian Kelley, Minot
- Kayla Vovilla, South Prairie
- Hunter Wolf, Wishek
- Rayman Zimmerman, Grant County
- Benjamin Hosman, Hebron
- Que Dak, Dickinson
- Taylen Thomas, Mandan
- Kristin Grubb, Minot
- Brittney Reister, Medina
- Maryjane Mayer, Mott-Regent
- Adam Wolff, Wishek
- Riele Shaw, Kindred
- Shayla Seibel, Harvey
- Miranda Clarys, Mandan
- Morgan Takala, Granville
- Nicholas Wulfkuhle, Richland 44
- Kristin Hansen, Velva
- Levi Tysver, Dickinson
- Henry Florida, Watford City
- Matthew Mills, Powers Lake
- Landen Loveless, Powers Lake
- Taylor Reinhard, Granville
- Matthew Xahl, Turtle Lake
- Katie Willprecht, Lidgerwood

## PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

### Gold
- *Cassie Faul, Harvey
- Kourtney Bitz, Napoleon
- Kolten Mellem, Wyndmere
- Gage Yellowbird, Max
- Hannah Remington, South Prairie

### Silver
- Breanna Hosman, Hebron
- Avery Roth, Grant County
- Hailey Maddock, Maddock
- Cali Hauke, Oakes/Sargent Central
- ShiAnne Boehm, Mandan
- Michaela Fischer, Bowman County

### Bronze
- Alexa Ketterling, Wishek
- Lily Bina, Park River
- Sydney Tastad, Rolette
- Katie Woessner, Parshall
### QUIZ EVENT

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LJ Wells (Granville), Annie Manstrom (Wyndmere)

Date and location of meeting: Monday June 3, 2019 NW corner of Benson Bunker Field House

Report: After the committee called roll call, they began with new business. They briefly discussed each of the following: effective ways to reach former members, motive FFA members after graduation, how to gain information about FFA, and resources to help support your chapter. After discussion, the following suggestions were put forth.

Action Recommended:

#1) Provide a way for seniors to volunteer their phone numbers so the foundation can reach them after graduation.

#2) Offer scholarships or grants to alumni who are involved past high school.

#3) Equip members with basic resources and templates to help members and alumni reach the members of their community easier.

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Auditing Committee

Committee Members: Abigail Petersen, Ashley; ChristiAnna Schmidt, Beulah; Shanaye Picard, Bottineau; Race Jacobson, Divide County; Jada Reiser, Gackle/Streeter; Garrett Kuhn, Glen Ullin; Kade Manhart, Golden Valley County; Hunter Truedson, Hazen; Mack Buckmier, Hettinger; John Fischer, Leeds; Kalli Lautt, Lisbon; Amber VanEpps, Medina; Rivers Bachman, Minot; Chase Driscoll, Mohall; Blake Rafferty, Mott/Regent; Kendall Nordgaard, Nedrose; Caleb Hauck, Oakes/SC; Kaylee Bolen, Powers Lake; Sabrina Dunlop, Rolla; Aaron Klain, Turtle Lake/Mercer; Christian O’Hara, Wahpeton; Jenna Mandler, Watford City

Members absent: Adrian Valdez, Hillsboro; Chase Benson, Maddock

Committee Chairs: Ben Van Berkom, Des Lacs/Burlington and Samantha Johnson, New Salem

Date and location of meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 in the SW corner of the convention hall

Report: The Auditing Committee Discussed the 2018-2019 budget, net worth, income, and expenses which was presented to them by Mr. Anderson. ChristiAnna Schmidt made a motion to recommend that the 2018-2019 budget be passed and John Fischer from Leeds seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The committee’s other task was to set the state dues. John Fischer made a motion to recommend that the State dues be kept at $6, and Christian O’Hara seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Action Recommended: The outcome of the meeting is that the Auditing Committee recommends that the 2018-2019 Budget be approved and that the State dues be kept at $6.
Career Development Events Committee

Committee Members: Iris Dukart (Killdeer), Christina Bingham (Max), Karlee Sailer (Beulah), Kailyn Fazekas (Bismarck), Adam Gorseth (Carrington), Rylie Dohrmann (Dickinson), Dannie Usselman (Drake), Emilee Weigel (Edgeley/Kulm), Madison Myers (Garrison), Breanne Hosman (Hebron), Madison Olien (Kindred), Matthew Koski (Lakota), Reed Wendel (LaMoure), Kennedi Meyer (Lidgerwood), Sierra Ellingson (Mandan), Garrett Anderson (Minot), Erika Simpson (Munich), Kylee Bitz (Napoleon), Kiersten Boehm (Richland 44), Emma Arstein (Rolette), Emma Mahle (Rugby), Kyle Kostelecky (South Heart), BreAnna Poitra (St. John), Kaitlyn Metzger (Towner), Keagan Marshall (Wing), Laiken David (Wyndmere).

Members Absent: Zoey Bauer (North Sargent)

Committee Chairs: Iris Dukart (Killdeer), and Christina Bingham (Max)

Date and location of meeting: The Career Development Event Committee met at 8:00 PM on Monday, June 3rd in the North-East Corner of the Convention Hall and adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Report: After the committee called roll call, they began with new business. They briefly discussed each of the seven CDEs that were under review for this year’s rotation. After deliberate discussion, the following suggestions were put forth.

Action Recommended:

Suggestion 1: Improve the logistics of the Milk Quality and Products CDE.

Resolution 1: Better refrigerate the cheeses.

Suggestion 2: Align the Small Animal Care CDE to mirror the National Veterinary Science CDE.

Resolution 2: Breanne Hosman moved to Implement an equipment ID portion into the Small Animal Care CDE. The motion passed.

Suggestion 3: Make a location change for the team portion of the Small Animal Care CDE.

Resolution 3: Keep the team event in Gate City Bank where there is better supervision.

Suggestion 4: Provide an equal opportunity to see and judge each cow during the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE.

Resolution 4: Breanne Hosman moved to separate the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE and the Dairy Handler Event. The motion passed.

Suggestion 5: Change the location of the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE and the Dairy Handler Event.

Resolution 5: Keep the Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE and the Dairy Handler Event in an enclosed arena or space.

Suggestion 6: Align the Horse Judging CDE to mirror nationals.

Resolution 6: Kiersten Boehm moved to incorporate horse Identification practicum that mirrors the national practicum

Suggestion 7: Have a State Leadership Development Event Day during State Parliamentary Procedure that would be organized similar to the District Leadership Conference.

Resolution 7: Kiersten Boehm moved to have an LDE Day. The motion failed.

Suggestion 8: Improve the logistics of the Floriculture CDE.

Resolution 8: Increase the number of flowers available to make corsages and boutonnieres.
Community Service

Committee Members: Emily Hlebechuk, Claire Ryberg, Alexius Holter, Tyler Marschke, Elizabeth Poplick, Cade Majeres, Jacie Ankenbauer, Allison Roth, Jaylynn Hicks, Christina Greuel, Brett Wendel, Jarrel McGarvey, Kasen Anderson, Aubrey Black, Kelsey LeRohl, Lauren Baril, Jonah Zikmund, Tyson Odermann, Matthew Mills, Lauren Voeller, Cade Korslien, Lianna Seibold

Members absent: Kaylee Stevens, Adelita Wagner

Committee Chairs: Anna Stoppleworth and Bethany Anderson

Date and location of meeting: Monday, June 3rd – by the vice president’s station in the convention hall

Report: The community service committee discussed possible state wide fundraising options for Meals of Hope such as selling grids and having a free will offering at Winter Leadership Conference and advertising on social media that we are in need of funds. Chapter fundraising ideas were labor auctions, raffles, spaghetti feeds, and offering an award for the chapter who raised the most. Suggestions to increase community service in chapters were to put out a calendar with a service project for every month that chapters can choose to do. It was also suggested to do a Statewide day of service and split up into districts for the project the district chooses.

Action Recommended: Fundraising for Meals of Hope: Sell packaging grids and invite sponsor representatives to help package meals with FFA members. Hold a free will offering at the Winter Leadership Conference and advertise on social media. Give incentive from the state for the chapter who raises the most money.

Chapter Community Service: Set up a calendar, or list of projects for each month. Each chapter can participate in some or all projects. Provide an incentive such as recognition at State Convention

State Community Service: Implement a Statewide day of service, a Saturday in August or September is recommended. Each district will carry out their service project and the district representative from the board could possibly coordinate the event.

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Convention Entertainment Committee

Committee Members: Sean Gierke, Emma Saewert, Agatha Benedicto, Cora Wagner, Chanci Kraft, Aaron Johnson, Dixie Posey, Taizalee Glass, Esther Jaggi, MaKayla Heinrich, Alaskah Falch, Alex Moch, Kenady Kinnard, Colter Sanderson, Kylar Walter, Torance Henry, Rhett Hanson, Sidney Keller, Ryeleigh Laib, Jonah Enochson, Hannah Chrest, Sutton Berg, Abigail Deile

Members absent: Claire Graner, Katie Mikkelsen, and Erich Scheffert

Committee Chairs: Abbigale Steeke and Kylie Hildre

Date and location of meeting: Monday June 3, 2019 at Benson Bunker Field House Steps on West Side

Report: The Convention Entertainment Committee discussed possible entertainment options. Some suggestions were: Karaoke contest, social rooms, slide show highlights, etc.... We also investigate to better advertise all activities throughout the week of state convention.

Action Recommended: We would like to see a swing dancing workshop. Possibly include a social room for card and board games in a separate room during the dance to receive more participation. However, the dance is enjoyed by many. A karaoke contest would like to be held for members to participate. Our major goal would be to advertise the major events, speakers, workshops, career fair, etc. besides sessions that can be attended. Talent applications need to be advertised more for more participation and possibly moved back to a further date. Advertising can be held more on social media before convention and given to chapters at an earlier date. An end of the week slide show could be presented at Thursdays session using a hashtag from member’s photos all week. A dodge ball tournament is wanted later at night with randomized teams to meet new people, however injuries are a conflict. Comedians and magicians are wanted back to convention.
Degree Committee

Committee Members: Riley Molter (Ashely), Jayden MacDonald (Bismarck), Tyler Olson (Bottineau), Garrett Snyder (Des Lacs/Burlington), Alex Huber (Edgeley/Kulm), Jayce Rivinius (Gackle/Streeter) Megan Goldade (Glenburn), Chance Manhardt (Golden Valley County), Gus Obregon (Grafton), Morgan Pedersen (Harvey), Dawson Kylr (Hazen), Jodan Rodine (Kenmare), Zach Lahlum (LaMoure), Jacob Bear (Lisbon), Reagan Hartwig (Minot), Grace Solemsaas (Mohall), Kyla Larson (Northern Cass), Max Muggli (Oakes/SC), Quinn Mellmer (Scranton), Luke Newman (South Prairie), Jaylynn Romeriem (Wahpeton), Miranda Voegele (Watford City), Jolene Kuchera (Wyndmere)

Members absent: Eduardo Garza

Committee Chairs: Carson Houser (McClusky) and Brooke Kunz (New Salem)

Date and location of meeting: June 3rd 8:45 to 9:45 in room 203 of Benson/Bunker Fieldhouse

Report: After the committee called roll, they began with new business. They briefly discussed all the following: current chapter and state degree requirements and if the current requirements meet the

Action Recommended: A motion was made to amend the State Degree requirement 8 to “A member has participated in at least eight (8) different activities above the chapter level. Static exhibits at local, regional, and at state fairs are excluded. Example: Participation in the Agronomy CDE in 2016 and in 2017 would equal two activities.

New Programs

Committee Members: Jacob Hanson (Berthold), Levi Opdahl (Fessenden/Bowdon), Jake Doll (Finely/Sharon), Alexis Bachler (Glen Ullin), Allison Cross (Granville), Cassie Faul (Harvey), Elizabeth Saewart (Kindred), Roman Steffan (Lakota), Seth Berg (Mandan), Gage Yellowbird (Max), Madi McRay (Minot), Jacob Gates (Mohall), Theodore Mayer (Mott Regent), Kourtney Bitz (Napoleon), Stetson Urlacher (New England, Megan Rodine (Oak/SC) Connor Hodek (Park River), Abby Hickel (Ray), Tessa Smith (Richland 44), Logan Lapica (Stanley), Peyton Skabo (Tioga), Hunter Boll (Wapehton), Emily Scheresky (Washburn), Jacob Goff (Watford City), Kiana Kraft (Wilson), Hunter Wolf (Wishek)

Members absent: Jacob Gates (Mohall), Connor Hodek (Park River) Committee Chairs: Hannah Remington (South Prairie) Madeliene Nichols (Carrington)

Date and location of meeting: June 3rd, 2019, Northeast stairs outside Benston Bunker

Report: The committee reviewed the proposed FFA summer camp. The motion to have 7th-9th grade FFA camp in the summer was made by Levi Opdahl from Fessenden/Bowdon, seconded by Cassie Paul from Harvey. This motion was approved by the committee. The committee also reviewed the proposed Gold Conference, for members who are thinking about running for state office. The motion to bring up the Gold Conference and discuss the requirements was made by Cassie Faul from Harvey, and was seconded by Jake Doll from Finely/Sharon. Some of the requirements the committee agreed to bring up was a small application and an advisor nomination. The committee adjourned at approximately 9:06 pm.

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FFA Program of Activities

Committee Members: McKenzie Buckman (Belfield), Thomas Schauer (Berthold), Carlie Millang (Bottineau), Kevin Fischer (Bowman County), Cody McClean (Carrington), Cashlyn Krecklau (Divide County), Chayce Borochardt-Sieg (Drake), Payton Brandenburg (Edgeley/Kulm), Hannah Hagen (Glenburn), Hannah Anderson (Grafton), Austyn Rafteseth (Grant County), Kylee St. Croix (Kenmare), Shadera Burian (Killdeer), Jacie Osier (Kindred), Avery Trittin (Lidgerwood), Will Rice (Maddock), Carlee Moser (Medina), Emily Blocher (Minot), Sebella Sorenson (New England), Jacklyn Pazdernik (New Salem), Hanna Johnson (Richland 44), Sadie Good (Rolla), Calli Hennessy (Stanley), Jaden Cherry (Wahpeton).

Alternate Members: Chase Schmitt (Richland 44)

Members absent: Carlie Millang (Bottineau)

Committee Chairs: Skyla Folden (Garrison), Cole Turchin (Lisbon)

Date and location of meeting: Monday June 3, 2019 South East Corner of Benson Bunker Field House

Report: The committee reviewed changes to the State Program of Activities previously recommended topics by the Board of Directors. The motion to add FFA Camp to the POA was made by Cody McClean (Carrington), seconded by Shadera Burian (Killdeer), discussed, and was passed by a unanimous vote from the committee. The committee also discussed adding a Gold Conference at the Winter Leadership Conference to assist the members that want to become state officers. The motion to add the Gold Conference was made by Calli Hennessy (Stanley), seconded by McKenzie Buckman (Belfield), discussed by the committee, and unanimously passed. The committee also discussed creating the Greenhand Quiz to be a state contest that would need to be qualified for. The motion made to add the Greenhand Quiz as a state contest was made by McKenzie Buckman (Belfield), Seconded by Jacklyn Pazdernik (New Salem), and was unanimously passed. The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.

Action Recommended:

1) Add FFA Camp to the list of Program of Activities and continue to discuss with the board of directors.

2) Add Gold Conference to the Program of Activities to be started at Winter Leadership Conference.

3) Have the board of directors continue to discuss the Greenhand Quiz to become a state contest and also add Greenhand Quiz to the Program of Activities.
State Officer R.A.’s
Brianna Maddock – State President

“Life is a Highway”

Hey Siri, play some Billy Joel. Hey Siri, play a song by the Dixie Chicks. Hey Siri, play Tiny Dancer by Elton John. This past April, I found myself 30 minutes in to a 3-hour drive coming home from my grandparents’ house in Maddock. I had ridden this rode plenty of times before. I would sit in the back seat as my family road tripped back and forth from Kindred to Maddock for every holiday and special occasion. But this was the first time I had driven it, and I was completely alone. As I watched the landscape go by and the miles drag on, I was longing for someone to ride on the highway with me. But that wasn’t an option at that time, so instead I started asking Siri to play any song that came to my mind. Green Day, Sugarland, Paul Simon. It didn’t take long for me to realize that I was playing songs that had been part of my childhood. You see, when I was younger, my three siblings and I would pile into the back of our white, four-door Suburban on our way to gramma’s house. My parents would immediately plug in what is now an ancient form of technology, their iPod, and they would play everything from Johnny Cash to Weezer and Billy Joel. But our all-time favorite? Life is a Highway by Rascal Flatts. As I drove that day, I had been jamming to these songs. But when Life is a Highway came on, I stopped singing and I couldn’t help but feel incredibly alone.

You see, I had been on that same road many times. Most times, I was on it with my siblings, feeling like the miles were passing quickly as we played song after song and argued that the lyrics to Africa by Toto were “God bless the rains” not “I bless the rains.” In those moments, I knew I would always have them by my side. But this time, I was on it alone, feeling like that road was never ending and longing for those moments when my sisters and brother were with me. And as that song says, Life IS a Highway. My time driving alone in that car was exactly like all the times I’ve felt like I didn’t have someone to turn to. The times when I’ve been excited but felt like it would be bragging to share that with someone. The times when I’ve been stressed or upset and thought it would make me seem weak if I talked to anyone about it. The times when I’ve been confused and didn’t think anyone would have the answers.

But ND FFA, I was wrong. When you confide in your people, they will cheer you on as you succeed, pick you up when you fall, have strength when you’re weak, and be exactly who and what you need them to be.

You see, when I felt alone, the truth is, I wasn’t. I DID have people to turn to. I DID have people who were willing to listen. I just didn’t ask them to. I didn’t realize that it was up to me to invite people on my highway and into my life.

Driving alone, when I was longing for my siblings to be by my side, I decided there was a fork in my road. Imagine with me, in front of us, there are two roads. By choosing one, you are choosing to go it alone. To be the only one in your car and lock the doors to others. Some may hear this and think that’s what they want. Because it’s easy and you think you’ll be ok by yourself. But I have to warn you, down this path, the lows feel a lot deeper and some obstacles seem impossible. Yet you can choose that road right now. But, down the other road, you’ll have your people beside you. Those same lows? Don’t feel as deep. And those same obstacles? You find a way to get through them. Because when you have your people by your side, no low is too low and no obstacle is too great to push through.

ND FFA, which road will you choose? It’s up to you. I could tell you to choose this one, I could beg you to make the choice I think is right. But I won’t. The choice is yours, because the only person who can invite others in and truly let them be part of your life, is you. You are in charge of who joins you on the highway. So which road will you choose?

If right now, you decide to take this road, to not go it alone, then we are going to invite our people onto our highway and into our lives right now. If you’re committing to that decision, pull out your phone and put it high in the air. Now, think of one person you are going to invite on your highway. One person you are going to share every high and every low with. One person who is going to make your highs a little bit higher and your lows a little less painful. This person can be someone who has been doing this already, it can be someone completely new, or maybe it’s someone who means the world to you and doesn’t even know it. Now, be bold with me. Message that person this phrase: “Will you be my person?” Put it into your phone right now. “Will you be my person?” Does everybody have it? Ok, push send. Right now, you’re inviting that person in. They’ll reply; it may be today, tonight, or even tomorrow, but they’ll reply. And they’ll want to know what you’re
asking. At that point, tell them that they are your person. That you are going to tell them all the good and all the bad. Tell them that in this moment, you could have thought of anyone, but THEY are who you chose to invite into your life. Many times, the thing we need most from people is to simply be there. But if we don’t ask, how can they know that’s what we want? So ask.

Friends, as I said before, your people will cheer you on as you succeed, pick you up when you fall, have strength when you’re weak, and be exactly who and what you need them to be. So if you’re starting your trip on this road today, promise yourself that you’ll confide in your people and you’ll always ask them to be there for you.

When I was in that car alone, all I wanted to do was go back to the times I had spent with my siblings on our way to gramma’s house. Because in those moments, I knew I had my people, and that is the most reassuring feeling in the world. Friends, life is a highway, I hope you always choose to ride with your people.

Caleb Boehm – State Secretary
“Enjoy the Ride”

What was your biggest fear when you were a kid? Spiders? Heights? Maybe Your mom saying your full name? When I was a kid I was afraid of the dark. Or so I thought. After multiple sessions with a licensed therapist, it was finally determined that I had an intense fear of change, specifically, growing up. Now, many people have similar feelings of distress from time to time, but not to the level that I was having. These fears gripped me tightly, often creeping up on me right as I was about to fall asleep.

Now, thinking back on it, some of these fears were honestly kind of comical. I feared having to get a job and not being able to play video games all day. I would lie awake stressing about having to complete algebra equations like this. Truthfully, these give me panic attacks even today. Some, however, were more serious for my age, like the death of loved ones and fear of what happens when we die.

100 years. It’s an arbitrary number. Some live longer than that, others will never make it close. Still, that number hung over my head like a constant countdown. I thought, when I turned 16 I was only 4 years away from 20, which was a fifth of my life, and THAT was only if I was lucky enough to hit three digits.

Those of you who know me well have known how much FFA means to me. I have known that I wanted to run for state office since I was a sophomore in high school. Even still, I feared it terribly. The thought of putting myself out there and failing absolutely petrified me. I was worried about my retiring address. See, I have been afraid of this exact moment for years. The thought of getting up in front of such a huge crowd stole hours of sleep from me. I would lie awake at night feeling inadequate and unworthy of such a position.

Now, anxiety is a future-oriented mood state. Anxiety is constantly worried about what’s coming up. We often see it as a negative thing. But of course, we need SOME of it. If you weren’t anxious about state convention, you wouldn’t study or practice. Without some anxiety, we wouldn’t ever be able to achieve our goals. However, we need to take time to appreciate what we have NOW. See, that anxiety that I had about something that was years away sometimes distracted me from the beautiful moments that I was having at that time.

It took me a long time to realize that I couldn’t control the clock. No matter what, it would continue clicking down. All I could do was sit back and enjoy the ride. Now, raise your hand if you can’t wait to get out of high school. I want you to think about all of the things that you hate about high school. Maybe it’s a terrible teacher. Some awful classmates? How about that school lunch? Maybe you just can’t wait to make your own decisions.

It may be easy for us to think of all of the things we dislike about where we are now. These things make it easy for us to wish for what is to come. But I want you to think of some of the things you will be giving up when you graduate. I’ll give you a second.

There will come a time where your high school friends become memories in a yearbook. One basketball game will become your last game. Someday, you will take off your FFA jacket for the very last time.

Bill Keane said, “yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that’s why it is called the present”. Or was that Master Oogway from Kung Fu Panda? Regardless, it is very important. All we have is THIS moment. Tomorrow isn’t promised

It’s easy for us to become so excited or scared for the future that we struggle to find happiness in the present.
100 years. That’s all we got. What are you going to do with it? Are you going to sit on the bench and float on by? Or are you going to work hard to achieve your goals? Are you going to sign up for that contest? Are you going to make time for your family and your friends and make memories you’ll never forget? FFA members, I hope you enjoy the ride.

**Morgan Krizan – State Vice President**

**“Own It”**

Let’s travel back in time about 15 years. I was a bright-eyed, messy haired little girl living in a household of mostly men. That meant spending quite a bit of time outside with my older and younger brother along with the neighborhood boys. Outside, we were all equals. However, I quickly realized that there was a stark difference that separated me from the boys. I had to go inside to use the bathroom and they didn’t! It wasn’t fair! So, I decided that I was going to take a stance, break the gender barrier, and pee outside. After dinner, when no one was watching, I slipped out the door, hid behind the shed as the boys often did, and, well, you can guess what happened next. I quickly dug a hole with my red plastic shovel and buried my soaked shoes. My patchwork must have been less than adequate, because my half-buried shoes were quickly discovered by my dad, who was even more confused than I was. North Dakota FFA Members, I just told one of my most embarrassing stories to a crowd of over 1000 people. I own my past because I can’t change it or hide it. Instead, I embrace it.

How different would our world be if we all owned our past, our embarrassments, our mistakes? If we let go of our regrets? I know firsthand that it can be hard to reveal your truth, but the truth sets you free. If you know me at all, you know that I cannot lie. So much so, that I tend to overshare. However, this wasn’t always the case. I used to lie ALL the time. I thought my life was SO boring, so I made up a new one, an exciting one. I told everyone that I auditioned for a singing competition and joined a dance group, among other things. Spoiler Alert: I can’t sing or dance, at all. It wasn’t long before I lost my friends, but even worse, I lost who I truly was. I eventually apologized and told everyone the truth, that I was normal and lived a normal life without an awesome dance crew or a bright singing career. However, it was then that I learned to love myself, boring parts and all. I owned who I was.

Guess what? I’ve been embarrassed, I’ve made mistakes, and I’ve failed. Who hasn’t?! However, instead of hiding it, or lying about it, I own it. I have learned to laugh at myself when I mess up. I have learned to allow my mistakes to let me grow rather than anchor me down. I have learned to love who I am, imperfections and all. I have learned to own that I walk with my toes pointed inward, that I have horrible bed head every. single. morning., that I peed on my shoes when I was four years old because I wanted to be like the boys.

Members, your story is meant to be shared with the world. The good, the bad, and the ugly. Take a moment and think of something that is holding you back. Maybe it’s an embarrassing story that you just can’t seem to forget, or maybe it’s a time that you failed, and it’s preventing you from moving forward. I challenge you to take that thought and OWN IT. Stop letting your past, your mistakes, and your fears control you. The past, you can’t change it. The future, you can’t predict it. North Dakota FFA, who you are right now is all you have. So own it.
Billie Lentz – State Treasurer
“Never Stop Learning”

Each and every single one of us right now are wearing the exact same thing. An FFA jacket. When we zip up this jacket we are no longer rich or poor, smart or not, or this or that. We are all Just One thing, FFA members. These jackets can symbolize so many things, however all of it can be summed up by one thing and that’s learning.

My Grandpa Skeezix was in FFA in Rolla from 1955 to 1958. He learned about crop production, record keeping, and farm management. These skills have carried him out his entire career as a dedicated farmer and agriculturist. My Dad was in the Rolla FFA from 1975 to 1979. He learned about how to be a true leader, overcome his failures, and stand firmly in his beliefs to better serve those around him. FFA taught Bailee Williams, from the Velva chapter, how her life could be changed by embracing opportunities like traveling to Washington Leadership Conference. Breanna Hosman from the Hebron FFA Chapter discovered who she truly was when she put on her FFA Jacket for the first time. Each and every one of us have an experience in our FFA jackets, however it can all be summed up by learning.

Throughout life we have endless opportunities to learn. When I was a sophomore in high school, my parents went on a trip so I stayed with my aunt, uncle, and cousins. While I was there, I had plans to spend my Saturday at the Carrington Winter CDEs. However, this plan quickly fell apart when I set my alarm, without its sound on. I remember rolling over that morning and having a bad feeling that I was too well rested. I looked at the time to see I had overslept and I LEAPT to my phone.

Raise your hand if you get that feeling of your stomach sinking when you have a missed call from your mom? Now how many agree with me that that feeling gets about 20 times worse when you have THREE missed calls from your advisor.

My typical self in a moment like that back then would’ve completely been frantic and bawling her eyes out. But somehow, I really surprised myself when I quickly, but calmly, hauled my butt up to my aunt and uncle's room to tell them my mistake and see what I should do. My uncle Paul got out of bed, put on his glasses, and said “go get ready, fast.”

I raced back down to get ready, and got ahold of my advisor, Mr. Fritz. I was BARELY going to make it on time to this event, the whole duration of this phone call, I’ll admit I was choked up, I was kicking myself and wondering “HOW did I make this mistake?” “What have I done?!” but I refused to cry.

I got to the Carrington school, waved my uncle goodbye after telling him sorry, and thank you about a million times, zipped up my jacket, and walked in.

Mr. Fritz was waiting at the door with my Ag Sales test, I took it from his hands, walked to my spot at the lunch room table, took a deep breath, and got to work.

Although this story is one of the more humorous ones, there still is a lesson to it. There are moments like this when we make mistakes or face failure, however you can only dwell on it for so long. There comes a time when you need to face it head on and learn from it. We can spend all of our time beating ourselves up over things from the past that we cannot change or we can embrace what life has given us and truly learn from it and face it head-on.

This is just one example of the millions of lessons that I have learned in my time in the blue jacket. Some of the most valuable lessons you’ll ever learn won’t come to you in the classroom so don’t let them pass you by. This jacket taught me to learn from my mistakes, it taught me where hard work and dedication can bring you, it taught me how to serve others, and it taught me how to be a better version of myself.

The lessons that you learn are what make you who you are. When you’re faced with adversity, you have two options; you can throw your hands up in defeat or you can accept what life has given you and you can learn from it. So what are we waiting for?

I challenge each and every single one of you, this week and beyond, when you’re face with a mistake or a challenge, or a difficulty to not dwell on it, to learn from it.

North Dakota FFA, only you can decide who you become, where you take your life and what lessons you choose to embrace, so don’t let them pass you by. North Dakota FFA when you are face with a situation, let your attitude determine the situation, don’t let your situation determine the attitude. And never, ever, stop learning.
Cassidy Walth – State Reporter

“Life is Beautiful”

I’m sure you’re all wondering why I have this blindfold on. No, there’s not a pinata and there’s not pin the tail on the donkey either. And to those of you that think this is a sequel to Birdbox, you are wrong. I have this blindfold on because, in reality, I always have a blindfold on. A blindfold completely blocks your sight right? So right now, I should not be able to see the many blue jackets filling the room, the smiling faces in the crowd, nor should I be able to see the end of the stage that I may or may not be close to falling off of. I should not be able to see anything.

What if I told you, that there's a flaw in my blindfold though. My blindfold isn’t completely opaque. It’s a little transparent. Only transparent to the bad. So I cannot see the blue jackets or the smiling faces of all of you, but I CAN see the end of the stage. Sounds awesome right?! My blindfold is saving me money by making sure I don't fall off the stage and break my leg! There’s a problem though. I want to see you guys! The blue jackets, the smiling faces of the crowd, the good! But I can’t. My blindfold only lets me see the bad… I can only see the end of the stage…

Believe it or not, you have a blindfold, something that keeps you from seeing the good. This blindfold is your inner struggle, something you fight on a daily. Something you try to cover up with a made-up bandaid called a smile. This blindfold holds you back, like a monster that tears you to the ground and whisper into your ears to not say a word about what you are feeling as if what you feel on the inside isn’t important. But what if what you feel is the most important part of yourself.

On the outside, you are fine. There is a smile on your face, your hair is combed and you're dressed neatly from head to toe. If you were to tell someone that you are not okay, that you're struggling, they look at you with doubt and say “you don't have a single scratch on your body how are you not okay”. You then refrain from reaching out to anyone anymore because what you feel isn’t important right? So you keep your blindfold on.

Every single day, hour, second, my mind is constantly worrying about nonexistent problems. My mind develops these problems, the bad, the what ifs, the things that I cannot fix. But I sure try to fix them. I am so busy trying to fix these nonexistent problems that I am blind to what really matters, the beauty in my life!

How many hours of sleep did I get last night? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6… Am I even good enough to be on this stage? Did I drink enough water today? I feel sick. Is something wrong with me? I should go to the doctor. My heart is beating so fast. Is that bad? I should check my heart rate. I should check my email tool. Did I respond to all of my emails? I should check. No, I already checked 10 times in the last half hour. I barely ate today. I should eat. But I'm not hungry. Am I sick? He looked at me weird today. Is there something wrong with me? Maybe I come off wrong. I'm not good enough. I didn’t lock my door. Yes, I did, I checked five times before I left. I'm on stage. I can't do this. I can do this. I can do this. I have a long to-do list. I'm not going to succeed. What if I can't do this. I'm fine. I think I can do this. I'm freaking out. I can't do this. Take a breath. Just take a breath. I can't breathe. Just take a breath. Hold your tears. Relax. It's okay. Its just anxiety. Nothing ever happens. Its just anxiety. Breathe… Breathe…

Anxiety is the blindfold that I wear every day. I have two options. I can either remove it or continue to let it block the good in my life. Every day I work hard to remove my blindfold thread by thread because I know that if I let more light into my eyes, my world will be brighter.

What is your blindfold? Is it a harmful relationship, jealousy, stress, exhaustion with overwhelming situations? Whatever your blindfold is, whatever you are struggling with right now, it matters. There are people that surround you that truly love you and care about you, that would help you to remove your blindfold. Don’t be afraid to ask for help and don’t be afraid to help. Everyone in this room has a blindfold that is hard to remove. Look around, you are not alone.

The process of removing your blindfold won’t be quick and it won’t be easy but it is worth it because there is so much more beyond your blindfold. Whatever blindfold you have on right now that is causing you to forget that life is beautiful! You woke up this morning, you have a purpose, love surrounds you! North Dakota FFA, you are worthy and YOU make life beautiful!
Lucas Rath – State Sentinel
“Give it One More Shot”

(Plays guitar, messes up)

I’m never going to be able to get it. I can’t do this. It’s impossible.
That was my mindset 10 years ago when I was starting to play the guitar. There was nothing I wanted more than to be able to play my favorite songs on my favorite instrument at the snap of my fingers. I had so much excitement and passion for accomplishing this one goal, that I thought it would be a breeze, but that was not the case.

As I sat there frustrated with my guitar in my lap, one of my music teachers came over and sat down next to me. He looked at me and he said, “Lucas. Stop, take a break, clear your mind, and then give it one more shot.” Little did I know, that I would use that bit of advice for the rest of my life. Not only can this knowledge help with learning an instrument, but it can also be extremely useful when we encounter a problem or setback in life. Let’s take a closer look at the meaning of those words.

**Step One: Stop and Take a Break**
Everyone at some point in their lives will make mistakes and run into problems. It is very easy to become upset or frustrated when things don’t go as we had planned, but remember everything happens for a reason, even if we may not understand that reason at the time. To give a quick example, back when I was younger and less wise, 4 maybe 5…weeks ago I had noticed that I made a mistake on my homework assignment. So, I grabbed my eraser and went to town on my mistake. I noticed the markings on my paper were not coming off. So, I pushed harder, and harder, until rip. My homework was completely torn in two. I then took a closer look and realized that I did my assignment in pen not pencil. Now, at the time, I was very frustrated at the situation. As I started my assignment for the second time, I noticed that I had answered the wrong questions on my first attempt. You see, what started as a mistake, prevented me from getting a zero on my assignment. Find the reason in your mistakes.

Trying to work when we are frustrated will not only make our work difficult, but it won’t help us accomplish our goals. Remember when we get upset or frustrated, stop, and take a short break.

**Step Two: Clear Your Mind/Reflect**
How do you clear your mind? Do you listen to music? Do you shoot hoops? Do you hang with friends? Everyone is different. Find what works for you.

After we have cleared our minds, this is the perfect opportunity to reflect on how we can improve.
(Grabs Guitar Again)
(Talk to myself out loud on how I can improve)

**Step Three: Give it One More Shot**
Stop and take a break. Check. Clear my mind and reflect. Check. Well, I guess there’s only one thing left to do. *(Plays song right)* I DID IT! YES!

North Dakota FFA, I challenge you all when you next encounter a problem, don’t get upset or frustrated. Remember, Stop, take a break, clear your mind, and give it one more shot!
Jacy Hauge – State Parliamentarian

“Be Scared”

I was a sophomore in high school. I had just found out I was going to Hawaii with my aunt and uncle, and I was over the moon ecstatic. However, as I started thinking of activities, I wanted to do. I realized that Hawaii is an Island. An island is surrounded by the ocean. The ocean holds one of my biggest fears Sharks. Hold up even worse… I heard a girl my age lost her arm from a Shark in Hawaii!! This small-town North Dakota girl only had to deal with fish in a lake, not whatever lurks in the ocean. I was terrified. So, what do I do? I watch shark movies (jaws, soul surfer and the shallows.), hit the google search engine and talked to every person I knew who had ever been to the ocean… Scared? You could say that.

Well, a couple of weeks later we are on our way to Hawaii, and I was excited. The first time being in the ocean was interesting, the sand between your feet was a lot different than the mud and rocks I normally feel at the lake. I was starting to get this whole ocean thing down until, one day we decided to go snorkeling, I was timid to get into the water at first from all that shark mumbo jumbo but I knew I needed to face my fear head-on. After I got in I was amazed by all the sea life that was swimming underneath me and around me. It was like a whole new world that I had never experienced. I was so amazed that my fear of sharks didn’t even cross my mind. While snorkeling, my uncle taught me how to take a deep breath and dive deeper to see the colorful fish. One school of fish interested me just a bit more than the rest, so I swam over and dove down deep. Little did I know a seven-foot reef shark swam over the top of me in the process. I did not notice him at first, so I swam to the surface drained the water out of my goggles and kept snorkeling. As I turned to my uncle the shark was swimming to the point of where he could reach out and touch him. I froze, honestly, I just wanted to sink to the bottom I was scared and definitely out of my comfort zone.

Instead, I swam over to my uncle, and we started making shark hand signals like crazy people. It was at this very moment that I had to face my fear. Did I want to sink to the bottom of the ocean and not move forward? You bet I did. I quickly realized that the shark was more interested in the fish swimming below it than the people around him, this honestly created a calming feeling. So unlike normal people, instead of running from our fear we snorkeled around for another forty-five minutes enjoying the ocean and all the beauty it holds.

North Dakota FFA it’s alright to be scared, to have fears. It might be standing in front of the class and giving that first speech, it might be asking that special someone out for the first time, or it might be a seven-foot reef shark. It could be asking for someone’s help if you are struggling. Big or small, do not let fear keep you locked up. I was forced to face my fear of sharks that day but if I had known there was a shark in the water I probably would of never got in. This experience made me realize that to overcome my fears I have to face them head-on.

FFA members, what’s holding you back? What fear is consuming you? What would you do if you weren’t filled with fear? Almost everything we want lays on the other side of our fears. It is time that we take control of our fears, face them head on and see the beauty this life holds. Take whatever fear is within you, and face it. North Dakota FFA, it is okay to be afraid, but you can not let that hold you back from a life full of adventures. Members, it is time we have the courage to face our fears.