

94<sup>TH</sup>

# ND FFA STATE CONVENTION



JUNE 5 - 8, 2023

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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# ND FFA State Officers 2022-2023

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# Welcome

The ND FFA Association welcomes you to the 94th ND FFA State Convention! We are very grateful to North Dakota State University as the host for the numerous CDEs and entertainment this week. ND FFA is fortunate to have the support of NDSU employees, sponsors, workshop presenters, judges, and local school administrators to provide you with an inspiring four days of convention! We hope that you take advantage of the opportunities of learning, networking, and competing to enhance your appreciation and understanding of Agriculture!

## Policies and Expectations

Representing your FFA chapter and school in a professional and courteous manner is an expected characteristic of an FFA member and advisor. The ND FFA State Convention is a showcase of ND FFA in a fun and professional environment to guests, volunteers, sponsors, and NDSU.

Members and advisors are accountable to each other to obey the FFA Code of Ethics, FFA State Convention Policies and Expectations, North Dakota FFA Student Permission Form, and NDSU Waiver Form.

FFA wristbands are required for access to all components of convention.

Members and advisors are to be appropriately dressed for all convention events and activities.

No headgear may be worn by members and advisors in the convention hall, or during any CDEs. FFA official dress for members and business casual dress for advisors is expected for all convention sessions.

Communication devices at CDEs are prohibited by members, unless directed by superintendents.

Residence halls and lounges contain posted procedures to follow in case of emergencies and are designated as male or female housing. Everyone is to be in sleeping rooms 15 minutes prior to lights out.

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NDSU and the ND FFA Association is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen personal items. Individuals will be held responsible for damage to NDSU facilities.

All modes of transportation will be parked in designated parking lots.

## FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family.

As an FFA member, I pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success;
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others;
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion;
4. Respect the rights of others and their property;
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others;
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful, and positive manner;
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat;
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant;
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program;
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career; and
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

## Dress for Success

Looking your best is a critical part of being an FFA member. In order to receive your awards on stage a member must be in full official dress as outlined below.

### Official Dress for an FFA member

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top;
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons;
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt;
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf; and
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.



# ANDREW SEIBEL

2022 - 2023 NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT

Hometown & State: Roanoke, Virginia

## FFA Stats

Chapter: Lord Botetourt FFA

Enterprise: Beef Cattle Placement,  
Wine Grape Production Placement

State Office: 2020-21 Virginia FFA State  
Secretary



Andrew Seibel's journey with FFA started when he was a baby and attended his first National FFA Convention. FFA is a family tradition; his dad taught agricultural education before becoming state staff for Virginia FFA. "Growing up in this organization is a true blessing," Seibel said. "But it was when I realized that I could be my own person through the blue jacket that I really began to fall in love with the organization and see how many opportunities it truly held. "This year, Seibel hopes to cultivate an environment that makes every student feel seen and heard. "I want it to be a place where every person knows that they are worthy as they are and will never need to be anyone but themselves to be successful."

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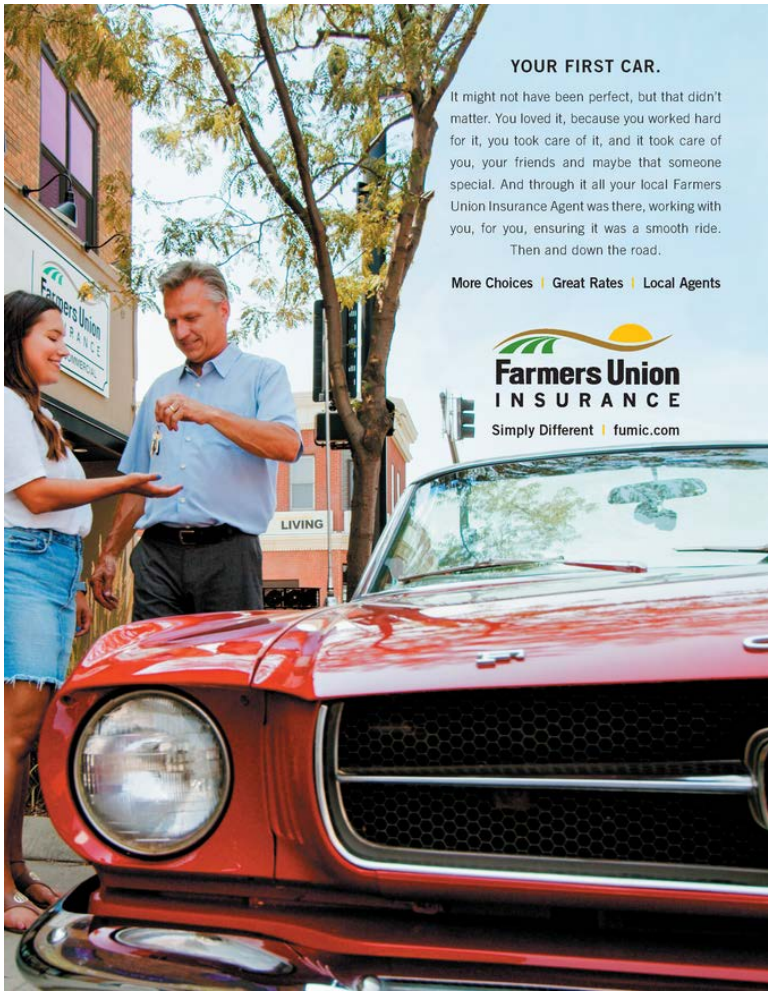
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# GAMES, FOOD, FUN AND MORE!

## **Cornhole Tournament**

Tuesday, June 6 @ 10 pm  
Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom

## **Dance/Social**

### **Dude Walker's Music on Wheels**

Tuesday, June 6 @ 10 pm  
Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom

## **Mind Games - Comedy Hypnosis**

Wednesday, June 7 @ 10 pm  
Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom

## **NDSU Bookstore/Herd Shop**

(Closed on Weekends)  
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

## **FFA Store**

Tuesday, June 6 from 9 am - 1 pm & 4 - 11 pm  
Wednesday, June 7 from 9 am - 1 pm & 4 - 11 pm  
Memorial Union - Peace Garden Room

## **Memorial Union Food Shops**

7 am - 3 pm & 8:30 pm - 10 pm (M)  
7 am - 3 pm & 8:30 pm - 11:30 pm (T, W, Th)  
Memorial Union - Main and Lower Level

## **Thundar's Game Room**

Memorial Union - Lower Level

**Monday**  
11 am - 10 pm

**Tuesday**  
11 am - 10 pm

**Wednesday**  
11 am - 10 pm





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# ND FFA TALENT STAGE



**TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH**

**CHURCHILL FIELD**

**1:00 – 4:00 PM**



**1:20 pm**

Lilly Solemsass, Mohall FFA

**1:30 pm**

Mercedes Espeseth, Larlee Lakefield & Cloe Weathers,  
Mohall FFA

**1:40 pm**

Sean Rolee, Glen Ullin FFA

**1:50 pm**

Claire Christianson, Central Cass FFA

**2:10 pm**

Jenner Johnson & Kristian Fitz, Rugby FFA

**2:20 pm**

Leila Melvin, Central Cass FFA

**2:30 pm**

Emily Jeglum, Divide County FFA

**3:00 pm**

Anna Bitz & Addyson Erbele, Napoleon FFA

**3:10 pm**

Madison Hoffman, Medina FFA

**3:20 pm**

Bethany Enander, Stanley FFA

**3:30 pm**

Havyn Quintanilla, Bowman County FFA

**3:40 pm**

Ty MacDonald, Bismarck FFA



# ND FFA State Officer Candidates 2023-2024

**Ty MacDonald**  
Bismarck FFA Chapter



**Anna Hauge**  
Flasher FFA Chapter

**Ireland Watterud**  
Divide County FFA Chapter



**Sydney Ellingson**  
Hettinger FFA Chapter

**Ian Dukart**  
Killdeer FFA Chapter



**Jack Stoppleworth**  
Kindred FFA Chapter

**Ryan Slaubaugh**  
Rugby FFA Chapter



**Annaliese Rauschenberger**  
South Prairie FFA Chapter



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June 3-7, 2023

(Closes at 10 pm on June 7)

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- Scroll through/select item to bid on;
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- Click **Submit**.

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*Example: 30 items, with each item closing every 2 minutes, the auction would close in 1 hour.*



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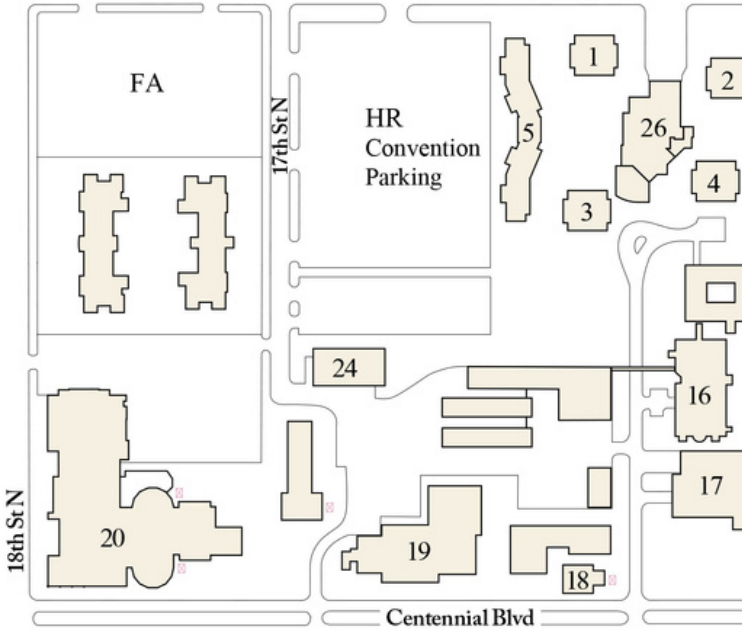


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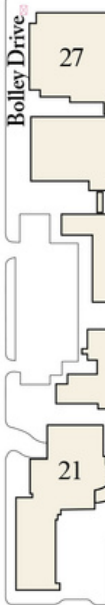
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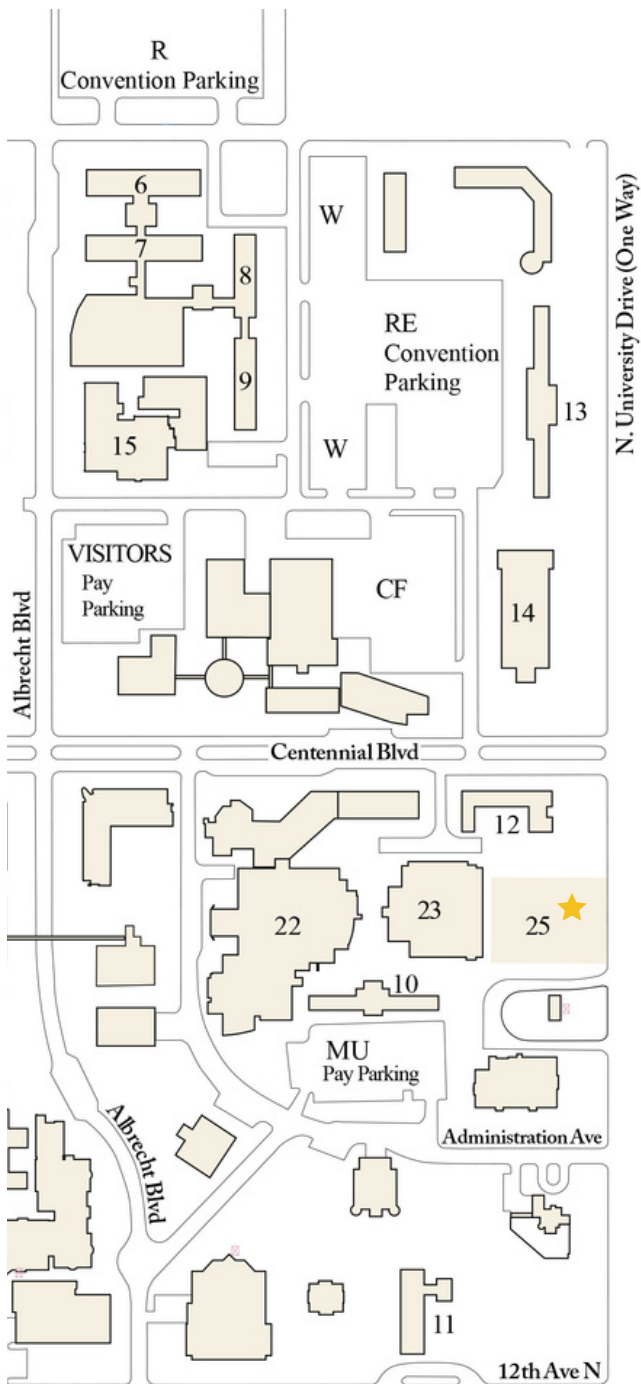
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| 4 - Thompson                           | 18 - Gate City Bank Auditorium      |
| 5 - Cater                              | 19 - Van Es                         |
| 6 - Reed                               | 20 - Wellness Center                |
| 7 - Johnson                            | 21 - Music Education (MEB)          |
| 8 - North Weible                       | 22 - Memorial Union (MU)            |
| 9 - South Weible                       | 23 - A. Glenn Hill                  |
| 10 - Dinan                             | 24 - Service Center                 |
| 11 - Burgum                            | 25 - Career & Education Fair ★      |
| 12 - Churchill                         | 26 - West Dining Center (WDC)       |
| 13 - Stockbridge                       | 27 - Quentin Burdick Building (QBB) |
| 14 - Bentson Bunker Field House (BBFH) |                                     |







**SAVE THE DATES!**

**State FFA Convention**

June 3 - 6, 2024

June 2 - 5, 2025

June 1 - 4, 2026

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# 2023 FFA State Convention Schedule

## Monday, June 5

- 11:00 – 2:00**     **Registration**  
Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse (BBFH) – Room 203
- 12:30**            **Screening Committee**  
Memorial Union (MU) – Badlands Room
- 1:30**              **State Officer Candidate Meeting**  
MU – Hidatsa Room
- 2:30 – 3:30**     **Delegate Chairpersons & Delegate Advisors' Meeting**  
MU – Sahnish Room
- 3:00 – 4:15**     **Agriscience Fair Participant Set-up**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A
- 4:00 – 5:30**     **Chorus Organization and Rehearsal**  
Music Education (MEB) – Room 122
- 4:15 – 6:15**     **Dinner**  
West Dining Center (WDC)
- 4:15**             **Advisors' Meeting**  
Loftsgard Hall – Room 114
- 5:15**             **Delegate Orientation Session**  
BBFH
- 5:30**             **Courtesy Corps Orientation**  
BBFH Foyer
- 6:30**             **BBFH Doors Open**
- 7:30**             **First Convention Session**  
*Delegates To Be Seated*  
BBFH
- Presiding – Amy Klain, ND FFA State President
  - Reflections – Grace Olin, New Salem FFA
  - Presentation of Colors – Maddock A.S. Gibbens FFA
  - National Anthem – Anna Palmer, Hebron FFA
  - Welcome from Honored Guests
  - Honorary Degree Ceremony
  - Chartering of New FFA Chapters (Drayton)
  - Teach Ag Recognition
  - National Officer Address – Andrew Seibel, National FFA President
  - AWARDS – Food for America, Superior Chapter, National Chapter, and Premier Chapter
  - Retiring Address – Hailey Maddock, ND FFA State Vice President
- 10:00**           **Floor Meetings**
- 11:00**           **Lights Out**



## **Tuesday, June 6**

- 6:30 – 8:15**      **Breakfast**  
WDC
- 7:30**              **Agricultural Communications CDE**  
A. Glenn Hill – Room 112
- Agriscience Fair**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A
- Advanced Agricultural Technology & Mechanical  
Systems CDE**  
Van Es – Room 101
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management CDE**  
Gate City Bank Auditorium
- Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity CDE**  
Shepperd Arena
- State Officer Candidate Interviews**  
MU – Hidatsa Rooms
- 8:30 – 9:00**      **Student Success Workshop: Top Agricultural  
Educators – McKayla Carlson-Hughs, NDSU Teach  
Ag**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 9:00 – 10:30**    **Chorus Rehearsal**  
MEB – Room 122
- 9:00 – 1:00**      **FFA Shopping Mall**  
MU – Peace Garden Room
- 9:30 – 10:00**    **Student Success Workshop: Tips for Success in  
College – Maggie Wertish, NDSU Ag Ed Society**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 10:30 – 11:00**   **Student Success Workshop: Bet on Yourself  
Andrew Seibel, National FFA President**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 10:30 – 12:00**   **Chorus Solo Auditions (as needed)**  
MEB – Room 122
- 11:00 – 1:15**      **Lunch**  
WDC
- 12:00 – 4:00**    **Agriscience Fair Poster Showcase**  
MU – Gallery
- 12:15**              **Food Science & Technology CDE**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A
- State Officer Candidate Interviews Continue**  
MU – Badlands Room

## Tuesday, June 6 cont.

**1:00**                    **College and Career Street Fair**  
Churchill Field – SW Of Memorial Union

**ND FFA Talent Stage**  
Churchill Field – SW of Memorial Union

**1:15 – 2:45**            **Chorus Rehearsal**  
MEB – Room 122

**3:00**                    **Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE**  
Sudro Hall – Room 21

**NDSU Campus Walk – Landscape/Nursery**  
Loftsgard Hall – Main Entrance

**4:00 – 11:00**        **FFA Shopping Mall**  
MU – Peace Garden Room

**4:15 – 6:30**            **Dinner**  
WDC

**6:00**                    **BBFH Doors Open**

**7:00**                    **Second Convention Session**  
*Delegates To Be Seated*  
BBFH

- Presiding – Regan Jones, ND FFA State Treasurer
- Opening Ceremony
- Reflections – Jolynne Strobel, McClusky FFA
- Awards – Reporter, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President
- Retiring Address – Wyatt Kersten, ND FFA State Parliamentarian
- AWARDS – AgriScience Fair, Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management, Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity
- Officer Candidate Introductions
- Proficiency Awards Section A
- Talent
- Proficiency Awards Section B
- Delegate Roll Call
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Closing Ceremony



**10:00**                    **Dance/Social – Dude Walker Music on Wheels**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

**Cornhole Tournament**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

**12:00**                    **Lights Out**

# PROSEED

## Wednesday, June 7

- 6:30 – 8:15**      **Breakfast**  
WDC
- 7:30**              **Floriculture CDE**  
Loftsfard Hall – Room 114
- Intermediate Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE**  
Van Es – Room 101
- 8:00**              **Environmental & Natural Resources CDE**  
A. Glenn Hill – Room 112
- 8:30 – 9:00**      **Student Success Workshop: Chapter Officer 101 Stetson Urlacher, ND FFA National FFA Officer Candidate**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 9:30 – 10:00**    **Student Success Workshop: FFA Opportunities and Beyond – Andrew Seibel, National FFA President**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 9:00 – 1:00**      **FFA Shopping Mall**  
MU – Peace Garden Room
- 10:30 – 11:00**   **Student Success Workshop: Grow – Learning how to plant the seed of Ag in those around you! Victoria Moreno, NDAAE Intern**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B
- 11:00 – 1:15**    **Lunch**  
WDC
- 12:00**            **Milk Quality & Products CDE**  
A. Glenn Hill – Room 112
- 1:30**              **Basic Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDE**  
Van Es – Room 101
- Nursery/Landscape CDE**  
Loftsgard Hall – Room 114
- 4:00 – 11:00**    **FFA Shopping Mall**  
MU – Peace Garden Room
- 4:15 – 6:15**      **Dinner**  
WDC
- 4:30**              **ND FFA Foundation Parents' & Sponsors' Reception/Dinner**  
MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom
- 6:00**              **BBFH Doors Open**

## Wednesday, June 7 cont.

7:00

### **Third Convention Session**

*Delegates To Be Seated*

BBFH



- Presiding – Katelyn Duchscher, ND FFA State Secretary & Hailey Maddock, ND FFA State Vice President
- Opening Ceremony
- Reflections – Ryan Slaubaugh, Rugby FFA Chapter
- State FFA Chorus
- Retiring Address – Jakob Van Berkomp, ND FFA State Sentinel
- Introduction of American Degree Candidates
- State FFA Degree Ceremony
- State FFA Chorus
- State Star Awards: Star in Agribusiness, Star in Agricultural Placement, Star in Agriscience, Star Farmer
- Screening Committee Report
- Nomination Speeches
- Closing Ceremony

10:00

### **Comedy Hypnosis – Jared Sherlock**

MU – Oceti Sakowin Ballroom

12:00

### **Lights Out**

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## Thursday, June 8

**6:30 – 8:15**      **Breakfast**  
WDC

**7:00**              **BBFH Doors Open**

**8:00**              **Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE**  
Shepperd Arena

**Small Animal Care CDE**  
Gate City Auditorium

### **Fourth Convention Session**

*Delegates To Be Seated*  
BBFH



- Presiding – Wyatt Kersten, ND FFA State Parliamentarian & Jakob Van Berkom, ND FFA State Sentinel
- Opening Ceremony
- Reflections – Jack Stoppleworth, Kindred FFA
- AWARDS – Agricultural Communications and Nursery/Landscape
- State FFA Chorus
- Retiring Address – Regan Jones, ND FFA State Treasurer



- AWARDS – Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDEs (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced & Sweepstakes)
- Retiring Address – Faith Norby, ND FFA State Reporter
- AWARDS – Farm & Agribusiness Management, Milk Quality and Products, and Environmental & Natural Resources

**10:15**              **Pack and Checkout of Dorms**

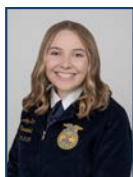
**11:00 – 1:00**      **Lunch**  
WDC

**12:00**              **BBFH Doors Open**

**1:00**              **Fifth Convention Session**  
*Delegates To Be Seated*  
BBFH



- Presiding – Faith Norby, ND FFA State Reporter
- Reflections – Kaidence Fox, Killdeer FFA Chapter
- State FFA Chorus
- Delegate Roll Call
- 2023-2024 – State Officer Elections
- Retiring Address – Katelyn Duchscher, ND FFA State Secretary



- AWARDS – Talent, Small Animal Care, Meats Evaluation & Technology
- Retiring Address – Amy Klain, ND FFA State President
- Courtesy Corps Awards
- Installation of New Officers, Presentation of Past State Officer Pins

**3:20**              **Closing Ceremony**  
BBFH

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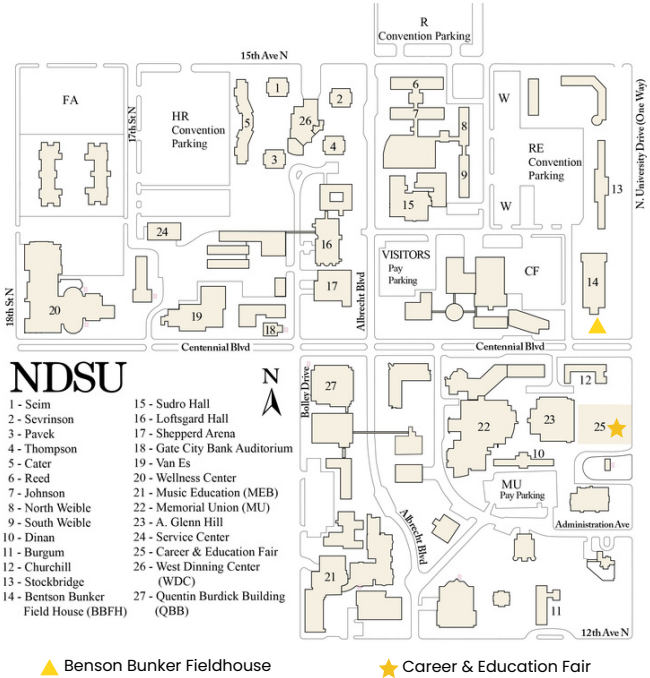
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# CAREER & EDUCATION FAIR



## WHERE

East Side of A. Glenn Hill Center

## WHO

All ND FFA Members & Convention Guests

## WHEN

Tuesday, June 6  
1:00 – 4:00 PM

## WHY

Meet businesses in the AG industry, visit with colleges and learn about different career paths

## GET YOUR CONVENTION T-SHIRT

Attend the career fair to receive a free ND FFA t-shirt!

## PRIZES

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# ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists

## Growing Leaders

### Etiquette Meal Killdeer

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**The Need.** Killdeer FFA wanted to help teach members about proper dining etiquette.

**The Idea.** The purpose of the Etiquette Meal was to teach students proper etiquette to prepare them for professional settings.

**The Result.** Over 35 member attended learning proper etiquette.

### Colts Care Community Service Day Richland 44

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**The Need.** Richland 44 wanted to build unity and school spirit among students while making an impact in their community.

**The Idea.** FFA members coordinated a Jr/Sr school community service event day, Colts Care Community Service Day, inviting other school groups including Student Council and FCCLA.

**The Result.** 105 students and 14 staff completed 12 projects.

### Mentorship Program Scranton

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**The Need.** Scranton FFA wanted to provide mentors to elementary students within their school.

**The Idea.** FFA members started a Mentorship Program where they met with their mentees for 30 minutes learning about different aspects about being a better student.

**The Result.** 36 elementary students were mentored by 32 FFA members.

## ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists

### Building Communities

#### Yesterday Farmers Partnership Scranton

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**The Need.** Scranton FFA members wanted to help with a local community garden.

**The Idea.** Their activity, Yesterday Farmers Partnership, sprouted a relationship between the community, FFA chapter, and local elementary students.

**The Result.** 27% of FFA members and 18 elementary students participated.

#### Boards for Boredom Richland 44

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**The Need.** Richland 44 members wanted to gift a handmade game to children at the Sanford Children's Hospital.

**The Idea.** Members brought their Boards for Boredom activity alive by building handmade checkerboards and collaborating with their schools FCCLA chapter to make pouches for the game pieces.

**The Result.** 19 FFA members visited the children's hospital donating 19 games.

#### Three Cheers for Three Bean Coffee Wahpeton

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**The Need.** Wahpeton FFA members wanted to encourage community members to support their local coffee shop.

**The Idea.** FFA members created a FFA themed drink to be sold during National FFA Week. Their project, Three Cheers for Three Bean Coffee, encouraged people to support local while increasing FFA awareness.

**The Result.** 125 limited edition FFA drinks were sold during National FFA Week.

## ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists

### Strengthening Agriculture

#### Wald Dairy Trip with Elementary Napoleon

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**The Need.** Napoleon FFA members wanted to teach and show elementary students where food products come from.

**The Idea.** The purpose of the Wald Dairy Trip was to expose students to where dairy products come from, learn about dairy cattle, the milking process, and the work it takes to have a dairy farm.

**The Result.** Napolean FFA Officers took the 3rd Grade class on a trip to Wald Dairy.

#### Harvest for Life Richland 44

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**The Need.** Richland 44 members wanted to earn money to host future service projects.

**The Idea.** Their activity, Harvest for Life, allowed members to make a connection with area producers while also raising money for the chapter to be used for future service projects.

**The Result.** 14 producers donated soybean which raised \$8,213.08.

#### Glow Golf Scranton

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**The Need.** Scranton FFA members needed money to send students to National FFA Convention.

**The Idea.** Working with FFA Alumni and supporters, Scranton FFA members created the Glow Golf fundraiser. Their event wouldn't have been possible without their program stakeholders help.

**The Result.** 17 teams participated in the event and members helped serve a meal.





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# State Star Finalists

This year seven North Dakota FFA members met the qualifications for the State Star Award. The following individuals were selected as state finalists and are recognized as Stars based on their exceptional Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The State Star in each area is announced Wednesday evening.

## Star in Agricultural Placement

**Brett Baumgarten**

**Kindred FFA**

Brett's desire for farming launched his placement SAE in 2018 by working for Baumgarten Farms, his parent's grain farming operation. His SAE started as an unpaid placement completing tasks in the shop and operating the grain cart. In 2019 his responsibilities changed by adding the operation of tillage equipment, a beet cart, and the rotobeater, furthermore becoming a paid employee.



Brett's agronomy knowledge blossomed into field scouting, the familiarity and application of crop inputs, and becoming a John Deere Operations Center expert. He has become the technology employee go to for monitor setup for all mapping and data entry from planting through harvest. He utilizes the app on his phone and has trained his employer and coworkers.

Brett's SAE has grown to managing employees at various times during the crop production year, plus the operation and maintenance of all equipment.

Brett is a member of the Kindred FFA Chapter. His advisors are Mr. Mitchell Becker and Mrs. Melaree Lee. Brett plans to attend North Dakota State University, majoring in Crop and Weed Science. His parents are Jeremy and Sarah Baumgarten.



# State Star Finalists



## Star in Agricultural Placement

**Gracie Syversen**  
Edgeley-Kulm FFA

Gracie was eager to learn more about production agriculture and this interest created the pathway to her placement SAE in 2019 by working for Syversen Farms, her parent's grain farming operation. Her SAE started as an unpaid placement by mowing the farmstead, helping in the spray trailer, pressure washing machinery, and light shop work. In 2020, her responsibilities changed when she had more time because of COVID-19 and began operating more equipment and became a paid employee.

Gracie has become an integral part of the spraying operation. She is Dicamba certified and maintains a private pesticide applicator license. Gracie is responsible for proper mixing, loading, record keeping, and application of chemicals with the sprayer.

Gracie has enhanced the record keeping for her employer by developing an excel spreadsheet to track proven yields for production reports for her employer's lender and insurance agent.

Gracie is a member of the Edgeley-Kulm FFA Chapter. Her advisors are Mr. Cameron Young and Mrs. Cheyenne Ketterling. Gracie plans to attend South Dakota State University, majoring in Agronomy. Her parents are Daymond and Bridget Syversen.

## Star in Agricultural Placement

**Olivia Throener**

**Oakes-Sargent Central-Ellendale FFA**



Olivia's roots are embedded in animal agriculture with a strong confidence in the future of agriculture. This confidence has allowed her to grow in her unpaid placement SAE for KT Cattle Company that started in 2019

and her paid placement SAE that began in 2020 for Throener Forage, both owned by her parents.

Olivia's KT Cattle Company SAE greatly developed her knowledge in working cattle, vaccination programs, total mixed feed rations, and the operations of a feedlot and cow calf herd. She is very passionate about reading and implementing feed rations, checking bunks, and herd health in the feedlot and cow calf herd.

Throener Forage has allowed her to operate the forage harvester, semi-tractor trailers, and learn how to properly maintain equipment. Olivia credits her placement SAE responsibilities for shaping her future to become a production agricultural owner and operator with her family after college.

Olivia is a member of the Oakes-Sargent Central-Ellendale FFA Chapter. Her advisors are Mr. Cohl Ringler and Mrs. Anna Kemmer. Olivia plans to attend Lake Area Technical College, majoring in Agriculture. Her parents are Kevin and Ronda Throener.

# State Star Finalists

## Star Farmer

Emily Fannik  
Max FFA



Emily's passion and knowledge to train horses for cutting, rodeo, and showing is unmeasurable. This passion jump started her equine SAE in 2017. By 2020 she expanded into beef production and incorporated the horses for monitoring cattle and sorting. Today, her SAE consists of four specifically trained horses and seven head of crossbred beef cattle.

Emily's equine SAE allowed her to travel all the way to Texas to select the genetics that she was looking for because of the specific training she conducts. Horse clinics, lessons, and shows has allowed her to meet several equine professionals who have helped enhance her horsemanship skills and connections in the equine industry.

Emily's beef production SAE helped her step outside of her comfort zone of horses and learn about another pathway of agriculture and management practices for selecting sires, managing newborn calves, developing rations, and financial planning.

Emily is a member of the Max FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Mrs. Amanda Huettl. Emily plans to attend North Dakota State University, majoring in Equine Science. Her parents are Delvin and Kristi Fannik.

## Star Farmer

Ian Dukart  
Killdeer FFA



Ian's SAE began with an interest in showing goats and desire to raise livestock that his parents did not own. He visited with several people and met Jodi Lundberg, who became his mentor. Ian started raising registered and commercial Southwest Savanna goats in 2018 with only four head. By 2022 his herd grew to 23 head and a 50/50 partnership in a buck with his mentor.

Ian has focused on milking and maternal traits to enhance growth and muscling. Ian's SAE has taught him several management practices for controlling diseases. He has developed a strict deworming protocol and management plan for newborn kids.

Ian is not afraid of technology and efficiencies. He transitioned from tattooing the ears of his registered goats to inserting a microchip in the tailhead. Utilizing a scanner created efficiencies in identification and eliminated the mess of tattooing ink.

Ian is a member of the Killdeer FFA Chapter. His advisors are Mr. David Leier and Mr. Erik Johnson. Ian plans to attend Bismarck State College, majoring in Farm and Ranch Agribusiness. His parents are Derrick and Angie Dukart.

# State Star Finalists



**Star Farmer**  
**Elizabeth Dulmage**  
**Leeds FFA**

In 2020, Elizabeth's SAE began by cash renting 57 acres from her grandparents and planting hard red spring wheat. In 2021, she increased her acreage and diversified her crops by planting barley and flax, both of which were raised and sold as certified seed. During the spring of 2022, her acres blossomed to 228 acres of certified barley and flax seed.

Elizabeth farmed alongside her father utilizing an agreement to pay him for machinery and fuel based on the NDSU crop projection budgets and utilizes some labor exchange but takes out an operating loan for other inputs. Her accomplishments are learning how to develop a crop budget, work collaboratively with others, and learning to operate large machinery.

Her SAE has expanded her knowledge of the entire certified seed production process and several crop production practices that she has learned from her agronomist.

Elizabeth is a member of the Leeds FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Mr. Travis Fritel. Elizabeth plans to attend the University of Minnesota Crookston, majoring in Agribusiness. Her parents are Vicki Dulmage and the late Douglas Dulmage.

**Star Farmer**  
**Lillian Steeke**  
**Scranton FFA**



Lillian's enthusiasm for animal knowledge naturally evolved into a diversified livestock production SAE in 2017 consisting of Babydoll's breeding sheep, Simmental cross beef cattle, butcher chickens, and laying hens for sale and egg production.

Lillian works alongside her parents in their sheep operation utilizing a labor exchange to cover the barn, facilities, and some feed costs. She has also raised two beef herd sires that her parents use in their beef operation as part of the labor exchange.

Lillian's management practices of her 110 laying hens have evolved to an average of 45 dozen eggs per week that she sells off the farm to a variety of people from several miles away. She has sold frozen butcher chickens in four different states. The rest of her SAE has grown to a Babydoll flock of 25 head, nine beef cattle, and 285 butcher chickens in 2022.

Lillian is a member of the Scranton FFA Chapter. Her advisor is Mrs. Misty Steeke. Lillian plans to attend South Dakota State University, majoring in Agricultural Communications. Her parents are Trevor and Misty Steeke.



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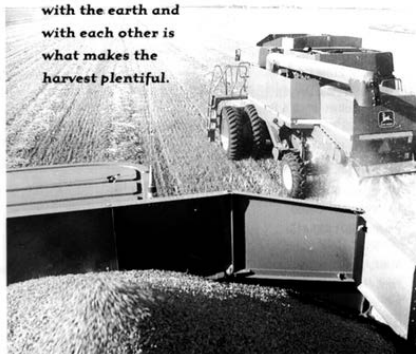
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2022-2023

## Individuals Winners

Creed Speaking: **Maksim Nelson, New Salem FFA**

Demonstration: **Kristyn Bauer, Beulah FFA**

Employment Skills: **Annaliese Rauschenberger, South Prairie FFA**

Extemporaneous Public Speaking: **Grant Anderson, Harvey FFA**

Prepared Public Speaking: **Jule Stenson, Divide County FFA**

## Team Winners

Agricultural Communications: \_\_\_\_\_

Agricultural Tech & Mechanics: \_\_\_\_\_

Agricultural Sales: **Kindred FFA**

Agronomy: **Glen Ullin FFA**

Conduct of Chapter Meeting: **Rugby FFA**

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management: \_\_\_\_\_

Dairy Cattle Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental & Natural Resources: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm & Agribusiness Management: \_\_\_\_\_

Floriculture: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Science & Technology: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Evaluation: **Carrington FFA**

Land Judging: **Harvey FFA**

Livestock Evaluation: **Killdeer FFA**

Meats Evaluation & Technology: \_\_\_\_\_

Milk Quality & Products: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery/Landscape: \_\_\_\_\_

Parliamentary Procedure: **Napoleon FFA**

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