

State FFA Officer Biography and Information

Name: Ty MacDonald

Office: North Dakota FFA State President

FFA Chapter: Bismarck

Family: Will & Jerilyn (Parents) Jerrod and Jayden (Brothers)

SAE: My SAE is Beef Entrepreneurship, where I raise my own herd of registered Salers cattle. I am actively involved in the seasonal operations like calving, breeding, haying, and harvesting. My SAE began with one bottle calf that I bought when I was 10 years old. I now own 10 head of cattle. I keep their heifer calves as replacements and sell the bull calves as yearlings each year in my family's annual production sale.



CDEs/LDEs: Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Demonstration, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Talent, Livestock Judging

Favorite Contest: My favorite LDE was the Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE. I enjoyed this LDE because it taught me so much about various aspects of the agricultural industry. I learned how to think on my feet, be concise, and gave me the chance to compete at the National FFA Convention.

Favorite FFA Memories: My favorite memory is when I got to perform in the National FFA Talent Contest in 2022. I never would have imagined myself being able to participate in this without FFA.

Future Plans: I am attending North Dakota State University where I am majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Agricultural Communications. After graduating, I am hoping to work on my family's ranch and focusing on marketing our cattle.

About Me: I am the fifth generation on a cattle ranch in Bismarck that raises Salers cattle. Here I have been working with my family for as long as I can remember. I decided to join FFA because I had two older brothers who were both active in FFA and enjoyed it. Once I joined, I loved getting to know students in my community with similar interests.

Why did you want to be a State Officer?

I wanted to be a State Officer because FFA has given me great experiences in high school and I wanted to give back by trying to facilitate the same positive experiences I had. I knew that this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I am so grateful to be part of this year's team and enjoy getting to interact with members and advisors from across the state.

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