



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**FFA ASSOCIATION**

# State FFA Officer Biography and Information

**Name:** Jack Stopplesworth

**Office:** North Dakota FFA State Secretary

**FFA Chapter:** Kindred

**Family:** Kevin & Denise (parents) Ashley, Anna, Trayton, Tayden, & Thomas (Siblings)

**SAE:** My first SAE was completing Agriscience Fair Projects that focused on food safety and production. As a freshman, I started building wood projects in shop class and at home to learn more about woodworking. I also worked for Ironclad Marketing, an agricultural equipment marketing company where I learned about ag companies from across the country. Lastly, I worked on my grandparent's ranch.

**CDEs/LDEs:** Agricultural Sales, Nursery/Landscape, Environmental & Natural Resources, Land Judging, Agricultural Communications, Farm and Agribusiness Management, Food Science, Greenhand Quiz, Advanced Quiz, Creed Speaking, Demonstration, Prepared Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure

**Favorite Contest:** Nursery/Landscape because of the memories it made. I enjoyed getting to work with my team. We had so much fun at practices and enjoyed competing. After Nationals, I was able to help coach the new team and it was great to spend time with them and my Ag Teacher. It really deepened my love for the contest. I also love being able to identify the plants I walk past.

**Favorite FFA Memories:** I was competing in Nursery/Landscape, and I had made an agreement with my advisor that if we won, we would get to go to Fogo de Chao, a Brazilian steakhouse. One of my teammates and I kept bringing it up, and that was our motivation to study for the contest. Then, after a long stressful day of competing, we were headed back to the hotel. But, Mr. Becker surprised us with reservations at the steakhouse. We hadn't gotten our results yet, but he said he was proud of us no matter what, and we got to spend a few hours eating bacon-wrapped sirloins, lamb chops, filet mignon, and any other cut of meat you can think of.

**Future Plans:** I attend North Dakota State University where I major in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. I hope to work in agriculture engineering, aerospace engineering or biomedical engineering near Fargo to stay close to family.

**About Me:** Even though I did not grow up on a farm, I loved helping at my grandparent's ranch. I joined FFA as a 7th grader and took ag classes every year I could. I joined FFA because my older sisters were both in it and served as State FFA Officers. I saw the experiences and relationships they had because of it and I knew I wanted to join FFA as soon as I could.

**Why did you want to be a State Officer?** Many state officers inspired me to be better, both as an FFA member, and in my everyday life. It was the combination of this impact and the desire to give back to the organization that has given so much to me that made me want to be a state officer. I want to inspire FFA members, and serve the North Dakota FFA.

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