

GUEST SPEAKER

First General Session – Thursday, 2:30 p.m.



Steven Brockshus
National FFA Central Region Vice President
Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA – Sibley, Iowa

Steven Brockshus of Sibley, Iowa joined so many activities in high school to find out where he belonged. “While I didn’t feel out of place in any of them, I found something special in FFA.”

FFA inspired Brockshus, he recalls. “The organization itself is empty without people. FFA creates an atmosphere in which anyone can find their place, regardless of background, family structure, age, skin color, language or accent.” Brockshus continues as he states, “I am excited to help members find their belonging by serving as a role model, unconditionally loving every person I meet. I want to make every interaction a moment of positive influence by being vulnerable and sharing my passion.”

Steven is a member of the Sibley-Ocheyedan FFA in Sibley, Iowa. Steven’s SAE is in Dairy Placement and he held the titles of President and Northwest Vice President in the Iowa FFA Association. He is enrolled at Iowa State University with a major in Agricultural Education and Global Resource Systems. His college activities include the Iowa State University Hixson Student Board and the Cornerstone Church SALT Co. His future career goal is to help develop agriculture, teach and participate in mission work in a third-world country to encourage community development, spur innovation and motivate those in need.

As a national FFA officer Steven says, “I hope to foster an atmosphere of belonging in every member I come in contact with while serving as a national officer. I want to empower members by creating opportunities for self-discovery and express the value of living in the moment with every interaction.”

From Sibley, Iowa, Steven is the son of Jason and Shanise Brockshus.

MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

The Missouri Agribusiness Academy program began in 1987. Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the program provides 30 Missouri high school sophomores a chance to explore the vast agribusiness resources of our state. Academy members are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process.

The main objective of the Missouri Agribusiness Academy is to provide an opportunity for students to view various facets of agriculture, visit agribusinesses, and meet leaders in agriculture, government and education. Other objectives are to aid students with communication skills and personal development.

Through participation in the academy, students will be able to view firsthand the many career opportunities available in agriculture and to plan their future career goals.

The FFA members who are nominated to be a part of this academy will be recognized Thursday afternoon.

GUEST SPEAKER

Second General Session – Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Missouri Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon

Jay Nixon is serving his second term as governor of Missouri. Garnering the highest margin of victory for a non-incumbent governor in 44 years, Nixon was overwhelmingly elected by Missourians as their 55th Governor on Nov. 4, 2008, to lead the state in a new direction. Gov. Nixon was elected to a second term on Nov. 6, 2012.



Governor Nixon has put forward an agenda to make government more efficient, effective and responsive to the needs of Missouri families. He is committed to attracting the jobs of the future to Missouri, making health care more affordable and placing a college education within reach for middle-class students.

Gov. Nixon has made a strong public education system one of his chief priorities. During his first year in office, Missouri's public elementary and secondary schools received a record amount of funding. Similarly, even as other states were cutting funding for their universities and raising tuition by double digits, the Governor reached a historic agreement to freeze tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year and keep funding for those schools stable.

Prior to becoming Governor, Jay Nixon was elected to a record four terms as Missouri's Attorney General, beginning in 1992. Under his leadership, the Attorney General's Office became one of the most efficient and effective in state government.

A native of De Soto, Missouri, Jay Nixon was raised in a family of public servants. His mother, the late Betty Nixon, was a teacher and served as president of the local school board. His father, Jerry Nixon, was elected mayor of De Soto and was a judge for the community.

After earning both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Nixon returned to DeSoto to practice as an attorney. In 1986, he was elected to his first term in the Missouri State Senate, where he would represent the people of Jefferson County for six years. As a State Senator, Nixon reached across the aisle to pass several major pieces of legislation, including an expansion of pre-natal care for expectant mothers.

Governor Nixon and his wife, Georganne Wheeler Nixon, have two sons, Jeremiah and Willson. They belong to the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City.

GUEST SPEAKER

Fourth General Session – Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Mark Black

Mark Black a heart & double-lung transplant recipient, 4-time marathon runner, and best-selling author of “Live Life from the Heart: 52 Weeks to a Life of Passion and Purpose”.

Mark’s compelling & powerful story of surviving against impossible odds, has been featured at some of North America’s most popular and prestigious student leadership conferences.

Featured as a keynote speaker for Canada’s National Student Leadership Conference, 6 of the provincial leadership conferences as well; Mark has been a presenter at many of Canada’s prestigious universities including Mount Allison University and the University of Toronto.

Inspiring tens of thousands of people across North America— from students, teachers, parents and principals— Mark’s expertise and authentic delivery has allowed him to share conference stages with some of the world’s best known speakers including: Billionaires Sir. Richard Branson and Kevin O’Leary, UN Special Envoy Stephen Lewis, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Craig Kileburger, and many others.

Mark has been featured on national media outlets and had his story featured in print, on radio and television, including CBS, ABC, and was a featured author in Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul. His powerful message is simple, “We only get ONE SHOT at this thing called life. Don’t do it small. We all need to Live Life from the Heart.”



MISSOURI FFA FACTS

- ✓ Missouri FFA membership is 25,852 members.
- ✓ Missouri ranks fourth nationally in FFA membership.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 777 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ Missouri has the largest number of American FFA Degree recipients of any state - 474 Missouri FFA members received the American FFA Degree in 2013.
- ✓ This year, 630 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24

7:30 a.m. Interview State Officer Candidates (Hearnes Center 272 G)

8:00 a.m. Stage Practice (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

8:00 a.m. FFA Talent Rehearsal Time (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Agricultural Issues Forum (Forum Christian Church)

9:00-11:30 a.m. Creed Speaking Preliminaries and Finals — (Hearnes Center 317)

10:15 a.m. Creed Finals (Hearnes Center 317)

10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)

10:30 a.m. FFA Talent Performers Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)

11:00 a.m. Career Development Events – See page 12

12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 14

Hearnes Center 307 Hearnes Center 309

Hearnes Center 311 Hearnes Center 317

12:30 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session

Check in begins at 11:30 a.m. (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 14

Hearnes Center 307 Hearnes Center 309

Hearnes Center 311 Hearnes Center 317

2:00 p.m. Area Star Farmer Interviews (Hearnes Center 309)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Placement Interviews (Hearnes Center 307)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agribusiness Interviews (Hearnes Center 311)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agriscience Interviews (Hearnes Center 331)

2:00 p.m. FFA Talent

2:30 p.m. FIRST SESSION of the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention

3:00 p.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Hearnes Center 272 G)

5:00 p.m. Dinner for Honorary State Degree Award Recipients (Hearnes Center 317)

Courtesy of Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives Inc.

5:45 p.m. FFA Talent/Pre-session

6:00 p.m. FFA Knowledge Contest (Animal Science Research Center – S147)

6:30 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 25, 2014

- 7:00 a.m. **Career Development Events** (See page 12 & 13)
- 8:00 a.m. **Parliamentary Procedure Registration**
(Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 South Providence)
- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 8:00 a.m. **Division I Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:00 a.m. **Job Interview Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **State FFA Chorus Rehearsal** (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 9:00 a.m. **Agriculture Teachers Meeting** (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
- 9:00 a.m. **FFA Career Show**
- 9:15 a.m. **Leadership Workshops** (See page 15)
- 10:00 a.m. **Division II Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 10:30 a.m. **State FFA Alumni Convention** (Mizzou Arena Foyer)
- 10:30 a.m. **Leadership Workshops** (See page 15)
- 10:45 a.m. **State FFA Chorus Rehearsal** (Hearnes Center 324)
- 11:00 a.m. **Meeting for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents**
(Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch for Retiring and New State Officers and Parents -**
Courtesy of Missouri Farm Bureau (Lower Concourse)
- 1:00 p.m. **Job Interview Finals Check-In** (FCC)
- 1:00 p.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Finals Check-In** (FCC)
- 1:00 p.m. **FFA Talent**
- 1:30 p.m. **Prepared Speaking Finals Check-In: Division I, Division II and Advanced** (FCC)
- 1:30 p.m. **THIRD SESSION of the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention**
- 2:00 p.m. **Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Division I Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Division II Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 4:30 p.m. **Dinner for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents**
(Hearnes Center Lower Concourse) Courtesy of FCS Financial
- 4:45 p.m. **FFA Talent/Pre-session**
- 5:00 p.m. **Seating of State Degree Candidates**
- 5:30 p.m. **2014 State FFA Chorus Concert** (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 6:00 p.m. **FOURTH SESSION of the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention**

NOTE: FCC = Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd.