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**93RD ANNUAL
MISSOURI STATE FFA CONVENTION
SEDALIA, MISSOURI
APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2021**



WELCOME

The 93rd Annual State FFA Convention of the Missouri FFA Association is a special event to reward and recognize the hard work and achievements of our members. FFA members are the future of the diverse and ever-changing agriculture industry. Our convention theme this year is *Show-Me MORE*. For 93 years, our organization has given students more opportunities to expand their knowledge and expertise in applied science, technical skills and employability skills while learning about our nation's no. 1 industry — agriculture. Our organization provides members with the educational foundation to be leaders and innovators within the industry. Over the years, FFA has adapted to reflect our ever-changing society. In an agriculture classroom today, students learn about topics from animal agriculture and crop production to mechanics and agriscience. This year, in an effort to hold an in-person event to celebrate our members while still being responsible amid current Covid-19 health concerns, we moved the convention to the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri. We hope every member and guest in attendance will be confident in his or her abilities, wear official dress with pride and take advantage of each opportunity available to *Show-Me MORE* in the FFA.

2020-21 STATE FFA OFFICERS



Front row (L-R): Jenna Perry, Liberal (Secretary); Kensie Darst, Aurora (Mentor), Lauren Gilbert, Chadwick; Felicity Cantrell, Seymour; Rachel Holt, Chillicothe; Kiersten Helm, Lexington.

Second Row (L-R): Madison Moll, Perryville; Kaylee Lower, Weaubleau; Mackenzie Porter, Archie (1st Vice President); Anna Milazzo, Grundy Co.; Ricanna Spargo, Naylor.

Third Row (L-R): Lauryn Robnett, Adrian Co. R-VI; Cade Shepherd, Mt. Vernon; Justin Eddy, Columbia (President); Colin Wilburn, Van-Far; Dakota Pemberton, Richland; Erin Heineke, Paris.

FFA IN MISSOURI

The FFA is a national organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Education. It was organized in Kansas City, Missouri in 1928 and is an integral part of the program of career education in agriculture in public schools. The Missouri FFA Association was organized and elected its first officers on May 4, 1928. The state charter was issued by the National Office in 1929. In 2021, the national membership was more than 760,000 students in 8,739 chapters. The current Missouri FFA membership is 25,662 in 351 chapters.

The Missouri FFA Association typically holds its convention in April each year. More than 8,000 FFA members and guests attend. In the effort to hold an in-person event celebrating accomplishments of FFA members across the state while being responsible with current Covid-19-related health concerns, Missouri FFA will hold its 93rd Annual State FFA Convention April 30 and May 1, 2021 at the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri. The recognition-only event will be limited to award winners and two advisor/chaperones per school.

The State FFA Officers plan and conduct the convention sessions, including the business meetings, award programs, entertainment and inspirational activities. The 686 delegates, two from each chapter, transact all business.

Supervision of Convention and Career Development Events

The Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education assist in the planning and supervision of the convention and competitions. These staff members, along with the State FFA Officers, form the State FFA Executive Committee:

Leon Busdieker	State Advisor
Keith Dietzschold, District Supervisor	State Executive Secretary
Marie Davis, District Supervisor	State Executive Treasurer
Lisa Evans, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
David Higgins, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
Jim Spencer, District Supervisor	State Executive Committee
Valerie Harris	Administrative Assistant
Kathy Kilmer	Administrative Assistant

Watch this year's Missouri FFA Convention via our livestream at:

<https://livestream.com/modese/moffa>

Get State FFA Convention results online at:

www.convention.missouriffa.org



GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration / Information Desk — The information desk will be located in the Mathewson Exhibition Center. A ticket booth will be open during the convention sessions. Staff can provide information and directions for various activities. An advisor from each chapter should register and bring the ticket to indicate the names and number of FFA members and chaperones in attendance from his or her chapter.

Parking — Use the parking lots on the south and west side of the Mathewson Exhibition Center on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

Delegates — The business session occurred via survey sent to chapters in mid-April. The results will be announced during the first session of the convention.

News Media Office — Representatives of the news media may obtain information about all convention activities and competition results at the pressroom located in the Lowell Mohler Hall Classroom 129. Check at the Registration/Information Desk for directions or assistance. The convention media website is: www.convention.missouriffa.org.

Food Service/Court — No concession stands will be open and we expect any food to be consumed outside of the arena.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

State FFA Chorus — The state FFA Chorus is under the direction of Beth Dampf of Jefferson City. In order to follow health protocols and provide the safest environment possible the decision for 2021 was to have a paper only FFA chorus.

Career Development Events — We want to thank the army of volunteers, MU Agricultural Education faculty and staff along with each advisory committee for their coordination and operation of the Career Development Events. During 2021, our CDE/LDE events were held on different days as we modified our normal competitive events. Thank you to Dr. Bryan Garton, Dr. Jon Simonsen, Dr. John Tummons, Dr. Adam Cletzer, Dr. Becky Mott, Mrs. Colleen Abbott, Mr. Bruce Fowler, Carol Swaim and all the MU superintendents.

MISSOURI FFA FACTS

- ✓ Missouri FFA membership is 25,622 members in 351 chapters.
- ✓ Missouri ranks seventh nationally in FFA membership.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 858 State FFA Degrees at this convention — a new record!
- ✓ Missouri has the largest number of American FFA Degree recipients of any state— 505 Missouri FFA members received the American FFA Degree in 2020.
- ✓ This year, 528 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.
- ✓ That same SAE program generated more than \$50 million in student income during the 2019-2020 school year across the state.

GUEST SPEAKERS

First General Session – Friday, April 30, 9:30 a.m.

Mark Wolfe, Director,
Missouri State Fair | Sedalia, Missouri

Mark Wolfe has served as director of the Missouri State Fair since 2009. Prior to accepting the position as Fair Director, Mark served as the Fair's Buildings Manager for four years.

Mark was raised on a family farm in Texas County, Missouri. While on the farm, he had the opportunity to learn about both beef and dairy cattle operations. While attending Missouri Valley College, Mark earned a bachelor's degree in ag business and enjoyed playing both college baseball and football.



Mark and his wife, Julie, have raised two daughters together and live in rural Saline County near Marshall, Missouri. Julie owns and operates a successful greenhouse business, which is located on the couple's property near their home. In October 2012, Mark was pleased to receive his Honorary American FFA Degree and, more recently, was honored with the Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals Hall of Fame award. He is an active member of International Association of Fairs and Expositions and is a member of First Baptist Church in Marshall. Whenever he gets the opportunity, Mark likes to be outdoors playing golf, hunting or fishing.

Chris Chinn, Director,
Missouri Department of Agriculture | Jefferson City, Missouri



Chris Chinn, a fifth generation Missouri farmer from Clarence, was named Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture in January 2017. Director Chinn has held leadership positions in agriculture on the local, state and national level for more than 12 years.

As a trailblazer in ag advocacy, Chinn has established her brand through social media and public speaking. Through her outreach, she stands up for both rural and urban Missouri by bridging the gap between farmers and consumers, contributing to the advancement of the state's No. 1 industry.

Chinn resides on her family's farm in Shelby County with her husband, Kevin, and her two children, Rachelle and Conner, where she helps manage their farrow-to-finish hog operation as well as their family feed mill. The Chinns also have a small cow-calf herd and raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Second General Session – Friday, April 30, 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner

Missouri Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education | Jefferson City, Missouri

Margie Vandeven has more than 30 years of student-centered service in education, including three at Missouri's top educational post. She joined DESE in 2005 and was appointed commissioner of elementary and secondary education by the Missouri State Board of Education in December 2014 and served in that capacity until December 2017. She was reappointed in January 2019. As commissioner, Dr. Vandeven works collaboratively with a diverse group of stakeholders to improve educational opportunities for more than 918,000 Missouri students.



A native of O'Fallon, Missouri, she and her husband, David, reside in Foristell.

Dr. James Woodard, Advisor

National FFA Association | Indianapolis, Indiana



A past FFA member and agricultural education instructor, Georgia native Dr. James R. Woodard serves as the National FFA Advisor, is chairman of the board for the National FFA Organization and the National Director of Agricultural Education.

Prior to joining National FFA, Woodard was the Georgia FFA Alumni State Coordinator. He is a Life Member of the National FFA Alumni Association and is a former member of the National Association of State Supervisors of Agriculture Education.

He is married to Janet Ramay Woodard, and they have two children, Claire and Will.

Paxton Dahmer, National FFA Central Region Vice President
Nevada FFA Chapter – Nevada, Missouri

Paxton Dahmer is a third generation FFA member and a past president of the Missouri FFA Association. He says it was natural for him to join FFA and stayed in the organization because he fell in love with the connections he made.

A junior at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Dahmer's major is agricultural education and leadership. His career goal is to work in agricultural outreach and education.

"As a freshman in high school, I wanted to pursue a career in the medical field," Dahmer says. "After spending time traveling with the Nevada FFA Chapter, it became clear that agriculture was what I knew and that I was meant to pursue a career in agriculture."



Dahmer says that he hopes to reach as many members as possible this year. "With the current virtual environment, we have such a unique opportunity to expand our outreach and meet with additional members," Dahmer says. "I hope to meet members where they're comfortable so we can have meaningful conversations that allow them to embrace and develop their own potential for leadership."

PAST STATE OFFICER SPEAKERS

In an effort to provide the 2019-2020 state officers a moment on stage to close the FFA chapter of their book of life, we have four times throughout convention where past officers will be bringing you a message one year removed from their time in the blue jacket. We hope you enjoy.

First General Session – Friday, April 30, 9:30 a.m



Kensie Darst



Isaiah Massey



Andrew Moore



Tyler Schuster

Second General Session – Friday, April 30, 1:30 p.m



Alexandra Gast



Natalie Koch



Kate Thompson

Third General Session – Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m



Jacob Hall



Kaylee Lewis



Alexis Wilkinson

Third General Session – Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m



Brenden Kleiboeker



Jacob Knaebel



Jessica Jones



Matthew Morgan

First Session Program | 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 30

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2020-2021 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation/Reflection** — Ricanna Spargo, State Vice President, Naylor
- **Session Reflections** — Rachel Holt, Anna Milazzo, Jenna Perry, Cade Shepherd
- **Session One Sponsors Video**
- **Welcome to Sedalia** — Mark Wolfe, Director of Missouri State Fair
- **Business Survey Announcements**
- **Convention Kickoff Speaker(s)** — 2019-2020 Past State Officers – Kensie Darst, Isaiah Massey, Andrew Moore & Tyler Schuster
- **Remarks from Missouri Department of Agriculture** — Director Chris Chinn
- **BOAC Missouri Department of Agriculture Grant Awards**
- **Missouri Agribusiness Academy Recipients**
- **FFA Talent**
- **Missouri Ruralist Essay Larry Harper Young Writers Contest**
- **GROWMARK Essay Contest**
- **MVATA Remarks with Teach Ag Scholarship announcement** — Matt McIntire, Archie – MVATA President
- **Missouri Teach Ag Fall Speaking LDE Winner** — Emma Schoeller, Willard FFA
- **FFA LDE Results** — Creed Speaking, Division I, II, and Advanced Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Employment Skills, FFA Knowledge, Ag Issues Forum, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, and Parliamentary Procedure
- **FFA Talent**
- **Chapter Activity Awards** — Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem Chapters
- **Closing Ceremony**

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

A series of leadership workshops presented by the 2020-2021 Missouri State FFA Officer Team, National FFA Officer Paxton Dahmer, Teach Ag Ambassadors and PAS State Officers are available online at www.missouriffa.org beginning April 26, 2021. A complete listing of the sessions can be found on pages 12 and 13.

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Second Session Program | 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 30

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2020-2021 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation/Reflection** — Anna Milazzo, State Vice President, Grundy Co.
- **Session Reflections** — Lauren Gilbert, Erin Heinecke, Madison Moll, Lauryn Robnett
- **Session Two Sponsors Video**
- **Speaker(s)** — 2019-20 Past State Officers – Alexandra Gast, Natalie Koch, and Kate Thompson
- **Remarks from Missouri Department of Education** — Commissioner Margie Vandeven
- **Honorary State Degree Ceremony and Presentation**
- **FFA Talent**
- **Introduction of New State FFA Officers**
- **Installation of New Officers**
- **Retiring Officer Program**
- **FFA Talent**
- **Honoring of State FFA Officers' Parents**
- **Missouri Youth in Agriculture Scholarship Recognition**
- **Remarks from National FFA Advisor** — Dr. James R. Woodard
- **Chartering New FFA Chapters**
- **FFA Alumni** — Hagan Scholarship
- **Career-Development Events Result**
- **Closing Ceremony**

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

New FFA chapters for the 2020-2021 school year will be chartered during the second session program, 1:30 p.m., Friday, April 30.

Clearwater • Dixon

Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

Third Session Program | 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2020–2021 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation/Reflection** — Dakota Pemberton, State Vice President, Richland
- **National Anthem** — Cordelia Elder, Clearwater FFA
- **Session Reflections** — Felicity Cantrell, Justin Eddy, Ricanna Spargo, Colin Wilburn
- **Session Three Sponsor Video Part 1**
- **FFA Proficiency Awards** — Part I (in order of presentation)
 - Agricultural Communications
 - Agricultural Education
 - Agricultural Mechanics Fabrication and Design
 - Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship
 - Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Placement
 - Agricultural Processing
 - Agricultural Sales – Entrepreneurship
 - Agricultural Sales – Placement
 - Agricultural Services
 - Agriscience Research – Animal Systems
 - Agriscience Research – Integrated Systems
 - Agriscience Research – Plant Systems
 - Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
 - Beef Production – Placement
 - Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship
 - Dairy Production – Placement
- **Speaker(s)** — 2019-2020 Past State Officers – Jacob Hall, Kaylee Lewis & Alexis Wilkinson
- **FFA Talent**
- **Session Three Sponsor Video Part 2**
- **FFA Proficiency Awards** — Part II (in order of presentation)
 - Diversified Agricultural Production
 - Diversified Crop Production – Entrepreneurship
 - Diversified Crop Production – Placement
 - Diversified Horticulture
 - Diversified Livestock Production
 - Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management
 - Equine Science – Entrepreneurship
 - Equine Science – Placement
 - Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production
 - Food Service
 - Forage Production
 - Forest Management
 - Fruit Production
 - Goat Production
 - Grain Production

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Third Session Program | 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1

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- **Speaker(s)** — 2019-2020 Past State Officers – Brenden Kleiboeker, Jacob Knaebel, Jessica Janorschke & Matthew Morgan
- **Session Three Sponsor Video Part 3**
- **FFA Proficiency Awards** — Part III (in order of presentation)
 - Landscape Management
 - Nursery Operations
 - Outdoor Recreation
 - Poultry Production
 - Service Learning
 - Sheep Production
 - Small Animal Production and Care
 - Specialty Animal Production
 - Specialty Crop Production
 - Swine Production – Entrepreneurship
 - Swine Production – Placement
 - Turf Grass Management
 - Vegetable Production
 - Veterinary Science
 - Wildlife Management
- **Closing Ceremony**

Fourth Session Program | 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 1

- **Opening Ceremony** — 2020-2021 State FFA Officers
- **Invocation/Reflection** — Lauren Gilbert, State Vice President, Chadwick
- **Session Reflections** — Kiersten Helm, Kaylee Lower, Dakota Pemberton, Mackenzie Porter
- **Session Four Sponsor Video**
- **State FFA Degree Ceremony**
- **Keynote Address** — Paxton Dahmer – National FFA Central Region Vice President
- **State Star Awards** — Farmer, Agribusiness, Placement and Agriscience
- **FFA Talent**
- **Awarding of the State FFA Degree**
- **Closing Ceremony**

2021 AREA STAR IN AGRISCIENCE

Jake Redman*
Maysville
Area 2

Marina Firman*
Boonville
Area 6

Sera Stanek
Bolivar
Area 10

Izabella Hutton Kidwell*
Troy
Area 5

Spencer Vossler*
Crest Ridge
Area 7

Courtney Freiburger
Verona
Area 11

2021 AREA STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Keiren Watkins*
Northwest Technical School
Area 1

Trevor Campbell
Cass Career Center
Area 7

Payton Dennis*
Mount Vernon
Area 11

Brylee Williams*
Princeton
Area 2

Abigail Miller*
Eldon
Area 8

Colton Marler
Ava
Area 12

Kenneth Isaac Burke
Paris
Area 4

Baylee Jeffries
Jasper
Area 9

Levi Hutto
St. James
Area 14

Landon Wright
Audrain County R-VI
Area 5

Ethan Reid
Conway
Area 10

Trey Will
Farmington
Area 15

Lane Borchers
Santa Fe
Area 6

2021 AREA STAR FARMER

Isaac Rhode
East Buchanan
Area 1

Kameran Collier
Adrian
Area 7

Keetan Stutesman
Ozark
Area 12

Kidridge Griffin*
Trenton
Area 2

Garrett Burger
California
Area 8

Caitlyn Kleffner
Rolla
Area 13

Ryan P. Smith
Milan
Area 3

Theodore Crabtree
Liberal
Area 9

Austin Redhage
Union
Area 14

Gustav Kussman
Brunswick
Area 4

Grant Dohle*
Pleasant Hope
Area 10

Garrett William Graham
Fredericktown
Area 15

Alexis Plackemeier*
Silex
Area 5

Kaitlin Alice Kleiboeker
Pierce City
Area 11

Danielle Shepard
Naylor
Area 16

Cole A. Murphy*
Sweet Springs
Area 6

* Selected as Finalist for Star Awards

2021 AREA STAR IN PLACEMENT

Zachary Duncan
King City
Area 1

Hayden Jumps
Gallatin
Area 2

Brett Montgomery
Brookfield
Area 3

Ethan Chapman
Paris
Area 4

Justin Duenke*
Audrain County R-VI
Area 5

Jack Peterson
Carrollton ACC
Area 6

Rachel Grimes*
Archie
Area 7

Holden Grisham*
Eldon
Area 8

Austin Etcheson*
Jasper
Area 9

Amber McBride
Stockton
Area 10

Ben Storkson
Mount Vernon
Area 11

Ashlin Wilken
Marionville
Area 12

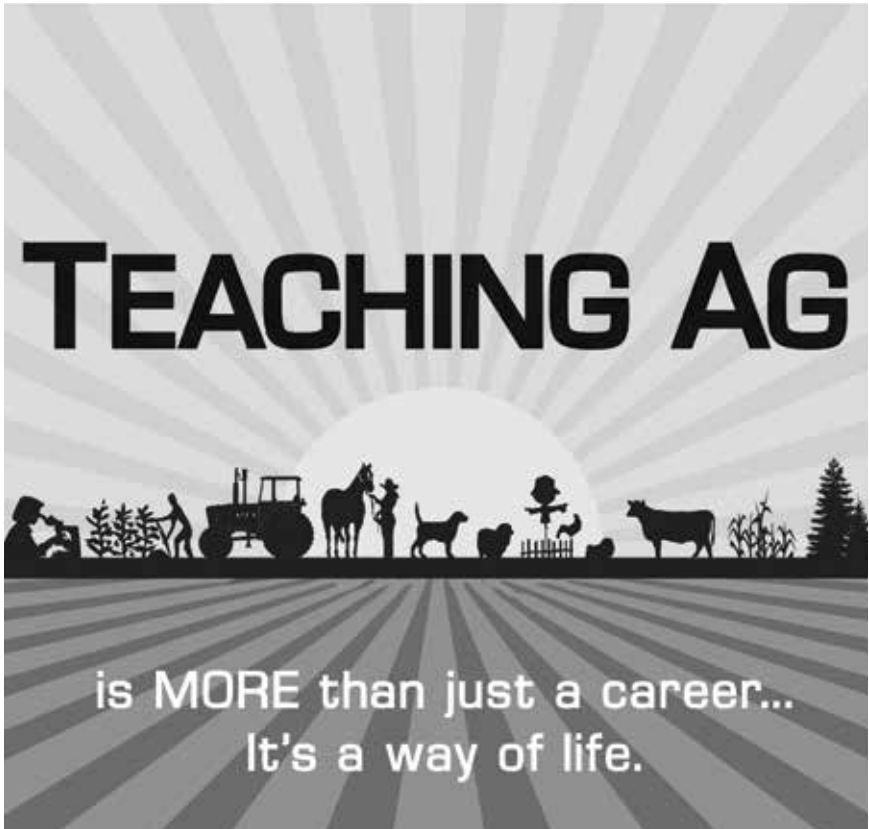
Tabitha Wuerthley
Summersville
Area 13

Hannah Marie Shanks
Vienna
Area 14

Noah Lowe
Sikeston Career & Technical
Area 15

Edwin Ling
New Madrid
Area 16

* Selected as Finalist for Star Awards



FFA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Available online at www.missouriffa.org.

PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
Anna Milazzo Jenna Perry Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Cultivating Perseverance</i> Merriam-Webster defines perseverance as the “continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition.” Join State Secretary Jenna Perry and State Vice President Anna Milazzo as we brainstorm instances of great perseverance in our own lives, learn their tips and tricks, and recognize how essential the trait is to a life well lived.
Erin Heinecke Lauren Gilbert Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Modern Missouri Agriculture</i> State Vice Presidents Erin Heinecke and Lauren Gilbert are ecstatic to spend time with you chatting about one of their favorite things— Missouri Agriculture! In this workshop, we’ll explore Missouri’s commodities, recognize our involvement in the industry through our SAE programs, and build our knowledge base on all things Missouri Ag.
Justin Eddy Dakota Pemberton Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Using Our Voices: Advocating for Agriculture</i> No matter where they go, State President Justin Eddy and State Vice President Dakota Pemberton are always singing! Together, Justin and Dakota will walk us thorough agricultural advocacy basics and give us an opportunity to practice advocating by creating our own agriculture themed music parodies.
Kaylee Lower Kiersten Helm Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Channel SAE17</i> Curious about exceptional Supervised Agricultural Experience programs that belong to FFA members across Missouri? Join State Vice Presidents Kaylee Lower and Kiersten Helm as we dissect the Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) and visit with Missouri FFA members about their own SAEs on Channel SAE17!
Lauryn Robnett Madison Moll Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>See It, Believe It, Achieve It!</i> We know how to write SMART goals, but what other tools can we use to accomplish our dreams and reach our aspirations? State Vice Presidents Lauryn Robnett and Madison Moll share their own visions for success and walk us through how to create our very own vision boards.
Mackenzie Porter Felicity Cantrell Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Back to Basics: Qualities of Leaders</i> Do you know what makes you different from others around you? Which qualities do you possess that boost your potential for premiere leadership? By spending time with State First Vice President Mackenzie Porter and State Vice President Felicity Cantrell, you’ll spotlight qualities of an effective leader and brainstorm action-items that will make you an intentional leader in you FFA chapter, school, community, and beyond!

FFA LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Available online at www.missouriffa.org.

PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
Rachel Holt Cade Shepherd Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Next Steps: Running for Office</i> Are you thinking about running for FFA office? Whether you're planning to run on the chapter, area, state, or national level, it's important to identify what motivates you to serve. Join State Vice Presidents Rachel Holt and Cade Shepherd as they talk through purpose and help you set small goals that add up!
Ricki Spargo Colin Wilburn Missouri State FFA Officers	<i>Real Life Resilience</i> At this time in our lives, especially with the challenges we've been facing lately, resilience is more important than ever. State Vice Presidents Ricanna Spargo and Colin Wilburn will give you the tools you need to discover how to display resilience during tough times. Together, we'll observe others and intentionally reflect on our futures!
Paxton Dahmer National FFA Officer	<i>Living to Serve</i> Living to serve. We hear this all the time, but what does it actually mean? On this virtual road trip with National Central Region Vice President Paxton Dahmer, we'll dive deeper into our values, challenges in our communities and how to positively contribute to these challenges as we learn to be more affirming, aware and engaged.
Alli Abadir Jacob Blank Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors	<i>Teach Ag: Leaders, Believers, and Achievers Since 1917</i> Do you have what it takes to Teach Ag? Spend some time with Alli Abadir and Jacob Blank, two Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors and future ag teachers. During this workshop, we'll explore post-secondary education opportunities, learn the ins-and-outs of Missouri Agricultural Education, and reflect on the skills and knowledge our own FFA Advisors have passed on to us.
Ryan Shurvington Morgan Duenke Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors	<i>Building Career Success</i> Have you ever thought about the skills, traits, and talents you have that set you apart from others? These differences can propel us toward success in a variety of careers in agriculture, food, and natural resources. Ryan Shurvington and Morgan Duenke, two Missouri Teach Ag Ambassadors and future ag teachers, will help you process through your unique qualities to "build" a future career upon. Will that career be ag education?
Postsecondary Agriculture School (PAS) Officers	<i>PAS Road Trip</i> For many of us, it's time to start thinking about our future after high school. Join the PAS Officer Team as they teach us about their organization and provide insight into several different postsecondary educational opportunities!

2021 STATE FFA SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

The following friends of Missouri FFA provide special awards and meals for members at the State Convention. Please write a letter of appreciation!

All Plaque Awards for Public Speaking, Creed Speaking & Extemporaneous Speaking; State Degree Charms & Star Area Pins; Star Farmer & Agribusiness Plaques; Past Officer Pins

MFA, Inc.

Ernie Verslues, President
201 Ray Young Drive
Columbia, MO 65205

State FFA Officers & Parents Dinner

Missouri Farm Bureau Federation
Eric Volmer, Director, Field Services
PO Box 658
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**"Missouri Ruralist" Larry Harper
Young Writers Contest**

Mindy Ward, Editor
21680 Smith Creek Road
Marthasville, MO 63357

**Chapter Activity Award Plaques, New/
Retiring State Officers and Parents Dinner
FCS Financial**

Kate Lambert, Director
Marketplace Education & Engagement
2880 N. Washington St.
Chillicothe, MO 64601

**Litton Memorial Cash Awards in
Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, and
Extemporaneous Speaking**

DESE

Leon Busdieker, Director
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

Raymond D. Hagan Scholarship Award

Missouri FFA Alumni Association
Marie Davis, Executive Secretary
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Missouri FFA Association
Leon Busdieker
State Advisor
PO Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480

**GROWMARK Essay Contest
GROWMARK, Inc.**

Karen Jones
1701 Towanda Ave.
Bloomington, IL 61710

**Missouri Farmers Care
Agriculture Education Scholarships**

Ashley McCarty
19171 State Hwy 11
Kirksville, MO 63501

**Plaques for All Agriculture Career
Development Events (CDEs) held at MU
MU College of Agriculture, Food and
Natural Resources**

Christopher R. Daubert
Vice Chancellor & Dean
2-64 Agriculture Building
Columbia, MO 65211

Dr. Bryan Garton
Sr. Associate Dean &
Director of Academic Programs
2-64 Agriculture Building
Columbia, MO 65211

**Agricultural Communications CDE
Missouri State University**

Katelyn McCoy, Instructor
901 S. National Ave., Karls Hall 229
Springfield, MO 65897

**Parliamentary Procedure LDE Plaques
Conduct of Meeting LDE Plaques**

Grand River Technical School
Jamie Caughron & Adam Wolf
1200 Fair Street
Chillicothe, MO 64601

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**Nursery/Landscape CDE Scholarships
STIHL Outdoor Power Equipment**
Roxanne Brown, Marketing Specialist
808 Hwy 34 W.
Marble Hill, MO 63764

**Plaques for FFA Knowledge, Ag Issues
Forum, and Employment Skills CDE**
Northwest Missouri State University
School of Agricultural Sciences
Rod Barr
800 University Ave.
Maryville, MO 64468

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These friends of Missouri FFA provide plaques for Area and State Winners at the convention. Drop them a note of thanks to show you appreciate their support!

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Agricultural Education
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Archie, MO 64725

**Agricultural Mechanics Design/
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**Agricultural Mechanics Repair/
Maintenance**
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Agricultural Processing
Missouri Agribusiness Association
Steve Taylor, Executive Director
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New Franklin, MO 65274

Agricultural Sales – Placement
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Strafford, MO 65757

Agricultural Services
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Agriscience Animal Systems Research
**Agriscience Integrated Systems
Research**
Agriscience Plant Systems Research
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Center For Plant and Life Sciences
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St. Louis, MO 63114

**Beef Production – Entrepreneurship
and Placement**
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Mike Deering, Executive Vice President
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Columbia, MO 65201

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Dairy Production – Entrepreneurship and Placement

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Diversified Agricultural Production Missouri Farmer Today

Terry Reilly, Publisher
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-6585

Diversified Crop Production- Entrepreneurship

Missouri Crop Improvement Association
Richard Arnett, Executive Director
3211 Lemone Industrial Blvd.
Columbia, MO 65201-8245

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HYPE and HYMAX

What is HYPE?

HYPE, Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence, is a youth leadership conference designed to challenge and equip 30 incoming high school senior FFA members to be advocates for agriculture. These 30 FFA members receive hands-on experiences to prepare them to communicate, lead and advocate for the agricultural industry. In addition, students gain strategies to continue strengthening their knowledge base in agricultural issues, sharpen their written and verbal communication skills and spark potential career interests. Most importantly, these students bring home tools to help themselves and other members in their FFA chapter tell agriculture's story.

Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience (HYMAX)

Designed to train students to be stronger advocates for agriculture, HYMAX academy challenges students through hands-on activities while digging into the issues facing agriculture today. The program works to sharpen skills and strengthen voices of freshman in high school.

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Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy (MAbA) 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 primary objective of the MAbA 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 as well as explore career opportunities.

FFA members completing the 2020 academy will be recognized at the first convention session.

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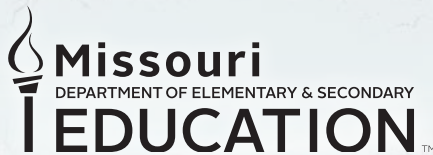
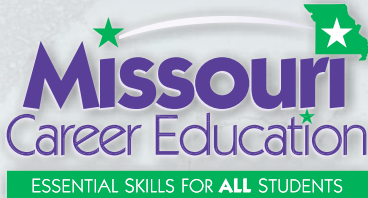
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